

Opinion

News Letter Journal

Our view

Caucus coming!

All eyes have been on Iowa and New Hampshire over the past couple of weeks, as those two states became the first to choose their favorite candidates in both the Republican and Democratic primaries or caucuses. By the time you read this editorial, Wyoming will be only a month away from announcing its chosen candidate on the Republican side, but we can't say that we blame you if you didn't notice. None of the candidates did either.

A few years ago, Wyoming tried to make itself a more attractive campaign stop by moving its caucuses up in the schedule in the hopes of giving the presidential primary in our state a bit more importance, but the decision to move up on the calendar did nothing more than anger the national party when other states threatened to follow suit.

We have long lamented the fact that our sparse population does little to encourage candidates to make appearances here, as our state doesn't possess enough voting delegates at national conventions to warrant a significant amount of attention from presidential hopefuls, but the lack of participation on the part of Wyoming voters in the presidential primary season is a problem that should be placed right on the doorstep of our respective state party headquarters.

Wyoming is forced to hold primary caucuses because our primary election will not take place until August—about a month after the Republican and Democratic National Conventions. As you were able to see in Iowa, however, a caucus system is capable of attracting a high level of participation from voters, but Wyoming's state parties have never worked very hard to generate excitement on the part of the electorate, and we think they should focus their efforts on doing so before they make any other attempts to draw the attention of national candidates. We aren't sure why Wyoming's caucuses have been so poorly promoted and attended, but we want to encourage Weston County voters to start changing that this year. The Republican precinct caucuses for Weston County will be held on February 27, and the Republican County Conventions across Wyoming are scheduled for March 12. If you wish to vote for your candidate this primary season, we urge you to attend the precinct event on February 27 to earn a spot at the table when the convention is held two weeks later. If you want a voice in the process of selecting our next president, this is your chance.

But you've got to take it.

Letters to the Editor

Armed rebellion was not justified

Dear Editor,

In response to this author's recent essay about the armed rebellions in Nevada and then Oregon, a reader sent me a news article about them. Here are some thoughts and observations after reading it.

1) According to the article, the Hammonds were convicted of a crime by a jury of their peers, not just some high-handed government official. If their cause really deserved sympathy, it seems like at least one juror would have taken their side. When you can't get even one person to take your side at trial with all the evidence presented, you probably don't have a leg to stand on.

2) Seems like a lot of outsiders decided to stick their noses into a situation that wasn't really any of their business.

3) Maybe these people do have a legitimate and legal grievance against the government. I'm not a lawyer so I can't say one way or the other on that.

But what I do know is that that does not justify armed rebellion.

If anyone has a gripe with how the government is doing things, anyone can take their case to the courts; lobby the legislature to change the laws; or rally other citizens to elect a new slate of lawmakers and officials at the ballot box. These are all perfectly acceptable.

Armed rebellion is never acceptable and should never be tolerated.

Public protest and civil disobedience are certainly acceptable; the use of force or threat of violence is not.

I have plenty of serious complaints about the government myself. It now permits

the murder of unborn babies, gambling, and homosexual marriage, etc. I know from the Bible that these are all absolutely morally wrong. So should I try to force the government officials at the point of a gun to do as I wish? No, never! Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight. (John 18:36)

—Leonard Lang



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Give our education system a little more credit

Heart beats begin to sync with the ticking of the clock, counting down the seconds until the school day is over. Thoughts race through each student's head.

"I just want to go home. School sucks."

People criticize the United States' education system. Many of these commentators say it is a waste of time or too difficult a task to complete. Although America's education system might have some problems, it is generally underappreciated by our society today.

There are major benefits to our education system that many overlook.

First of all, our education system teaches students responsibility.

Students in the U.S. can fail as easily as they can pass, but so long as students get done what they need to, they will succeed in school. There is no way for a student to succeed without hard work and responsibility however.

This teaches students that having responsibility correlates with future success.

More importantly, our education system teaches students how to be deep thinkers. Most teachers do active lectures and activities, leading students to participate in the learning process. These participation-based classrooms lead to deeper thinking. Deep thinking becomes second nature as students grow, and deep thinking correlates with a drive to find answers.

In the case of our education system, the benefits outweigh the possible negatives.

The ideas that our education system is a waste of time or too difficult are just absurd. Paying eight hours a day in order to gain knowledge is a very valuable tradeoff. One might not use all of the specific information that is learned in school throughout one's life, but more general knowledge makes other concepts easier to understand.

Furthermore, school in the U.S. is a perfect example of how a person gets out of an action what he or she puts into an action.

It is a waste of time if a student goes and does nothing, but if a student goes and works hard to learn, it is worth every second.

The education system is not too difficult to complete either. There are numerous study aids that are available to help students who are struggling.

Whether they use a friend, a teacher, or a reliable source on the internet, information is always at students' fingertips. The ones who claim that going to school is a waste of time or too difficult to complete are the ones who do not put effort into the school system.

Finally, a lot of people say that our education system is flawed because other nations are "proven" smarter than ours.

This is based on testing results, and many people seem to forget that most of the time, nations that are

"smarter" than us only test their smartest students.

While we allow everyone the cheap opportunity to go to school up until college, other nations test students to see if they qualify for high school. This means that when the testing truly matters, only the smartest students of other nations are tested and compared to every student in the United States, regardless of ability.

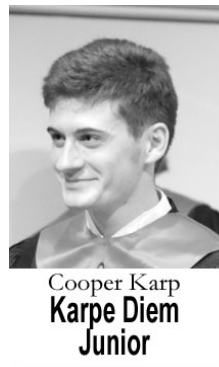
The U.S. education system is not nearly as intense as other nations. Other nations go to school for nearly ten hours a day. In the U.S., students attend an eight hour school day, if not less.

The U.S. benefits its students by leaving independent thought to the student. Other nations are strict about schoolwork. Some of the nations the U.S. competes against educationally do not allow students to put creativity into projects. If students do not do the project the way the professor says it should be done, it is thrown away and students must start from scratch.

The U.S. values independent thought much more than other nations, and that is why the U.S. education system is much better than many people think.

Adults and students alike have criticized the U.S.'s education system for many years, leaving our education system incredibly underappreciated. Most of the time, people seem to forget the benefits education brings, such as creativity, independence, and deep thinking.

People need to appreciate our education system and use it to the best of their advantage.



or core classes do.

These core classes require completing assignments and getting graded on these assignments. The difference in workload that the students have to put in outside of class is a huge change. The high school needs to consider the difference in classes that all of the students are taking when thinking about recognizing the top student or students in the graduating class.

Getting work done in high school is not too difficult for those students who have nothing else going on in their lives. However, students who do not have all the time in the world after school have a harder time managing their time to get all of their work done.

Although it is not the only example, students involved in athletics do not get nearly as much time to complete school work. They have practice every night after school, their weekends are packed with games, and they are pulled from

class many times to go to games.

Like I said, sports are not the only example. Students involved in speech and debate, students who obtain jobs, students who are involved in church groups, and students who are members of other afterschool programs are also in the same situation.

Another student, who is not involved in extra activities, has all the time in the world to get his or her school work done, so it is not terribly difficult for them to do so.

Students who are involved in more things other than class work have to work harder for good grades.

To receive good grades in high school, all the students have to do is go to class and get their work completed. Yeah, it requires some students to work a little bit harder than others, but it is not terribly difficult for students at Newcastle High School to receive good grades.

What would really show that these

students are so upstanding is them doing something great for the community. If, in order to be valedictorian, students had to complete a number of community service hours or show an extraordinary contribution to the community, not only would make it more difficult for students to receive this honor, but in return would help out the whole community.

If these students are going to be recognized as the best in the class, they should show excellence over the rest of the students.

Valedictorians are supposed to be the top (one) student in the graduating class. Newcastle High School does not expect enough out of its valedictorian students.

The valedictorian title in Newcastle is not as much of an honor, because it is not hard to receive. There needs to be more consideration into valedictorians than just grade point average. There needs to be a point system that points out one and only one top student that shows excellence over the rest of the graduating class.

Set the bar higher for the NHS Valedictorian

A valedictorian is a student who typically has the highest academic achievements of the graduating class. Since when does the top student all of a sudden turn into five students who just received a 4.0 GPA?

Newcastle High School does not expect enough out of its valedictorian students, and there needs to be more consideration when analyzing valedictorians than just grade point average.

There is a huge debate going on nationwide over whether students should receive participation awards or not. Newcastle High School offers a number of classes that are graded based on participation. Classes such as physical education, industrial arts, and fine arts are based purely on the student showing up to class and working.

To receive an 'A' in participation-based classes, the student only has to show up to class and participate.

Although it may be more enjoyable for the students, participation-based classes do not require as much outside classwork to be put in as college credit



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up being subject to change over time anyway as new commissioners are elected.

For his part Hunt said the thought of trying to develop such a statement gives him "pangs of anxiety." He said he feels it is unnecessary and that the commissions' mandate is clear from the nature of the position.

"I think we all know that we have a limited amount of resources that we have to allocate among a broad range of competing uses," he said, adding that a lot of critical decisions will have to be made this year.

"I can't get excited about a mission statement,"

Hunt concluded.

Barton responded by saying that he hopes that a mission statement would help prioritize the use of resources, particularly if they are diminished by an expected decline in tax revenues.

Ertman said that priorities might be established apart from a formal mission statement, while Chairman Bill Lambert said that though he has little interest in what he termed a feel-good mission statement, he is interested in something that involves setting measurable goals. Lambert said he thinks discussion on the matter could continue at future meetings.

Commission Clips

Discussion items at the Feb. 2 meeting of the Weston County Commissioners included the following:

- Joseph Cummings was reappointed to the board of the Central Weston County Solid Waste Disposal District for the term spanning 2016-2020.
- The commissioners raised concerns in relation to the fair board's recent decision to raise prices for the rental of fairgrounds' facilities, as reported in the Jan. 21 edition of the News Letter Journal. The commissioners stated they hope to clarify what they said they believe are some possible misconceptions on the part of the fair board. Commissioner Randy Rossman indicated he will attend the next fair board meeting in order to voice the county's concerns.
- The commissioner's voted to provide an additional \$10,000 to the county coroner's budget for a case requiring a coroner's inquest. County Coroner Cynthia Crabtree had originally requested \$20,000, though Commissioner Tracy Hunt recommended that the issue could be revisited if the \$10,000 proves insufficient.
- County Administrator Dan Blakeman reported that Black Hills Bentonite has provided a letter asking to withdraw the company's request for clearance for hauling on county roads for the time being. The company stated in its letter that its mining permit application will not be complete for

at least a year and thus the company intends to approach the county at a later date.

- A vote was taken to authorize the chairman's signature on a letter addressed to State Hazard Mitigation Officer Melinda Gibson of the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security. The letter states that the county is interested in pursuing inclusion in a regional hazard mitigation plan to be paid for entirely by the state.
- Cliff Pedulla appeared to voice a list of complaints against Northern Wyoming Mental Health. Among the grievances lodged by Pedulla was that he was allegedly not properly screened for kidney problems he said he told staff about in relation to a medication he was prescribed, resulting in his hospitalization. Pedulla also alleged that his confidentiality as a patient had been compromised by staff. He made a similar presentation to the Newcastle City Council the previous evening.

Pedulla, who works as an arborist, also asked the commissioners about what he said was \$7,000 paid to a competitor for tree-trimming work at the Weston County Fairgrounds, which he said was never completed or even started. Pedulla indicated he would have liked to have been

awarded the contract.

- County Administrator Dan Blakeman told the commissioners he is working on streamlining the process by which contractors are paid for work on county projects funded by WYDOT and SLIB grants. Problems with the process have resulted in significant delays in paying contractors for work completed.
- Blakeman reported that work on the Weston County Event Center continues and is headed in what he described as the right direction.
- Emergency SLIB funding to refurbish the Weston County Courthouse's fire alarm and sprinkler system has been declined, Blakeman mentioned, though the SLIB board encouraged the county to come back with the request in June.
- The commissioners voted to accept a bid for \$8,962 from Collins Communication to upgrade the phone system on the main floor of the courthouse.
- County Assessor Tina Conklin and other county officials presented a draft copy of an employee handbook they have been working on, which has been reviewed by Bill Miller of the Local Government Liability Pool, to the commissioners for their review and feedback.

Correction:

The Commission Clips portion of the Jan. 28 edition of the NLJ misleadingly suggested that Commissioner Tracy Hunt has already filed a lawsuit in regard to the presidential candidacy of U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX). Hunt has threatened to file suit against the Wyoming Secretary of State if Cruz's name is allowed to appear on ballots. Hunt's objection to Cruz's candidacy is based on questions as to whether Cruz can be considered a natural born citizen. Cruz was born in Canada to an American mother.

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the cost of the actual audit.

The council questioned whether or not money would be saved by utilizing both services. Both James and Sylte admitted that it is unlikely that money would technically be saved, but suggested costs could be maintained at the level that is being paid now.

Sylte acknowledged that other CPAs are capable of completing the tasks, but said he "would bet at least a dollar" that he could reach the final product quicker than an outsider who is brought in. He also noted that if City Clerk Charita Brunner were ever to leave her position, it would be nice to have his knowledge and experience on hand.

James clarified for the group that Brunner is not opposed to preparing the financial statements herself, but suggested the training to develop the ability to do so is not available. He also indicated that when he held the position of Clerk/Treasurer prior to becoming mayor, he did not prepare the statements either.

Sylte explained that an auditor's job is to simply perform tests and procedures on the financial statements, but not to actually prepare those statements. Because of the relationship he has had with city government, internal control was an issue for the City of Newcastle that was brought up in a recent peer review he took part in. He reported that the person completing the peer review noted a "significant deficiency in the internal control because the city does not prepare the financial statements."

"The point is, I really believe our profession is going to get more stringent and stringent in regard to whether you are independent enough preparing financial statements," Sylte declared. "You can provide technical assistance, but with what I am proposing here I would not have to be independent, even though I still would be." He noted that a recent class he attended touched on the fact that bigger cities are hiring one CPA in town to complete financial statements and hiring

another to complete the audit.

The council came to the consensus after listening to the proposal made by Sylte to have Brunner contact other audit firms and get quotes on what the cost would be to get the city's audit done, both with and without the help of Sylte in preparing the financial statements.

"I totally understand this is just one piece of the puzzle. You have to see what the total cost is between the two of them. I am just hoping I can assist any new auditor. I can guarantee they will be very interested when you can just hand them the financial statements," Sylte acknowledged before telling the group that he has enjoyed working with the city and tried to find a way to continue the relationship on some level.

"I am here to basically try and assist. I was thinking, 'Heck yeah! I would really like to keep doing this and could be a benefit to the next auditor,'" he said, indicating that hiring him would allow the next auditor chosen by the city to perform a "true audit."

