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A FRIENDLY CHAT

Story & Photo by Todd Bennington

U.S. Senator John Barrasso made a brief appearance at the Weston County Senior Services Center at noon last Wednesday where he spoke for about 20 minutes, answering questions from those in attendance and sharing his positions on a number of issues, both foreign and domestic.

"This job is much more about listening than it is about lecturing," Barrasso began, styling himself as a true elected representative. He went on to encourage those in attendance who sought a further audience with him to sign up for his monthly town hall phone meetings.

In answer to a question on the possible creation of a select committee to further investigate the Benghazi scandal,

— See Barrasso, Page 8

Above, Sen. John Barrasso visits with June Streets at the Weston County Senior Center Jan. 22, where he discussed his stance on various subjects and answered questions.

This Week:

Gov. Matt Mead will make an appearance at the Newcastle City Council Chambers from 1:30-3 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 29. Read more on Page 8.

Correction

County minutes disputed

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

At last Tuesday's meeting of the Weston County Commissioners, the normally routine approval of the minutes of the previous meeting of Jan. 7 was itself a matter of debate, with the commissioners eventually voting to adopt corrections to the minutes proposed by Commissioners Tracy Hunt and Marty Ertman.

Hunt was the first to raise objections to the minutes as they stood, indicating that he felt they did not fully explain the commissioners' rationale for choosing the News Letter

Journal over the Weston County Gazette as the official legal newspaper of Weston County for 2014.

"What I'm asking for is a discussion of the board on this particular question," Hunt told his fellow commissioners as he looked over a copy of the Jan. 16 News Letter Journal. "The minutes that reflect our decision to hire the News Letter Journal to be our official publication [are] something I've received comments on from two separate constituents. It's evident that

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FOCUS wants funding back

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Representatives of the Foundation for Caring, Understanding, and Services and the Northern Wyoming Mental Health Center of Weston County came before local officials last Tuesday to provide updates on the work carried out by their organizations and to request support and funding.

Making an appearance before the Weston County Commissioners and the Newcastle City Council, Donna Howard, the newly hired executive director of FOCUS, informed both bodies of her efforts to bring attention to January as National Stalking Awareness Month and the anticipated addition of two new board members, which would again bring the number of FOCUS board members up to five.

Howard emphasized before both the commissioners and the city council that the 24-hour FOCUS crisis line has and

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Manor's status changes after inspection

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

Weston County Health Services Board of Trustees received the news at their Jan. 23 meeting that the State of Wyoming Life Safety survey team gave Weston County Manor an inferior report that resulted in not being able to teach Certified Nursing Assistant classes at the facility for two years.

"The state survey did get real picky on our survey and subsequently we did have a tag for the 'lap buddy' on a restraint issue, and they took away our CNA class for two years. We can still do EWC but we cannot do a direct class," JoAnn Farnsworth, director of Weston County Manor, told the board at their meeting last week.

Long-term care is the most

regulated in the nation, Farnsworth explained to the News Letter Journal in an interview on Monday morning, offering that the two industries most regulated are generally nursing homes and nuclear power plants, but at a recent meeting she was told their industry was once again at the top of the list.

"It is not so much the regulations as it is their interpretation and what

they are focused on, and how focused they want to get. We have been doing the same things for years and years and gone through many surveys without an issue — all of a sudden it becomes an issue. Nothing has changed with what we are doing, it is just now they are going to make us change it," informed the director.

The inspections are intense to protect patients in nursing homes, a

fact appreciated by both Farnsworth and WCHS Chief Executive Officer Maureen Cadwell. The state of Wyoming is contracted by the federal government to assess facilities annually, and periodically they visit after the state inspection to ensure guidelines are being followed by those evaluating the facility.

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More bonuses

Library employees will benefit

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Employees of the Weston County Library will experience something of a belated Christmas now that the Weston County Commissioners voted last Tuesday to allow the library board to use approximately \$3,000 from its cash reserve fund to pay bonuses to its 11 employees. Bonuses of \$250 awarded late last year to county employees proved to be controversial, as they were not extended to employees of the fairgrounds and library. The two exist as separate entities from the county, with their own boards and budgets, even though they ultimately depend on the county for funding.

Library board members first expressed their objection to the county's move not to include library employees at the Jan. 7 meeting of the county commissioners, where Chairman Lenard Seeley explained to library board members that limiting bonuses to those directly on the county's payroll had been the most expedient course of action, while also admitting that the idea

“They are going to pay [the bonuses] out of their reserve fund that we normally would have restocked by now for the beginning of next year.”

— Mamie Krank
Weston County Clerk

to award last-minute bonuses might have been ill-conceived.

"Commissioner [Tracy] Hunt made an excellent point," Seeley said at the time. "It should have all been dealt with at budget time or else left alone. That is not what we did and that is not what I did and that is not what the board did. What we did is what we did ... It was nothing personal [against] the fair employees or the library employees. That was not our intention. It's just that that part of the system wasn't going to lend itself

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With Honors



Scottlyn Wiggins and Kalyn Houser light candles during the induction ceremony of the National Honor Society Jan. 23 at Newcastle High School. See more photos on Page 6. (Photo by Denice Piscioti/NLJ)

WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Snow
Hi 27, Lo 11



Friday
Snow
Hi 25, Lo 7



Saturday
Sunny
Hi 21, Lo 4



Sunday
Sunny
Hi 20, Lo -1



Monday
Mostly Cloudy
Hi 17, Lo 2



Tuesday
Cloudy
Hi 12, Lo -2

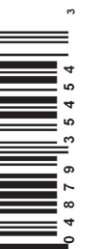


Wednesday
Mostly Cloudy
Hi 11, Lo -4



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Opinion

News Letter Journal

Our View

You noticed

In their first meeting of the year, the Weston County Commissioners chose to make the News Letter Journal the county's official publication again. As part of that agreement, this newspaper agreed to pay Upton's newspaper, the Weston County Gazette, to publish the same county notices that are printed here.

Apparently our failure to run a detailed news story on that decision raised questions from county residents, and prompted a change in the minutes that were published for that January 7 meeting (see Unofficial County Commission Minutes, page 15).

We apologize for not running a detailed account of the discussion that preceded the commissioner's decision. We chose not to because the decision was the same made in the previous two years, and the arguments for and against running the notices in both newspapers had not changed, and neither had the rates offered by either paper.

Those opposed to the decision say that it cost too much money to publish in both papers (the NLJ's rates are approximately three times higher than the Gazette's), but the total cost of printing the notices in both papers represents about one-half of one percent of total county spending. We have always said that is a small price to pay to include the people of Weston County in the decisions made on their behalf.

We applaud the commissioners for agreeing with that assessment, and for their commitment to making information about county government readily available to as many county residents as possible.

We would also note that in other counties where more than one newspaper is published, the legal notices are presently being printed in all newspapers in the county, or only in the larger one. The arrangement in Weston County, where the larger newspaper itself pays to have the smaller newspaper publish the same notices is unique to this county, and the News Letter Journal offered that solution three years ago to demonstrate our commitment to having government business conducted in front of as many people as possible.

The fact that the commissioners had to revisit the minutes originally published from that January 7 meeting proves that putting the notices in both papers is working. The change in the minutes reflects a desire on the part of the commissioners to provide a more thorough explanation of the decision, and was prompted by calls from constituents who had read the originally published minutes and wanted to know more about what had transpired.

It's probably safe to say that wouldn't have happened if they didn't read those minutes in one of the two papers.

No offense meant

If this newspaper ever runs a story or an opinion piece with the express intention of offending one or more of its readers then this newspaper has failed in its fundamental duty, which is to serve its readers.

But a newspaper serves many masters, thousands of masters to be more precise.

And not just readers but also advertisers.

The only reason that this newspaper is still vital to the citizens of this county is because we are considered to be a credible and reliable source of information. Our advertisers not only rely on that fact, they trade on that credibility.

That has been true for generations of readers, advertisers and this newspaper's owners. Your grandparents, if they lived around here, knew that they could trust that what they read in these pages was credible.

If the information in these pages was found to be wrong, your grandparents knew that this newspaper would correct the mistake as soon as the error was discovered.

Opinions are a bit of a different animal, and whether they come from the left, the right or straight down the middle, we will run them if they are important to any of our readers, provided that they are not scurrilous or libelous in nature.

That last sentence runs every week on this page which means that you will sometimes be offended by what you read here.

While we never seek to offend our readers, we know that unless all of our readers think alike, we will, from time to time, offend some of them.

It is the nature of this business and if we never offend you then that's a pretty good sign that we're not really doing our job. That's a pretty good sign that we're just offering lip service to a certain audience.

We cannot refuse to run an opinion or a story just because it might offend someone because that is an admission of playing favorites. That is an admission that we are not credible.

And a newspaper without credibility is nothing at all.



Tom Mullen
Paper Boy

Need to talk to a public servant? County Commission Members' contacts:

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Jerry Shepperson	468-2723
Randy Rossman	746-2965
Marty Ertman	746-2351
Tracy Hunt	746-8898
Mamie Krank (County Clerk)	746-4744

Deadline for Letters noon on Friday

Letters to the Editor

Complaining about power politics changes nothing

Dear Editor,

Jerry Baird might as well accept the facts of life—that life is run by his top dogs and fat cats. It has been this way forever in every civilization. The Indians had their Chiefs, then came Emperors and the Kings with all their lords and earls. Now we have Presidents and congressmen and bureaucrats.

There will always be individuals who have a little more talent and ability to put themselves in the roles of leadership. There will be good ones and bad ones but they will be there. There have always been complaints but nothing changes.

—Don Thorson

We're all patsies for the rich and powerful

Dear Editor,

There are reasons to be concerned about our middle class being robbed by the one percent.

First and foremost, it is ample evidence that our politicians have been subverted by and owe allegiance to that upper-crust. This resulted in major economic collapses in the 30's and now again recently. Yes, our economy is improving—slowly. The problem is that most of the gains go to the top one percent. How did that happen and what does it do?

As income and wealth accumulate for that top one percent, so does political power. This concentration of political power results in egregious subsidies, loopholes in the tax code, even income taxes reduced to nothing (in far too many cases) for big, prosperous corporations.

Political power also gives Wall Street and the big banks free rein over our financial system—which they promptly raid and destroy. "Our" politicians take our tax money, renew that destroyed system and refill corporate coffers so the oligarchs can award themselves with generous bonuses on top of outrageous salaries.

Political power gives manufacturing corporations the means to take our factories and jobs overseas. That leaves us with intractable unemployment. This, of course, gives the one percent excellent profits which they promptly haul off to Ireland or the Caymans to avoid U.S. taxes. All of this is made perfectly legal (but not moral) by "our" politicians writing laws to suit.

Then, they have the unmitigated gall to complain about that pittance called unemployment insurance! It is so sad that they have even convinced many of the electorate (We The People) of their righteousness.

Most of the far right think tanks, foundations, ad agencies and action groups are entirely and handsomely funded by the one percent. Their only mission is the same that Stalin's Soviet Russia had in the 50's and 60's—to promote "The Big Lie!"

They are good at it. Most, not all, of the people at the coffee shop seem to believe "The Big Lie."

Last Sunday's Rapid City Journal ran an AP article headlined "Climbing income ladder hasn't grown harder." Then it spent two of three columns with caveats why this isn't the whole story. It could be pointed out that the cliffs at Normandy were not any steeper on June 6, 1944 than they are today.

But, that's not the whole story. On the same day the Star-Tribune ran an article pointing out that Wyoming's Tea Party ranks No. 2 in nation in membership percentage. Their

ideals included "reduced government spending and less on entitlements – (unemployment insurance?) Either they drank the Koch Kool Aid or are content to be troglodytes.

—Jerry Baird

Invasion of the staple-chasers

Dear Editor,

Every fall we hear the call, of the passing geese and cranes. It always makes me pine for summer, when I hear the migrator's refrains.

They pass overhead and then they're gone, we won't see them again till spring. Wish I could say the same about this year's migrators, Their behavior is a whole other thing.

The tumbling tumbleweeds folks have sung about, are in surplus beyond anything romantic. They're popping staples, breaking posts and wires, and making some poor folds quite frantic.

We've burnt 'em outta the yard and corrals, turned to ash a million or more, Contributed no doubt to global warming, so please don't tell Al Gore.

We've pitched our bounty over fences, and donated our crop to the neighbors. But then the wind will switch again, and bring back all of yesterday's labors.

I've off' pondered this situation, considered many a possible resolution, A way to turn this liability into an asset, some kinda very brilliant new solution.

We could grind 'em up, mix them with distiller's grain, and turn them into livestock feed. I know our critters eat 'em when they're young, so that might very well fill a constant need.

Another possibility I really like, is turning these illegal aliens into fireplace logs, But we'd need something to bind 'em together-maybe we could try throwin' in a few prairie dogs!

—Jim Darlington



Informed youth hint at a brighter future

U.S. Senator John Barrasso made several stops last week in our state, and one of those stops was in our town at the Senior Center for lunch.

The NLJ office receives newspapers from across the state, and I followed the coverage of the Senator's trail through other towns on his tour. While reading these articles, I was impressed with the tough questions posed to the senator from the youth across the Cowboy State.

At Moorcroft Elementary, fourth and fifth graders asked questions about how he planned to protect Wyoming coal mining jobs, if he believed in Obamacare, what he does as a Senator, and what was the most important thing he wanted to do for Wyoming.

It was reported that one Moorcroft student asked, "In the Constitution, it says that if the government tries to overrun the entire country, the people of the United States can overthrow them. Would you help people overthrow them?"

In Torrington, the Senator answered questions from elementary students ranging from his work as a doctor to Olympic security to how often he works with the Commander-in-Chief.

In Kemmerer, high school U. S. Government and World History students covered topics from the Insane Clown Posse to the

national debt.

Several students asked the Senator his view of Obamacare, and the impacts on Wyoming.

That particular article stated another student looked the Senator in the eye and asked if the government was trustworthy?

More questions included why fans of the Insane Clown Posse are considered to be a dangerous gang, his opinion on people abusing unemployment benefits, whether or not the government is planning to shut down coal mines, if he supported a push toward nuclear energy, what the government is going to do about the debt, and another



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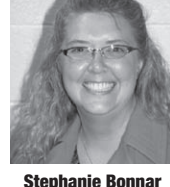
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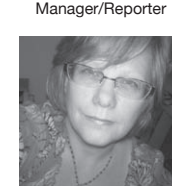
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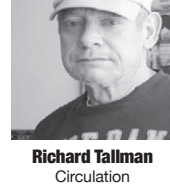
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Bonuses from page 1

to the bonus ... well."

Commissioner Marty Ertman suggested at that Jan. 7 meeting that the library board could take the money from its cash reserve fund, which the county will replenish for the library at the beginning of the next fiscal year. This is the course of action on which the library board decided, with Chair Scott Shoop, Treasurer Cathy Dunford, and Vice-Chair Candy Driver-Ratigan appearing before the commissioners on Jan. 21 to make a formal request.

"I would like to thank you on behalf of the library board for approving us to give that bonus to our 11 employees," Shoop told the commissioners. "However, we have a board meeting coming up and I'd like to take care of [the bonus issue] in that board meeting. It came to my attention that it requires your action per statute, if we're going to spend anything that's not been approved in the regular budget. So what I would like to do is ask for your formal approval to take that money out of cash reserve, and then [have] that reimbursed."

The commissioners acquiesced to Shoop's request, and Hunt cast the sole 'no' vote in keeping with his stance that the bonuses should have been dealt with during the initial

budgeting process.

As Weston County Clerk Mamie Krank explained to the News Letter Journal, although the money will not be reimbursed immediately to the library, with the vote, the county commissioners have enabled the library board to maintain their cash reserve fund at a lower level than normally mandated, to be topped-up by the county at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

"The reason that they have that cash reserve fund is to pay all their bills, pay their payroll for that first quarter [of the fiscal year], for those first three months — July, August, September — before tax monies start coming in," Krank said of the fund in question.

"They are going to pay [the bonuses] out of their reserve fund that we normally would have restocked by now for the beginning of next year," she continued. "As the tax money comes in, they are paying their bills and any surplus keeps going back into that cash reserve ... Because they are going to use part of their cash reserve and not replenish it by the mills that were sent for the current year that we're in, they we be allowed to only have carried forward \$57,000 ... Starting the new fiscal year, the commissioners will up that again to \$60,000."

Minutes from page 1

it's not well understood what our arrangement is and the rationale for picking the much more expensive News Letter Journal ... I think the minutes should flesh that out in a more complete fashion. And I invite everybody else's comments as well."

Tending to agree with Hunt was Commissioner Jerry Shepperson, who stated that he, too, had faced similar questions from constituents.

"Coming from the other end of the county I hear the same thing," he said. "There needs to be some sort of public awareness as to why and what's going on. It is public business. The News Letter Journal pays ... to get the [legals] in the Weston County Gazette and a lot of people don't understand that. They don't understand the reason why we made the decision. As far as I'm concerned the decision was based on getting exposure to the maximum amount of people rather than cost ..."

Weston County Clerk Mamie Krank objected, however, that the minutes, as they had already been published, accurately reflected the discussion and ensuing motion that had been passed, and that the arrangements between the News Letter Journal and the Weston County Gazette had not been featured in the discussion, an assertion with which Chairman Seeley expressed his agreement.

"I wouldn't be opposed to adding something to [the minutes]," said Krank, "although last year and this year, as far as I'm concerned, we were left out of [News Letter Journal Editor] Bob [Bonnar's] deal with Lisa [Le Vasseur, owner of the Weston County Gazette]. That was not part of the negotiation ..."

Hunt responded by saying that even if those arrangements had not figured prominently in the discussion surrounding the issue, they had informed his vote.

"I don't dispute that that is a deal between Bob and Lisa," Hunt reasoned. "I would dispute that it did not enter into

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the consciousness of the decision. It plainly did last year, and I know it did this year ... My vote to hire the News Letter Journal was predicated in large measure on this very unique deal ..."

As the county's official newspaper, the News Letter Journal maintains an arrangement with the Weston County Gazette in which it pays the latter paper to run legal notices out of NLJ's funds without passing the additional cost on to the county. This arrangement provides for the maximum distribution of legal notices throughout the county, Bonnar explained in a separate interview, and is cheaper for Weston County in comparison to other counties within the state that choose to pay to publish in two newspapers. It is, however, a more expensive option than if the county were to only publish legals through the Weston County Gazette at an obviously decreased circulation.

