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County begins landfill process

Alexis Shultz
NLJ Reporter

Despite a large amount of passionate discussion among Weston County Commissioners, a vote was finally made to begin the process of establishing a county wide landfill dis-

trict to help combat the landfill issues facing the municipalities in Weston County. Newcastle's City Council also passed a resolution in support of the establishment of said district.

Weston County Commissioners voted on Feb. 3 to begin the process involved with setting up a county wide

solid waste district, with only one vote against the motion. Commissioner Marty Ertman placed her vote against the motion and made it clear that she wanted her vote recorded. There was no lack of discussion surrounding the topic throughout the day, as Upton City Superintendent Mark Lindstrom,

County Contract Engineer Jerry Hunt, and former commissioner Ted Ertman took the opportunity to express their thoughts on the topic.

"I think we can put a resolution out in favor but I don't think we can sign it until the 60 days is up," reported Commissioner Tony Barton, referring

to the process involved in establishing a county wide solid waste district. He added that the County Assessor Tiny Conklin will work with the Department of Revenue within that period to discuss boundaries and conflicting districts.

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Commission turns down BHP request

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The Wyoming Public Service Commission turned down the application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity presented by Black Hills Power on Dec. 15, 2014. The application was for the Teckla-Osage-Rapid City 230kV transmission line proposed by BHP.

The proposed transmission line has come with many concerns brought forth by residents living along the land that the company is seeking easements for. Peter Larsen, land owner in Wyoming, raised concerns during the Public Service Commission meeting in December.

The proposed pipeline project, in part, seeks to put the line through an area totaling more than 62,000 acres which was devastated by the Oil Creek Fire, Larsen stated. In his written testimony to the Public Service Commission, Larsen explained that the Oil Creek Fire, which occurred on June 29, 2012, in the western Black Hills of Wyoming, was caused by the failure of a transmission structure owned, operated and maintained by Black Hills Power, according to a fire investigator.

On April 16, 2012, 35 private parties filed suit in the United States District Court for the District of Wyoming, requesting claims for damages based upon allegations of common negligence, per se, common law nuisance and trespass. Although

not currently included in the lawsuit, BHP also received written damage claims from an additional land owner and the State of Wyoming, according to Larsen's written testimony.

Project manager for Black Hills Power, Mark Carda, told the News Letter Journal that BHP will continue to meet with local officials and land owners in hope of seeking a resolution, when asked about the issues they are facing.

"Any project of this size and complexity requires a dedicated team to work through issues and provide accurate information to all agencies and public," Carda explained. He continued that they are continuing to work with federal agencies on the EIS and Record of Decision, as well as the South Dakota and Wyoming commissions, counties and private owners, and that securing all approvals takes time and is a large part of completing a project of this nature.

"Care and consideration is key to doing business with our neighbors," Carda added. He stated that they understand that the process can be challenging at times, but they are making every effort to ensure there are open lines of communication while working with those critical to the project, and to ensure public input is reflected in the plans.

"The biggest part of the puzzle is dealing with all of the approvals from all of the agencies, and then individual landowners and seeking easements,"

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Setting an EXAMPLE

"Mark always leads by exemplary example. He never does anything less than perfect. He is a very, very talented person and fireman. He was recognized as fireman of the year by the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department, and that's pretty impressive."