City Beats

Items of interest from the February 1 Newcastle City Council meeting

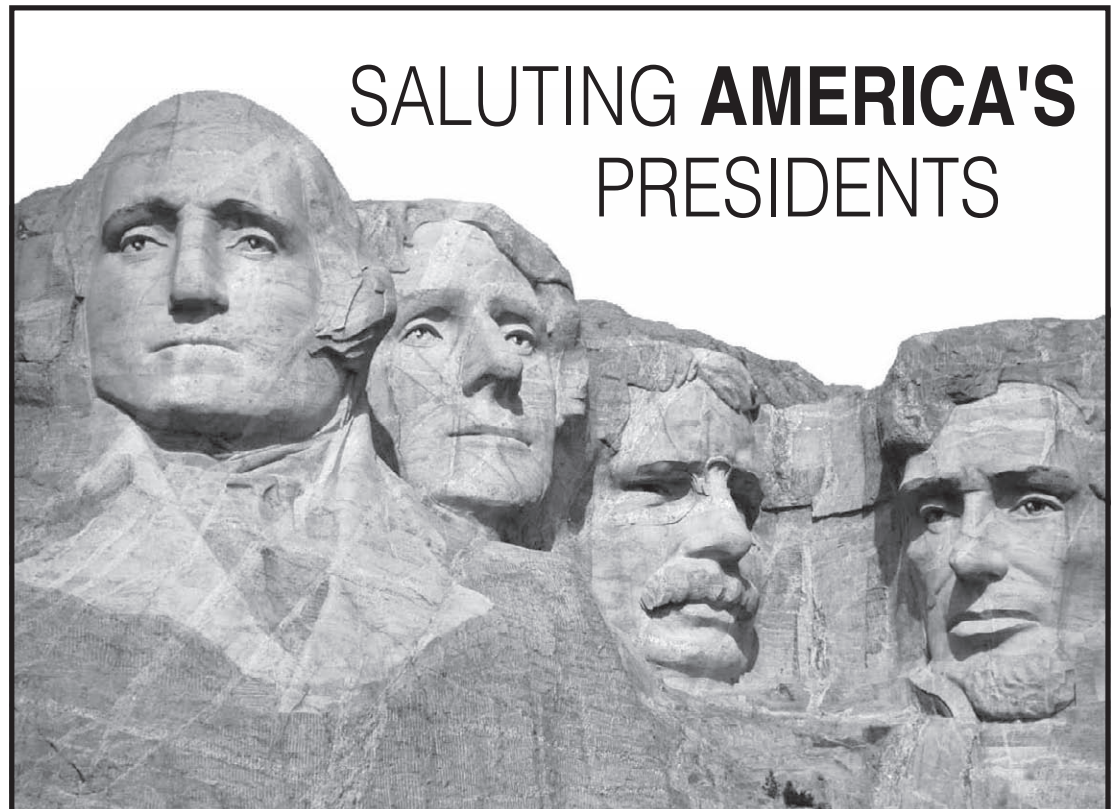
- The council voted to support a resolution provided by the Wyoming Association of Municipalities that asks state legislators for financial support for local governments from in the current budget session. The resolution specifically asks for funding for all 99 towns and cities throughout Wyoming. The resolution expressed support for a separate budget bill specifically for the funding of cities and towns.
- City Clerk Charita Brunner reported that the Wyoming Lottery will be sending a

million dollar check to the Wyoming Treasurers Office that will get divided amongst the 99 Wyoming cities and towns. She admitted that Newcastle will not see a significant amount of money, but some extra funding will be headed the city's way. Brunner also noted that the Wyoming Lottery paid off the loan they received when the lottery officially began in Wyoming, and expressed the belief that the financial picture is good for that entity.

* City Engineer Bob Hartley reported that the City of

Newcastle has recently begun shipping cardboard to facilities for recycling because the price of cardboard has finally reached an amount that makes it possible to do so without incurring a financial loss.


* City Clerk Charita Brunner reported that the Weston County poverty rate was up to 13.2 percent in 2014. In 2013, the rate was only 9.9 percent. She noted that the median household income for Weston County was also down 6.4 percent from 2013, with 2014 seeing a median income of \$55,520.





SALUTING AMERICA'S PRESIDENTS

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Births



Ella Jo Cochran

Ella Jo Cochran was born on January 21, 2016 at 10:11 a.m. at Campbell County Health in Gillette. She weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces and 19 inches long. Proud parents are Travis and Shawna Cochran of Newcastle. Grandparents are Allen and Mary Cochran of Wheatland and Gerald and Patti Bolstad of International Falls, Minn. Honored Godparents are Andrew and Brittany Eldien of International Falls, Minn.

Carter Lee Dixon

Ryan and Jessalynn Dixon of Sheboygan, Wisc. are proud to announce the birth of their son, Carter Lee Dixon. Carter was born on January 28, 2016 at Aurora Sheboygan Memorial Medical Center in Sheboygan. He weighed 6 lbs, 9 oz and measured 19 inches long. Maternal grandparents are James and Marjorie Centifanto of Butte, Mont. Paternal grandparents are Randy and Mary Dixon, of Newcastle.

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Persons interested in seeking to be appointed to the Council of the City of Newcastle should submit a letter of interest to the Council by mailing or submitting said letter in person at the City Hall office, 10 W. Warwick, Newcastle, WY 82701 no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 4, 2016. Applicant must be a resident and registered eligible voter of the City of Newcastle. Appointee will fill open council seat until 2016 election. Questions may be addressed to the City Office, M-F, 8-5, at (307) 746-3535.

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Obituary

Janatt J. Singer
Nov. 7, 1935-Feb. 7, 2016
Janatt J. Singer passed away Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016 at Rapid City Regional Hospital after a long illness. She was born Nov. 7, 1935 to Arthur and Agnes Jacobson, in Minneapolis, MN. She was the 5th of 8 children. Janatt met and married Theodore V. Singer of Upton, Wyoming on Oct. 12, 1957. After the birth of two of their four children they moved back to Wyoming from

Minnesota. They made their home in Newcastle and Osage, Wyoming for many years. Janatt worked various occupations in her lifetime with the most important of these being that of a loving wife and mother. Janatt spent the last 18 years of her life residing in Rapid City. She is survived by one sister Elise Roehl, New Hope, MN; three children, Liz

Singer, Deb Coffey, Ted Singer and daughter-in-law Terry Singer. She is preceded in death by her husband Ted and son Leonard Singer; mother and father Arthur and Agnes Jacobson, brothers and sisters, Buddy, Jeanie, Phyllis, Carol, Sharon and Sonny. Janatt resides now with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ where every day is a

celebration of new life with those who have gone on before her. Memorial services will be 1:00 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13th at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Newcastle, with Pastors Frezil and Doug Westerlund officiating. Interment will follow in the Greenwood cemetery. Behrens-Wilson Funeral Home is in care of the arrangements and condolences may be conveyed to the family at behrenswilson.com



Janatt Singer



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- **NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sun. Worship 10 am; Wed. Night Prayer.
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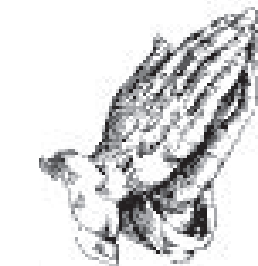
Greatness by Example



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On Presidents' Day we celebrate the memory of past leaders, each one an example of greatness. One was Abraham Lincoln, a man of character and perseverance. He won the presidency after being defeated for public office eleven times. He came from humble beginnings and took nothing for granted, having empathy for the poor and oppressed and believing that everyone should be treated equally "with malice toward none and charity for all". Most importantly, Abraham Lincoln was a man of God. Of the Bible, he said, "Read this book for what on reason you can accept, and take the rest on faith...." Follow a great example and worship God this week.

Weekly Scripture Reading						
1 Cor.	Colossians	John	John	John	John	Luke
13:1-13	3:1-17	3:1-21	3:22-36	14:15-31	15:1-17	15:1-10
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Recapture

A PIECE OF HISTORY

February 13, 1891
125 Years Ago

Jack & Hank Freel, wife, & child were in the city this week. The little girl is badly troubled with her eyes.

A letter was received from Chas. Morrell this week, who was in New York, & intended to sail for South Africa, via London, the next day.

Claude Blitzkie, a blacksmith residing temporarily with friends at Elk Mountain, left a ranch to hunt a deer he had previously killed. He was mounted on a pony to bring in his game. Failing to return at the end of two days a searching party was sent in pursuit of him. Up to this time no tidings have been received from him, but we are informed that the deer he was in quest for of has been found. A sister who recently came to Newcastle to keep house for Claude is stricken with grief over the affair.

Since the above was put in type we learn Mr. Blitzkie has turned up all right.

February 10, 1916
100 Years Ago

John Freel received word last Saturday conveying the

sad news that his sister, Bessie, had died at 2:30 p.m. It was a great shock to everyone in the community, as Mrs. Bessie Bodey was raised here. She was loved by all who knew her. The deceased's relatives have the sympathy of all.

Last Saturday was red letter day. The mercury went above zero & came near reaching the thawing point.

E.P. & F.M. Johnson have been adding some improvements to their mother's residence. They made the rooms much more comfortable & are not through yet.

The Post Office inspector visited Boyd & Horton post offices Wednesday.

February 13, 1941
75 Years Ago

Warning issued against shooting near city limits. A sharp warning was issued yesterday by Deputy Sheriff T.C. Howell to Newcastle youths who have been "carelessly shooting .22 caliber rifles near the city limits, endangering the lives of residents."

A special event honoring the 2nd Motorcycle Platoon, 115th Cavalry, Newcastle Unit of the

National Guard, is being planned for some time after February 24th, the date of mobilization.

"Potato Creek" has birthday. Potato Creek Johnnie, diminutive "king of the prospectors" of the Black Hills, is preparing to journey off to Chicago to the annual travel show this Spring, as he looked back on his years of gold digging in the Black Hills. Potato Creek

Johnnie Perrett celebrated his 73rd birthday February 6th in Deadwood.

The old timers' fiddlers contest Saturday night attracted the best fiddlers, callers, & harmonica players in this section of the country & a capacity crowd jammed the Armory for the square dances & old time steps to help make the affair a decided success.

Should have seen it in color



Fred Williams and "Potato Creek Johnnie." (Photo Courtesy of Anna Miller Museum)

MY LITTLE OLD FORD

Times have changed since we were little
Time just seems like on the wing
Then 'twas just a little saddle pony
But our hearts with joy would sing.

But now its got to be a lizzy
Just a plain old model T
So we can scout around the country
And our neighbors go and see.

Some just think the bigger busses
Are the one and only thing
But to me my little lizzy
Is a cheap and handy thing.

I wouldn't want your horses
Their care is quite a chore
But when I'm not a using lizzy
She is standing by the door.

Sometimes she tries my mettle
When she does not start to perk
Then I hitch the horses to her
And give her just a jerk.

Then she starts to cough and tremble
And shoots out on the road
And if you give her lots of gas
She'll carry quite a load.

I couldn't do without her
And I wouldn't want to try
Tho she sometimes tries my patience
But I managed to get by.

She is handy—very handy
And I know that you will see
That your troubles will be growing
If she's an old, old model T.

Tom Dutcher
November 13, 1930

WHAT'S UP

February 2016

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thurs 11	5:30 p.m.	City Planning Commission	City Hall
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
	7:00 p.m.	HLC Annual Memorial Service	WC Senior Center, Michael's Room
Fri 12	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
Sun 14	2:00 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Catholic Church
Mon 15	7:00 p.m.	City Council	City Council Chambers
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
Tues 16	9:00 a.m.	WC County Commissioners	Court House
	12:00 p.m.	WC Cowbelles	Crossroads Cantina
	12:30 p.m.	Mobile Vets Center	Family Dollar Parking Lot
	6:30 p.m.	Predator Board	Upton Library
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Hospital Board Room
	7:00 p.m.	Helping Hands Foundation	WC Senior Center
Wed 17	9:00 a.m.	WC Senior Service	WC Senior Center
	12:00 p.m.	Newcastle Lions Club	WC Senior Center
	1:00 p.m.	Creative Handicraft Group	WC Senior Center
	1:30 p.m.	WC Weed & Pest	Weed & Pest Office
	6:00 p.m.	WC Humane Society	Shelter
	7:00 p.m.	Book Discussion	WC Library
Thurs 18	6:00 p.m.	WC Health Services	Board Room
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
	7:30 p.m.	Masons	Masonic Lodge #13
Fri 19	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
Sun 21	2:00 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Catholic Church

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 11
Jim Dixon
Weston Bock
February 13
Otto Swenson
Chase Peterson
John Cumming
Don Hansen
February 14
Julia Behnke
Nathan Behnke
February 15
Red Nauslar
Marilyn Clyde
Tyghahn Reynolds
David Sylte
JaNel Dumbrill
Spencer Groner
February 16
Mr. & Mrs. David Sylte
Elta Eatherton
February 17
Billy Quick
February 18
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Koester
Krystal Crinklaw
Jerry Baird
Jasper Bloom
February 19
Rhyse Rhoades
February 20
Jonnaye Rosenau
February 21
Tina Sundstrom

kindergarten registration

The Newcastle Elementary K-2 School would like you to contact their office by Friday, February 19, 2016 and pre-register your child for kindergarten. This preliminary information will help us keep you informed about future developments concerned with your child's kindergarten career.

If your son or daughter's fifth birthday is on or before September 15, and you wish to have him or her enter kindergarten this next year, please call the School Office at 746-2717 and ask for Dawn. At this time we will sign your child up for Kindergarten Screening which will be held May 5 and 6.