Turning elsewhere, Hunt went on to question the precision of the wording in the minutes regarding the end-of-year bonuses that had not initially been extended to employees of the library. According to Hunt, the phrase "were not intentionally excluded" was an inaccurate representation of Seeley's statements. Library employees, not being on the direct payroll of the county, had in fact been among those who were purposely excluded, Hunt re-

asoned. A more accurate paraphrase of Seeley's statement, Hunt suggested, was that it wasn't the county's intention to make library employees feel slighted. Seeley agreed that was in fact the intention behind his comments, though he said he wasn't particularly bothered by the wording as published.

The library board, having reached an agreement with the county commissioners, is currently in the process of awarding the aforementioned bonuses to its employees.

Ertman, in turn, brought up an objection of her own, clarifying that she had not, in fact, agreed to write a letter to the U.S. Forest Service commenting on the Teckla-Osage-Rapid City Transmission Project, as reflected in the minutes. She had instead offered to write one to the Wyoming County Commissioners Association on the transmission project, should the issue continue to come up as a matter of concern within that organization.

The discussion of the minutes concluded with Hunt questioning the long-standing practice of publishing the minutes of the county commissioners meeting in the newspaper before they've been officially approved, which is done, according to Krank, because Wyoming statute only allows 11 business days to get the minutes to the newspaper. Hunt suggested it led inevitably to the county paying for more space due to corrections and suggested the word "unofficial" might be at least added as a qualifier. Seeley noted Hunt's concern and said the commissioners will take the matter under discussion at some point in the future. Ertman added that how legal notices are published is a statewide concern, and that bills to be considered in the next legislative session will have a bearing on the issue.

The commissioners later voted unanimously that afternoon to approve the corrections proposed by Hunt and Ertman to the minutes of the Jan. 7 meeting.

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Quality Care, Right Here

The family of Lorraine Currey would like to thank everyone for the attendance, cards and support during her funeral. We would also like to thank the Weston County Senior Services Center for the use of their facility.

Obituaries

DEAN L. FULK
Dec. 19, 1925–Jan. 21, 2014

Dean L. Fulk, 88, formerly of Newcastle, died Jan. 21, 2014, at Ekalaka, Mont., where he had resided for six years.



Dean Fulk

Dean was born Dec. 19, 1925, at Wheatland, the son of Levi and Violet Fulk. He was a graduate of Wheatland High School in 1943.

On Sept. 2, 1951, he married Lois Sorheim at Deadwood, S.D. The couple moved to Newcastle where Dean worked in the trucking industry for 45-plus years. Following his retirement from the trucking business he owned and operated a fire extinguisher business. He was a member of the National Bowling Association, president of AGC and was associated with the Boy Scouts of America in his younger years. He enjoyed attending to his flower gardens and lawn, and putting around his garage. His greatest enjoyment was spending time with his family.

Surviving him are his children, Pamela (Jim) Wesley and Kevin Fulk of Newcastle, and Janet (Bill) Carlisle of Ekalaka; grandchildren, Tami (Mike) Waggener and Carrie (Dan) Harley, both of Newcastle, Nicky Wesley of Denver, Colo., Carla (Chris) Jones of Ekalaka; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He is also survived by numerous extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 45 years, Lois.

A public visitation was held at Worden Chapel in Newcastle Friday, Jan. 24, from 5 to 7 p.m. Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Michael's Senior Center. A reception was held at the senior center immediately following burial at Greenwood Cemetery. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Dahl Memorial Healthcare Association in Ekalaka, PO Box 74, Ekalaka, MT 59324.

ALFRED DERRALL GIBBS
Jan. 9, 1930–Jan. 17, 2014

Alfred Derrall Gibbs, age 84, was peacefully called home by his Heavenly Father on Jan. 17, 2014. He joins his beloved wife, Anne, and son, Steven, in Eternal Life.



Alfred Gibbs

He was born on Jan. 9, 1930, in Roxson, Wyo., at his parent's cabin at their ranch located halfway between Lusk and Newcastle. He met his beloved wife Anne while serving in the Navy in San Francisco during the Korean War. They were married in 1951. They started a family and had three boys while

living in New Haven, Conn. The family moved to California in 1961 and had their final child, Judy, in 1966. Alfred lived in Torrance, Calif., for 52 years working for many different semiconductor companies. His favorite job was international sales and marketing with TRW, where he worked for 25 years traveling around the world setting up sales organizations, training personnel and negotiating contracts with major clients. When he retired in 1991, he worked the next eight years part-time as a travel agent so he could continue to travel. His passion was traveling the world, fishing with his sons, visiting family and friends, playing cards, and volunteering with church groups.

Alfred is survived by his sons, Al (Kathleen) and Daniel (Monika); his daughter, Judy (Jason) Dagenhart; grandchildren, Adam Rosen, Dylan Gibbs and Sophia Gibbs; and sister, Katherine Chennaux.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Anne Schlosser; son, Steven Gibbs; his parents, Emily and Lawrence Gibbs; and brothers, Clyde Gibbs and John Gibbs.

His passing has left his family with heavy hearts and a great sadness, but also with a lifetime of wonderful memories that will never pass from our hearts. He will be dearly missed by all.

A gathering of family and friends on will be held Thursday, Jan. 30, from 5 to 8 p.m., with a Rosary at 7 p.m., at Rice Mortuary, 5310 Torrance Blvd, Torrance CA 90503. Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, Jan. 31, at 10 a.m. at Nativity Catholic Church, 1447 Engracia Ave, Torrance. Burial will follow at Green Hills Memorial Park, 27501 South Western Ave, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275.

CALVIN DEROYCE PETERSEN
Aug. 27, 1923–Dec. 22, 2013

Calvin DeRoyce Petersen, 90, of Upton, passed on Dec. 22, 2013, at his home.



Calvin Petersen

Calvin was born on Aug. 27, 1923, in Buffalo, and was the fourth son of Peter and Frances (Baker) Petersen of Moorcroft. Calvin mentioned several times that he and his brothers, all five of them, were named after presidents.

In 1937, when Calvin was 14, his father bought the lumber yard from George Newswinger and when school got out and summer began, Cal stayed in Upton to work. In 1939, Calvin worked at the bank for a while. He attended school in Moorcroft where he was a basketball player and he graduated from MHS in 1941. Calvin helped Henry Haggart run the theater and reported to his family that in 1941 the first movie ran in Upton, entitled "Wyoming," starring Wallace Berry.

On Oct. 31, 1943, Calvin married Norma June Marie Nicolen in Gillette. To this union three children were born, Dennis, Joni and Roni. Calvin was among those serving in the army during World War II, and after his discharge in 1946, Calvin and June moved to Upton where he worked for his dad at the lumber yard. In the early '50s Calvin began running the business, Petersen Lumber and Grain. In 1953, Cal and June moved into their new home where they continued to live, raising their children.

Cal lived a full life. He served on the school board for 12 years and felt it was a great honor to present each of his children their diplomas at their graduations. Cal was very active in the community serving as mayor for one term, active in the fire department, stepping aside to let the young ducks take over, a Mason, receiving his 50-year pin in 2013, a member of the Commercial Club, now known as the Upton Chamber of Commerce, active with the golf course, serving as treasurer for many years and later president. Cal served on the hospital board and historical society and was a member of the VFW and American Legion. He was an avid supporter of the Upton school activities, enjoying sports, programs and plays. He fished in Canada and enjoyed snowmobiling in Yellowstone.

In 1980, Cal was able to visit Denmark with his sister and brother, getting to meet their cousins and learn a little history about their father. In 2010, Cal flew to Washington, D.C., as a part of the Honor Flight team with his daughter, Roni. Cal loved having his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren around, stating this brightened his day.

Calvin was asked by his daughter what he thought was his defining moment and he answered "marrying your mom." He was then asked, "what would you like to be remembered for," and he said, "A good citizen, a kind and caring man." One of his caretakers shared with his daughter he was a kind and caring soul — and that is what he was.

He was preceded in death by wife; his parents; brothers, Woodrow Petersen, Allen Petersen and Edward Petersen; sister, Darlene Donahoo; and a great-granddaughter, Shayla Finn.

Calvin is survived by his children, Dennis (Connie) of Rapid City, S.D., Joni (Jim) Greer of Casper, and Roni (Dwane) Canfield of Upton; brother, Raymond Petersen of Moorcroft; sister, Louise Petersen of Redlands, Calif.; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Memorial services were held on Friday, Jan. 3, at the Boal Auditorium in Upton. A memorial has been established to benefit the Upton Fire Department and the Upton EMS.

Arrangements are under the care of Fidler-Roberts & Isburg Funeral Chapel of Sundance.

NOTICE

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• CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH: Father Killian Muli, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5:00 pm; Weekday Mass 8 am.

• COUNTRY CHURCH: Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley, 746-9712, Worship 10 am.

• FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: Pastor Gary Anderson, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Bible Study 9:15 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Teaching Service 6 pm; Wednesday Service 6:30 pm.

• FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH: Pastor Lynn Schleicher, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service 5 pm, Christian Academy.

• FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Pastor Paul Holland, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Sunday School 8:45 am; Church Services 8 & 10 am; Nursery care available.

• 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. Sunday Worship 10 am; Wednesday Night Prayer.

• NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP: Pastor Wayne Wilson, meets at Black Gold Realty Building, 1517 W. Main, 746-5542. Sunday Worship 10 am.

• OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH: 348 Sheridan St. Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm.

• SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST: Pastor Gary Force, 78 Old Hwy 85, 746-3504 or 278-0254, Pastoral Assistant Jason Logan 746-2974. Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11:20 am.

• ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Father Killian Muli, Upton. Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.

• VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH: Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366.

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Command That Mountain



God tells us that when we believe in His Word, we possess limitless power through Him, the Creator of the universe. Jesus said "...if you have faith and do not doubt...but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done." (Matthew 21:21) Be patient and have confidence in your Heavenly Father's will for you. Pray to Him and He will answer your prayer in His time and in His way. Try not to be discouraged, keep in touch with God in worship and remember, you, too can command that mountain.

Weekly Scripture Reading						
Acts	Acts	Acts	Acts	Acts	Acts	Acts
9:26-43	10:1-33	10:34-48	11:1-30	12:1-25	13:1-12	13:13-35

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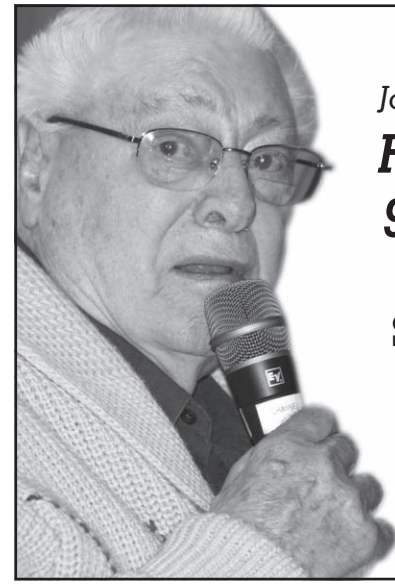
Make your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:16

Birth

ANGEL LOUISE HOPE DUVALL



Angel Louise Hope Duvall was born Nov. 21, 2013, just weeks before her expected arrival, to Stacy Duvall and Lance Bergstrom. She weighed 2 pounds, 12 ounces and was 15 inches long. Although she could not stay with us, I wanted to share that she touched our lives and will forever be a part of our family. She has three siblings, Kylin, Ashlie and Jaicee Whitcher. Maternal grandparents are Judy Cayton and Dan Duvall. Paternal grandparents are Dean and Lorna Bergstrom, and great-grandmothers are Marie Domina and Lee Bergstrom. Uncles are Wes Duvall, Chris Duvall and Chad Bergstrom, aunts are Sonya Duvall and KC Bergstrom. She was named after her mother's loving friend, Louise Negaard. Her godparents are Judy Cayton, Ronette Kahler and Michelle Demma. Forever in our hearts!



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100 YEARS AGO - JAN. 22, 1914

Mack Rawhauser and Miss Lillie May Barnhardt were united in marriage in this city on Thursday, Judge F.R. Cooper officiating. The young couple are well known to Weston County citizens, having lived on the prairie practically all their lives.

Tony Tavegia, assisted by his brother Harry and wife, gave a house-warming Saturday night of last week. Music was furnished by the Barnes Orchestra of Newcastle. A bounteous lunch was served at midnight. Mr. Tavegia has a fine modern residence which is certainly a credit to the Horton area.

The past few days of balmy spring-like weather in the Iron Creek area has put a stop to storing ice. Those who were so fortunate as to get their ice put up before the warm thawing weather are ahead of the game if the local forecasters are to be relied upon. They tell us we will have no more ice weather this winter. We will await developments.

The members of the Methodist church in Newcastle have installed a handsome new organ in place their of worship.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Freal, of Tepee, S.D., were doing business and visiting friends in Newcastle Thursday.

F.H. Barnes and son returned to town last Friday having finished their job of painting at the new country home of Anton Tavegia.

Andrew Kudlock, of the prairie, was among the grain marketers on the Newcastle market Saturday. He informed us that his daughter, Mrs. Bandura, is in Denver taking medical treatment this winter.

Robert Harper, B.F. Davis, and Felix Laverigne a trio of Beaver Creek stockmen, left Tuesday evening for Denver to attend the stock show.

Anton Tavegia went to Denver the first of the week to purchase a carload of Holstein

milch cows. Mr Tavegia expects to go into the dairy business on a large scale and has been busy of late erecting proper buildings and corrals for his stock.

Last Friday evening 20 automobile loads of town folks joined with half that number of the residents of Beaver Creek at the LAK dam and enjoyed the exhilarating sport of skating until midnight. It is estimated that 200 people, young and old, were on the ice at one time.

75 YEARS AGO - JAN. 19, 1939

During the year 1938, 740 carloads of livestock, oil, grain and grain products, lumber and forest products and other miscellaneous products, were shipped out of Newcastle. Agent M.L. Snow reported that 485 carloads of oil were sent out of Newcastle via the Burlington during the past year.

The "Leans" versus the "Fats." That is what the two basketball teams will be called when they take the floor of the high school gymnasium here Friday night in what promises to be one of the most entertaining cage tilts ever played on the local gym floor. The game is being sponsored by the Lions Club and many local business men are cooperating.

Coach Strong's entire squad saw service in the basketball game against Upton here on Wednesday night as the Dogies swamped the Upton Bobcats to the tune of 40 to 20.

Slys Food Market: Specials: Three No. 2 1/2 kraut for 29 cents; two-pound box of cocoa for 17 cents.

The C & E Service Station has Firestone tires, 6.50-16 for \$19.35.

The Wyoming club will hold a business and social meeting on Friday evening, at the library. Anyone who has attended the University of Wyoming is eligible.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Allen of the prairie took their daughter Ariel to Sundance Wednesday



where she was operated on the same day for appendicitis. At this writing she is getting along nicely.

James Soper, Walter Mann and Sam Coe and Francis Walsh of the Boles Canyon area attended the stock meeting at Newcastle Saturday.

Construction of the Homestake Mining Company's new shaft, the Yates, which is destined to go as far underground as Lead, is above sea level — one mile is well underway and proceeding according to schedule.

Mr. and Mrs. John Marquiss and three sons of Salt Creek spent Tuesday at the Glenn Bettis home in Osage.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hunter and Kenneth spent Tuesday at Clareton with Mr. Hunter's mother, Mrs. Ella Townsend.

Mrs. Jack and Mrs. Louis Eaton of the Elkhorn lease, out of Osage, were Newcastle shoppers Tuesday morning.

Silverine Gaido has moved his sawmill from the Bock place to the Moorehouse property, in the Cold Creek area, where he expects to saw this winter.

At the regular meeting of the Knights of Pythias on Wednesday night, Lloyd Hultgren was initiated into the rank of Knight. Refreshments were served after the meeting by Frank Cummings and Les Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. P.V. LaVegue and daughter Evangeline visited at the Walter Pzinski home Sunday. They were on their way to Deadwood, taking their daughter there to school. Mr. and Mrs. LaVegue will go on to Sonnett, Mont.

50 YEARS AGO - JAN. 10, 1963

The General Services Administration announced today that sealed bids are being solicited for the extension and modernization of the U.S. Post Office at Newcastle.

Continental Trailways has begun a new bus service from Casper to Billings, Mont., and from Newcastle to Billings.

Two men are working for the city as a result of court appearances before Police Justice James Dougherty. One was ordered to work for 10 days in lieu of a \$30 fine and \$5 court costs, and another was ordered to work for 30 days in lieu of a \$75 fine and \$5 court costs.

The Newcastle wrestlers traveled to Lusk Saturday where they were beaten by a score of 15 to 27.

Barbara Franz, Newcastle High School senior, has been named the winner of the Daughters of American Revolution award for this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay George, ranchers south of Upton, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon with an open house at their home.

New officers of Bethel 15, International Order of Job's Daughters are Lynda Streets, Jackie Zingery and Shirley Sikes.

The Prairie Pals Bridge Club met at the Four Corners Community Hall Sunday.

From the Vault of the Anna Miller Museum:

Dr. Stephenson and Edna Silbaugh, possibly taken in the 1960s.



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If you are interested in being a part of Newcastle Little League, there are board positions open now!

Come to the board meeting to find out more.
Thursday, Feb. 6 at 6 p.m.
WC Senior Center Cambria Room

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Proceeds will be used for hosting our annual rodeo this spring.
For more information or to donate, please contact Emily Hartinger at 746-5458.

WHAT'S UP		Meetings & Events Calendar	
DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Jan. 30	8:30 a.m.	Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)	W.C. Senior Center
Jan. 31	7 p.m.	Dance-Music by Western Ramblers	W.C. Senior Center
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	7:30 p.m.	Square Dancing	Newcastle Elementary
	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
Feb. 2	2 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Church
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
Feb. 3	Noon	Chamber Board Meeting	Fountain Inn Cambria Room
	5 p.m.	W.C. Historic Preservation Board	USDA Building
	7 p.m.	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers
	7 p.m.	Square Dance Lessons	Newcastle Elementary
Feb. 4	9 a.m.	W.C. Commissioners Meeting	W.C. Courthouse
	11:45 a.m.	Newcastle Business Roundtable	Newcastle Country Club
	4:45 p.m.	Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)	1st United Methodist Church
	6:45 p.m.	ALANON (746-9791)	Mondell Heights
	7 p.m.	W.C. Travel Commission	KASL
Feb. 5	Noon	Newcastle Lions Club Meeting	W.C. Senior Center
	1 p.m.	Card Making Class	Four Corners Country Inn
	6 p.m.	FOCUS Meeting	FOCUS Office
	6 p.m.	History Fair	Newcastle Christian School
	7 p.m.	Ladies Firearms Safety & Self Defense	Indoor Range
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
Feb. 6	8:30 a.m.	Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)	W.C. Senior Center
	4 p.m.	VFW Auxiliary	W.C. Senior Center
	7 p.m.	Candle Light Memorial Service	W.C. Senior Center
	7 p.m.	W.C. Museum Dist. Meeting	Upton Red Onion Museum
	7 p.m.	Salt Creek Water Dist. Meeting	District Office
	7:30 p.m.	Mason's Meeting	Masonic Lodge
Feb. 7	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	7:30 p.m.	Square Dancing	Newcastle Elementary
	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall

What a humbling experience it has been to be on the receiving end this year of the Festival of Trees, sponsored by Pinnacle Bank.