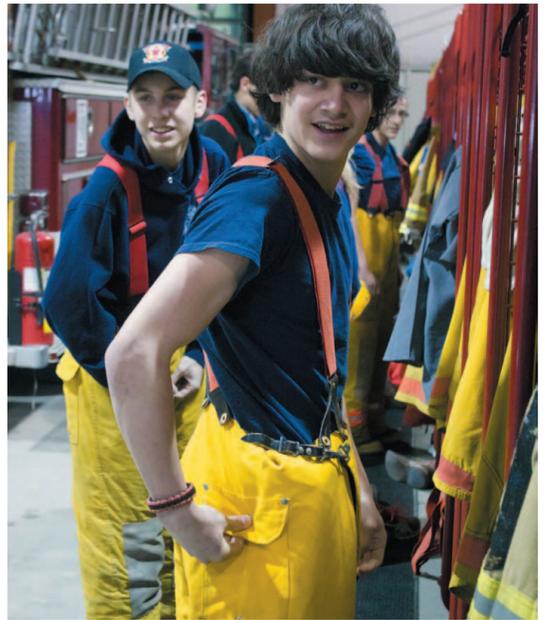
— Hannah Williams

Story & Photos
By Denice Piscioti
NLJ Reporter

For the second year in a row, the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department Explorer Post 66 was named 2014 Explorer Post of the year. However, they were not the only ones receiving honors at the Black Hills Area Council banquet held Jan. 24 in Rapid City, as their industrious leader, Mark

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At the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department Fire Hall, above, Explorers Kaullen Sundstom, Gavin Holmes, Johnny Walker, and Vincent Oedekoven chat with Mark Christiansen, who was named 2014 Explorer Advisor of the Year at the Black Hills Area Council banquet. Below, Gavin Holmes and Jaden Douglas gear up.



Foundation awards money to local 4-H

Denice Piscioti
NLJ Reporter

Last year Weston County 4-H received \$16,331 from the Wyoming State 4-H Foundation, enabling the organization to expand their program for area youth and create income through interest, and could be looking to receive another \$10,000 matching grant this year.

The first \$10,000 was a matching endowment program, and the other \$6,000 was grant money to be used for 3-D archery targets, explained Stacy Buchholz, 4-H/Youth Development educator for the county.

"The State of Wyoming got a large donation from a gentleman in the state. What they did was set up a matching grant program. The premise was they would match \$10,000 to each county's \$10,000 to create an endowment that would continually generate interest that could fund 4-H programs. So we used our [Certificate of Deposit account] to match that grant so we could have a permanent endowment," she clarified.

Not every county took advantage of the opportunity to match funds, though, which gave those that did the chance to once again

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Welcoming the first baby of 2015

Denice Piscioti
NLJ Reporter

Registered Nurse Michelle Sweet is in charge of the Weston County Public Health Maternal Child programs, which includes a special program for newborn babies and their parents, the Welcome Home Program. Through the program, she visits mothers and their babies in their home, and welcomes the first one she sees each New Year with a blanket and hat made by the Creative Handworkers.

This year, the first baby to be born to Weston County parents was a boy, son of Renee and Richard Smith of Upton. The baby, Nicolas, was born at Campbell County Memorial



Denice Piscioti/NLJ

Nicolas Smith was the first Weston County baby born in 2015, earning him the gift of a blanket and hat made by the Creative Handworkers, and a visit from registered nurse Michelle Sweet from the Welcome Home Program.

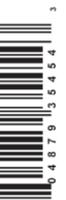
Hospital in Gillette on Jan. 8. He weighed eight pounds and nine ounces, and was 21 inches long. He is joined by five siblings, Tiffany, 16, Kristina, 14, Cameron, Richard Jr., 7, and Haley, 6. Paternal grandparents are Maria and Max Smith of Arizona, and maternal parents are Melvin and Georgenna Materi of Upton.

"They are excited and they love having him," Renee told the News Letter Journal of his five older siblings.

As a new mom, she was introduced to the Maternal Child Program through Connie James and Jodi Brooks at the Weston County WIC Office. The follow-up phone calls and

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WEATHER FORECAST	Thursday Partly Cloudy Hi 53 Lo 30	Friday Sunny Hi 54 Lo 29	Saturday Partly Cloudy Hi 47 Lo 30	Sunday Partly Cloudy Hi 48, Lo 28	Monday Snow Hi 40 Lo 16	Tuesday Snow Hi 26, Lo 13	Wednesday Partly Cloudy Hi 35 Lo 20	INSIDE • Cold season, Page 3 • Legislature, Page 8 • Upton FFA, Page 10 • Olympians, Page 12



Opinion

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Our View

Open and shut case

Last week, the Corporations Committee of the Wyoming House of Representatives was set to consider House Bill 232, which would have allowed elected boards to vote in closed executive sessions. Fortunately, the bill's primary sponsor, Representative Bob Nicholas of Cheyenne, asked the committee chairman to lay the bill back before it could even be considered, which effectively killed any chance the legislature may have had this year to make government less transparent in Wyoming.