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Precinct	# of Delegates	Precinct	# of Delegates
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For the Ages

News Letter Journal

Senior Happenings

WC Senior Services		Happy Hour	3:00 p.m.
February 11		February 14	
Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.	Trivia	11:00 a.m.
Ceramics	After lunch	Church	2:00 p.m.
Community Mem. Serv.	6:30 p.m.	February 15	
February 12		Resident Council	10:30 a.m.
Rolls	9:00 a.m.	Tony's Tunes	3:00 p.m.
Blood Pressure Check	9:30 a.m.	Bingo	6:00 p.m.
Bridge Ladies	1:00 p.m.	February 16	
February 16		Ceramics	10:30 a.m.
Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.	Keepsake Krafters	2:00 p.m.
Helping Hands Mtg.	7:00 p.m.	Stories	4:00 p.m.
February 17		February 17	
WCSS Board Mtg.	9:00 a.m.	Catholic Study	10:00 a.m.
Toenail Clinic	9:00 a.m.	Crossword	10:30 a.m.
Lions	12:00 p.m.	Bingo	2:00 p.m.
Mondell Heights here for lunch		Board Game	6:15 p.m.
Creative Handcrafts	After lunch	February 18	
February 18		Wii	10:30 a.m.
Trip to the Lodge		Al and the Gang	2:00 p.m.
Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.	February 19	
Ceramics	After lunch	Greedy	10:30 a.m.
February 19		Bingo	2:00 p.m.
Rolls	9:00 a.m.	Movie	6:00 p.m.
Belstone Clinic	9:00 a.m.	February 20	
Bridge Ladies	1:00 p.m.	Quizball	11:00 a.m.
February 22		Movie	2:00 p.m.
Visually Impaired Grp.	1:00 p.m.	Bingo	6:00 p.m.
February 23		February 21	
Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.	Proverbs	11:00 a.m.
February 24		Church	2:00 p.m.
Manor here for lunch		February 22	
Creative Handcrafts	After lunch	Wii	10:30 a.m.
February 25		Cooking	3:00 p.m.
Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.	Bingo	6:00 p.m.
Ceramics	After Lunch	February 23	
Manor		Ceramics	10:30 a.m.
February 11		Keepsake Krafters	2:00 p.m.
Food Fancy	10:30 a.m.	Stories	4:00 p.m.
1st Grade	1:30 p.m.	Cards	6:15 p.m.
Manicures	2:00 p.m.	February 24	
Valentines	5:15 p.m.	Catholic Study	10:00 a.m.
February 12		Bean Bag	10:30 a.m.
Greedy	10:30 a.m.	Out for lunch	11:30 a.m.
Bingo	2:00 p.m.	February 25	
February 13		Staycation Washington	10:30 a.m.
Password	11:00 a.m.	Manicures	2:00 p.m.



Around the world in 80 years



Donna Gochanour blows out the candles on her 80th birthday cake during the Senior Center Western Ramblers Dance. (Amy Menerery for NLJ)

Kim Dean
NLJ Reporter

The Weston County Senior Center was a-rocking on Friday, Jan. 29, with the Western Ramblers providing music for their monthly dance night.

But at 8 p.m. sharp, the music stopped and a buffet of food was set up for attendees. In addition to the potluck, a special celebration was held for Donna Gochanour, the News Letter Journal's Senior Correspondent, who turned 80 that day.

Donna professed that she had warned her children not to hold an 80th birthday party for her, but they cleverly squeezed one in for her at an event they know she enjoys, the WCSS dance.

She had a grand time socializing and making her way around the dance floor that evening, and she also noted that she has enjoyed the many cards she received for her birthday.

As a senior correspondent, Donna has covered many milestone birthdays for this newspaper, and with one of her own in the books, she shared a few thoughts about being in the octogenarian club.

"I told Bob [Bonnar] a while back I wasn't going to do any more 80th birthdays, 'cause I was getting too close to having my own," she continued, "I'm just really surprised. Sometime in the summer, I realized I wasn't in my 70s any more. I thought, 'how in the world did I get here?'"

When asked what she felt contributed to her long and healthy life, Donna simply replied—hard work.

"I've always physically been active. I've rehabbed houses and worked on airplanes. When we owned the airstrip, my main job was to get the planes ready for inspection," she described in reference to the years in Alaska she has often told stories about in her bi-weekly columns in the NLJ. She added that, on most days, she feels pretty good, with the exception of tiring faster and a knee that gives her some grief at times.

Donna has shared many of her lifetime experiences with readers through her columns, taking them from her childhood days of growing up on a farm in North Dakota and traveling as an Air Force wife across the country and world, to living at an airstrip in the wilds of Alaska and on a hilltop in northeastern Wyoming.

Donna's life has been filled with adventures that for many people simply wind up on a bucket list that they hope they will one day get to accomplish. Her brother once told her that she's had a bizarre life, and she admits it may seem crazy, but it was interesting and fun—something she is thankful for.

When speaking about her current career in writing, Donna said she isn't sure where the writing came from, although her mother, Ethel Roness, kept everything she sent to her through the years.

"Mother just kept all my stuff. We sent tapes and letters to each other," Donna explained. When her mother passed away, she recovered those items and uses them to refresh her memories.

Her daughter, Amy Menerery, who has been in the newspaper business for nearly 20 years, said her mother is a natural writer.

"Mom has always been a great storyteller—clever, witty and full of humor. You can see it in those letters, and anyone who has listened to Mom tell one of her stories is well aware of it," Menerery said.

The letters and cassette tapes described Donna's life through the years—everything from her children's antics to the many jobs she held across the United States and beyond.

"The [jobs] were all interesting, and I enjoyed them all," she said, noting that she has a hard time picturing anyone working at one job for 20 or 30 years.

When asked if there is anything left on her bucket list, Donna said she likes being home, being quiet, and doing the things she likes to do.

"I've been painting and drawing all my life. I like dancing and sewing. I like carpentry a lot. I'm in the process of trimming out my windows. I like people," she said.

She also enjoys spending time with her family. That includes her four children, four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

As for words of wisdom for future generations, she shared a few.

"Be kind to everybody. That's what I try to do. And do what you can with what you have."

Having lived in many places, Donna marked another milestone a few months ago.

"In September of 2015, it's been 23 years I've been here in Wyoming. It's the longest I've been anywhere," she smiled.

More than just a meal

Donna Gochanour
NLJ Senior Reporter

Feeding the county's senior population has been an ongoing process in Newcastle for many years, and it is also a job that couldn't be done if it weren't for the volunteers that do the job of delivering the meals five days of the week.

The Senior Center has been appealing for new and younger volunteers for some time now, and this reporter interviewed

some of these faithful workers to see just why they do it.

One of the newest ones is Carol Crabbe, who has only been delivering meals for three years. Carol is from California and moved here to live with her brother, who had been diagnosed with cancer. She had recently retired from her second job and had no young family at home to care for anymore.

Delivering meals was a way

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The wonderful world of guns

Growing up as a farm kid in North Dakota, we kids were pretty well used to carrying a BB gun or a little old single shot .22 and plinking at birds and mud hens and stuff. To my utter fascination, during the winter I spent with Grandma Sathern in Auburn Washington, she had a pretty little 1898 Iver Johnson revolver. I was probably about eleven at the time and Grandma lived in a small cottage, one of several in a row on "C" Street. Grandma not only had a gun, she also had a "flasher" who haunted this row of mostly single older women.

On the floor beside her bed was a pair of heavy men's work shoes, and if she heard any suspicious noise outside she would yell, "Is that you Henry, when are you coming to bed?" She stomped the shoes on the floor, and pretended that she had a fella in the house.

She kept the gun on her nightstand and her bullets in a drawer in a cupboard. I was utterly enchanted with the whole idea. Years later, after Grandma passed away, I was given that gun and now I keep it locked away. It's too hard to get black powder bullets that I'd need for it.

My granddad died when I was six months old and eventually Grandma remarried. Ernie Dumas

was the only grandfather I ever knew and during the second World War, he was a security guard at The Boeing Factory.

He carried a Smith & Wesson .38, a beautiful gun. After he died, each of the grandsons got one of his rifles, but I got the revolver—along with his hat, his badge, his holster and his extra ammo in a leather holder that fit on his belt. I also got a couple of boxes of hand-loaded ammo.

That ended up, as the only gun I had, being my Alaska gun—the one that I strapped on every time I got into the airplane and went out to my cabin.

I got some lessons from a family friend of ours, Mike Barbarick, an officer in the Anchorage Police Department. He and his wife, Deanna, had been good friends ever since we got there in 1970 because of our mutual interest in aircraft.

We have a lot of Barbarick stories to tell! He had me practicing out behind the hanger one day until I shot a poor little willow tree in half. I was pretty proud of myself to have put enough ammo

through that skinny little tree trunk to knock it over.

So there I was. I had been flown out to the cabin, and was following aircraft safety rules—"wear what you'd wear if you had to walk out"—and I got this big gun whanging and banging on my leg. If we had to go down in an emergency, I wanted that thing with me.



Donna Gochanour
I Remember When

This was the summer that I was painting the cabin, and later I was on a ladder with my faithful little dog, Bud, standing guard and facing up the trail. I had an old t-shirt, a pair of yellow shorts, ragged tennis shoes, a bucket of paint and my brush—and the monster gun strapped on. I was a little nervous over on the back side of the cabin where there were no windows, and the only out was off the ladder and down on the ground.

But like Larry the Cable Guy, it was "get er done," and I did.

Later on, when I started carrying bank deposits from the bar to the bank in Wasilla, I stopped in at the trooper station to find out if I needed a permit or anything, but they just told

me to strap it on and wear it.

So I did!

I felt kind of silly, but better safe than to lose all the money and get fired! Everyone in town just about was carrying, and it would have been plumb foolish not to be armed in the Bush.

When they came in the bar, I had them check their guns with the bartender, and she or he locked them in the liquor cabinet until our guest was ready to leave. Of course, you had to learn who had an ankle holster or a shoulder holster that they weren't declaring, but that would have been grounds to get them 86'ed out of the bar and most folks were pretty good at following the rules.

Now here I am, and my daughter and I are going to the Ladies' Self Defense classes. This is a whole different thing from carrying a gun for bear protection, but when we started Laurie was afraid to even hold a gun. Now she's running around her house cooking, washing dishes, watching TV—all while, as her husband calls it, "strapping the big iron on."

He also admits that it makes a really mellow husband out of him!

Makes me giggle.




SPEECH DRAMA, DEBATE



Back row: Anna Gettinger, Colin Heaton, Madison Frazee, Coach Michael Alexander, Flint Hossfeld. Front row: Assistant Coach Lindsey Burling, Heather Michaelis, Emily Pearson, Kinlee Whitney, Ashton Alarid, Laura Chord, Megan Logan. (Photo courtesy of LifeTouch)



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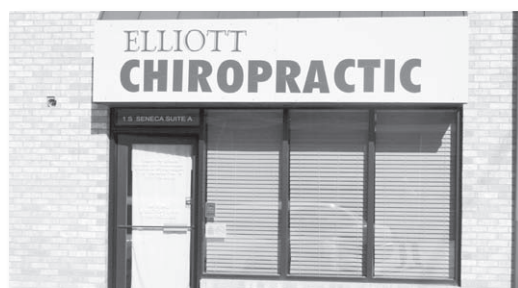
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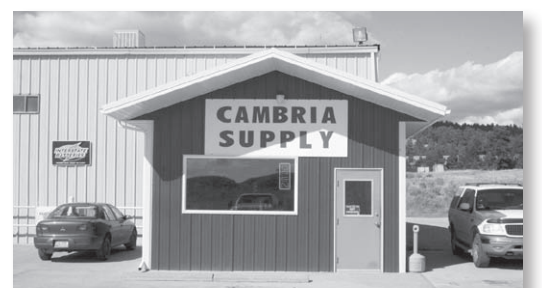
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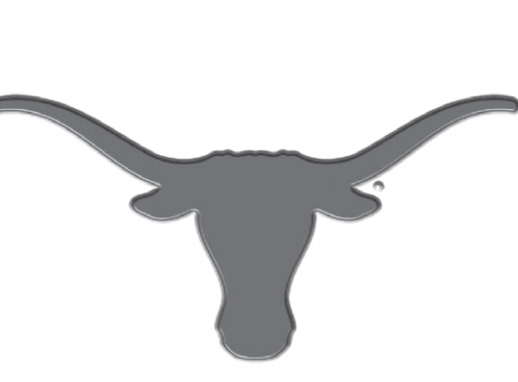
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Bronco fans benefit BREAD



Sharon Roness for NLJ

Bronco fever was high at the First United Methodist Church on Super Bowl Sunday, as parishioners loaded tables with donations for the UnitedInOrange food drive.

Following the announcement that the Broncos were going to Super Bowl 50, Methodists in Broncos Nation were invited to help us beat Charlotte both on and off the field by collecting non-perishable food items for our local food pantry. All donations had to be in by noon on Super Bowl

Sunday.

In addition to the main competition with the Methodist Panther fans in Charlotte, Wyoming Methodists were challenged to a side competition with the other Districts within the Mountain Sky Area (Colorado, Montana, Utah and Wyoming) to see which could collect the most items.

Newcastle rose to the challenge, collecting a total of 683 items—counting cans, boxes and dollars—for the BREAD Office. Although results from Carolina were still pending as of Monday evening, Broncos fans at the 140 participating sites could celebrate having contributed a total of 360,664 donations to feed the hungry in their areas.

“Thanks go out to all who donated, who helped count and package the piles of donations, and to Chris and Herb French for delivering them to BREAD,” volunteer Sharon Roness said.

Along with the congratulations from the food drive coordinator, Rev. Brad Laurvick, came this sobering reminder: “Please remember that this work is not over! Most food pantries will go through this food in a matter of weeks, if not sooner. We must remain United in our efforts to eliminate hunger.”

To which the BREAD volunteers would no doubt say, “Amen.”

Education expert speaking here

Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

In the wake of a new federal law, local educators are continuing to look for ways to improve instruction.

As such, author and education consultant Dr. Anthony Muhammad is scheduled to present at a day-long WCSO #1 staff development event at Crouch Auditorium on February 18.

The Wyoming Department of Education has contracted with Muhammad to hold a number of similar presentations at school districts across the state, according to WCSO #1 Superintendent Brad LaCroix.

LaCroix said Muhammad’s talk will focus on some of the current challenges in education and how schools can work through those challenges through collaboration. LaCroix said

he expects members of other local districts to attend the event, which is open to the public.

The day-long presentation will be divided into four parts: “The Basic Professional Learning Community Overview,” “Transforming School Culture,” “Developing Authentic Collaborative Teams,” and “Assessing Whether Students Have Learned What All Students Should Be Able to Know and Do.”

The event is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Muhammad, a popular speaker on the education circuit, has authored or contributed to several books dealing with staff and administrative issues and has held a variety of positions as a teacher and principal at the middle school and high school levels.

Meals

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Carol Crabbe

to give back to her new community, to do something useful, and it helped her get acquainted with others in her new home. She feels that in many cases, the person who is delivering meals to an elderly or home-bound person is the only human contact these people get in a day.

Crabbe says that it troubles her if they are instructed to leave the meal in a container of some sort on the porch. She likes it better when they come to the door, so that she knows that the person is okay. There are homes also that are “knock and go in,” so that she can visually check on the person she delivers to.



Marge Huber

Many of our volunteers are getting very old themselves, and have been doing meal delivery for 20 to 25 years. Marge Huber is one who delivered meals, quit for a time to attend to family life and after being widowed, started again. Huber remembers that in the days before the current Senior Center was able to provide the meals for delivery, The Old Mill was the place that created the meals.