Many thanks goes to those who decorated trees, wreaths and baskets for the auction. Also, anyone who brought in food. We can never begin to repay everyone who gave to help us keep our doors open.

This year has been a trying time for Weston County Senior Services, but the generosity of the people that have stepped up and helped us have left us in total amazement.

Thank you
from the bottom of our hearts.

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Generations

News Letter Journal

New attendance policy proves positive

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

In the spring of 2013, concern was expressed by Tonjua Messmer and Brenda Chord, from Wyoming Department of Family Services, to the Weston County School District #1 Board of Trustees about the number of days some students were missing during the school year. After several public conversations, an Attendance Committee was formed to address the issue in the district.

An Attendance Improvement Initiative was set with four steps: first, personal contact with parent/guardians; second, meeting with principal-appointed Attendance Committee to create Attendance Improvement Plan; third, meeting with Attendance Committee and other appropriate agencies to discuss changes to plan; and fourth, referral to the WCSD #1 Board of Trustees to consider "educational neglect."

Last week, the News Letter Journal met with each school to discuss student attendance for the first semester of the 2013/2014 school year.

Newcastle Elementary School Assistant Principal Heidi Stutzman, new to the district this year, said she has never had a policy like this in place in her previous positions with schools, so she approached the parents out of concern with an offer to help.

"To me, some of the excuses are not really what I would consider 'excused,' except that the parent has called in and we need to be sure that

we are working with them on that. They just need to let us know what is going on," stated Stutzman. "Really that is what it is all about, us working together with the parents."

Whether the absences are excused or not, the assistant principal said it is important for parents to be made aware if the classroom teacher is noticing a problem with a child's academics.

"I think truly some of these parents that I have called haven't really noticed that it is that many days. When you get the numbers and you call them or show them and they are like, 'wow!'" she recalled.

When a student is not present in class for instruction they fall behind, but academics are not the only obstacle students need to overcome when they miss school, noted Stutzman. Social aspects are missed as well, along with forgetting routines and rules in the classroom.

The administrator has looked at last year's attendance records, noting that if there was a student that appeared to be on a trend of missing a large number of days she called the parents, but she has not had to go beyond that first step so far this year. When she has called, she has received positive feedback from parents.

"I have not really made that many calls, only about a dozen. And I think I have only sent out three letters — and since Christmas it has been really good," she added.

Administrators at all three schools acknowledged there are circumstances

that cannot be prevented which cause students to be miss school, such as illness or death of a loved one. Although those unfortunate occurrences happen, it is important to keep an eye on other absences that perhaps can be avoided.

Newcastle Middle School Principal Scott Shoop noticed an improvement from this year compared to last, because the approach is different. Last year, statistically, he noted there was an issue of how many school days students missed.

"The biggest difference with the old in policy was, in my opinion, it really put parents on the defensive. I have three attendance meetings with parents and students, it changed the dynamics. It is more like, 'what can we do to help this matter?' which was the point. It has helped attendance but those issues don't go away. It is better, but not significantly better," reported Shoop.

He offered that, because of the new policy, parents have been more selective about absences, although the absences don't always reflect a student's level of achievement.

NMS is rich in academic support, the principal stated, because there is a team in place that steps in to assist students in learning the material. There are a number of students who may be missing school, but it does not reflect in their grades because instructors are coming in behind them working extra hard to help them catch up with their class.

"So the numbers belie the issue of attendance because if you look at the grades, well, this kid isn't failing and

you have this number of absences," stated the principal.

The new absentee policy has made an impact, though, Shoop says.

"Even if it has not made a difference in the data, it has made a difference in the relationship with the parent, and that will pay off someday," he offered.

At Newcastle High School they were already responding similarly to the new policy before it was instituted this year, because if a student at the upper level misses enough classes they will not receive credit. In previous years, to help parents be aware of the situation, letters were sent out when five, eight and 10 absences were reported within a semester. In an effort to become more proactive this year they began sending letters home at three missed classes, explained assistant principal Todd Quigley.

"If a student has missed 20 classes periods when there is roughly 36 per semester, how can we assign credit if that file is audited?" he asked.

"It is pretty easy if a student misses over half of days if we have a medical note saying she has a broken leg, it is pretty easy to defend that. The ones that don't show up and the parents call them in and we don't know why, then we will have to have meetings," Quigley indicated.

He continued to say they understand sometimes home needs are greater than school needs and they will work with parents as best they can, but the school is bound by law. Letters are sent home as a reminder to make

certain adults are aware of how many days their child is missing.

"They are not intended to be threatening, they are just stating what may happen," he pointed out.

In the first semester of this school year 136 students received letters because they missed at least three days of the same class. The number surprised Quigley because the school population is approximately 240 students, making the number of first letters sent home more than half of the student body.

Of those, 73 students received letters from the school for having five absences in the same section compared to 58 last year during the same time period, making the total number of notifications to parents down by 16.

By eight absences the assistant principal meets with the student; at 10, parents are contacted by phone or asked to attend a meeting.

Stutzman, Shoop and Quigley all urged the importance of communication from parents as to why the student is missing school. The goal at each school is to help the students attend school regularly so that he or she can receive credit and gain the knowledge needed.

"I will just call a parent and say, 'is everything okay?' It is a life skill to get up and go somewhere and be productive, and that is what we need to be instilling in these kids. We need to teach that this is what you need to do to be responsible, school is your job right now, so you can't miss or you will get behind," acknowledged Stutzman.

Accomplishments

UW names President's Honor Roll

The University of Wyoming lists six students from Weston County on the 2013 fall semester President's Honor Roll. Brittany Jean Hamilton of Osage made the list, as did Carli M. Ausmann, Dakota D. McCormack, Clara Dawn Minder, Trey M. Sylte and Bailey Holly Terry, all of Newcastle.

The President's Honor Roll consists of regularly enrolled undergraduates who earned a 4.0 ("A") grade point average for the semester. To be eligible, students must have been enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours taken for letter grades.

For more information about the University of Wyoming, view the Web page at: www.uwyo.edu.

Ayres still winning

Newcastle High School graduate Jess Ayres helped the Hastings College Bronco Forensics team to a third-place finish at the 2014 Sleet and Snow Swing held at Concordia University in Seward, Neb., on Jan. 18-19.

Ayres, a junior, partnered with Kathryn Edwards, a sophomore from Louisville, Neb., to advance to the semi-finals in parliamentary debate and take third place in that event.

The Broncos will travel to Manhattan, Kan., next to compete in the Nebraska Swing.

Blumenthal named to Fall 2013 Dean's List

Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D., has released the Dean's List for the fall 2013 semester. Students who have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester are eligible for the Dean's List. There are four categories: Full-time students with a GPA of 3.5-3.99; full-time students with a GPA of 4.0; part-time students with a GPA of 3.5-3.99; and part-time students with a GPA of 4.0.

Rachel Blumenthal of Newcastle was named to the Dean's List as a part-time student with a GPA of 4.0.

Jones named to Dean's List

Ryan Jones of Newcastle, a junior College of Arts and Sciences student majoring in

biology with a minor in history at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., was named to the fall Dean's List for the 2013-2014 academic year. Full-time students who rank in the top 10 percent of their class for the semester and earn a 3.5 grade point average or better on a 4.0 scale are eligible for the Dean's List, Creighton's highest honor.

Jones was also inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa, a National Leadership Honor Society that was founded Dec. 3, 1914, at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va. Omicron Delta Kappa is based on the idea that leadership of exceptional quality and versatility in college should be recognized and was the first college honor society of a national scope to give recognition and honor for meritorious leadership and service in extracurricular activities.

Jones continues his biomedical research with Dr. Deniz Yilmazer-Hanke. He also continues to be active in the Pre-Med Society and was able to coach handicap children's basketball for the Ollie Webb Foundation.



Scottlyn Wiggins, Dillon Ehlers, Kalyn Houser, Hanna Williams and Madison Crawford.

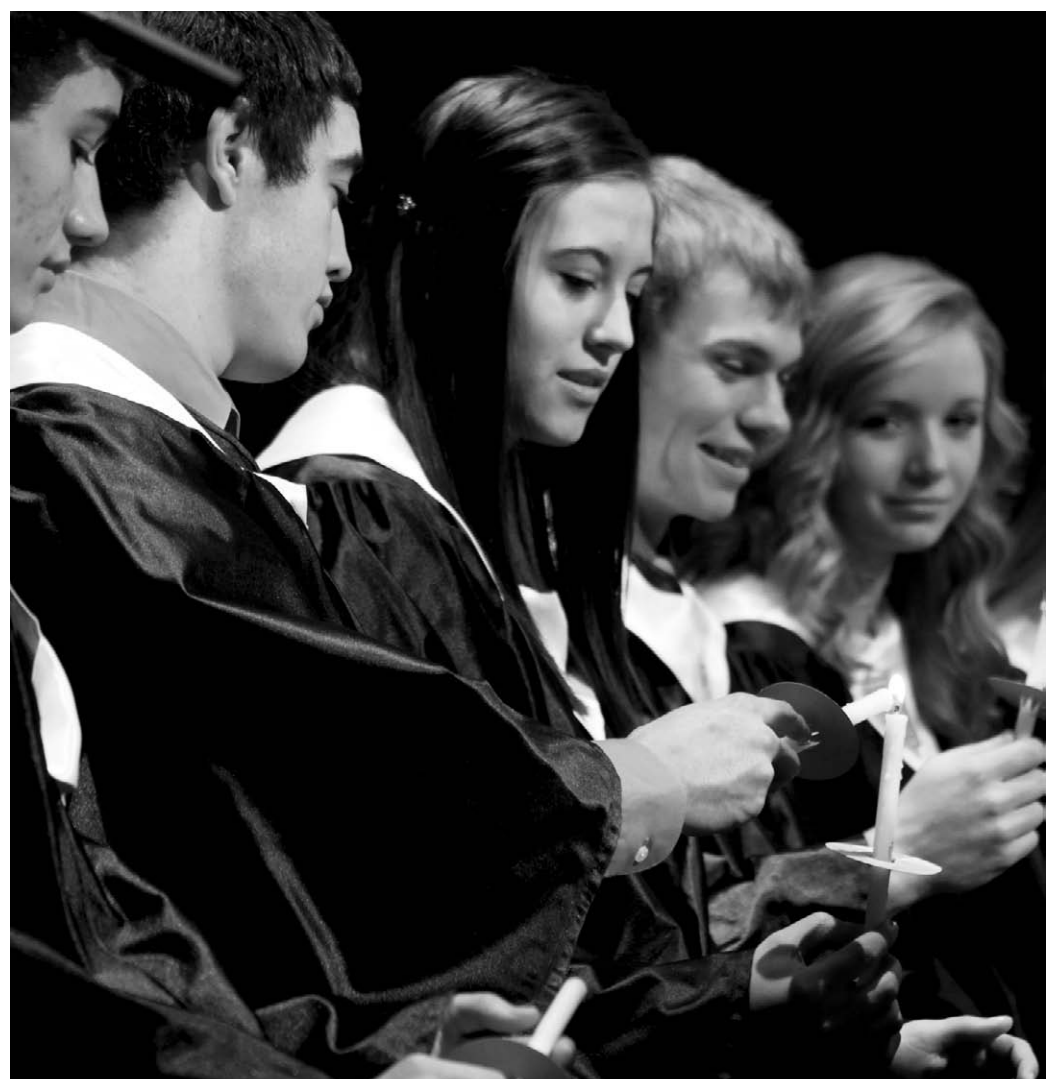
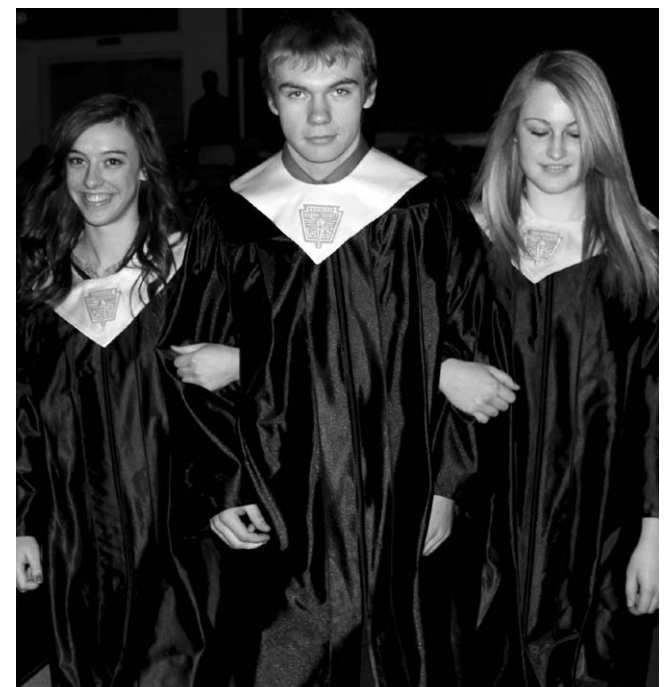
Inducted

Postponed from an earlier date, Newcastle High School held their National Honor Induction Ceremony on Jan. 23 in Crouch Auditorium, where 11 new members joined the ranks of the 12 current members of the National Honor Society.

Dillon Ehlers, escorted by Anna Henkle and Kiana Cade, right.

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Colton Sweet, Phil Jagelski, Baiely Karp, Dillon Ehlers and Hanna Williams, below.



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Helping victims of stalking

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

Receiving attention usually is a good thing, however when it turns into an obsession it came become a frightening crime: stalking. Victims suffer from anxiety, social dysfunction and severe depression. Living in a small community does not make people exempt from the offense, FOCUS director and victim advocate Donna Howard told the News Letter Journal.

"They might not look upon it as stalking, they are just bothering me. So it does affect a lot of people and there are more cases because technology is so rapid now. With technology it is a vastly growing crime," she reported.

Last week, Howard visited both the Weston County Commissioners and the Newcastle City Council to inform them January is National Stalking Awareness month. She reported it is estimated that in Weston County there are 187 stalking victims, however when asked Newcastle Police Chief Jim Owens told the NLJ he is sure there is more going on than being reported.

Typically the reports NPJ receive for stalking involve a couple splitting up, with one of the two following the other to see who their former partner is meeting or what they are doing — which doesn't necessarily present danger.

"From our aspect, we have only had two or three real stalking cases in the last couple of years. I am not saying it doesn't go on, but it isn't being reported," he stated. "Usually the scenario that you see on TV where a stranger is stalking and kidnapping a woman, we have not dealt with that — and I hope we never do."

Howard said that in most cases victims don't seek help, but take care of the problem in different ways, such as changing phone numbers and not giving it out freely — but new numbers can be obtained by someone else. Oftentimes the potential stalker moves on, which is another reason the incidents are not always reported, acknowledged Howard.

Stalking cases are also hard to prove. To get a stalking order there has to be a pattern and it has to be documented, showing that a reasonable person would consider the actions of the alleged stalker as fearful, Howard explained.

"The most import thing for any person to

remember that is experiencing any kind of stalking tactics is to not respond. It is very difficult. You should state right away you don't want any more calls, texts, whatever. But if you continue to respond to the stalker then they take that as a positive sign. The best thing to do is to just say, 'I don't want to talk to you, I don't want to receive text from you, I don't want to receive phone calls.' Be very specific. Then that is it," she informed.

Anyone who believes they are being stalked needs to first begin by documenting what is happening. Be specific, Howard said, including the time and day, how and what was said. Saving texts or messages is also important. Howard also mentioned that telephone companies have often helped with proof of contact. When a pattern has been developed it is easier for law enforcement to see what is happening.

"Because there is always that argument that when you respond, even over and over, you may not really mean 'leave me alone,'" Howard commented.

An alleged stalker may also get assistance from a friend or relative who honestly is trying to help. Technology, noted the director, allows for a quicker response via texting, emails and social media, which adds to the usual methods of watching victims at work, home and school.

"I don't think people realize how much information is available through social media. Mostly we are talking about people who are familiar with the victim, but there are stalkers who are not familiar with the victim. They get on the social media sites and with just a little bit of information, I slip up and say I am a bulldog at a high school and I live in Wyoming, somebody can track you down and a figure out who you are. They are clever," she revealed.

The FOCUS crisis line is up and running and is available 24/7 by calling 307-746-2748. The program is operational and Howard is generally in the office, although she is occasionally away for meetings. She told the commissioners and council members that by getting information out to the public a stalking victim might seek help.

"Call our office so that we can start giving them good referrals and good resources. That is what I am here for," Howard smiled.

FOCUS

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will continue to be operational, despite apparent public misconceptions, and that the reimbursement process by which FOCUS receives state and federal funding, which had been problematic, has been entirely resolved.

She told the city council her emphasis continued to be on "re-establishing credibility and confidence in the community," but that she has not yet reached out for help from volunteers.

"I don't have volunteers right now, just because we need a firm foundation," Howard told the commissioners. "I anticipate I will start seeking out persons to take our volunteer training [shortly] ... I'm hoping to do that in the spring-time."

Howard also requested of the commissioners and city council that they begin considering the release of the funds they had both previously voted to withhold from the historically troubled agency.

"I inherited [the current FOCUS] budget. It's not a well written budget," she explained to the city council. "An example is, there is no federal or state funding to pay for office supplies. With city and county funds held it's been difficult for me to take care of those things. We are current in all of our payments, [but] it would be really helpful to have those funds reinstated for that purpose."

Howard also indicated she is working with the state agency that oversees FOCUS, the Wyoming Division of Victim Services, in hopes of making adjustments to the current budget.