Marlene Dixon

Huber remembers, too, one incident where a client didn't come to the door for their meal. They tried calling them from a neighbor's phone with

no results, and a police officer was notified and found that the client had passed away. In a way, the volunteer who delivers the meals is a safety measure, and when the volunteers get done with their deliveries they can report to the office if they find somebody who doesn't answer the door.

Marlene Dixon started delivering meals when a friend, Frances VanBuren, talked her into it. Although she doesn't remember the exact year, she's estimating that she has been doing deliveries for 20 to 25 years also.

Van Buren recalled delivering meals from the small location, formerly Crum's Department Store, on Main Street that had become the first Senior Citizens Center, but even before that meals came from the old hospital that served the community from 1949 to 1986.

All of the volunteers mentioned the fact that the human contact, even if it's only a few words, is just as important a part of the job as getting a healthy meal. The visit from the Meals on Wheels crew is a sort of a “Life Alert” checkup as well.

For all of these benefits, volunteers share an average of two hours per week out of their lives—a small price for a large benefit.

Writer

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romance to suspense to mystery,” Blare stated.

Undeterred by her early failures, Blare said she has learned to take what she can from criticism and discard that which is merely negativity or otherwise unusable. To that end, she's a member of a writer's group associated with the organization American Christian Fiction Writers.

Blare is an advocate of pursuing publication by traditional means. Though the internet has opened up other avenues to authors, namely self-publishing and vanity publishing, in which an author pays to have copies of his or her work printed, Blare said she is skeptical about their benefits in most cases.

That's because self-published works typically don't go through the same stringent editing process that works put out by regular publishing houses do, often resulting in a lower quality product replete with grammar and typographical errors.

“You don't want to do that to your reputation and to your writing,” she figured. “Self-publishing has taken off for a reason. They don't have to worry about getting the rejection letters. Rejection letters are hard but they teach you something. They teach you how to be a better writer.”



Renee Blare

Among Blare's advice to those looking to eventually see their work in print is to continue to write entirely new material rather than simply editing and rewriting initial work.

“You're not going to get your own writing style and voice unless you keep writing,” she maintained.

Blare also touted the value of developing a web presence through social media and blogs as a way of attracting publisher interest and as a basis for marketing.

Of her personal writing process, Blare said she writes on a regular schedule, treating her writing as a second job. She works on a computer, she said, beginning with character sketches rather than the plot. Blare indicated some of her scenes come to her in the form of dreams and she often gets up in the middle of the night in order to write.

“That is what I want to share with people: don't let that intimidation keep you from even trying,” she said encouragingly. “Have faith in your writing, what the Lord tells you to write, and what you can do. Don't let anybody tell you that you can't.”

Blare is published by Prism Book Group. She can be found on the web at www.ReneeBlare.com and at reneeblare.wordpress.com.

Survey

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lack of adequate space in a number of areas.

“We run into issues of no room to socialize,” declared Farnsworth, who noted that concerns over room weren't limited to social space, but also expressed over the size of rooms provided to those in long term care.

“Another big issue is adequate space for personal possessions,” announced Farnsworth, who expressed the hope that at least some of the space issues are being addressed in the construction project taking place at present. She said bathrooms also need to be expanded, according to the survey, with patients and relatives both voicing concerns over the lack of space for staff and patients.

Patients, or their families, also expressed the need for more outdoor and physical activities for those in long

term care at WCHS, as well as the need for more physical therapy.

Farnsworth reported that the information in the surveys is being examined by personnel in each department, and that they will all identify at least one issue in which to focus on improvement. She did say that a number of areas were determined to be in good standing, and have little room for improvement.

“Food and meals are looking really good, but you can't please all of the people all of the time,” Farnsworth smiled. She expressed the belief that the hospital has improved significantly in recent years, and noted that the survey results demonstrated that patients have noticed.

“It looks excellent and if it was done a couple of years ago this would have been different,” professed Farnsworth,

who noted that another area that received positive response was the amount of respect shown for individual rights. On the flip side, security issues and communication were both identified as areas that could be improved.

Farnsworth did report that the outpatient survey may not have been presented to enough patients, and indicated that the staff at WCHS needs to give the surveys to more patients and encourage them to return them so issues can be addressed. She said the outpatient surveys that were returned “looked good,” and contained a number of positive comments about the lab and emergency room both.

“The worst score was for the therapy room being uncomfortable,” Farnsworth shared.

She did not get into great detail about the physical, occupational, and

speech therapy surveys, but did note that they had excellent results and that they were even broken down by specific practitioner.

Inpatient surveys had a response rate of 38 percent, and it was made clear by Farnsworth that the total does not include swing beds. She said the survey company has agreed to add swing beds to the mailing list in the future.

“It was a good looking survey. There are a couple of areas we can look at,” proclaimed Farnsworth, who reported that, for the most part, patients were satisfied and indicated that they would recommend the facility to people in the future.

According to Farnsworth, the Home Health survey is like the hospital's inpatient survey, but Home Health Director Carmen Allison admitted her belief that

a number of the surveys are tossed in the trash by clients. She explained that her staff is trying to encourage patients to fill out the survey, but they have had to explain that no one is going to “get in trouble” due to the information provided on the survey.

Farnsworth said the outpatient pharmacy “kinda did their own questionnaire,” but that it received excellent results.

That was largely the case with most of the survey responses, and Farnsworth said community seemed truly grateful to have a hospital in Weston County.

“Thank you, thank you for doing this for our community,” Farnsworth read from the comments on one questionnaire. She noted that people seemed to be extremely happy that they now possessed another option for filling prescriptions.

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have some concerns and issues with just because it's generally the state trying to [exert] more control on local boards and districts," he stated.

Turning to legislation coming out of the Senate, Hunt mentioned Senate File 14, which prohibits district officials from requesting access to students' digital information accounts, and SF 25, which increases the Hathaway Scholarship's per semester award. The exact amount of increase is dependent on high-school GPA and ACT scores.

Hunt said he doesn't object to the Hathaway increase but would like to see a bill introduced in the future that automatically adjusts the award amount to keep up with tuition inflation, so that new bills don't need to be repeatedly introduced.

As for the Select Committee on School Facilities, on which he serves as vice-chair, Hunt reported that its budget proposal has been finished and is in the hands of the Joint Appropriations Committee for review.

He said there are currently no direct impacts to WCSD #1, but that the facilities funding model will be an issue going forward.

"We have money to spend through this biennium for that account," he elaborated, "but beyond that, if prices continue to stay as they are with the energy industry, we're going to start seeing some shortfalls. We're going to have to start looking at ways to restructure that model, possibly by bringing in money from other accounts, possibly by getting our income into that account from other means ..."

District Maintenance Director Greg Gregory informed Hunt that at a number of meetings he has attended the slowing of capital construction projects has been discussed, with focus turning to asset preservation. He asked Hunt what, if anything, he has heard in that same vein.

"A lot of people believe," Hunt responded, "and I think there's a certain amount of truth to it, that with our surplus revenues we've had for years now that we've gotten a little bit spoiled, and the answer to everything has been build a new school rather than renovate what's there. That will be going into the discussion in the next year or two for school facilities funding in general ... That's been discussed -- directing more funding toward upkeep and renovation rather than building

new structures to maintain."

Turning back to SF 14, Board Chair Bob Bonnar said he is concerned about a provision in the bill that states that teachers or other district officials who ask for a student's digital account passwords will be fined \$1,000 for a first offense and \$2,500 for a second violation.

"There was a school safety presentation [at a Joint Education Committee meeting] that showed that in 93 percent of the active shooter situations in schools in the last ten years someone knew about it and there was evidence prior to the incident on social media," Bonnar recalled.

Bonnar said he values student privacy, but doesn't want to dissuade teachers from acting to address potentially serious threats.

"I asked members on the senate side to reconsider that fine," he told Hunt. "I don't think it's right to put our teachers in that position."

Hunt agreed with Bonnar's reasoning, saying he believes clarifying language that makes exemptions for credible threats and emergencies should be included in the bill.

This year's Budget Session begins in Cheyenne on Feb. 8.

School Notes

Discussion items at the Jan. 27 meeting of the WCSD #1 Board of Trustees included the following:

- District Bus Driver Dave Whitford appeared in order to thank the board for maintaining a policy that requires a doctor's note if three consecutive work shifts are missed, which he said caused him to seek medical attention he might not have otherwise. Whitford is currently recovering from a form of leukemia and indicated he originally believed the symptoms related to its acute onset were from the flu.

- Business Manager Deb Sylte presented the district's financial report for the second quarter of the fiscal year (July 1-Dec.31). \$5,272,465 has been spent to date out of \$14,048,280 in budgeted expenditures for this year, according to figures Sylte provided. Percentage wise, the \$5,272,465 represents about 37 percent of this year's budgeted expenditures. The board voted to approve the report.

- The board voted to approve a Middle School Comprehensive Support and School Improvement Plan for raising student achievement at the middle school. Superintendent Brad LaCroix described the plan as flexible. In response to a question from Trustee John Riesland, LaCroix confirmed the plan is related to No Child Left Behind, which will continue to be in effect for the next year or so as the details of its replacement, Every Student Succeeds, are ironed out. Board Chair Bob Bonnar clarified with LaCroix that the plan is also required by state accountability standards. All improvement plans are on the district's website for public review noted Dave Ehlers, the district's director of technology.

- Maintenance Director Greg Gregory reported that the elementary school addition is now mostly complete, with a few details to be finished after the close of the school year. The district is still holding about \$13,000 in retainage in relation to the project, he said. The outside siding resurfacing of the elementary school was done quickly and efficiently

- by the contractor, Gregory went on to say, with the true test coming this spring when the birds that caused the damage return. Preliminary bidding for a similar resurfacing of the high school's siding will occur on Feb. 10. Work on the construction of a new maintenance shop and school marquee are underway, Gregory also reported, with a number of other improvement projects set to be undertaken over the summer.

- Student Body Representative Sierra LaCroix reported that a blood drive will be held at the high school in March. No exact date has yet been set. LaCroix said she would be assisting with a Special Olympics skiing event held last Friday that six other NHS students were set to attend.

- Technology Director Dave Ehlers reported that funds distribution has been recalibrated for a federal funding program called E-Rate, meaning that money for internet and cell-phones needed by the district will be less available. On the flipside, the district may be able to qualify for E-Rate funding in order to bury a fiber-optic cable, he indicated, in order to make the cable more secure and less obtrusive. Ehlers said the district can allow the state to apply for the funding and apply later themselves if the state's request is denied. The PA system in the NMS gymnasium is failing and the intercom system in general is becoming obsolete, Ehlers went on to report. He stated he has met with state and Homeland Security representatives about developing a security plan utilizing the intercom system and hopes to secure funding for upgrades through those sources.

- Double AAces Program Director Tamera Allen told the board all levels of the program will continue to focus on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) activities, which she said the state has been advocating. The state has changed its reporting system, she said, and so some data from 2014-15 has had

to be re-entered into the new system.

- Eastern Wyoming College Outreach Director Kim Conzelman reported that the New Year, New You weight loss program is at 132 participants, which beats last year's numbers. Community Rec Director Jessica Bettorf is assisting with the weigh-ins, Conzelman reported, and has been using them as an opportunity to disseminate information on community rec activities. Conzelman said a total of 25 parents and students turned up for a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) informational night. The high school will also host the spring EWC coordinators' meeting in March, she mentioned.

- Rec Director Jessica Bettorf reported that she had attended a meeting in Rapid City of an organization called Live Well Black Hills that is made up of individuals throughout area communities. She asked that she be allowed to continue to go to the meetings as she tries to implement some of their programs and ideas in Newcastle. Beginning Feb. 1 the aquatic center's fitness room will be open for additional hours in the morning, she told the board, and on Feb. 2 adult open gyms commence.

- Transportation Director Mark Peterson said he is currently training a substitute bus driver, which should help alleviate a driver shortage. He thanked WCSD #7 for having recently provided bus transportation for the wrestling team to a meet in Worland when his department was short-handed.

- Superintendent Brad LaCroix told the board he intends to pursue a new NRA school safety grant in which experts would evaluate the district's safety procedures.

- A discussion on potentially allowing sixth graders to participate in middle school athletics was pushed to the next meeting's agenda due to the absence of its primary proponents -- Trustees Tom Wright and Tina Chick.



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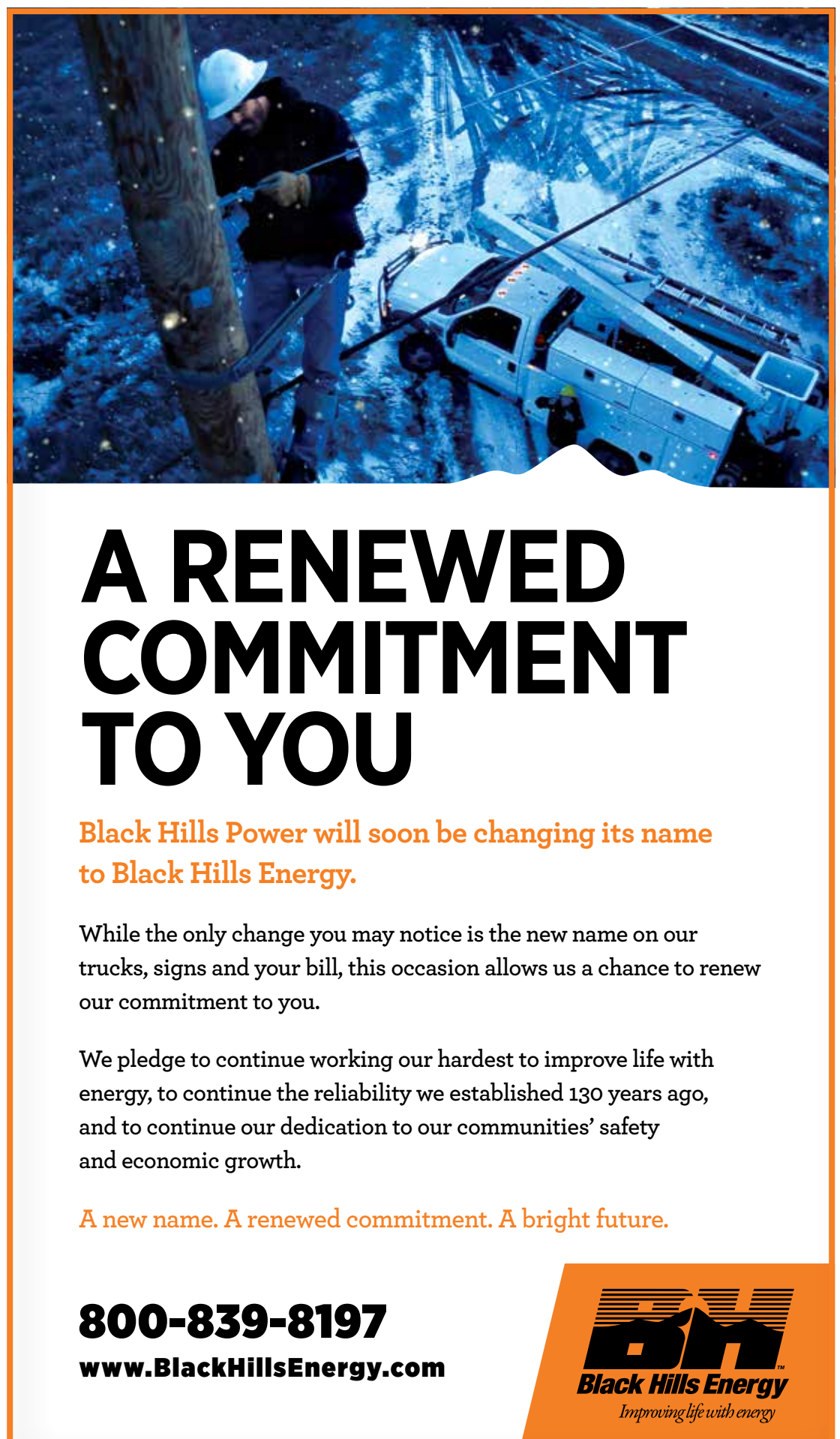
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02/13	V9	Worland Warriors	A 2:30PM
Boys Basketball			
02/12	V9	Buffalo Bison	H 4 PM
02/13	V9	Worland Warriors	A 2:30 PM
Wrestling			
02/11	VJ	* Wheatland Bulldogs	A 6 PM
02/13	VJ	Douglas Bearcats	A 5 PM
Boys Swimming			
02/12-13	V9	Conference @ Rawlins	A TBA
MS Boys Basketball			
02/11		Lead Goldiggers	H 4 PM
02/13		8th Grade Quad @ Wright	8 AM
02/13		7th Grade Quad @ Newcastle	9 AM
02/16		* Moorcroft Wolves	H 4 PM
02/16		"B" Team @ Upton	A 4 PM

Scores

MS Boys Basketball			
01/26	Sage Valley	8th A	W 27-37
01/30	Douglas	8th A	W 36-42
01/30	Wheatland	8th A	W 38-45
Fall Guys Wrestling			
01/23	Lead/Deadwood	02/05	Hill City
Adryan Wolfe	3rd	Ty Stith	3rd
Ty Stith	4th	James Brown	3rd
01/30	Spearfish	Anthony Winebeer	2nd
Anthony Winebeer	2nd	Lukas Sandness	4th
James Brown	2nd	Lucas Benschof	2nd
Jonathan Bainer	5th	Ian Simmons	1st
Ty Stith	4th	02/06	
Ryker Hespe	4th	Wild West Nationals	
Landon Butler	2nd	Ryker Hespe	4th
Ridley Butler	1st		
Camden Ankeney	4th		
Kaden Miller	4th		
Kyah Miller	4th		

Time for a shot clock



Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

Is it time for a shot clock in high school basketball? The debate has been going on for a

while now. Although there are several viable arguments against adopting the protocol in Wyoming and around the country, after watching the system at work in South Dakota for the last couple of years, I have to say that I think I'm for it.

Currently only eight states have adopted the shot clock at the high school level, and they include California, Washington, Massachusetts, New York, Rhode Island, Maryland, North Dakota and South Dakota. By doing so, each state has forfeited their option of being a part of the Basketball Rules Committee as the clock has not been sanctioned by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

Granted, there are several legitimate arguments that have been presented as to why we should not implement the shot clock which certainly make one think that the addition isn't necessary.

One of those is that the clock would take strategy away from coaches who want to slow the game down in order to match up to opponents who may be more skilled offensively. While there are times when I have watched the Dogies play that I would wholeheartedly agree with this argument, I also believe that when two teams are in a battle, it's great to see which will prevail without forcing one team to foul and send the other to the line. That situation, in and of itself, can mean the difference between a few point lead and a double digit lead by game's end.

Another argument that has been lodged is that individual state adoptions shouldn't be allowed, as it puts teams from states who do not utilize the clock at a disadvantage when crossing state lines to play. Given that both the Lady Dogies and the Dogies have competed in South Dakota for the last two years with a shot clock, and have predominantly prevailed against those teams who are "accustomed" to the rule, a pretty good counterclaim that it may not be such a disadvantage has been presented.

A third argument against a shot clock is that education-based basketball doesn't warrant that student athletes and coaches play to entertain the public, but I certainly beg to differ on that one. Come to the Dogie Dome on any given

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Dawson Norton takes the easy layup as Vincent Oedekoven boxes his Douglas opponent out to be in position for the rebound. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

Dogies scorch the nets in Custer

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

Following a disappointing team performance in Torrington, the Dogies were looking to bounce back against the Custer Wildcats last Thursday. They also had their eyes directed toward a return to Northeast Quad competition against the Douglas Bearcats in the Dome on Saturday.

A blistering fast start in Custer made it appear as though the team had fully rebounded from their loss. The squad launched an offensive frenzy on their South Dakota counterparts that was kicked off with a dunk by Taylor Allen and four three-point buckets in the first minutes of the game. The barrage ended with the Dogies up 20-5 by the conclusion of the first quarter.

"Custer is a difficult place to play and it's one of those floors that really is a home court advantage, so we stressed to our kids that we had to get off to a fast start," head coach Allen Von Eye began. "We did just that with the quick three and then getting some stops defensively. Taylor got the dunk, and we just shot the heck out of the basketball."

Despite their 15 point advantage, the Dogies knew the Wildcats were a quality basketball program with a long tradition of winning, and that they had no time to relax against a team of that caliber.

As expected, the Wildcats took advantage of the quarter break to gather themselves after

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Different breed of cat

Ladies topple Wildcats, lose to Bearcats

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

Heading into last week's competition, the Lady Dogies were on a roll after posting 11 wins and only two losses through the first two months of the season. They were looking to build up to 13 wins last week as they took on the Lady Wildcats in Custer on Tuesday, and then hosted the Douglas Lady Bearcats on Saturday.

Though the game on Tuesday didn't count toward the squad's seeding for the Regional Tournament that is fast approaching, coaches and players welcomed the competition as Custer is always a tough opponent and would be a good warmup for the Northeast Quad competition on Saturday.

Both teams entered the contest with winning records – the Lady Dogies

11-2 and the Lady Wildcats 10-4 – and Custer may have had the upper hand given they had home court advantage.

However, the Wyoming squad was determined to prove they were the better of the two, and put together what head coach Tyler Bartlett deemed as one of their best whole game efforts of the year.

"I was really pleased with our performance because it was a pretty darn complete game that we played," he nodded. "We played well defensively and offensively and it was about as well as we've passed the ball all season."

The Lady Dogies dominated Custer from the start of the ball game, executing on both the offensive and defensive ends of the court.

"We had a lot of success in our transitions and we limited their transition game. Because they are a team who generally has pretty good success with that style of play, when we gave them some fits in trying to play their game it resulted in good things for us," Bartlett smiled.

In the 59-35 rout of the Wildcats, several Lady Dogies had outstanding performances. Alyssa Dawson led her

team in scoring with 19 points, and also dragged down six rebounds and picked up two steals. Hannah Cass filled up the stat sheet with 16 points, seven rebounds, two assists, three steals and six blocks, and Abi Deveraux also had a well-rounded performance adding nine points, three rebounds, one steal and one block. Kendra Back contributed four points and six rebounds, Abby Gray added four points, five rebounds and eight assists, Kaprina Jones had another good night with five points and seven rebounds, and Rachel Ehlers rounded out the scoring with two points.

"It was really a great team win and it may have been one of Hannah's best games so far this season as she got into the paint and kept it under control really well. Abby [Gray] having eight assists is really indicative of how she does her job at point guard very well. Abi Dev had a great shooting game and hit a three coming off of a ball screen. That's two games in a row that she has shot very well. Custer was 10-4, so it really was a good win that people may not realize. We did a good job of containing them in the fourth and of really just pulling away for the big win," Bartlett

finished. With a solid win under their belts, the squad turned their attention to the first matchup of the season against the Lady Cats of Douglas in the Dome on Saturday. Though winless in the Northeast Quad coming into the contest, the Bearcats overall 10-4 record told the true story of their success thus far this year.

The Lady Dogies started strong, which is something they have been working on improving throughout the season. Newcastle held the lead at the end of the first quarter and well into the second before Douglas went on a run, scoring nine unanswered points to go up by seven over the Dogies at the half.

"Saturday was just really disappointing. It was 20-18 with a few minutes to go in the second, and then we don't score again while they go on a run to take the lead," Bartlett sighed.

Unfortunately for the Lady Dogies, the second half saw a continuation of the circumstances at the end of the first. Within a minute of the third quarter commencing, the Lady Cats hit their

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Holding their own

Wrestlers take on heavy hitters in Riverton

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

What do you get when every school from every class in Wyoming sends their wrestling squads to compete in one gi-normous tournament?

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considered an all-class state tournament. There aren't any pushover matches and one mistake can cost you a match, as our kids learned," stated head coach Lee McCoy.

While the top nine athletes gave all they had going up against the best wrestlers from around the state, the seven remaining wrestlers competed in a parallel junior varsity tournament, though the term "junior varsity" takes on a whole new meaning at this event.

"This is a tough one for the JV wrestlers, because the varsity division is a tough tournament," assistant coach Matt Clark declared. "There are a lot of varsity wrestlers that compete in the JV level and only run their top kids at the varsity level, so it really is a tough JV situation."

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Upton wrestler James Moberly got a taste for the best wrestling has to offer in Wyoming and Dogie coaches believe he and his teammates will benefit. (Tibby McDowell/Riverton Ranger, Inc.)

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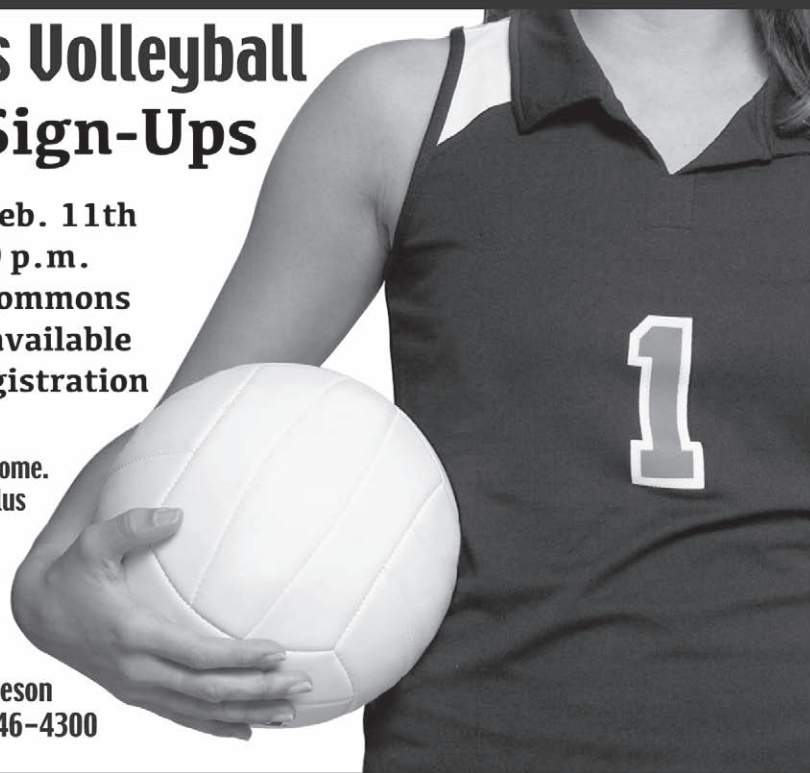
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the Dogies' offensive onslaught over the first eight minutes of the ballgame and outscored Newcastle 13-9 in the second frame to cut into the lead by a bit heading into the locker room at the break.

That set up a second half that proved to be a battle between the interstate rivals. The Dogies won the third quarter and the Wildcats won the fourth, ultimately outscoring their Wyoming opponent 36-32 in the final 16 minutes. Thankfully, the red-hot start by Newcastle allowed the black and orange to withstand the comeback and take the victory 61-54.

"We knew they'd come out in a 1-3-1 zone defense in an attempt to throw us off kilter, but I thought our kids responded really well. We had a lot of great hard cuts and attacked our diagonals really nicely. We had some great kick-outs for three that we capitalized on, and anytime you come out to a great start like that on the road, it takes them out of their element, so it was nice to build that first quarter lead," Von Eye analyzed.

"That is so key against a team of their caliber because you know they are going to battle back and go on some runs, so to have that lead it makes it a little bit easier to weather those storms as the game goes on," he concluded.

Cam Quigley led his team scoring 22 points, and Allen was hot on his heels with 18 of his own. Cade Ostenson also hit double digits with 13 points and Cooper Karp, Triston Roberson, Vincent Oedekoven and Dawson Norton each contributed with 2 points apiece.

Rebounding was an essential element in the road win for the Dogies as they dominated Custer on the boards, 39-20. Quigley also led in this category with eight, followed by Oedekoven with six, Karp and Ostenson with five each, Roberson with four, Allen with three and Norton with one.

"We defended them pretty well, and limited them to one shot. That's so key against teams who shoot the three.

When we box out and rebound well, that bodes well for us," Von Eye nodded.

The Thursday night win provided a good confidence boost for the Dogies, but they had little time to celebrate with the impending matchup against the number two Douglas Bearcats looming on the horizon.

"Nobody gets a night off in this league and we knew we had to be ready to bring it to Douglas, because we knew it would be a very winnable game," Von Eye declared. "There really is very little discrepancy between number one and number eight in the East this year, unlike past years when there has been a definite line of demarcation, so we absolutely have to bring our A game every night."

The defensive pressure the Bearcats put on the Dogies from the start of the contest took some time for the home team to adjust to. Once they did, however, Newcastle was able to battle back against their very athletic and talented opponent. Though Douglas had a small 14-8 lead to end the first quarter, the Dogies outscored them 18-7 in the second to go into the locker room up 26-21 at the half.

"Once we made our adjustments, we forced them to back off their pressure defense in the second half, and going into half time with a lead against a very good basketball program and battling really hard to get there was great to see from our guys," Von Eye smiled.

Unfortunately, the third quarter opened up with a rather sluggish defensive effort by the Dogie squad, and the Bearcats took advantage of the letdown to go on a run that not only reclaimed the lead for them, but extended it as well. As the quarter drew to a close and the dust settled, Douglas had outscored Newcastle 24-13.

Unfortunately, with only eight minutes remaining, the hole the Dogies had dug for themselves was just too deep to climb out of against such a talented opponent. Despite a valiant 30 point effort by Allen, the Bearcats held on to win

59-52.