Acting City Council Chair Todd Quigley, who sat in for an absent Mayor Greg James, scheduled a Committee of the Whole to discuss both the funding issue and a reporting schedule for the agency to the council. The committee is tentatively planned to convene Feb. 3 at 6 p.m., immediately before the regularly scheduled city council meeting.

Speaking with the county commissioners, Howard agreed to make quarterly reports, but the commissioners took no immediate action to release county funds.

Appearing solely before the county commissioners that same day, Christine Winters, county manager at Northern Wyoming Mental Health Center of Weston County, asked that the county provide written support for the mental health center as it makes its



Todd Bennington/NLJ

Donna Howard of FOCUS speaks before the Newcastle City Council Jan. 21.

yearly application for a state contract to provide services on a sliding scale to low-income patients.

Winters also asked the commissioners to continue to provide funding in its regular amount of \$5,000, citing increased need due to both budget cuts and increased expenditures mandated by state and federal government.

"You're probably up on the debate over expanding Medicaid, which so far has not happened," she explained in part. "As a result there have been some cuts to the department of health. At the same time we are, with [the Affordable Care Act], having to upgrade our computers [to] a hack-proof computer system that will supposedly ... talk to other agencies."

"Because we, in effect, are getting cut and are also having to add administrative staff and a tech guy and buy new computers, we are now being asked from above to collect more from our low-income people," Winters continued of the frustrations she's encountered.

Before the application of a sliding scale, such mental health services normally cost \$125 per hour, Winters indicated.

Both Chairman Lenard Seeley and Commissioner Marty Ertman questioned Winters regarding concerns about the availability of follow-up treatment that had been raised by Middle School Principal Scott Shoop at a recent meeting between legislators and school district

officials. Winters agreed that for various reasons follow-up treatment after an initial emergency consultation has often been problematic.

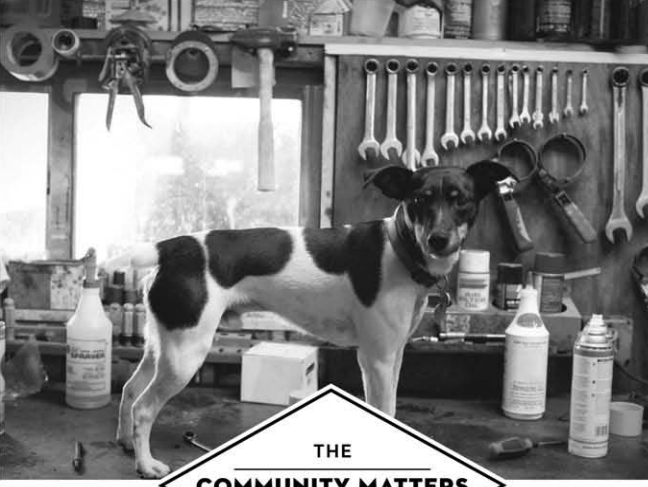

"Somebody's always on call 24-7, so we do crisis. The follow-up is trickier because [the patient] then has to be enrolled as a client, and [there are] issues about going to mental health ... and the stigma, versus walking in to the clinic to get help [for other issues]."

Winters also went on to discuss with the commissioners the legal necessity of having parental permission to provide ongoing treatment for minors and the lack of availability of psychiatrists capable of prescribing medication, as additional complications. Weston County is currently served, Winters indicated, by a psychiatrist out of Billings, Mont., who sees patients via virtual consultation, while physically present staff can provide "talk therapy" but have no prescriptive powers.



Having discussed their concerns with Winters to their apparent satisfaction, the commissioners eventually voted to authorize a letter of support addressed to state authorities.

"Our level of support is ... evidenced by our continued provision of funding to the [Northern Wyoming Mental Health] Center and the appointment of individuals from our respective communities to serve on the Board of Directors," the letter reads in part.


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Governor to make appearance

By **Todd Bennington of NLJ**

Gov. Matt Mead will make an appearance at the Newcastle City Council Chambers from 1:30-3 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 29. He'll spend the first 45 minutes of his scheduled showing (1:30-2:15) answering questions from city and county officials, to include those from the Town of Upton, while the second half (2:15-3) will be open to the general public.

Newcastle City Clerk Charita Brunner described Mead's appearance as taking the form of a "meet and greet" and as "a chance for local elected officials to address their concerns" to the governor.

"I know the [Newcastle City Council] has questions they want to put forward," she said.

Brunner anticipates that issues related to funding of infrastructure, the Joint Appropriations Committee's recommendation to do away with "hardship" status for counties,

and the distribution of mineral royalties outlined in the recent Consensus Revenue Estimating Group report will be among those raised by herself or members of the council.

Hardship status provides additional funding to those counties, such as Weston, that chronically generate low sales tax revenue, Brunner explained, while the CREG report reveals that state mineral royalties have increased 88 percent over the past 22 years but that their distribution to municipalities has increased by only 10 percent during the same period. Brunner lamented both saying, "We have no local money as it is."

"Since taking office in January 2011," Mead wrote in a recent editorial, "I have advocated for local governments — cities, towns and counties." He goes on in the same piece to make his case for his budget proposal to provide \$175 million for use at the local level, arguing it will provide innumerable benefits statewide.

Barrasso

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Barrasso criticized what he considered to be President Barack Obama's dissembling on the issue.

"We have four Americans who gave their lives," the senator said. "We have answers, but the President doesn't want to hear what those answers are."

Barrasso, however, seemed to cast doubt on the idea that further investigation might produce significant positive results, while at the same time emphasizing the need to protect Americans abroad.

"There's a whole group from military and intelligence and the State [Department] who have looked at [what happened in Benghazi], but in terms of taking the next step to try to lay this at the foot of the President and say, 'the buck stops with you,' there are enough people who are going to be able to block that from happening. But the American people know what happened. The concern is, who else is at risk? What additional precautions are we taking to protect Americans who are representing our country and to make this administration not be in denial about what is happening worldwide?"

Turning to address President Obama's foreign policy more generally, Barrasso was unyielding in his criticism, excoriating the President's decisions at every turn.

"We have a lot of people in harm's way right now from Wyoming," the senator went on. "We have 160 members of the Wyoming National Guard in Bahrain in the Persian Gulf ... The world continues to be a very dangerous place and my concerns are that the President has backed up a lot ... I think it has emboldened our enemies, and it makes our friends question our commitment."

"I think the President, as Commander in Chief, failed in Iraq," Barrasso went on. "Fallujah is now overrun by Al Qaeda even though 90 Americans lost their lives in the Battle of

Fallujah, but the President pulled out all of the troops when I thought we should have left 15,000 in there as residual force. It's the President making decisions which I think are not in the best interest of our international security and safety."

Barrasso also made a point of making clear his distrust of Russian President Vladimir Putin, against whom he penned an op-ed for the Wall Street Journal in September, and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, particularly over the issue of Syria.

Turning to the domestic front, the senator expressed his ire regarding the President's cabinet appointees, stating he has been opposed to most of them. In particular he criticized Attorney General Eric Holder over his interpretation of the Second Amendment and for his involvement in Operation Fast and Furious, in which Barrasso says the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms knowingly allowed the illegal sale of weapons that eventually came into the possession of Mexican drug cartels.

"[He] doesn't believe the Second Amendment has to do with us and our rights to own and bear arms," Barrasso commented. "[Instead he] believes that it has to do with a well-regulated militia, the [same] guy who was behind Fast and Furious. I voted against him and have continued to do that. He's one of Obama's good buddies all the way through."

In answer to a question pertaining to goings on much closer to home — the recent redefinition of the boundaries of the Wind River Indian Reservation by the Environmental Protection Agency — Barrasso said it's mostly a reflection of the current administration's undue exercise of power.

"It's one more fiasco to deal with ...," he commented. "It shows how active this administration is. Nobody brought this up. This isn't a piece of legisla-

tion that somebody's passing. It's the government saying, 'We have the power. We'll do what we want.'"

Barrasso also criticized both the EPA and the Obama Administration for what he views as their obstruction of efforts to utilize domestic energy reserves and thereby reduce dependence on foreign sources.

As a medical doctor, it was perhaps inevitable that Barrasso would be asked about the Affordable Care Act. Questioned by Newcastle resident Minnie Quick, Barrasso affirmed his opposition to the program, but said he hopes to see something more responsive to people's needs replace it.

"Right now [the Affordable Care Act] is proving it's not working and more people seem to be harmed by it than are being helped by it. It continues to be very unpopular. The President's still going to be in office for three more years and he's really dug in on this ... We're going to continue to work to not go back to where we were before, but move away from what the President's trying to do, which is not getting people what they wanted."

"What they were looking for," he continued, "is the care they need from a doctor they choose at a lower cost ... The President's made a number of promises and one of them has actually been called 'the lie of the year' by ... the political fact checkers ... that 'if you like what you have you can keep it.'"

Asked by the News Letter Journal if the crowd at the senior center represented a favorite demographic with which to speak, the senator denied that was the case, saying he embraces everybody, young and old alike.

"I love talking to folks and love being at senior center, but just an hour or so ago I was in Moorcroft with a group of fourth-graders ... It's great to be with both and anybody in between," he said.

Manor

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"The [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services] group — the federal surveyors — come themselves, which we did have three weeks ago," noted Cadwell.

Farnsworth explained that each state must do five federal inspections each year, but with only 32 facilities in the state of Wyoming the odds become higher they will be visited more frequently. The inspector told her that in Wyoming they visit generally every eight years, but it has been close to a dozen years, she believed, since the Manor has had a visit from the federal assessors.

"We knew they would be coming sooner or later, too. You know that they are coming, you just don't know what they will be focusing on," she said.

"Lap buddies" are a safety device designed to keep a person safe in a wheel chair so they do not fall out and become injured, and has been in use during previous inspections of the facility. It can be taken off of the chair by many of the patients themselves. However when the state did their unannounced annual assessment of the nursing home last November, they did not approve of its use.

"They were the real squishy things in front of the chairs. They were used with a couple of residents that were at high risk for falls. Now CMS focuses on, they don't like to see those anymore. Like I said, it's things we have used for years and they have never had a problem with, and this year they had a problem with them," explained Farnsworth.

"The regulation is they are viewed as a restraint and that unless the resident can remove [the lap buddy] themselves when they are directed to, it is a restraint," added Cadwell. "We have changed now our policy and what we do and are making sure if we are using them we have the specifics of acceptability documented. It is extra steps with have to go through."

Previous training said if the patient was

unable to get up on their own, it was not considered a restraint. Now the interpretation has changed, acknowledged Farnsworth.

She admitted that on occasion the lap buddy was not safe for some residents, offering that years ago she saw a resident attempt to crawl out of the chair with the lap buddy in place. Because of those cases, Farnsworth acknowledged, there are specific rules in place relating to their use.

"The thing is you like to keep people in wheel chairs as much as possible because they are better able to attend activities and have that stimulation and interaction, because it is so good for them to be able to go to activities. If you stick to recliners and beds they aren't able to do that so much," the director stated.

Unfortunately the consequence for the infraction is that Weston County Manor is no longer able to instruct the class necessary for needed personnel. Because of the relationship WCHS has with Eastern Wyoming College, Cadwell stated, there is not a concern about training for employees.

For the most part, the CNA training was done through EWC, the CEO offered. The classes were only done at the facility when a class quota could not be filled through the college and the class was cancelled but there was still a need for the course. Typically the classes are offered two or three times a year, depending on interest.

Weston County Manor employee Irma Fouch has taught CNA classes at WCHS and through EWC. Last year, she began working with another staff member, Vickie Heinrich, to take over teaching the new assistants.

Though the infraction means WCHS will have to make some changes, the news wasn't all bad.

"When the state was here and did our survey, before they gave us our whole report ..., they said, 'you have a really nice place here and you are good to your residents.' So they commented on that," acknowledged Farnsworth.



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Newcastle		
Boys Basketball		
01/31	V9	*Torrington Trailblazers A 2:30PM
02/07	V9	*Wheatland Bulldogs H 4PM
02/08	V9	*Rawlins Outlaws A Noon
Girls Basketball		
01/31	V9	*Torrington Trailblazers A 2:30PM
02/07	V9	*Wheatland Bulldogs A 4PM
02/14	VJ	*Worland Warriors A 4PM
Wrestling		
01/31	VJ	Buffalo Invitational A Noon
02/01	VJ	Buffalo Invitational A 9AM
02/06	VJ	*Glenrock Herders A 4PM
02/07	V	Ron Thon Invitational at Riverton A 9AM
02/08	V	Ron Thon Invitational at Riverton A 9AM
Upton		
Boys Basketball		
2/1		Arvada-Clearmont @Upton 2:30PM
2/4		Midwest @Midwest 4/6:15PM
2/7		Wright @Upton 4/7PM
2/8		Kaycee @Upton 1/4PM
Girls Basketball		
2/1		Arvada/Clearmont @Upton 1/2:30PM
2/4		Midwest @Midwest 3/4:45PM
2/7		Wright @Upton 4/5:30PM
2/8		Kaycee @Upton 1/2:30PM

Girls upset Douglas at home

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

The Lady Dogies lost to Buffalo 55-50 on Thursday on the road before shocking number-one ranked Douglas, handing the Bearcats their first loss of the season by a score of 42-37 at home on Saturday. The Lady Dogies now sport a record of 8-5 overall, 4-2 in conference play.

Coach Tyler Bartlett told the News Letter Journal that he felt his team should have taken the win on Thursday against Buffalo and characterized their subpar performance in the game as an anomaly.

"We weren't tough. We didn't defend inside," he said, adding that free-throw shooting, which came in at under 50 percent, was also a contributing factor. The main thing though, from Bartlett's perspective, was that his team failed to live up to their normal standards on the defensive end.

"That game was a good learning experience for our kids as far as what it's going to take to achieve our goals this year," he said of the loss to Buffalo. "It turns out if you don't play your best in this conference you're going to lose. It doesn't matter who you're playing. We did some good things in that game but at the same time it was one of our poorer defensive efforts ... I just thought defensively we didn't do what it took to win. We gave up 22 points in the fourth quarter — our worst defensive quarter of the year by far."

Ultimately Bartlett suggested it may have just been a case of Newcastle looking past the Bison in anticipation of Saturday's game against highly touted Douglas.

"The girls know it. They weren't mentally focused enough on Thursday," said the Dogie coach. "Part of it, in all



Denice Piscioti/NLJ

Senior Patricia Miller gives a Jordan-esque tongue wag and clutches the ball tight as a Douglas defender forms a human wall behind her at last Saturday's home game. The Lady Dogies would go on to upset the formerly undefeated Bearcats by a score of 42-37.

Stats

Jan. 23 vs. Buffalo (Away)	
Jan. 25 vs. Douglas (Home)	
Varsity:	
Buffalo 55, Newcastle 50	Newcastle 42, Douglas 37
Freshmen:	
Buffalo 39, Newcastle 28	Douglas 34, Newcastle 28
JV:	
Buffalo 41, Newcastle 19	Douglas 30, Newcastle 20
Varsity Season Averages:	
Alyssa Dawson Pts. 2.9, Reb. 3.5, Ast. 0.4, Stl. 1, TO. 0.9	Scottlyn Wiggins Pts. 2.5, Reb. 2.1, Ast. 1.2, Stl. 1.2, TO. 2.6
MaKayla Smith Pts. 1, Reb. 0.5, Ast. 0.5, Stl. --, TO. --	Kianna Hobbs Pts. --, Reb. 0.2, Ast. --, Stl. --, TO. 0.4
Anna Henkle Pts. 8.8, Reb. 5.8, Ast. 1.1, Stl. 3.9, TO. 2.5	Kendra Back Pts. 0.3, Reb. 1.2, Ast. 0.2, Stl. 0.1, TO. 0.7
Hannah Williams Pts. --, Reb. 0.7, Ast. --, Stl. --, TO. 0.3	Patricia Miller Pts. 0.8, Reb. 2.7, Ast. 0.2, Stl. 0.9, TO. 1.1
Savannah Davis Pts. 1.5, Reb. 2.8, Ast. 0.3, Stl. 0.8, TO. 0.7	Abi Deveraux Pts. 1.2, Reb. 0.7, Ast. 0.3, Stl. 0.3, TO. 1.4
Hannah Cass Pts. 19.8, Reb. 10.1, Ast. 2.5, Stl. 4.8, TO. 4.3	Abby Gray Pts. 8.4, Reb. 1.5, Ast. 2.9, Stl. 3.2, TO. 3.8
Bailey Karp Pts. --, Reb. 0.5, Ast. --, Stl. 0.3, TO. --	

honesty, was that they were excited about Saturday. They were looking forward to playing Douglas, but you can't do that. You have to play one game at a time. Especially in our conference, as tough as it is, you have to focus on every opponent or, like it showed on Thursday, you lose."

According to Bartlett, however, such temporary lapses are just par for the course at the high school level.

"These are teenage kids," he reasoned. "Sometimes things get away from you. Sometimes they don't come as focused. Sometimes you're tired — but I think those are all excuses we don't really need. The bottom line is that if we play our best, we should win,

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Sherman tanked it

I have a hard time letting attacks on the First (and I think most important) Amendment go unchallenged, and I tend to engage in those battles in whatever language on the other side chooses.



Bob Bonnar
Shots from the Cheap Seats

So when Seattle Seahawk Richard Sherman responded to those who were offended by his incoherent — and uncivil — rant in the aftermath of his team's defeat of the San Francisco 49ers by stating that he was offended at being called a "thug" by those whom he had offended, I took to Twitter (where I, for some reason, am a little less hesitant to offend) to call him out on it.

I personally found Sherman's post-game tirade to be more humorous than offensive, but then I am a proud South Park fan so there really isn't a lot to which I take offense.

What did offend me was Sherman's statement in a press conference a few days later that he was troubled by the use of the word "thug" to describe him in the wake of his behavior, because he considers the word to be "the accepted way of calling somebody the n-word nowadays."

Sherman had every right to thump his chest and talk whatever version of trash he wanted after sealing the win for the Seahawks, and we all had every right to either like it or not.

He certainly has no right to suggest what words we can or can't use to criticize his tirade, and his attempt to claim he is the latest helpless victim of racism disgusts me.

Sherman was no more victimized by those who referred to him as a "thug" than Native Americans are by the continued use of the nickname "Redskins" by the

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Struggles continue for boys' basketball

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

The Dogie boys' basketball season continued its downward spiral this past week as they fell to Buffalo 70-33 last Thursday before losing 52-34 in a somewhat more competitive game against Douglas on Saturday. With the losses, the Dogies' overall record this season falls to 1-12.