"Taylor put us on his back and understood that he just needed to get his team going," Von Eye exclaimed. "He didn't press. He just realized that it was his job, and it was one that he was up to performing. His confidence in his shooting, even from 23 feet with two guys in his face, was impressive. He just played really well."

Following Allen's 30 point game was Quigley with eight, Roberson and Oedekoven with four and Norton and Ostenson with three each.

Despite the loss on Saturday, coaches and players were pleased with their performance in both contests, and with the regular season winding down, they are looking to take the momentum they've been gaining into the final, critical matchups against tough opponents in the next couple of weeks.

First up for the Dogies are the Buffalo Bison at home on Friday, which is also Senior Night, and then the squad will travel over the mountain to take on the top-ranked Worland Warriors on Saturday. When they met these teams earlier in the season, the Dogies suffered big losses, so are looking to try to even the score this weekend.

Basketball

Newcastle @ Custer
2-4-16: 61-54

Taylor Allen: 18 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals
Cam Quigley: 22 points, 8 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals
Cooper Karp: 2 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals
Triston Roberson: 2 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals
Cade Ostenson: 13 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists
Vincent Oedekoven: 2 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists
Dawson Norton: 2 points, 1 rebound

Newcastle v. Douglas
2-6-16: 52-59

Taylor Allen: 30 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 block
Cam Quigley: 8 points, 8 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals
Cooper Karp: 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal
Triston Roberson: 4 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals
Cade Ostenson: 3 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal
Vincent Oedekoven: 4 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists
Dawson Norton: 3 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal

Karp

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home game, especially any season when the teams are successful, and you will find it to be difficult to get a seat. You will also find it rocking to the point of distraction. Anyone who claims that high school sports are not for entertainment must be living under a rock.

One of the most persuasive of the arguments against a shot clock comes down to money. It is expensive to outfit a gym with the proper equipment, ranging anywhere from \$2,000 to \$5,000 dollars depending on the system and the existing technology already in place. It is also a challenge for some schools to find the appropriate personnel to man the clock. As it is, the scorer's table requires a clock person, one for the books and sometimes an announcer, so to add yet another qualified person to be able to keep up with the shot clock requires training and an extra payout at the end of each contest.

While it is hard to counter that argument, I still believe that the benefits outweigh the costs. The spirit of competition will predominantly prevail when teams are forced to battle to the end in close contests, and by the same token, when there is a great disparity between competing team's athletic prowess, we have a mercy rule already in place to allow those who struggle

to keep from being defeated by an astronomical differential.

I experienced two games this week in which I believe the shot clock did, or would have, made the game a much better contest. In the Dogie's contest against Custer on Thursday, the shot clock forced Newcastle to continue to attack the basket offensively, and truly forced the squad to be strategic in their clock management in order to pull out the win. On Saturday, the opposite scenario played out. The Dogies had the #2 Douglas Bearcats on the ropes in the fourth quarter and got the game down to a two possession situation, but were forced to foul to regain the ball. By doing so, they allowed the Bearcats to extend the lead from the free throw line.

Is it better to drag a game out in the final few minutes of a contest so that it becomes a foul fest with the game decided at the charity stripe, or would it be better for all involved to be forced to at least take a shot within 35 seconds or surrender possession?

Quite frankly, I think it's time for a shot clock in high school basketball because the game has evolved to the point where it's necessary, and it makes the contest that much more entertaining for those in attendance.

Wrestlers

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To illustrate the point, Clark noted that 4A Laramie only put six wrestlers out of 14 weight classes in the varsity tournament and entered the remaining eight in the JV division.

Alan Baker was the Dogies/Bobcats' lone placer this weekend, coming in second in the JV division, and according to McCoy he had an outstanding tournament.

"He's been wrestling very tough the last few weeks, and will surprise some folks in the coming weeks," he predicted.

Though the squad was not able to place any wrestlers on the varsity side of the tournament, seven made it to the round of eight. Of those, Trayton Dawson and Ricky Larson wrestled their way to the consolation quarters, but ended up losing just one round short of placing.

"We were very competitive at this tournament, even in the matches we lost. There were some real heart-breakers and we came up short," McCoy declared.

As the tournament drew to a close on the first day, the

Dogies/Bobcats were excited to be sitting in 12th place out of 42 teams, but given they were unable to advance any athletes into the placing rounds, when all was said and done the squad had dropped to 28th, having scored 37 points as a team.

Though all would have liked to finish higher, the coaches and the team were pleased to have finished ahead of 3A opponents Wheatland, Cody, Rawlins, Mountain View and Pinedale as they near the Regional Tournament.

"All of our kids won at least one match, and a few of them won two," Clark noted. "Going 50 percent in a tournament like this is certainly nothing to hang your head about!"

This week the squad will dual in Wheatland on Thursday and in Douglas on Saturday. In addition, the senior wrestlers will be honored during half-time of the girl's basketball game on Friday. Senior Night was originally scheduled to take place at the last home match, which was to be against Hot Springs, but unfortunately when the Bison backed out at

the last minute, the team was left with only the option to hold it at a home basketball game.

"The dual on Thursday in Wheatland will be a good one for us, and Saturday's dual in Douglas will give us one last opportunity to break through and beat the Bearcats because a win against them would be great for us heading into Regionals next weekend," Clark smiled.

Wrestling

Newcastle/Upton @
Ron Thon Invitational 2/5-2/6/16
28th of 42 with 37 points

Varsity	
113: Trayton Dawson	DNP 3-2
120: Payton Connolly	DNP 2-2
126: Dennon Parks	DNP 1-2
132: Zach Schuessler	DNP 2-2
138: Ricky Larson	DNP 2-2
152: Wyatt Corey	DNP 0-2
160: James Moberly	DNP 0-2
182: Teigan Marchant	DNP 2-2
185: Bryce Wormack	DNP 1-2
Junior Varsity	
106: Allen Fullerton	DNP 0-2
106: Reid Holmes	DNP 0-2
106: Dylan Thompson	DNP 0-2
113: Jacob Chavez	DNP 0-2
120: Alan Baker	2nd 3-1
132: Gavin Durfee	DNP 0-2
145: Marshall Rhoades	DNP 0-2

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Rooting for the Home Team

Abby Gray
NLJ Reporter

The Newcastle High School Student Council began the year committed to packing the seats at the variety of events sanctioned by their school, and although they've seen some of the early momentum from a program they implemented fall off, they are hoping to rekindle interest and expand it further into the community.

Upon the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year, "Dogie Pride Cards" were introduced in hopes of raising attendance for school related activities. The Newcastle High School student council implemented the project with high hopes for success.

The pride cards were established to try to get more student support for all school related activities.

"Our goal for the cards was to get a bigger student section (at events), and I think this year has been a lot better than the past couple of years," student council member Megan Kenney noted.

The local student council didn't pull the idea from thin air, but adapted it from a presentation they saw at a gathering of councils a year ago, putting their own spin on an idea they thought could produce results at NHS.

"We got the idea from Rawlins' student council when we attended WYASC (Wyoming Association of Student Councils) last year. They don't do the exact same thing we do, but we took the idea and used it as a way to create crowds here in Newcastle," fellow member Bailey Lacey added.

Many members of the student council believe that the cards got off to a hot start, but have begun to simmer down.

"During football season the cards were very popular. People brought them to volleyball games, football games, swim meets, the pep rally, and even dress up days. We saw a lot of success with the cards, but I think people have started to forget about them, and that is why we aren't seeing as many students in the crowd anymore," Lacey professed.

While it is easiest to measure the success of the program at sporting events, it was never intended to impact attendance for Dogie athletic teams alone. The student body president, Sierra LaCroix, made it clear that the cards do not only apply to

sports.

"The cards will be punched if a student attends a choir or band concert, Mrs. Sweet's history night, speech meets, and basically any school related event that is not required, but encouraged," LaCroix revealed.

In the past, there was never a problem regarding attendance at any school sanctioned event. Newcastle citizens have always been adamant in their commitment to supporting the local school's activities.

"I remember when I was in high school, there wasn't even room to sit in the gym. There were designated seats, but nobody paid any attention to those. Everyone was squeezed in shoulder to shoulder, and it was so hot in the Dome, but I loved it. It was so fun to play in there," former Dogie Nick Johnson expressed.

As of late, neither the Dome, nor any other playing field, has reached that sardine-packed feel, but many residents of Newcastle look back on their glory days and remember how exciting it was to go to school sponsored events.

One resident in particular, a member of the 1990 state championship basketball team, Chris Gray, remembers vividly how it was playing, and watching others play, in Newcastle.

"I remember even two years before we won the State Championship, my sophomore year, the gym was always rocking. There were people all the way to the top of the bleachers. It was such a great atmosphere," Gray reminisced, with a smile.

Whether it be for speech and debate, sports, or choir and band, Newcastle has always been a community full of wonderful fans, but the student council believes it is time to step the game up even a little more.

"The choir and band programs have always been ran really well. Then, adding the recent success of both basketball teams and the wrestling team, there is no excuse to not be in the school cheering on every event. However, we are lacking a really strong fan base, so that is the problem that these Dogie pride cards are trying to address," Kenney declared.

Students and community members alike want to stay up to date with all of the extracurricular activities going on, and one easy way to do that is to attend all events possible.



Colin Heaton and Heather Michaelis keep things running at the Dogie speech meet last weekend. (Todd Bennington/NLJ)

"I think a lot of the problem is that some events aren't publicized very well, and people are not taking the effort to find out about what is going on, but they still want to hear about them. Better informing students of events taking place would be a huge step in the right direction," LaCroix confessed.

It comes as no surprise that local community members are interested in the events occurring at the school, it is just a matter of getting them to participate as spectators instead of waiting to hear about the outcome of events later.

Students at Newcastle High School who compete in any sort of event all agree that a rowdy crowd is a tough feeling to beat, and it is one that all kids enjoy.

"I like it because it gets me pumped, and I enjoy seeing all of the support from my fellow peers," student council and basketball team member, Rachel Ehlers, disclosed. Students here appreciate all of the support they get, no matter what fashion it comes in.

With the Dogie pride cards, the Newcastle High School student council has taken steps to encourage students to support the Dogies. However, the invitation to flood the school with orange and raise up those horns extends to each and every community member.

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Swimmers set for Conference

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The Dogie swimmers took the opportunity presented in their last regular meet of the season on Friday and Saturday in Gillette to continue to improve in preparation for post-season competition.

On Friday, the squad dove into the Gillette Invitational pre-meet with the goal of dropping time in each event, and head coach Doug Scribner was pleased that his team responded to the challenge and made strides in meeting that goal.

"Everybody had at least one good swim, dropping time in at least one race on both days," Scribner began. "Dalton Parsons had two really good swims in the 200 and 500, dropping over a minute in the 500 and about 30 seconds in the 200. He had a really good week in practice last week and it showed."

Jacob Hobbs also performed well at the meet, dropping two seconds in the 100 Breaststroke, which is the event for which he has focused on attempting to qualify for the State meet. With the two second drop, he has cut his needed improvement in half in order to make that race a reality for himself, and Scribner notes that with just a couple of technique adjustments he feels that Hobbs has a great shot of making the qualifying time this weekend at the Conference Meet.

Eythan Riley and Jacob Yeatman are the only two qualifiers thus far for the Dogies. Riley showed impressive speed in getting under the 4A qualifying time in the 200 Free as well as the 500 Free. Yeatman also cut time in his races, but was just off the mark for 4A times in the 50 Free, 100 Butterfly and 100 Free.

Both athletes are looking to take advantage of the week of taper in practice to drop even more time in order to get the best possible seeding for the State Meet the following week.

The Friday pre-meet was also the debut for Garrett Merchen in the 1-Meter diving competition. According to Scribner, he has been working hard in practice to master the six dives he needed in order to be eligible to compete, and did so in his last regular season meet of the year. Because he executed all dives on Friday, he was able to compete on Saturday as well, and the coach was pleased he had the chance to get his feet wet before he competes at the Conference Meet.

Good performances by the swimmers was not enough to bring home any hardware for the team, however. The squad went in missing two guys, as Matt Tidd and Jesse Kopp were dealing with illness and injury so were unable to compete. Scribner was not all that discouraged by his team's finish because the invitational was a large one, with 18 squads

in attendance, many of whom were representing much larger schools with much larger teams.

"Gillette offered us a good chance for our guys to see what that size meet is like as we head into Regionals and State," Scribner explained. "One of our goals all season has been to get our guys ready for this format given that we have several who have never been in this situation before."

By the time the two day event ended, Scribner was pleased that none of his swimmers missed any races and that they worked together to make sure that everyone was where they needed to be when they needed to be there.

"The guys were pretty much on their own with wall-to-wall people, so they were responsible for making sure they got to the blocks for their events on time and they did a great job of helping each other make sure they made their races," he smiled.

As the Dogies prepare for their Conference Meet in Rawlins this weekend, they are hoping to return Tidd and Kopp to the lineup, and are pleased to be adding newcomer Flint Hossfeld to the team as well. Hossfeld competed for the first time on Saturday, and he swam the 50 Free and 100 Breast as well as a couple of relays. He put together some pretty good swims, so Scribner is looking forward to having him help out the team this weekend.

Swimming			
Newcastle @ Gillette Invite Pre-Meet			
200 Free			
6	Eythan Riley	4AQ	2:02.09
32	Dalton Parsons		2:40.97
38	Kaden Curren		3:25.85
200 IM			
27	Jacob Hobbs		2:53.41
28	Zach Benshoof		3:18.8
50 Free			
13	Jacob Yeatman	3AQ	24.74
1 Meter Diving			
21	Garrett Merchen		57.40
100 Butterfly			
21	Jacob Yeatman	3AQ	1:08.84
100 Free			
8	Eythan Riley	3AQ	54.86
45	Kyle Allard		1:13.75
49	Zach Benshoof		1:19.80
52	Kaden Curren		1:33.75
500 Free			
18	Dalton Parsons		7:35.42
200 Free Relay			
21	Eythan Riley, Dalton Parsons, Kyle Allard, Zach Benshoof		2:04.74
100 Backstroke			
31	Jacob Hobbs		1:21.57
400 Free Relay			
14	Dalton Parsons, Eythan Riley, Jacob Yeatman, Kyle Allard		4:24.24
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200 Medley Relay			
18	Dalton Parsons, Eythan Riley, Flint Hossfeld, Kyle Allard		2:28.39
200 Free			
28	Jacob Yeatman	3AQ	2:10.89
53	Jacob Hobbs		2:33.94
50 Free			
33	Eythan Riley	3AQ	25.83
89	Kyle Allard		32.86
92	Flint Hossfeld		33.20
94	Zach Benshoof		33.44
108	Kaden Curren		39.70
100 Free			
17	Jacob Yeatman	3AQ	55.75
64	Dalton Parsons		1:14.35
500 Free			
6	Eythan Riley	4AQ	5:28.93
200 Free Relay			
17	Zach Benshoof, Jacob Yeatman, Eythan Riley, Flint Hossfeld		1:59.23
100 Backstroke			
56	Dalton Parsons		1:25.84
61	Kaden Curren		1:52.95
100 Breaststroke			
54	Jacob Hobbs		1:22.82
69	Garrett Merchen		1:34.07
71	Zach Benshoof		1:35.79
74	Flint Hossfeld		1:38.58
76	Kyle Allard		1:49.38
400 Free Relay			
14	Jacob Hobbs, Jacob Yeatman, Garrett Merchen, Kaden Curren		5:08.94

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Newcastle City Council Minutes

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016

Mayor James called the regular meeting of Monday, February 1, 2016 to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were: Mayor James, Don Steveson, Roger Hesse, Linda Hunt, Kara Sweet, Steve Ladwig, and Todd Quigley. Absent: None. Also present Department Heads: City Clerk/Treasurer Brunner, Police Chief Owens, Engineer Hartley and City Attorney Peck.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor James added two items to the agenda, Item #2 under Citizen's Business-Verbal, Mr. Cliff Padula,

regarding the local mental health office, and one item under Mayor/Council Reports. Roger Hesse moved and Don Steveson seconded to approve the Agenda for Monday, February 1, 2016 as amended. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Kara Sweet moved and Steve Ladwig seconded to approve the Minutes for the January 19, 2016 Regular Meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION: Steve Ladwig nominated Rita Kokes, for her stewardship and maintenance of an abandoned pet and companion animal. He also nominated Amanda Bench and Ginger Franklin for finding homes for abandoned cats.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION: None
CITIZEN'S BUSINESS – IN WRITING: 1. Mayor James read a request from FireTech, LLC to approve an Electrical Contractor license within the City of Newcastle for 2016; Kettle Carroll – Low Voltage License, for fire suppression work on the Weston County Health Services project. Steve Ladwig moved and Roger Hesse seconded to approve the request as read. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS – VERBAL – 1. Mark Sylte appeared before Council to answer any questions regarding his proposal to draft FY 2015-16 Financial Statements for the FY 2015-16 audit; the full audit will need to be done by another audit firm. Crowell & Sylte has performed the City's annual financial audit for many years but has decided not to do the "full audit" any more. Council consensus was to have Clerk/Treasurer Brunner contact other audit firms to get quotes on the City's audit both with and without Mr. Sylte's preliminary preparations. 2. Mr. Cliff Pedulla appeared to comment on the local mental health office.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS: - 1. Mayor

James read a letter from BH Energy highlighting their efficient energy projects. 2. He read a letter from BH National Forest regarding the RER Environmental Impact statement; 3. He read an invitation from the Wyoming Arts Council. 4. Mayor James read RESOLUTION NO. 1, SERIES 2016 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AND THE ASSOCIATION'S EFFORTS IN SEEKING APPROPRIATION OF STATE FUNDING FOR ALL 99 WYOMING CITIES AND TOWNS DURING THE 2016 SESSION OF THE WYOMING LEGISLATURE". Roger Hesse moved and Don Steveson seconded to approve RESOLUTION No. 1, SERIES 2016 as read. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor James read a resignation letter from Linda Hunt from the Newcastle City Council. With deep regret Roger Hesse moved and also with deep regret Kara Sweet seconded to accept the resignation from Linda Hunt and declare a vacancy for the position on the Council. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mayor James then presented Linda Hunt with a plaque honoring her for her 15 years of service to the City of Newcastle (both on the Planning Commission and the Council.) Mayor James instructed City Clerk/Treasurer Brunner to place an ad in the News Letter Journal requesting written letters of interest for appointment to the Council.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:
Police Chief Jim Owens - 1. There were 306 Calls for service in January 2016. 2. The police officer candidate, Robert Muschick, will be in Newcastle this week for medical and psychological testing. Chief Owens requested approval of a conditional hiring dependent upon passage of testing of Mr. Muschick on a one year probation, starting salary at \$18.67/hour and a starting date of February 21, 2016. Linda Hunt moved and Roger Hesse seconded to approve the conditional offer of employment. **MOTION CARRIED.** 3. Chief Owens will be absent for the next Council meeting on February 16, 2016 due to attendance at a law enforcement meeting in conjunction with the legislature.

At this point in the meeting Mayor James reminded the Council members that the next regular meeting will be held February 16, 2016 which is a Tuesday, due to the President's Day holiday on February 15th.

City Clerk/Treasurer – 1. Stated that she recently reinvested the CDDARS investments through Pinnacle Wealth Management and the rate has risen from .10 to .25% due to the Federal Reserve raise in lending rates. 2. She requested that Council members bring their Ordinance books to City Hall in February since the new, 2015 ordinance publication is being printed and the books will need to be updated

soon. 3. She reviewed financial information on WyoLotto and from the Community Builders analysis on Weston County.

City Attorney Jim Peck – 1. Has been working with City Engineer Hartley on the water project regarding ownership of that property; 2. He got deeds for the sale of the City property in Washington Park Subdivision to Mr. & Mrs. Lanny Reimer; as well as other deeds to adjoining property owners where the City had done a vacation of Howell Street. 3. He thanked Linda Hunt for her service to the City.

City Engineer Robert Hartley – 1. Commented that he will miss Councilwoman Hunt and commented on the many projects that she spearheaded. 2. The crews are working on drainage on the hill on Grandview; curb stops and meter pits; 3. The metal has been baled and will be shipped; the sale price for recycled cardboard has come up as well so the City can finally bale and sell it without actually losing money.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT: None. Mayor James reminded Council members that there was a Sanitation Committee meeting scheduled for immediately after the closing of tonight's regular meeting regarding the landfill and the Weston County Landfill District.

Linda Hunt moved and Todd Quigley seconded to pay claims dated February 1, 2016. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Don Steveson moved and Roger Hesse seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CLAIMS: Alpha Communications, tower rent, \$95.00; American Business Software, semi-annual website hosting, \$354.00; American Water Works, membership, \$191.00; Anderson Contracting, remove water meter, \$247.00; AT&T Mobility, cell phone usage, \$755.96; B&K Cleaning, city hall cleaning, \$360.00; BH Plumbing, vac down 44 units, \$968.00; BH Power, electricity, \$11,987.94; BCBS of WY, employee health insurance, \$35435.85; Bryand Streeter, airport wages, \$1158.75; Centurylink, E911 lines, \$959.12; City of Newcastle, WA/SW/GA, \$364.45; Crowell & Sylte, 2014-15 audit and non-audit fees, \$25090.00; Energy Labs, water tests, \$80.00; James Peck, attorney retainer, \$2800.00; MasterCard, travel/supplies, etc., \$2795.46; Newcastle Ambulance, ambulance fees, \$8333.33; Postmaster, presort fee, \$225.00; Powder River Energy, electricity, \$1415.27; R. Douglas Dumbrell, judge fee, \$1086.24; Renegade Paint & Pipes, vehicle repairs, \$473.98; RT Communications, tele, \$327.71; SourceGas, natural gas, \$2575.04; TOP office, PD copy chg, \$70.26; Uber Geek Computer, router setup, \$40.00; Utility Locates, membership dues, \$150.00; Valli Information Systems, credit card maintenance, \$150.00; Weston Co. Treasurer, LEC/share, \$1085.24; Weston Co. school District #1, share Rec Director, \$2409.45; WY Assn Municipalities, WAM Winter Workshop registration/Steveson, \$200.00; SUPPLIES: Arnold Machinery, \$8246.22; Bullseye Promotions, \$60.00; Butler Machinery, \$537.63; Dana Kepner, \$220.00; Double D Obsolete Parts, \$453.06; Modern Marketing, \$221.27; Newcastle Motors, \$60.43; Norco, \$233.58; Safeguard Business, \$34.59; Sheehan Mack, \$1696.74; Wesco Gas, \$682.46; WATER DEPOSIT REFUNDS: Anton Nabuco, \$52.33; Dallas Totten, \$138.32; Don and Brandy Holmes, \$114.53; Jared Williams, Respond First Aid, \$271.35; \$95.64; Stacey Martin, \$172.77;

Greg James, Mayor
ATTEST: City Clerk/Treasurer, Charita Brunner

(Publish February 11, 2015)

Utility Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) has given Powder River Energy Corporation (PRECorp) authority to adjust its Cost of Power Adjustment (COPA) to reflect a net increase of \$10,142,401 per annum in wholesale power costs charged by its supplier, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, effective for usage on and after January 10, 2016, subject to notice, protest, intervention petition, opportunity for hearing, refund, and such further action as the Commission may deem appropriate.

The effect of the proposed increase on an average residential customer monthly bill is approximately \$3.96 per month, based on an 898 kWh/month typical residential usage, excluding taxes. Actual bills will vary with usage.

PRECorp's Application is on file with the Commission at its offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and at PRECorp's offices in Sundance, Wyoming, and may be inspected by any interested person during regular business hours.

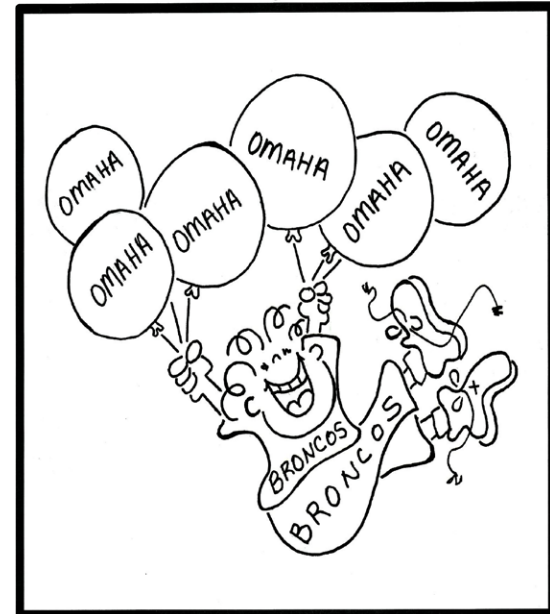
Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, protest, intervention petition or request for a public hearing in this matter must file with the Commission in writing on or before March 1, 2016. The petition shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing and the position and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing that you will attend, or want to make a statement, a protest or a public comment, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay by dialing 711. Please contact us as soon as possible to help us serve you better and please include reference to Docket No. 10014-165-CP-15.

Dated: February 1, 2016.

(Publish February 11 and 18, 2016)

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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 Powder River Energy Corporation (PRECorp or the Cooperative) for authority to increase its overall system revenue by \$11,506,749 per annum and revise its tariffs, as more fully described below.

PRECorp is a public utility as defined in W.S. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C), subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission pursuant to W.S. § 37-2-112.

On January 27, 2016, PRECorp submitted its Application, together with exhibits and testimony, requesting authority to increase its overall system revenue by \$11,506,749 per annum and revise its tariffs. PRECorp has requested that the new rates become effective on or before January 10, 2017. PRECorp also filed its proposed, revised tariffs to reflect the overall increase in rates to its customer classes. The rates ultimately approved by the Commission on an individual customer class basis may deviate from those proposed by the Cooperative.

In its Application, PRECorp proposed to: [i] increase its overall system revenues by \$11,506,749 per annum; [ii] restate the base cost of power in the Cost of Power Adjustment (COPA) mechanism to reflect the current level of power cost; [iii] revise the existing base rates to reflect the appropriate recovery of COPA revenue based on the restated base cost of power; and [iv] revise rates to recognize changes in the cost of providing service and move rates for all rate classes closer to the cost of service. The impact of the proposed rate change on the average residential customer will be to increase the monthly billed charge from \$111.15 to \$119.82.

The proposed net revenue adjustments by class are as follows:

	Change	Percent Change
Residential (All Classes)	\$1,512,887	7.83
Seasonal	\$145,975	9.40
Irrigation	\$44,742	12.03
General Service	\$1,055,992	8.45
General Service – CBM	\$797,505	17.12
Large Power	\$2,248,608	5.88
Large Power Transmission	\$260,423	0.35
Large Power Transmission – CBM	\$4,088	0.08
Large Power Transmission – General	(\$4,143)	(0.84)
Large Power Compression – CBM	\$55	0.00
Lighting	\$21,176	7.00
Total Revenue	\$11,506,749	5.94

This is not a complete description of the Application. PRECorp's Application is on file with the Commission at its offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and at the Cooperative's offices located in Sundance, Wyoming, and may be inspected there by any interested person during regular business hours. The proposed changes to PRECorp's tariffs are also available on its website at www.precorp.coop.

Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must file with the Commission in writing on or before March 4, 2016. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing which you will attend and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or write to the Commission, 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket No. 10014-168-CR-16 in your communications.

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Bid Notice

BIDDING REQUIREMENTS

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees, Weston County School District Number 1, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701, hereinafter referred to as "Owner", will receive sealed bid proposals for the Weston County School District 1 - Newcastle High School EIFS Resurfacing, Newcastle, Wyoming.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

The work includes damage repair and resurfacing of all existing Exterior Insulation Finish System (EIFS) at the Newcastle High School building.

BID OPENING

BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 10:00 AM, February 24, 2016 in the Weston County School District's Administration Offices Conference Room located at 116 Casper Avenue, Newcastle, WY 82701, then publicly opened and read aloud.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE

A PREBID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT 10:00 AM, February 10, 2016 at the Weston County School District's Administration Offices Conference Room located at 116 Casper Avenue, Newcastle, WY 82701. Attendance for Bidders is mandatory, however it will be allowed to attend by phone if physical attendance is not possible. The required attendance call in number is: 866-730-7514 - Participant Pin: 896415#

Call in participants are required to identify themselves, the Company they represent, and their contact information at the start of the Pre-Bid meeting at 10:00am and will be added to the list of meeting attendants. Any attendants who do not identify themselves at that time will be disqualified as prime bidders.

BIDDING DOCUMENTS

The Bidding Documents may be obtained by visiting the SFD Website at: <http://sfd.wyo.gov/projects/process>

Steps

- Step One – Click on "Link to Projects and Online Bidding".
- Step Two – Scroll down and on the left side of the page choose "Weston County School District 1 - Newcastle High School EIFS Resurfacing" under the Construction tab.
- Step Three – Click "Download Project PDF" and enter information.

CLARIFICATION AND INTERPRETATION OF BID DOCUMENTS

Questions regarding clarification or interpretation of the bid documents shall be addressed in writing to:

ARCHITECT:

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45 East Loucks Street, Suite 301
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Ph: (307) 672-8270
info@dbarchitectsllc.com

Each bidder and sub-bidder shall review the work indicated by other trades to determine whether it is complete and adequate to the extent that it affects his own work.