Coach Allen Von Eye seemed pensive as he discussed last week's losses with the News Letter Journal on Monday.

"They're really quick. They're really fast and they do a good job of presenting some match-up problems for [us]," he said of Buffalo. "We came out and we missed a couple shots early that would have given us an opportunity to get some confidence going ... Then we got some stops early and actually got a couple steals early that would have given us the opportunity to get some things going — but we didn't capitalize on them. Whenever you're playing a good basket-

ball team, if you can't capitalize early, especially in the situation we're in right now where we're struggling a little bit, it just compounds things."

With their failure to get things going their way early on, Von Eye suggested that his team's already fragile confidence crumbled quickly with the looming prospect of another loss. Even so, the game remained competitive until the second half.

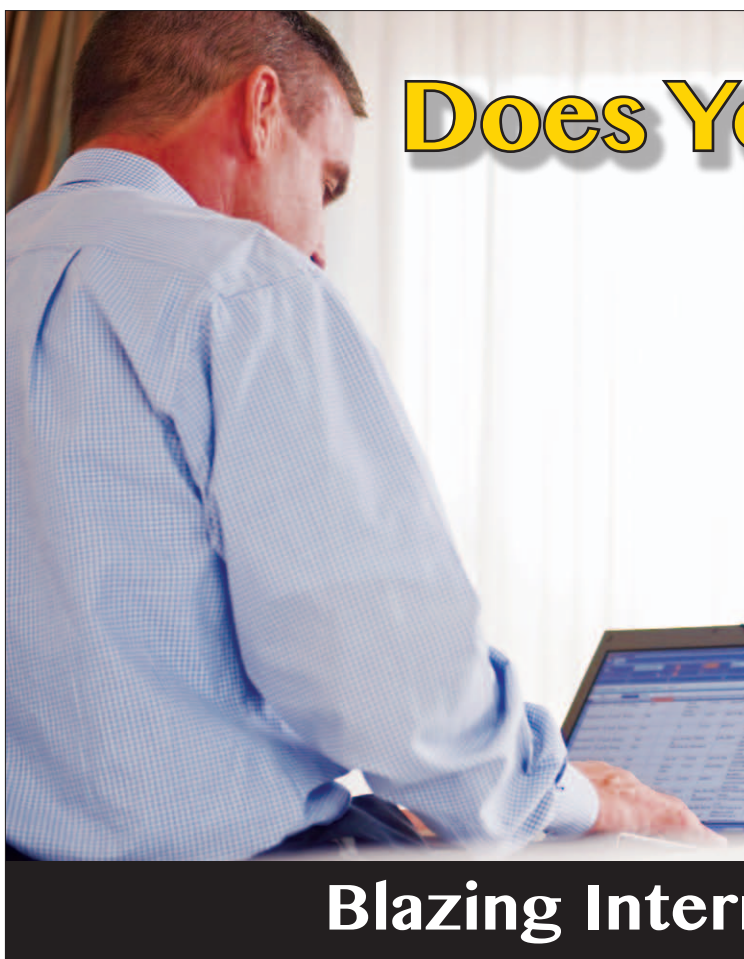
"When your team's struggling and you're struggling with confidence anyways, when things don't go well early you start [thinking] 'oh no, here it comes again.' Even then we played okay through the first half and were feeling okay with where we were at. The second

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Senior center Nate McMahon catches a pass near the top of the three-point arc against Douglas at home on Saturday.





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Wrestlers continue to improve

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

The combined Newcastle-Upton wrestling squad faced off with both Wright and Moorcroft in a three-way dual meet last Thursday at Wright before attending the Moorcroft Mixer on Saturday where they placed seventh in a field of nine teams. The Dogies were hampered at Saturday's tournament from the start, as only a portion of the team was able to attend, but those that were able to compete wrestled well.

"Some kids couldn't compete because [otherwise they'll] have too many tournaments for the year," said Coach Sean Crabtree of why some didn't attend the Moorcroft Tournament. "You can only have seven tournaments and eight duals in a year's time."

Still, of the nine wrestlers Crabtree took to Moorcroft, four placed.

"Kolton Hall did very well. He took first at 195. Joey Hall took third [at] 145. [Zach] Schuessler took [fourth] at 126. Bradon [Rushton] took third at 132 ... Overall we're getting better. We're starting to move better on our feet. We're starting to take chances. [There are] just some kinks we need to work out before districts. I'd like to take all my wrestlers to State, but they've got to qualify at Regionals first to make it,"

commented Crabtree. Placement at State is a distinct possibility for some of his team, Crabtree said he believes, provided they continue to improve in the coming weeks and develop and maintain the right mind-set.

"If these kids keep working hard, we should have some placers at State. [I'm] just trying to get them broke over that mental toughness thing, where that little engine can [say], 'I think I can, I think I can,'" he laughed.

Crabtree's wrestlers themselves expressed agreement with their coach's opinion that they're continuing to move in a positive direction.

"I feel like we're getting a lot better," said junior Rushton of the Dogies' performance at the mixer. "I thought we did pretty well as a team. We didn't have as many losses as usual. We had a lot more people taking it to the third period instead of going out in the first and getting pinned right away."

Merritt Crabtree, who did not attend the Moorcroft tournament, expressed similar sentiments in regard to last Thursday's dual.

"We combined with Wright and dueled with Moorcroft," he explained of the format. "Overall, as a team, I thought we did pretty well. We looked a lot more in shape. We took the

Wrestling

Dual @ Moorcroft, Jan. 23, 2014.
Moorcroft 12.0, Newcastle 0.0 (Scrimmage)
138: Bradon Rushton lost by pin 1:40; 152: Hunter Liggett lost by pin 1:52.

Dual @ Wright, Jan. 23, 2014.
Newcastle 12.0, Wright 6.0 (Varsity)
126: Jacob Hobbs lost by pin 0:21; 170: Jake Villanueva won by pin 1:33; 220: Kolton Hall won by pin 0:00

Dual @ Moorcroft, Jan. 23, 2014.
Moorcroft 31.0, Newcastle 3.0 (Scrimmage)
132: Zach Schuessler lost by pin 3:32; 138: Bradon Rushton lost by major decision 12-1; 145: Joseph Hall lost by decision 11-4; 152: Hunter Liggett lost by pin 0:29; 160: Jaspur Stedman lost by pin 3:58; 162: Merritt Crabtree won by decision 12-11; 106: Joseph Jeppesen lost by pin 1:20

Moorcroft Mixer, Jan. 25, 2014
Joseph Jeppesen (1-2) 106: lost by pin 1:31; won by pin 0:21; lost by pin 4:42 Jacob Hobbs (0-2) 126: lost by pin 0:00; lost by pin 1:28 Zach Schuessler (2-1) 126: lost by pin 3:15; won by pin 3:12; won by pin 4:28 Bradon Rushton (3-1) 132: lost by pin 5:58; won by tech. fall 4:37 (16-0); won by decision 13-9; won by pin 4:00 Joseph Hall (3-1) 145: won by pin 3:04; won by major decision 11-3; lost by pin 3:04; won by pin 2:00 James Moberly (1-2) 145: lost by pin 1:25; won by major decision 10-1; lost by pin 3:16 Hunter Liggett (0-1) 152: lost by pin 4:33 Jaspur Stedman (1-2) 160: won by pin 0:51; lost by pin 2:54; lost by pin 4:00 Kolton Hall (2-0): 195: won by pin 3:00; won by pin 4:00 Placements: Zach Schuessler 4th, Bradon Rushton 3rd, Joey Hall 3rd, Kolton Hall 1st

matches further instead of going out and getting stuck on our backs. We went into the third period and won a couple close matches. Overall I thought we improved as a team."

Merritt also had something of a minor personal triumph at Thursday's dual, narrowly out-pointing a very difficult opponent in Tel West of Moorcroft.

"I wrestled the number one

kid in 2A. I beat him 12-11, so it was a pretty close match ... He's pretty tough. I lost to two other kids in 4A and [West] beat both the kids that I lost to."

As the regular season starts to wind down, Newcastle-Upton will next make an appearance at the Buffalo Invite this Friday and Saturday, where Coach Crabtree said he hopes to see some of the best teams from the other side of the state.

"We'd like to see Worland, but we don't know if they're going to show up or not," Crabtree commented. "Powell. Powell's a powerhouse in 3A this year. From what I understand they took the Lander Invitational [Jan. 24-25] with ease."

Crabtree went on to explain that Newcastle-Upton hadn't attended the Lander Invitational as previously scheduled because of travel considerations and the fact that most of the team wouldn't have been able to compete anyway because of already having attended too many tournaments, as well as issues with injuries or grades.

"We should have almost a full team to go to Buffalo. That's what we're shooting for. Grades are coming out here pretty soon, I think next week, so I think they're safe this week," he concluded with a look of good-humored exasperation.

Boys

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half they came out and hit a couple big shots early and you could just see the confidence wither away ..."

The Dogies, who came into the game feeling they matched up well with Buffalo, were also taken out of their game plan by the Bison, from whom they had expected to encounter a zone defense rather than a man-to-man.

"To Buffalo's credit they did a really good job," Von Eye recalled. "They did a couple of things we weren't expecting ... They manned up the entire game which is not something they've done in the last eight years, so that threw us off a little bit ..."

The 37-point blowout seemed to be an especially hard loss for the Dogies to endure, particularly since the effort is there on the part of his team, according to Von Eye.

"It wasn't a very good game. It was really difficult on us," Von Eye explained of the reality of suffering yet another lopsided defeat. "[We're] struggling to get some wins, and it's a situation we've never been in. We've never struggled like this, and so it's new for kids. You've got kids who are out there working their tails off trying to get it right and sometimes [they] end up trying to take a little bit too much on."

The Dogies next had a chance to redeem themselves on Saturday at home, but alas a win was not to be had there either, with lack of production on the offensive end being the primary culprit.

"Douglas was another tough one," recalled Von Eye of Saturday's game. "We couldn't buy a bucket at the beginning ... One thing we've been able to do pretty

Stats

Jan. 23 vs. Buffalo (Away)
Jan. 25 vs. Douglas (Home)
Varsity:
Newcastle 33, Buffalo 70
Newcastle 34, Douglas 52

JV:
Buffalo 59, Newcastle 30
Douglas 56, Newcastle 36

C Team:
Newcastle 53, Wright 40
Buffalo 35, Newcastle 21
Douglas 40, Newcastle 21

Varsity Season Averages
Wade Gordon Pts. 15.6, Reb. 9, Ast. 1.2, Stl. 1.5, TO. 3.7
Dillon Ehlers Pts. 6.8, Reb. 3.7, Ast. 0.9, Stl. 0.6, TO. 1.5
Colton Sweet Pts. 3.8, Reb. 1.2, Ast. 2.4, Stl. 0.5, TO. 3.5
Nate McMahon Pts. 1.4, Reb. 1.8, Ast. 0.6, Stl. 0.6, TO. 0.8
Justin Francis Pts. 7.2, Reb. 5.0, Ast. 0.5, Stl. 1.4, TO. 1.2
Triston Roberson Pts. 0.6, Reb. 1.2, Ast. 0.3, Stl. 0.3, TO. 0.5
Trenton Engle Pts. 4.4, Reb. 1.5, Ast. 2.2, Stl. 0.5, TO. 3.3
Taylor Allen Pts. 5.5, Reb. 1.5, Ast. 0.6, Stl. 0.2, TO. 2.0
Alec Walker Pts. --, Reb. 0.4, Ast. 0.2, Stl. --, TO. --
Dawson Norton Pts. --, Reb. --, Ast. --, Stl. 1, TO. --
Chandler Burd Pts. --, Reb. --, Ast. --, Stl. --, TO. --
Cooper Karp Pts. 0.3, Reb. 0.3, Ast. 0.1, Stl. --, TO. 0.3

consistently score this year. We were able to shoot the basketball and got some really good looks [but] we couldn't buy a bucket to save our lives."

Indeed, Newcastle went into half-time break with only six points on the board. Still, the game was not without a few bright spots, with the Dogies playing better defensively than they had against Buffalo and managing to find their offensive rhythm in the second half. It was, however, too little, too late.

"Against a good basketball team like that, once you're in a hole, it [doesn't] matter that in the second half you outscore them by one point. When you get yourself

down 20, against a good team there's no coming back from that," Von Eye admitted. The Dogies were next scheduled to face Custer in an away game on Tuesday, where it looked like they'd have their work cut out for them against the Wildcats.

"Custer's solid. They are year in and year out. They're very well coached. They've got one of the best individual players that we'll see all year long ... They'll be athletic. They'll play really good defense and they always shoot the ball really well. It's going to be a difficult game," Von Eye said with a sense of stark realism.

Newcastle may have better chances on Friday, when they'll face the Trailblazers at Torrington, another struggling team.

"They're in about the same boat as us," Von Eye reasoned of what may shape up to be a hard-fought contest. "It will be a match-up between two very, very desperate basketball teams as far as the conference goes. Athletically, skill wise, we've probably got a little bit more as far as that goes."

Despite the season's disappointments up to this point, Von Eye, described the Dogies' situation this year as one of being down but not out.

"As frustrating as it is for the coaching staff and kids to be losing these games, you've got to realize that realistically it doesn't matter until the regional tournament in March where we've always been at our best anyway. As long as we can get there and make sure that we take care of ourselves until we get to that point, we'll be okay," he said hopefully.

Ladies

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and the kids know that. Saturday proves it."

Indeed, Saturday's performance against Douglas does prove that the Dogie gals can hang with the best in their conference, and Bartlett beamed as he recalled his team's dethroning of the Bearcat team that had been undefeated until Saturday.

"[It's] as good as we've played since I've been here. We just played terrific. We held them to 37 points in the game. We were down early, but I didn't see any look of panic on the kids' faces."

It was also a remarkably evenly distributed effort, with a number of players contributing offensively, and leading scorer Hannah Cass actually turned in only about half of her average point contribution.

"Hannah had 11. Anna [Henkle] had 11. Alyssa [Dawson] had nine. Alyssa stepped up and made some big

plays late in the game. Patricia Miller stepped up [also] and made some big plays late in the game. Anna Henkle, in the third quarter, kind of took over. [It was] just a really balanced effort offensively, which we talked about during the week. With Hannah we have someone who is as talented as it gets in the state, but she's by no means our only player," Bartlett said of the Dogie standout.

The Dogie coach also said he wants to thank the fans for their turnout Saturday, saying he believes they helped push the team past Douglas, especially in the fourth and final quarter.

Despite the big upset of the Bearcats, Bartlett told the News Letter Journal he isn't interested in how the rankings might shake out so much as he was in that the Dogie ladies continue to win, especially within their 3A East conference.

"What matters is we go down

to Torrington on Friday and get a conference road win, because I think it's shown that it's going to be really tough to win on the road in this conference," he said with determination.

Asked about what he anticipates from this next opponent, Bartlett said he doesn't foresee any big surprises coming from the Trailblazers.

"We're very familiar with them," he said. "We'll see some zone pressure in the full court and in the half court. They're really built on creating turnovers. That's the number one key for them ... For us and for our defense it's really two-fold on Friday. Obviously we have to be committed to getting stops and protecting the paint. The other side of it is you can't turn the ball over in the open court because it's pretty hard to set your defense if you throw it away in the backcourt."

As for Saturday's non-con-

ference game against Custer, Bartlett was confident but not overly so.

"[Custer's] struggling a little bit. They're young ... It's a road game and they always have a pretty good atmosphere over there ... It will be the day after we travel down to Torrington. Don't get me wrong, we have to be focused for both, but because of the conference road game, Torrington will definitely be our primary focus."

That doesn't mean the Lady Dogies will make the mistake of overlooking the Wildcats though. That's a lesson he hopes has been thoroughly learned.

"They'll be the first to admit it to you. Thursday [against Buffalo] they were already kind of looking forward to Saturday a bit too much ... [We're] a young team that's learning lessons as we go and I would think that's a lesson we don't have to learn again."

Every student can learn,



just not on the same day, or the same way.

—George Evans

Newcastle High School

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Cassandra N Munoz
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Mason J Sundstrom
Matthew A Tidd
Fermín J Villanueva
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Newcastle Middle School

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Markie Whitney | 8th Grade:
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Cameron Quigley
Courtney Rainbolt |
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Candlelight service designed to heal

By Denice Pisciotti of NLJ

In 1994, Home Loving Care of Weston County Inc. began holding a candlelight memorial service to honor community members who passed away during the previous year. This year the occasion will be on Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. in the Michaels Room at the Weston County Senior Services Center.

"We encourage everyone that has had their lives touched by the death of someone to bring your family and join us in remembering your loved one and to participate in this memorial service and light a

candle in memory of a friend or relative, and remember the impact that person had on your life. It is with this service and through the support of friends and family that we hope to help you find a way that you may have meaningful memories of your loved one. We welcome all to come," stated a letter last week from the HLC board of directors.

The board indicated that the annual service is designed to praise God and celebrate the memory of the lives of family, friends and neighbors lost in 2013, although the service is non-denominational.

During the memorial a member of the Ministerial Association will speak and scriptures will be read.

"People can come up and light a candle when they hear the name of their loved one called," Carol Gustin, a member of the HLC board, told the News Letter Journal.

Each year a list of names is obtained of those who passed way during the previous year in Weston County — usually from the News Letter Journal — and read during the ceremony. However, additional names can be added to the list by contacting Elizabeth Goodart at 746-2426.

In the past, Gustin acknowledged, she has found comfort in hearing the name of a loved one read and lighting a candle in their honor. Hearing the name of someone who is gone offers reassurance that they may be gone, but not forgotten. Anyone who has lost a loved one during the past year is encouraged to attend the event, Gustin urged, because it helps the healing process.

Rose Baldwin, Myrna Kaiser and Sherry Klinker will perform special music prior to the service, which will last about an hour, with refreshments following.

Turn Super Bowl food fumbles into MVP plays!

While Super Bowl parties are a blast, they can be a minefield when it comes to healthy eating. The Super Bowl comes once a year and we also know that your "play" on any one day does not really change your health or weight. Wings, cheesy dips, nachos, pizza — the list of not-so-great-for-you foods is long. Not to mention that you'll probably spend three or more hours sitting on the couch.

Your Super Bowl party does not have to be unhealthy though. There are some easy swaps you can make for your favorite Super Bowl snacks that make them better for you and your guests' waistlines.

Here are some suggested substitutions for these common Super Bowl food fumbles. **Food Fumble:** Pizza is a nutritional interception. One slice of pepperoni pizza approaches 400 calories. How many football fans have just one piece?

Food MVP: Instead, go for a veggie topping of thin crust pizza at 150 calories. Make pizza from scratch with healthy toppings and opt for whole-wheat crust for an "extra point."

Food Fumble: One large handful of cereal snack mix packs 390 calories because recipes may call for a pound of butter!

Food MVP: Pistachios or peanuts in their shell. We love these "activity" snacks as the shelling naturally slows you down. They contain good fats and stress-reducing crunch. One handful or ounce equals only 170 calories.

Food Fumble: Traditional chicken wings are full of calories and fat — about

160 calories and 11 fat grams per wing. Two buffalo chicken wings with blue cheese dip can be almost 700 calories.

Food MVP: If you must wing, grill your own wings and ditch the dip or serve grilled buffalo-flavored chicken breasts. That's a relatively tiny 150 calories per five-ounce serving. Talk about a Super-Bowl-snack improvement!

Food Fumble: Creamy dips are usually full of fat and calories. The infamous seven-layer taco dip has 400-500 calories per cup.

Food MVP: If you're making dip from scratch, try swapping Greek yogurt for the full-fat sour cream or skip the creamy dips all together and

try guacamole or salsa. Guacamole may be high in calories, but it's also high in heart-healthy fats, vitamins and minerals.

Food Fumble: Ah, the beloved potato chip. Is there anything better than a fried and salted slice of potato? Better tasting? No. But better for you? Yes. Baked chips can be dry and, frankly, a little boring.

Food MVP: Homemade tortilla chips are vastly superior in taste and nutrition to their store-bought counterparts. By cooking them yourself, you can control how much oil and salt you use and spice them up with different flavors. Another alternative is to skip the chips and serve crunchy veggies like carrots, celery, snap peas and jicama sticks.

Food Fumble: There's nothing like a bowl of chili during the Super Bowl! It is a simple one-pot meal that feeds a hungry group. Preparing it with fatty meat and topping with cheese, sour cream, and corn chips can really

bump up the fat and calories though.

Food MVP: Replace high-fat ground beef with lean ground sirloin and lean ground turkey breast to lower the saturated fat, and add extra flavor with a lean bacon. Top with reduced-fat cheese and you're sure to score big nutrition points. Also, consider adding extra veggies like chopped mushrooms, zucchini, carrots, or celery.

Food Fumble: Is there anything better than bacon? Well, not really!

Food MVP: If you're wrapping sausages in bacon or have bacon in a recipe, don't go without it — just halve it. If wrapping, cut a piece of bacon down the middle. If chopping up, just use half as much. Bacon is so flavorful that a little really does go a long way!

Food Fumble: Whether it's subs, barbecue sandwiches or sliders, cut calories by using less bread.

Food MVP: Use flatbreads, whole-wheat tortillas, or thinner versions of buns and slices of bread. These will cut the calorie count of your sandwiches big time!

Food Fumble: If you consume six regular bottles of beer at 150 calories, you have ingested 900 beverage calories. To burn this beer off you would have to play 90 minutes of football.

Food MVP: Drink in moderation (one drink a day for women and two for men)! Between alcoholic beverages, consume jazzed up water with fresh citrus, a splash of juice or a sprig of fresh mint. This is a great way to meet your daily fluid needs without any extra calories.

So eat and drink strategically this Super Bowl and don't let every day be game day to ruin the "season" and leave you wondering where your health game plan failed you.

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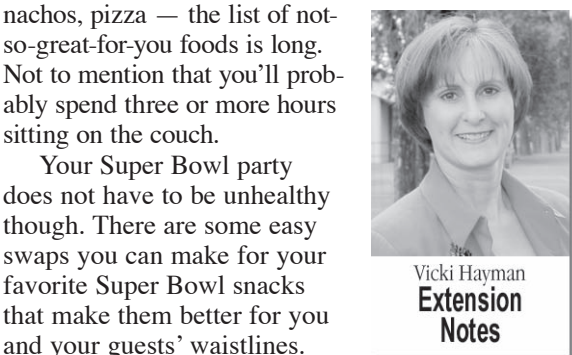
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Michelle Ausmann, a Title I reading teacher at Newcastle Elementary School, was the first teacher at Weston County School District #1 to be honored this school year with a Peabody Award. She was recognized for providing students with a positive learning environment that is fun and engaging. In addition to teaching, Ausmann assists with the Totes of Hope program which provides students in need of food. Her reward was a \$1,000 check and a basketful of goodies. Ausmann, above, is congratulated by Don Dorn, Charlene Murdock and Ron Egan. (Photo by Denice Pisciotti/NLJ)

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NFL's Washington, D.C., franchise. Which brings me to the second social media conversation to which I devoted entirely too much time over the weekend.

A fellow journalist posted an Associated Press poll from last summer on Facebook that showed the vast majority of Americans agree with my belief that the Redskins should not have to change their name because some individuals are offended by its use.

I was alright with the initial post, but then my friend suggested that non-football fans and "college educated" people were more opposed to the nickname (i.e. only uneducated hicks like myself could possibly think it wasn't offensive), and followed it up by stating that the team should be called the "Washington Lobbyists." He supported the nickname by saying the lobbyists were "ready to buy off the

refs," to the delight of his followers.

In other words, these vanquishers of stereotypes saw no problem with suggesting that everyone who lobbies lawmakers is a corrupt felon who buys the votes of public officials.

When I reminded my friend that I was a registered lobbyist (unpaid) at the Wyoming State Legislature, and that his statement could be seen as offensive to people like me, one of his followers quickly guessed that I "wasn't lobbying for the native people of the North American plains," effectively branding me as the racist I must be.

Neither social media exchange solved anything, but both illustrated my fear that there is a growing tendency in our society to limit freedom of speech or expression if it serves to deflect criticism or stifle opposition. The First Amendment was written specifically to

allow us to criticize and oppose freely, however, and that's why it must always be upheld above any standard of political correctness — or even social justice.

Maybe I'm wrong to think it's okay to call Richard Sherman a thug, but I'm glad I have the right to be wrong, and I think it's even more wrong for him to parlay his outburst into a campaign for social justice that allows him to claim he was somehow victimized by those who voiced distaste for his behavior.

Unlike others who posted on Facebook in the wake of the post-game rant, I was not inclined to root for a Denver victory because of the screaming onslaught he launched at the camera, but his suggestion that those who are going to be cheering against him are doing so because they're racist was a game-changer for me.

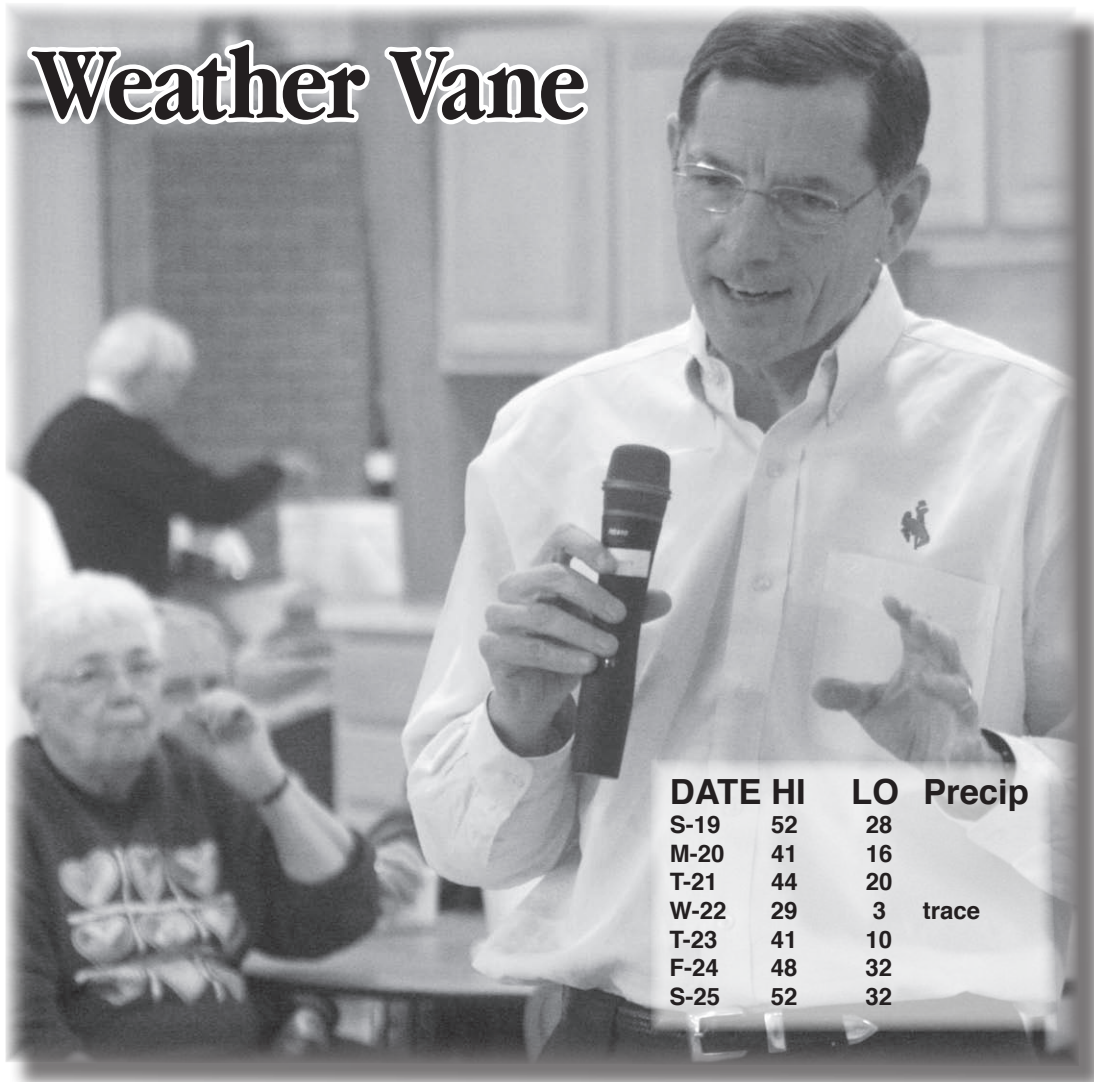
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Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSES 2014-2015

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of January, 2014 the following Retail Liquor Licensees, two Restaurant Licensees and one Club Licensee, filed applications for renewal of their Liquor Licenses. Protests, if there be any, against the issuance of these licenses, will be heard at the hour of 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, in the Newcastle City Council Chambers at City Hall, Newcastle, Wyoming.

- Liquor License #1:** PERKINS TAVERN, LLC d/b/a Perkins Tavern; LOT 6, BLOCK 10, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE
 - Liquor License #2:** JAMES MCFARLANE. d/b/a Iron Horse Saloon; LOTS 8 & 9 BLK 11 ORIGINAL TOWN OF NEWCASTLE
 - Liquor License #3:** BARBARA A. & WILLIAM H. BROWN, d/b/a The Little Ceramic & Smoke Shop; A TRACT OF LAND BEING A PORTION OF QUARTER HORSE ADDITION, ZONED C-1
 - Liquor License #4:** CAP & BOTTLE, LLC d/b/a Cap N Bottle; LOTS 10 & 11, CANNON SUBDIVISION OF LOT 20, BLOCK T, COUNTY CLERK ADDITION, ZONED C-1
 - Liquor License #5:** HEIDI CLEVELAND, d/b/a The Antlers; LOTS 7 & 8 BLOCK 6, ORIGINAL ADDITION, NEWCASTLE WESTON CNTY WY
 - Liquor License #6:** MINI MART INC., d/b/a Loaf 'N Jug #167; PORTION OF BLOCK 3 OF THE REPLAT OF HOMEBUILDERS ADDITION #1, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WY
 - Liquor License #7:** FRESH START CONVENIENCE STORES, INC. d/b/a Fresh Start; LOTS 1-2 & PARTS OF LOTS 3-5, BLOCK 9, ORIGINAL TOWN OF NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
 - Liquor License #8:** MAVERIK, INC. d/b/a Maverik #458; WESTON COUNTY PARCEL # 4561292301800 / ZONED COMMERCIAL
 - Restaurant License #1:** HIGH PLAINS PIZZA, INC. d/b/a Pizza Hut #211; TRACT OF LAND 139, 7' X 150' IN NW ¼ SW ¼ OF SEC 28, T45N, R61, WESTON COUNTY ZONED C-1
 - Restaurant License #2:** ISABELLA'S LLC, d/b/a Isabella's; SOUTHERLY 60' OF LOTS 1-3, BLOCK 10, ORIGINAL TOWN, ZONED C-2
 - Club License #1:** NEWCASTLE COUNTRY CLUB - d/b/a Newcastle Country Club; NE ½, SW ½ OF SEC 20, T45N, RANGE 61W OF 6TH P.M., ZONED AG
- Dated This 16th Day of January 2014
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Commissioner Minutes

JANUARY 20, 2014

The special meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 11:59 a.m. with Chairman Seeley presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners: Lenard D. Seeley, Jerry Shepperson, Randy Rossman, Tracy Hunt; Ray Hunkins, Attorney-Hunkins and Newton Law Firm; Donald B. Hansen, County Attorney and Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk. Commissioner Ertman was not present for the special meeting. The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the Weston County Event Center.

Weston County Event Center

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to enter into executive session under Wyoming Statute 16-4-405 (a) (iii) on matters concerning litigation to which the governing body is a party or proposed litigation to which the governing body may be a party. **Carried.**

The meeting entered executive session at 12:01 p.m. Present were: Commissioners: Lenard D. Seeley, Jerry Shepperson, Randy Rossman, Tracy Hunt; Ray Hunkins, Attorney-Hunkins and Newton Law Firm; Donald B. Hansen, County Attorney; Jerry Hunt, Contract Engineer; Dean Kettley, Fairgrounds Manager and Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk.

The meeting returned to open session at 1:18 p.m. with all present.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to proceed with Mr. Hunkins' recommendations on the Weston County Event Center. **Carried.**

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

(Publish January 30, 2014)

Foreclosure Notice

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the "Note") dated September 10, 2012, executed and delivered by Nhoun Pheak and Kasie M Pheak ("Mortgagor(s)") to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Premier Home Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns ("Mortgagee"), and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by Mortgagor(s), to Mortgagee, and which Mortgage was recorded in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming, on September 11, 2012, at Reception No. 738195 in Book 339 at Page 861;

WHEREAS, the Mortgage has been duly assigned for value by Mortgagee as follows:

Assignee: Wells Fargo Bank, NA.
Assignment dated: October 14, 2013
Assignment recorded: October 18, 2013
Assignment recording information: in Book 348 at Page 211

All in the records of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale, pursuant to the terms of the Mortgage, has been served upon the record owner and party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to first publication of the notice of sale;

The property covered by said Mortgage is described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND LYING IN THE SE1/4SW1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 47 NORTH, RANGE 66 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WYOMING HIGHWAY 116, WITH THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WESTON COUNTY ROAD NO. 18, WHICH POINT LIES S 89°27'W, 2874.73 FEET FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 13; THENCE S 88°51'W, 550 FEET ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID COUNTY ROAD NO. 18; THENCE N 1°09'W, 342.02 FEET; THENCE N 88°51'E, 724.26 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SAID HIGHWAY NO. 116; THENCE S 25°51'W 383.85 FEET ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

with an address of 5 Soda Butte Rd, Upton, WY 82730.

WHEREAS, the property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale. Any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Wyoming Statutes Section 34-4-109 (2003) that the foreclosure sale of the above Mortgage, scheduled for January 21, 2014 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY, Weston County, State of Wyoming, has been postponed to 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on March 4, 2014 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY, Weston County, State of Wyoming.

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City Council Minutes

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2014

Councilman Todd Quigley called the regular meeting of Tuesday January 21, 2014 to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were: Roger Hespe, Linda Hunt, Archie Callander, Iva Carter, and Todd Quigley. Absent: Mayor Greg James. Also present Department Heads: Deputy City Attorney Don Hansen, City Clerk/Treasurer Brunner, Police Chief Jim Owens and Engineer Hartley as well as several guests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Todd Quigley added Item #3, Citizen's Business Verbal reference Fire Dept. Archie Callander moved and Roger Hespe seconded to approve the agenda for January 21, 2014 as amended. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Linda Hunt moved and Roger Hespe seconded to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 6, 2014. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION: None. **CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION:**

Councilman Quigley gave a Certificate of Appreciation to First State Bank in appreciation of their \$3000 donation to the Newcastle Greenways project.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS – IN WRITING: None. **CITIZEN'S BUSINESS – VERBAL – 1.** Donna Howard, Executive Director of FOCUS appeared before Council. She reviewed the status of the FOCUS program and the services currently being provided. There are no trained advocates on board yet. She requested the City release the funding that has been set aside so far in FY 2014 be released to FOCUS. Linda Hunt expressed reserves regarding the amount of services provided currently. Councilman Quigley stated that he wanted to refer to a Committee of the Whole to be held on Feb, 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regular Council meeting. 2. Norma Shelton appeared before Council to discuss the 125th Celebration of the City of Newcastle. She commented on the work of the Newcastle Arts and Culture Task Force and she reviewed profits from functions and where those funds were spent. She reviewed upcoming events for the celebration and how the task force is encouraging and working with those individuals who run the "regularly happening" events to "incorporate" the 125th celebration into their event. 3. Donny Munger appeared to give the results of the Newcastle Fire Department election for the 2014 calendar year. 2014 officers are: Fire Chief – Donny Munger; Assistant Chief – Austin Baker; Secretary – Chris Kenney; Treasurer – Greg Gregory. Roger Hespe moved and Archie

Callander seconded to approve the slate of officers as presented for the calendar year 2014. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Councilman Quigley asked News Letter Journal Reporter Todd Bennington what awards the newspaper had received at the State Journalism convention.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS: - 1. Councilman Quigley read a request for approval of an electrical contractor license for the calendar year 2014: **Dakota Electric**, Master Electrician Brent Allan Olson; Journeyman Electrician Jason Swaney; Apprentice Electricians, Benjamin D. Shank, Cory A. Biggs, and Adam M. Bender. All fees have been paid and proof of insurance and bond has been provided. Roger Hespe moved and Linda Hunt seconded to approve the electrical license as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:
City Engineer Hartley: 1. gave a presentation regarding the request by Steve and Sandy Goodwin to abandon an alley by their house. He discussed easement issues and the possibility to put a cul-de-sac at the end of Butte Drive. Council consensus was to have the City Attorney draw up the proper paperwork for the cul-de-sac and abandonment, surveys, etc.