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Deadline for Legals is noon on Friday

Utility Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) has given Powder River Energy Corporation (PRECorp) authority to increase the Heat Credit in its optional Residential Heat Rate (RHR) tariff effective for usage on and after January 10, 2016. This revision is the result of a change in the underlying rates charged to PRECorp by its supplier, Basin Electric Power Cooperative. The Commission's approval of this application is subject to notice, protest, intervention petition, opportunity for hearing, refund, and such further action as the Commission may deem appropriate.

On November 23, 2015, PRECorp submitted its application to revise the Heat Credit in its RHR tariff consistent with the most recently approved Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin) Electric Heat Rate. PRECorp states the RHR is an optional rate available to residential customers with permanent electric resistance heat and/or electric heat pump space heating systems that allows them to receive a credit against their heating energy charges. The RHR tariff provides a discounted rate for qualifying loads and is offered in conjunction with the Basin Electric Heat Rate program. The Heat Credit proposed by the Cooperative is intended to equal its total avoided wholesale cost per kWh based on Basin's published Electric Heat Rate. The RHR has three components: [i] a Basic Charge; [ii] an Energy Charge; and [iii] a Heat Credit. In this application, PRECorp proposes to increase its Heat Credit from \$0.02879 to \$0.03361 per kWh for qualifying systems for the period of October through April established in its tariffs.

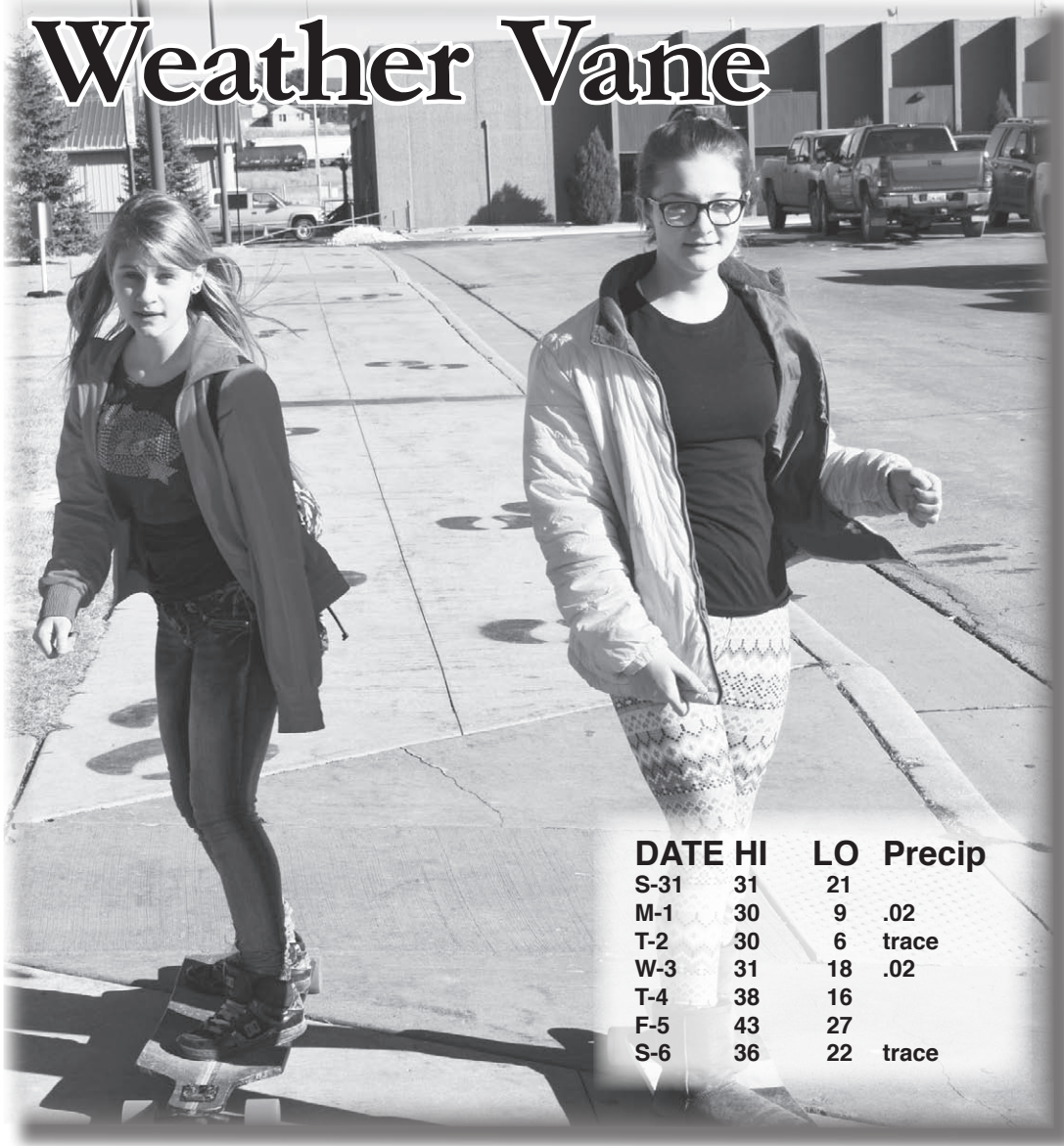
PRECorp's application is on file with the Commission at its offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and at PRECorp's offices in Sundance, Wyoming, and may be inspected by any interested person during regular business hours.

Anyone desiring to file an intervention petition, request for a public hearing, public comment, statement, or protest in this matter must file in writing with the Commission on or before February 26, 2016. Please include reference to Docket No. 10014-166-CT-15 in your communications.

If you wish to file an intervention petition, request for a public hearing that you will attend, or wish to make a public comment, statement, or protest, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay by dialing 711.

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Foreclosure Notice

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given by First State Bank of Newcastle, a Wyoming banking corporation, that default has occurred under the terms of that certain Mortgage which secures the payment of indebtedness due to First State Bank of Newcastle and which Mortgage is a lien upon the following-described real property together with improvements thereon and appurtenances appertaining thereto situate in Weston County, Wyoming ("Mortgaged Property"), to wit:

The South 60 feet of Lots 5 and 6, Block 4, Original Town of Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming, according to the recorded plat thereof; AND

A tract of land located in the City of Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming, described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 4 in Block 14 in the Original Town of Newcastle, Wyoming; thence running Easterly along the alley line of said Lot for a distance of 30 feet; thence running Northerly 45 feet; thence running Westerly 30 feet to the Westerly lot line of said Lot 4; thence running southerly 45 feet to the place of beginning, all of said property being in the Original Town of Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming, according to the recorded plat thereof;

which Mortgage is dated August 31, 2012 and Aaron Seekings is the mortgagor and First State Bank of Newcastle is the mortgagee and which was recorded on September 10, 2012 in Book 339 of Photos at page 815 in the real property records in and for Weston County, Wyoming maintained in the Office of the County Clerk of Weston County, Wyoming.

Said Mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of default thereunder First State Bank of Newcastle, as mortgagee, declares to be operative. No suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof. The amount(s) of the indebtedness due to First State Bank of Newcastle upon the obligations secured by the Mortgage (principal, interest, late fees and other amounts, if any) as of the date of first publication of this Notice is \$76,136.89, to which will be added the costs and expenses of foreclosure (including reasonable attorney's fees) and interest accruing after the date of this Notice, and to which any payments made toward such indebtedness will be credited.

First State Bank of Newcastle as mortgagee will have said Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the Mortgaged Property above-described to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff (or Deputy Sheriff) in and for Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 a.m. on March 1, 2016 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main Street, Newcastle, Wyoming. The amount(s) due to First State Bank of Newcastle secured by the Mortgage shall be announced at the time of sale.

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

First State Bank of Newcastle
A Wyoming banking corporation
By: James M. Peck
Attorney No. 5-2021
Hansen and Peck
Attorneys At Law
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Newcastle, Wyoming 82701
(307) 746-2761

(Publish January 28, February 4, 11 and 18, 2016)

Probate Notice

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GLENDA M. WILLADSON, Deceased. Probate No. PR-8036

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DECREE OF SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ron L. Willadson filed in the District Court, Sixth Judicial District, Weston County, Wyoming, an Application For Decree Of Summary Distribution to Ron L. Willadson and Scott R. Willadson as the heirs of Glenda M. Willadson, of Decedent's interest in the following-described property in Weston County, Wyoming:

Lots 1, 2 and 3; Block 32, Forest Hill Park Addition, Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming Wells Fargo Accounts

The application is filed under the provisions of Section 2-1-205, Wyoming Statutes.

If no objection to the application is filed with the Court within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication, the Court shall enter a decree establishing the right and title to the property.

DATED this 4th day of February, 2016

GIDGET MACKIE
Clerk of District Court

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Utility Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) has given Powder River Energy Corporation (PRECorp) authority to adjust its Small Power Production (SPP) tariff, effective on and after January 10, 2016. This revision is the result of a change in the underlying rates charged to PRECorp by its supplier, Basin Electric Power Cooperative. The Commission's approval of this application is subject to notice, protest, intervention petition, opportunity for hearing, refund, and such further action as the Commission may deem appropriate.

PRECorp is a Class A member of Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin) and purchases all of its power requirements from Basin. Its avoided cost is equal to Basin's published avoided cost for its Western System. Basin's current avoided cost rate is \$0.0130 per kWh, which is mirrored in PRECorp's current SPP tariff. For 2016, Basin has increased the rate to \$0.0135 per kWh, which PRECorp requested to match.

PRECorp's application is on file with the Commission at its offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and at PRECorp's offices in Sundance, Wyoming, and may be inspected by any interested person during regular business hours.

Anyone desiring to file an intervention petition, request for a public hearing, public comment, statement, or protest in this matter must file in writing with the Commission on or before February 26, 2016. Please mention Docket No. 10014-167-CT-15 in your communications.

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 - Soldier's knapsack
 - Inside scoop
 - 16 of these in Tennessee Ernie Ford song
 - Masonic doorkeeper
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 - *George to George W.
 - Hindu serpent deity
 - Most are now wireless
 - Glacier's deposit
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 - "On guard" to a fencer
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 - One of five W's
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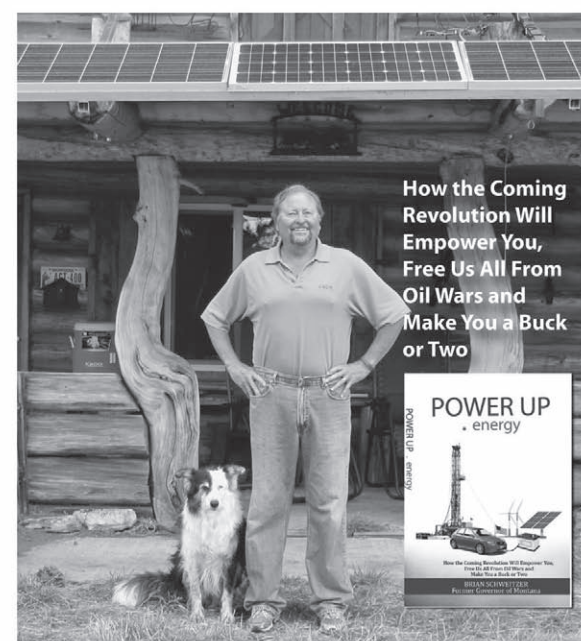
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Ladies

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first two threes and all of a sudden they commanded a 13-point lead.

They had only just begun.

One Douglas player delivered hit after hit against Newcastle and scored all her team's 15 points in the third. Despite prior knowledge that she was one of two of their opponents' biggest threats, the Lady Dogies left her open to hit from both outside and inside the paint. While she was delivering an offensive schooling, the Lady Dogies struggled to answer back before finally being able to put the ball through the hoop for a sum total of four points at the end of the third.

"We didn't do a good enough job limiting her, but at the same time, when I watched the game film, though we didn't do what we needed to on defense, the biggest mistakes by far were on the offensive end," Bartlett declared. "We just couldn't score. We couldn't shoot."

In the fourth quarter, Newcastle was able to cut the lead to eight and got a couple of stops, but then struggled to capitalize on those opportunities and ended up dropping the game 42-58.

"Defensively, we need to do a better job of boxing out and not giving up so many offensive boards, but it really came down to the fact that we had too many dry spells on offense. We were off on our fundamentals and didn't shoot the ball well, and the bottom line is that if you can't score, it doesn't matter how good of defense you play, it's hard to win a ball game," Bartlett sighed.

Cass led her team in scoring with 13, followed by Deveraux with nine, Dawson with seven, Jones with six, Gray with five and Rachel Henkle with two.

This weekend kicks off a grueling three weeks of top notch competition as the seeding for the ultra-competitive Northeast Quadrant will be finalized. Despite an overall record of 12-3, the Lady Dogies are currently tied for last in the quad, so the pressure of picking up wins over Buffalo and the top-ranked and undefeated Worland Lady Warriors is even greater for the team.

The Lady Bison will come to the Dome for a rematch, and the Lady Dogies expect them to be hungry for a win to even the score from their last meeting. Newcastle will travel to Worland for their contest on Saturday looking to even the score there.


"This weekend will be tough," Bartlett admitted. "Buffalo is playing well and have had a good year, and Worland is undefeated for a reason, so it will be a tough challenge on the road."

Adding to the already challenging mix is that Friday night is Senior Night, so Bartlett stressed that the big message will be for his team play with emotion—but not to be emotional.

"There's the difference between playing well for each other and sending the seniors out right, but don't be so caught up in the emotion of the night that you don't make that happen," he smiled.



Alyssa Dawson goes up under the basket against a trio of Douglas Bearcats. (Sonja KarpNLJ)



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Lady Basketball	
Newcastle @ Custer 2-2-16: 59-35	
Alyssa Dawson:	19 points, 6 rebounds, 2 steals
Abby Gray:	4 points, 5 rebounds, 8 assists, 2 steals
Hannah Cass:	16 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals, 6 blocks
Abi Deveraux:	9 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 block
Kendra Back:	4 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals
Kaprina Jones:	5 points, 7 rebounds, 1 steal
Rachel Ehlers:	2 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist
Alyssa Umphlett:	1 rebound
Newcastle v. Douglas 2-6-16: 42-58	
Alyssa Dawson:	7 points, 10 rebounds, 1 steal
Abby Gray:	5 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, 1 block
Hannah Cass:	13 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals, 1 block
Abi Deveraux:	9 points, 1 block
Kendra Back:	7 rebounds
Rachel Henkle:	2 points, 1 rebound
Kaprina Jones:	6 points, 8 rebounds, 1 steal

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