Police Chief Jim Owens - 1. reported that there was a Police Committee meeting that evening at 6:00 p.m. regarding the future of the E911 system; 2. he reported on the number of calls so far in 2014 (up 30 calls) as compared to last year in January; there have been an increase in traffic contacts; domestic violence calls and harassment calls have increased dramatically. 3. Officers Herrberg and Tacy are in their third week of the academy and doing well; dispatch is back up to full strength.

City Clerk/Treasurer Brunner – 1. reviewed the Municipal Court Report for December 2013; 2. She presented **RESOLUTION #1, SERIES A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING GOVERNOR MEAD'S UNIFIED NETWORK PHASES I AND II PROPOSAL.** Council did not know much about the Unified Network so she was instructed to research that more and present information at a future meeting. 3. She presented the Crowell & Sylte audit engagement letter for FY 2013 and asked for approval for Mayor James to sign the letter. Linda Hunt moved and Archie Callander seconded to approve the mayor's signature on the audit engagement letter. **MOTION CARRIED.** She also requested approval to be designated as the city individual to oversee non-audit services. Archie Callander moved and Iva Carter seconded to approve appointment of Treasurer Brunner as the non-audit services individual. **MOTION CARRIED.** 4. She reminded Council that Governor Mead will be at City Hall to meet with local government officials from 1:00 to 2:15 pm on

Wednesday, January 29, 2014. 5. She reviewed the State Consensus Revenue Estimating Group Report for January 2014.

Deputy City Attorney Hansen - 1. he had nothing other than the easement review on Butte Street presented during Engineer Hartley's report. There was no **STANDING COMMITTEE, WRITTEN BUSINESS, NEW BUSINESS, or OLD BUSINESS** reports.

Linda Hunt moved and Archie Callander seconded to pay claims dated January 21, 2013. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Archie Callander moved and Iva Carter seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:03PM.

Claims: Ad-Pro, tape, pads, pens, \$32.44; Alpha Communications, tower rent, \$95.00; American Business Software, 6 months website hosting, \$354.00; American Engineering, semi-annual landfill monitoring, \$9851.25; American Water Works, 2 membership renewal, \$344.00; AT&T Mobility, cell phone usage, \$594.22; Bearlodge, Ltd., Safe Routes to School study, \$9629.50; Bierschbach Equip., air filter, nozzle, \$348.02; BH Auto Salvage, tow Unit #7, \$75.00; BH Plumbing, check heat at landfill, \$85.00; BH Power, electricity, \$1560.10; BH Truck & Trailer, parts, \$39.94; Butler Machinery, parts, \$303.41; Cambria Supply, tire chains, \$141.86; Centurylink, extended warranty, \$8948.66; Century-Link, monthly E911, \$953.37; Collins Communications, monthly off-site storage, PD customer care contract, \$1845.00; Culligan Water Conditioning, bottled water, \$50.00; Dana Kepner, parts, \$840.00; Deckers, groceries, \$143.02; DRM, Inc., pipe for refinery bore, \$4357.82; Frontier Home, Ranch, supplies, \$340.43; Hallie Bell, city hall cleaning, \$360.50; Hillyard, bags, towels, \$94.43; International Code, membership, \$125.00; International Assn of Chief, membership, \$120.00; Jenner Equip., skid plate, filters, \$232.28; Motor Power, glass/sender/frt, \$125.08; Newcastle Equip., supplies, \$214.98; Newcastle Hardware, supplies, \$471.20; Newcastle Police Dept, postage, cleaning, \$62.37; News Letter Journal, annual subscription, \$45.50; Norco, supplies, \$22.63; Northern Safety & Industrial, coveralls, \$1015.51; Northwest Pipe, supplies, \$1446.27; Office Shop Leasing, lease/copy chg, \$146.19;

Oil City Supply, supplies, \$40.98; One Call of WY, December tickets, \$31.00; Pete Lien & Sons, concrete sand, \$580.27; Petty Cash, filing/notary, \$52.00; Pollardwater, flow test kit, \$1031.46; Powder River Energy, electricity, \$648.54; Rapid Delivery, delivery services, \$42.60; Regional Medical, exam, \$100.00; RT Communications, tele, \$319.62; RT Communications, tele, \$1517.67; Schaefer Systems, garbage cans, \$6608.00; Shopko, supplies, \$174.90; TEAM lab, Root Force, \$495.00; Valli Info, online payments fee, \$150.00; Waterworks Industries, seal & gasket, air pump, \$1912.96; WEBT, life insurance, \$105.50; Wesco Gas, propane, \$983.45; Weston Co. Road & Bride, December fuel, \$9737.84; Weston Co. Treasurer, tax handling, airport draw # 8 & #4, \$683.97; Weston Co. Clerk, youth services, \$989.33; WY Dept of Ag, license renewal, \$25.00; WY Assn of Municipalities, WAM Winter Workshop registration, \$220.00; WY Automotive, antifreeze, \$64.62; WY Water Quality, membership renewal, \$60.00; **WATER DEPOSIT REFUND:** Delores Holguin, \$100.00; Lew McDowell, \$98.03; WY Game & Fish, \$45.52;

Greg James, Mayor
ATTEST:Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Deb Mills

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Budget Notice

NOTICE OF BUDGET AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the board of Weston County Commissioners proposes to amend the county budget for the fiscal year 2014 in the following particulars:

Increase the General Fund portion of the budget because of unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$78,000.00 and transfer the funds from the County Road Fund to the Preliminary Road Construction expenditure line item 413.50.44.0078000.0000. This Budget Amendment will allow gravel for the following roads: 1.5 miles of the Raven Creek Road at a cost of \$29,250.00, and 2.5 miles of the Materi Road at a cost of \$48,750.00.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that these matters will be considered and acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting on February 18, 2014 at 10:45 a.m. DATED this 21st day of January, 2014.

Board of County Commissioners
Weston County, Wyoming

(Publish January 30, 2014)

City Financial Report

CITY OF NEWCASTLE SEMI-ANNUAL FY 2014 YTD FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH DECEMBER, 2013

ACCOUNT	REVENUES			GOAL-50%
	NET ESTIMATE	YTD RECEIPTS		
Taxes	\$695,000.00	\$441,252.86		63%
Licenses & Permits	\$162,000.00	\$83,261.46		51%
State Shared Revenue	\$1,525,664.00	\$876,646.47		57%
Office Services	\$0.00	\$137.00		
City Hall Rental	\$12,230.00	\$10,200.00		83%
Police Department Revenue	\$158,125.00	\$85,948.35		54%
Cemetery Revenue	\$13,068.00	\$5,325.00		41%
Other General Revenue	\$1,514,969.00	\$595,057.10		39%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	\$4,081,056.00	\$2,097,828.24		51%
Water Revenue	\$1,194,640.00	\$628,555.15		53%
TOTAL WATER REVENUE	\$1,194,640.00	\$628,555.15		53%
Sewer Revenue	\$305,787.00	\$119,354.06		39%
TOTAL SEWER REVENUE	\$305,787.00	\$119,354.06		39%
Garbage Revenue	\$756,186.00	\$311,082.66		41%
TOTAL GARBAGE REVENUE	\$756,186.00	\$311,082.66		41%
Semi-Annual				
TOTAL REVENUE 2013-14	\$6,337,669.00	\$3,156,820.11		50%

ACCOUNT	APPROPRIATIONS (Through December 2013)			GOAL-50%
	APPROPRIATED	YTD EXPENDED		
Legislative	\$30,825.00	\$11,142.59		36%
Judicial	\$23,230.00	\$9,552.92		41%
Executive	\$7,200.00	\$3,599.96		50%
Clerk & Treasurer	\$127,855.00	\$59,456.10		47%
City Attorney	\$33,600.00	\$16,800.00		50%
General Administration	\$337,811.00	\$173,208.92		51%
City Hall	\$23,900.00	\$10,158.69		43%
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$584,421.00	\$283,919.18		49%
Police Department	\$1,127,870.00	\$474,359.11		42%
Fire Department	\$184,000.00	\$30,874.11		17%
City Engineer/Protective Inspection	\$67,936.00	\$17,303.23		25%
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$1,379,806.00	\$522,536.45		38%
Streets & Alleys	\$1,455,793.00	\$1,271,420.08		87%
City Engineer-Street Department	\$58,596.00	\$33,691.82		57%
Cemetery	\$72,639.00	\$10,661.97		15%
Airport	\$91,905.00	\$33,302.63		36%
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$1,678,933.00	\$1,349,076.50		80%
Senior Citizens Center	\$30,000.00	\$7,500.00		25%
Weston Co. Children's Center	\$9,000.00	\$2,250.00		25%
NE WY Mental Health	\$6,500.00	\$1,625.00		25%
FOCUS	\$6,500.00	\$-		0%
Weston Co. In-Home Health	\$5,500.00	\$1,375.00		25%
Weston Co. Youth Services	\$14,956.00	\$4,559.70		30%
Ambulance Service	\$100,000.00	\$49,999.98		50%
RENEW recycling	\$12,600.00	\$6,300.00		50%
TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	\$185,056.00	\$73,609.68		40%
Parks	\$211,340.00	\$92,758.82		44%
Newcastle Recreation Board	\$41,500.00	\$10,588.22		26%
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	\$252,840.00	\$103,347.04		41%
Humane Society	\$17,000.00	\$4,250.00		25%
Chamber of Commerce	\$13,000.00	\$3,250.00		25%
Elections	\$-	\$-		
TOTAL OTHER GENERAL EXPENSES	\$30,000.00	\$7,500.00		25%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$4,111,056.00	\$2,339,988.85		57%
WATER FUND				
Debt Service/Bond Payment	\$62,710.00	\$59,840.29		95%
Wells, Tanks & Equipment	\$246,000.00	\$71,534.95		29%
Transmission and Distribution	\$473,192.00	\$148,609.53		31%
City Engineer - Water	\$39,696.00	\$14,031.44		35%
Accounting & Collection	\$61,930.00	\$22,115.74		36%
Other General Expense	\$311,112.00	\$65,621.52		21%
TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT	\$1,194,640.00	\$381,753.47		32%
SEWER DEPARTMENT				
Sewer Department	\$274,956.00	\$76,940.27		28%
City Engineer - Sewer	\$30,831.00	\$12,890.59		42%
TOTAL SEWER DEPARTMENT	\$305,787.00	\$89,830.86		29%
GARBAGE DEPARTMENT				
Garbage	\$341,480.00	\$159,547.83		47%
City Engineer - Garbage	\$60,846.00	\$11,533.06		19%
Other General Expenses	\$353,860.00	\$97,458.82		28%
TOTAL GARBAGE DEPARTMENT	\$756,186.00	\$268,539.71		36%
Semi-Annual				
TOTAL APPROPRIATION FUNDS 2012-13	\$6,367,669.00	\$3,080,112.89		48%

Charita Brunner, City Clerk/Treasurer

(Publish January 30, 2014)

Deadline for Legals noon on Friday

Utility Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Procedural Rules and Special Regulations, notice is hereby given of the application of Black Hills Power, Inc., (BHP or the Company) for a general retail electric service rate increase of \$2,782,883 per year. BHP is also requesting changes be made to its tariffs.

BHP is a public utility as defined in W.S. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C), providing retail electric public utility service under certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by the Commission. BHP is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction under W.S. § 37-2-112. BHP is a subsidiary of Black Hills Corporation that serves approximately 2,700 electric customers in Northeast Wyoming.

BHP filed its application on January 17, 2014, seeking the rate increase generally described above for its provision of retail electric services, effective on or before October 1, 2014. BHP is requesting a 10.25% return on equity equating to an 8.48% return on rate base. BHP states if the proposed rate request is approved, a residential electric customer using an average of 800 kilowatt hours each month can expect an increase of \$22.90 per month. BHP states the increase experienced by commercial, industrial and governmental customers will vary depending on rate class, load factor and the level of their natural gas and electricity demand and usage. However, the impact on individual bills may vary from the proposed increase in rates. Further, the rates ultimately approved by the Commission on an individual customer class basis may be lower or greater than those being proposed by the Company. Customers interested in knowing exactly how the electric rate proposals would affect their actual bills should contact BHP.

In addition to the proposed changes in rates for electric service, BHP is also proposing certain revisions to its electric service tariffs to incorporate its proposed changes in its rates for electric service. BHP is also requesting approval for proposed revisions to its Energy Cost Adjustment.

BHP states the rate increase proposed in the electrical application is due to: [i] capital expenditures related to construction of the Cheyenne Prairie Generation Station; [ii] increased investment made in the electric plant infrastructure necessary to meet the system requirements; and [iii] costs related to the decommissioning of three of BHP's coal-fired generation facilities.

This is not a complete description of BHP's application. BHP's application is on file with the Commission at its offices located at 2515 Warren Avenue, in Cheyenne, Wyoming and at BHP's service center located in Newcastle, Wyoming. The applications may be inspected by any interested person during regular business hours or at BHP's website: <http://www.blackhillscorp.com>.

Anyone desiring to file a statement, protest, intervention or to request a public hearing in these matters must so file, in writing, with the Commission, on or before February 21, 2014. The petition(s) shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention(s) or request(s) for hearing and the position and interest of the petitioner in these proceedings.

If you wish to intervene in these matters and/or request a public hearing which you will attend and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Wyoming Public Service Commission at (307) 777-7427 or write to them at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay by dialing 711. Please mention Docket No. 20002-91-ER-14 in your communications.

Dated: January 23, 2014.

(Publish January 30 and February 6, 2014)

Foreclosure Notice

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the "Note") dated August 8, 2007, executed and delivered by Chad Strandien and Kelly Strandien ("Mortgagor(s)") to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for GMAC Mortgage, LLC f/k/a GMAC Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns ("Mortgagee"), and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by Mortgagor(s), to Mortgagee, and which Mortgage was recorded in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming, on August 13, 2007, at Reception No. 696731 in Book 299 at Page 0332;

WHEREAS, the Mortgage has been duly assigned for value by Mortgagee as follows:

Assignee: GMAC Mortgage, LLC
Assignment dated: January 21, 2013
Assignment recorded: January 28, 2013
Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 741148 in Book 342 at Page 642

Assignee: Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC
Assignment dated: August 27, 2013
Assignment recorded: September 9, 2013
Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 746376 in Book 347 at Page 527

All in the records of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale, pursuant to the terms of the Mortgage, has been served upon the record owner and party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to first publication of the notice of sale;

The property covered by said Mortgage is described as follows:

LOT 4 PINE RIDGE ESTATES SUBDIVISION OF WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

with an address of 8 Alpine Dr, Upton, WY 82730.

WHEREAS, the property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale. Any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Wyoming Statutes Section 34-4-109 (2003) that the foreclosure sale of the above Mortgage, scheduled for January 21, 2014 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY, Weston County, State of Wyoming, has been postponed to 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on February 18, 2014 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY, Weston County, State of Wyoming.

Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC
By: The Castle Law Group, LLC
123 West 1st Street, Ste. 400
Casper, WY 82601-0000
(307) 333-5379

(Publish January 30, February 6 and 13, 2014)

Unofficial County Commission Minutes

JANUARY 21, 2014

The regular meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 8:58 a.m. with Chairman Seeley presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners: Lenard D. Seeley, Jerry Shepperson, Randy Rossman, Marty Ertman, Tracy Hunt and County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Shepperson gave the Invocation and Commissioner Rossman led the delegation in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 7, 2014 as published. Discussion ensued regarding verbiage changes to the Library Board heading, the 2014 Legal Newspaper heading and the Teckla-Osage-Rapid City Transmission Project. Commissioner Shepperson withdrew his previous motion. No action was taken, this topic will be re-visited.

FOCUS

Donna Howard, FOCUS Executive Director, met with the Commissioners and discussed criminal stalking, the subject of this month's awareness campaign. Ms. Howard updated the Commissioners on the progress of the FOCUS Board and requested the Commission reconsider funding FOCUS. No action was taken.

Rare Element Resources

Mike Finn, Rare Element Resources, met with the Commissioners and discussed project updates including the announcement that Jeanette Timm was named as the Forest Service's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Project Manager. Tetra Tech has been selected for construction management and consulting on the project. Mr. Finn related that a National Defense Bill has been passed by Congress to stockpile Rare Elements. Mr. Finn requested members of the Commission attend scoping meetings scheduled for March 2014. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:40 a.m. and reconvened at 9:47 a.m. with all present.

CLG Historic Preservation Board

Lucille Dumbrell, Historic Preservation Board Chair and Fran Lehman, Secretary, met with the Commissioners and updated the Board on Historic Preservation activities. Mrs. Dumbrell discussed an extension of the grant funding for the Mallo Camp Cabin rehabilitation and interpretive site project until June 30, 2014. No action was taken.

Wyoming County Commissioners Association (WCCA)

Pete Obermuller, WCCA Executive Director, met with the Commissioners and discussed bills of interest in this legislative session. Mr. Obermuller discussed Governor Mead's proposed appropriation of direct versus consensus funding. Mr. Obermuller discussed hardship counties and a decrease in funding for both Weston and Niobrara Counties. The Commissioners discussed WCCA's request that counties participate in the "Cooperating Agency" status for the prairie dog management plan. Mr. Obermuller stated that the benefits of this status could be better explained by Gregory Cowan, WCCA Natural Resource Advisor. A meeting with Mr. Cowan will be scheduled. Mr. Obermuller was thanked for his time and information, no action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 10:52 a.m. and reconvened at 11:05 a.m. with all present.

Northern Wyoming Mental Health

Christine Winter, Northern Wyoming Mental Health (NWMH), met with the Commissioners

and requested support for a funding application for services provided by NWMH in our community. Ms. Winter discussed the services provided over the past year in Weston County. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on a written letter of support for Northern Wyoming Mental Health addressed to Alice Russler, Administrator at the Division of Behavioral Health. Discussion ensued, **carried**.

County Assessor-Land Divisions

Tina Conklin, County Assessor, met with the Commissioners and discussed an issue with a recent land transfer of less than thirty-five acres. This transfer is being reviewed by Don Hansen, County Attorney. Mrs. Conklin stated that a property owner met with her and related that the Planning & Zoning Board was not willing to proceed with a proposed single land division. The property owner transferred additional acreage and was no longer subject to single land division regulations. No action was taken.

County Road Fund (CRF)

The Commissioners discussed using county road funds for maintenance on the Buffalo Creek, Raven Creek and Materi Roads. A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to authorize and sign a county road fund eligibility form for 2.5 miles of spot gravel on the Materi Road in the amount of \$48,750.00. Discussion ensued, **carried**.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to authorize and sign a county road fund eligibility form for 1.5 miles of spot gravel on the Raven Creek Road. Discussion ensued, **carried**.

The Commissioners decided to research and possibly bid out the proposed gravel maintenance project on the Buffalo Creek Road which is estimated at a cost of \$87,750.00. No action was taken, this issue will be re-visited.

The meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with all present.

Contract Engineer

Jerry Hunt, Contract Engineer, met with the Commissioners and requested that bids for the Road & Bridge Old Shop Roof Project be tabled until next meeting. Mr. Hunt is gathering information and working with the bidders on this project. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to table bid consideration for the Road & Bridge Old Shop Roof Project until February 4, 2014. **Carried**.

The Commissioners discussed the Courthouse Air Conditioning Project with Mr. Hunt. Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk, reminded Mr. Hunt that corrections to the bid packet are needed prior to proceeding. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 2:03 p.m. and reconvened at 2:06 p.m. with all present.

Public Health

Lori Bickford, Weston County Public Health and Judy Stallman, WY Public Health Supervisor, met with the Commissioners and discussed the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the WY Department of Health and Weston County. Ms. Stallman went through numerous options which allow Weston County to have input into the MOU. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 3:18 p.m. and reconvened at 3:38 p.m. with all present.

Road & Bridge Department

Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman and Don Hansen, County Attorney, met with the Commissioners and discussed issues on the Salt Creek Road. Mr. Williams has received complaints of a speed bump on the road. The

Commissioners reviewed maps and discussed options to gain easement through a portion of the Salt Creek Road. Commissioner Rossman volunteered to contact the landowner and discuss possible options. No action was taken, this issue will be re-visited.

Library Board

Brenda Ayres, Library Director and Library Board Members: Cathy Dunford and Scott Shoop, met with the Commissioners and requested the Board take action to allow \$250.00 employee bonuses for the Library employees. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to authorize the Library Board to pay employee bonuses of \$250.00 out of the Library cash reserve and be reimbursed by Weston County. Discussion ensued, **carried**. The recorded votes are as follows: Yea: Commissioners Shepperson, Rossman and Ertman; Nay: Commissioner Hunt.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to approve the minutes of January 7, 2014 with the following amendments:

Amendment under the heading "Library Board" to strike the following verbiage: "Cathy Dunford and Candy Driver-Ratigan, Library Board Members, met with the Commissioners and discussed the recent employee bonus which included only those Weston County employees paid through the County payroll. Chairman Seeley explained that the Library employees were not intentionally excluded, however; the Library and Fair Boards are separate entities with separate budgets and payrolls." And replace with the following verbiage, "Cathy Dunford and Candy Driver-Ratigan, Library Board Members, met with the Commissioners and voiced their concerns that while Weston County employees paid through the County payroll were awarded bonuses; the Library employees were not resulting in a perception among the Library employees that they were a lesser class of employee. Chairman Seeley explained that the Commission intended no such inference and the distinction only resulted because the Library and Fair Boards were separate entities with separate budgets and payrolls."

Amendment under the heading "2014 Legal Newspaper" to strike the following verbiage, "Weston County received two sealed bids from the News Letter Journal and the Weston County Gazette for the 2014 legal County newspaper. Both bids were opened and read aloud by Chairman Seeley and were for the same price as last year. After review and discussion..." And replace with the following verbiage, "Weston County received two sealed bids, one from the News Letter Journal and one from the Weston County Gazette to become the official legal newspaper of Weston County for the year 2014. It was noted that the readership of the Gazette was substantially from the Upton area, while the readership of the News Letter Journal was substantially from the Newcastle area. While the bid from the Gazette was significantly lower, Bob Bonnar, Editor of the News Letter Journal, represented that if his firm were this year again designated as the official publication, it would continue its practice of paying the Gazette its bid rate, to also publish the same information. Thereby, the readers of either newspaper would have ready access to reports of the County's official business at no additional cost to the County."

Correction under the heading "Teckla-Osage-Rapid City Transmission Project" to strike the following verbiage, "Commissioner Ertman stated that she would write a letter to be presented during the comment period." And replace with the following verbiage, "Commissioner Ertman stated that she would respond to the Wyoming County

Commissioners Association (WCCA)."

Carried.

Mallo Camp Water Tank

A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on a Wyoming Water Quality Application Form for the Mallo Camp Water Tank Replacement Project. **Carried**.

Disclosure of Public Funds

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to accept completed and notarized Disclosure of Public Funds forms pursuant to W.S. 6-5-118 from the following persons: Lenard D. Seeley, Jerry Shepperson, Randy Rossman, Tracy Hunt, Martha Ertman, Mamie C. Krank, Shawnda Morrison, Susan Overman and Denette Price. **Carried**. The disclosure statements will be filed.

Cancellation of Taxes

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to accept and sign (12) twelve Cancellation of Taxes in the following particulars: #1083 issued to Maxim Drilling & Exploration in the amount of \$6,350.57; #1086 issued to Starla Starkey in the amount of \$3.32; #1087 issued to Starla Starkey in the amount of \$3.36;

#1088 issued to Starla Starkey in the amount of \$3.42; #1089 issued to Larry Ellis in the amount of \$84.81; #1090 issued to Larry Ellis in the amount of \$77.31; #1091 issued to Larry Ellis in the amount of \$78.20; #1092 issued to Alfred & Patsy Bears in the amount of \$56.40; #1093 issued to Alfred & Patsy Bears in the amount of \$57.40; #1094 issued to Leslie & Sharon Francis in the amount of \$231.52; #1095 issued to Andrew Wright & Letea Boggs in the amount of \$1.83 and #1096 issued to Andy Wolfe in the amount of \$5.06. **Carried**.

Rebates of Taxes

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to accept and sign (2) two Rebates of Taxes issued to Winter Ridge Energy in the following particulars: #1084 in the amount of \$7.12 and #1085 in the amount of \$450.97. **Carried**.

CLG Historic Preservation Board

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on a completed annual report from the CLG Historic Preservation Board for the period October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013. **Carried**.

Budget Amendment Hearing – County Road Fund

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to set a Budget Amendment Hearing for February 18, 2014, at 10:45 a.m. to consider the transfer of funds in the amount of \$78,000.00 from the County Road Fund (CRF) to the Preliminary Road Construction expenditure line item; to allow for spot gravel maintenance on 1.5 miles of the Raven Creek Road and 2.5 miles of the Materi Road. **Carried**.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Lenard D. Seeley, Chairman
Attest: Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk

(Publish January 30, 2014)



Blotter

January 12, 2014

Injured deer reported. Report of a dog at large. VIN inspection. Message delivery requested.

January 13

Barking dog complaint. VIN inspection. Traffic hazard reported. Vandalism reported. 911 hang up. Motorist assist.

January 14

Suspicious activity reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic hazard reported. Report of a dog at large. Report of a dog at large. Injured deer reported. Report of a dog at large. Minor accident reported. Assist other agency. Minor accident reported. VIN inspection. Welfare check requested. Assist other agency. Report of a dog at large. Report of a dog at large, Impounded. Traffic hazard reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

January 15

Traffic hazard reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Trespass reported. Drug activity reported. Two VIN inspections. Ministerial assistance requested. Report of a dog at large. Trespass reported. Report of a dog at large. Civil problem reported. Disturbance reported. Report of a dog at large. Missing dog reported. 911 hang up. Motorist assist. Suspicious activity reported. Suicide threatened. Traffic stop, no action taken. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Ministerial assistance requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Suicide threat reported. Assist other agency.

January 16

Open door discovered. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Suspicious activity reported. Welfare check requested. Trespass Order requested. Welfare check requested. Motorist assist. Theft reported. Arrest Warrant issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Motorist assist.

January 17

911 hang up. 911 hang up. Report of a dog at large. Dog at large, Impounded. Ministerial assistance requested. Arrest Warrant issued. Dog at large, Impounded. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued. Warrant arrest.

January 18

Fight reported. Welfare check requested. Traffic hazard reported. Parking complaint. Phone harassment reported. Dog at large, Impounded. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued. Drunk driver reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued.

January 19

Drunk driver reported, one arrest. Traffic stop,

Equipment Repair Order issued. Report of a dog at large. Civil problem reported. Assist other agency. Motorist assist. Assist other agency. Civil standby requested. Fireworks reported. Motorist assist. Extra patrol requested. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Welfare check completed.

January 20

Civil standby requested. Trespass Order requested. Residential alarm reported. Equipment inspection requested. Three VIN inspections. Suspicious activity reported. Minor accident reported. Traffic hazard reported. Civil assist. Suspicious activity reported. Traffic stop, no action taken. Civil assist. Report of a dog at large. School security check completed. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

January 21

Traffic hazard reported. Suspicious activity reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Two VIN inspections. Suspicious activity reported. Ministerial assistance requested. Report of a dog at large, Verbal Warning issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Assist other agency. Extra patrol requested. Motorist assist. Suspicious activity reported. Assist other agency.

January 22

Suspicious activity reported. Welfare check requested. Civil standby requested. Injured deer reported. Assist other agency. Assist other agency. Extra patrol requested. Suspicious activity. Assist other agency. Animal abuse reported. Ministerial assistance requested. Assault reported. Extra patrol requested. Message delivery requested. Barking dog complaint. Parking complaint. Suspicious activity reported.

January 23

911 hang up. Traffic hazard reported. Assist other agency. Traffic complaint. Minor accident reported. Assist other agency. Vicious dog reported. Traffic complaint. Minor accident reported. Assist other agency. Traffic hazard reported. VIN inspection. Assist other agency. Suspicious activity reported. Suspicious activity reported.

January 24

Traffic stop, Citation issued. Assist other agency. Funeral escort requested. VIN inspection. Commercial alarm reported. Missing dog reported.

January 25

Welfare check requested. Report of a dog at large. Report of a dog at large. Minor accident reported. Traffic complaint. Traffic complaint. Assault reported. Traffic hazard reported. Found dog reported. Traffic stop, no action taken. Minor accident reported. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. 911 hang up.



Court Report

**CIRCUIT COURT
JUDGE FRED R. DOLLISON**

Daxton Glen Taylor, Exceed 65 MPH On Prmry/Scndry (6+ MPH Over) Hwy, Total Fine Paid, \$105.

Paul R. Piana, Expired/Improper Registration, Total Fine Paid, \$110.

Ian M. Cole, No Registration and Improper Display of Tabs, Total Fine Paid, \$70.

Brandi Diane Dowdy, Compulsory Auto Insurance-1st Offense, Jail Term, 7 Days, Days Suspended, 7 Days, Total Fine Due, \$290.

Brandi Diane Dowdy, Speed Too Fast For Conditions, Jail Term, 7 Days, Days Suspended, 7 Days, Total Fine Due, \$290.

Danny Dean Dowdy, Upton, Violate Legal Weight 4001-6000, Total Fine Paid, \$155.

Heather Burd, DUI, Alcohol to .08%-2nd Offense, W/In 10 Yrs, Jail Term, 30 Days, Days Suspended, 23 Days, Days Credited, 1 Day, Total Fine Due, \$690.

Heather Burd, Compulsory Auto Insurance, Jail Term, 30 Days, Days Suspended, 23 Days, Days Credited, 1 Day, Total Fine Due, \$440.

William Winters, Open Container, Alcohol/Moving Vehicle-1st Offense, \$110.

William Winters, Seat Belt Passenger Over 12 Yrs, Total Fine Paid, \$10.

Lynn W. Schleicher, Exceed 65 MPH On Prmry/Scndry (6+MPH Over) Hwy, total Fine Paid, \$82.

Robert T. Goodart, Expired/Improper Registration, Total Fine Paid, \$120.

William T. Waller, Vehicle Over Width Limit (Daytime), Total Fine Paid, \$110.

Shawn A. Medlen, Upton, Exceed 65 MPH On Prmry/Scndry (6+MPH Over) Hwy, total Fine Paid, \$79.

Davina D. Parks, Expired/Improper Registration, Total Fine Paid, \$110.

Daxton E. Taylor, Vehicle Registration Required, Total Fine Paid, \$120.

J. Brandon Workman, Exceed 65 MPH On Prmry/Scndry (6+MPH Over) Hwy, total Fine Paid, \$82.

Timothy A. Hedrick, Upton, Seat Belt, Passenger Over 12 Yrs, Total Fine Paid, \$10.

Stephen R. Stroud, Exceed 65 MPH On Prmry/Scndry (6+MPH Over) Hwy, total Fine Paid, \$79.

Patrick Huey, Mobile Machinery Operate W/O Registration, Total Fine Paid, \$65.

Timothy Leo Nolan, Stop Sign, Total Fine Paid, \$120.

Cole M. Shepperson, Upton, Exceed 65 MPH On Prmry/Scndry (6+MPH Over) Hwy, total Fine Paid, \$93.

Jeried D. Hill, Seat Belt Passenger Over 12 Years, Total Fine Paid, \$10.

Jade Dean Willadson, Possess Controlled Substance, Plant- 3 oz. Or Less, Jail Term, 30 Days, Days Suspended, 30 Days, Total Fine Due, \$690.

Melissa L. Gray, Valid Driver's License, Total Fine Paid, \$120.

Georgette M. Nelson, Expired/Improper Registration, Total Fine Paid, \$120.

Whitney A. Taylor, Unlawful Contact: Rude, Insolent Or Angry Touches W/O Bodily Injury, Total Fine Paid, \$440.

Donovan Lee Lewis, Interfere W/Peace Officer, Jail Term, 180 Days, Days Suspended, 178 Days, Days Credited, 2 Days, Total Fine Due, \$590.

Cindy L. Corley, Improper Use of Child Restraint System-1st Offense, Total Fine Paid, \$50.

Ronald W. Sandness, Improper Use Of Child Restraint System-1st Offense, Total Fine Paid, \$50.

Randy C. Hershey, Seat Belt Driver, Total Fine Paid, \$25.

Wendy A. Vrana, Upton, Exceed 65 MPH On Prmry/Scndry (6+MPH Over) Hwy, total Fine Paid, \$82.

(Amended Abstract of Court Record)

Lovell John Prell, Take Over Limit Big Game Trophy Game/Wild Bison, Total Fine Paid, \$420.

Incorrectly stated Lovell James Prell in the previous court news. The Court filed the correction to the News Letter Journal.

MUNICIPAL COURT
JUDGE PATRICK F. CROW

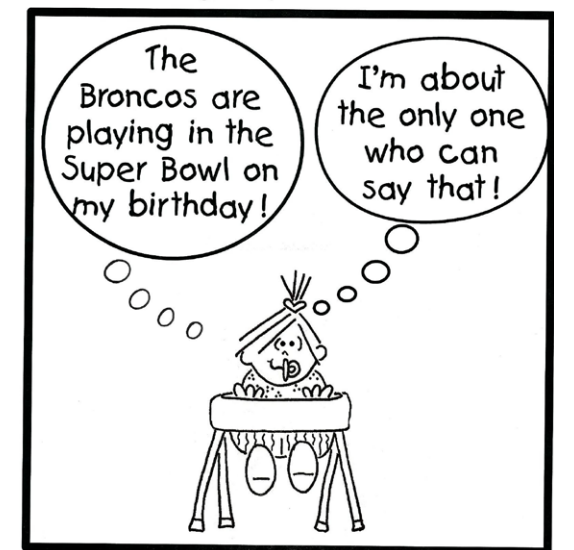
Bryce Allen Smith, Stop Sign, Total Fine Paid, \$90.

Kieran T. Winter, Speed Too Fast For Conditions, Total Fine Paid, \$50.

Zebulia C. Wiggins, Dog At Large (1st Offense), Total Fine Paid, \$45.

Jeffrey W. Jones, Superintendent's Speed Zone, Total fine Paid, \$92.

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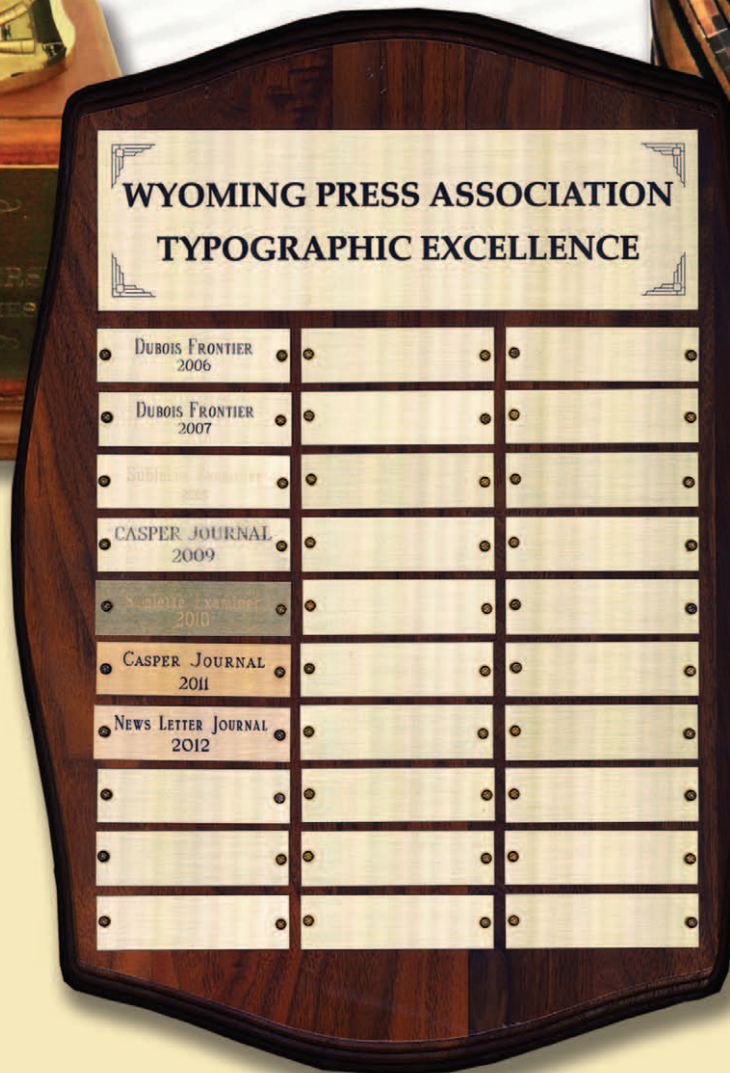
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