We are proud to say that some of our local leaders, most notably Newcastle Mayor Greg James, went on record opposing the bill—which sought to allow boards to not only receive and consider confidential information in executive session, but also take action on it—prior to its death in committee.

This newspaper has made a concerted effort to educate Weston County residents and public officials alike of the importance of open government, so it was gratifying to note that none of our elected officials openly supported the legislation and some had even visibly opposed it. At the same time, such a reaction from Weston County's leaders came as no real surprise because the people who live here have demonstrated in recent years that one of the primary justifications for allowing more secrecy has absolutely no basis in fact—at least when it comes to folks around here.

A number of legislators—and locally elected officials from outside of this county—have tried to advance legislation in the past few years that would have made government less transparent by claiming people are unwilling to serve on boards because they don't want to put up with the hassle of conducting the public's business publicly, and are unwilling to accept the criticism they inevitably face from constituents who disagree with the positions they take on some issues.

That simply isn't true in Weston County, and despite the fact that this county's largest newspaper has made open meetings and public records a point of constant emphasis in its coverage of local government, we continue to benefit from a growing pool of citizens who are willing and eager to serve on our boards.

In the 2014 election, seven candidates threw their hat into the ring for three available county commission seats, four residents ran for three seats on the Newcastle City Council, there were three people to choose from for a pair of seats on the Upton Town Council and a trio of candidates competed to be that community's mayor. Just as telling is the fact that four residents stepped forward to seek an appointment to a vacant spot on the Newcastle City Council last fall, and an equal number of candidates offered themselves up for appointment when a vacancy was created on the Weston County School District #1 Board of Trustees at the same time. School district officials revealed this week that five individuals submitted letters of interest for a more recent vacancy that the board planned to fill on Wednesday night.

That's hardly an indication that our insistence on open government is discouraging people from public service. In fact, it is far more likely that a commitment to transparency has increased understanding of—and interest in—government in Weston County. We believe that has encouraged an even greater number of residents to participate, by both serving on boards and interacting with them as citizens on issues of importance. That, in turn, has produced better government here, and that's exactly what this nation's founding fathers believed would happen when people were allowed to govern themselves—and given the information to do so effectively.

Need to talk to a public servant?

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The desire to serve and courage to act

They sacrifice their time to protect their community. They are the real world heroes. They are the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department.

Over the years, I have learned how important a volunteer fire department is to a small community. Having dedicated volunteers like the ones on the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department changes our lives.

The Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department puts on an incredible fireworks display each Fourth of July. The volunteers put a lot of time and effort into putting on the fireworks show and making it great. The majority of the community comes down to enjoy the show, and it is an incredible feeling walking down and seeing all the families waiting in anticipation for dusk to approach.

Everyone gathers, and the scene is like one from a movie when you get a warm and fuzzy feeling because the guy finally gets the girl. You can always count on seeing the young children running around and having an amazing time waiting for the display.

Amongst the crowd, you can see the future firemen. The future fireman will be the kids who play the games and watch the fireworks year after year. The NVFD has a fantastic program called Explorer Post #66.

The post is an amazing opportunity for teens to gain leadership skills by being a part of a great organization. The post gives teens opportunities to volunteer and learn valuable life lessons. It shows teens

that they can make a difference by helping the community even in the hardest of situations such as in times of local tragedies.

Getting Newcastle's youth interacted with Explorer Post #66 develops strong community members, along with quick first responders. It also creates a network of community supporters of the emergency services in the heart of Newcastle, Wyoming.



The Explorer Post serves as an umbrella for the Boy Scouts of America to promote youth participation within fire and emergency services throughout the community. The program is a powerful recruitment tool for the department, and provides adolescents with valuable life skills.

The Explorer program provides the fire/EMS department with the resources, equipment and information to help develop, enhance, and promote a local junior firefighter program.

These are not the only highlights of the Explorer program, however. Youth can also use the program to gain education and interest in possible career paths.

The members of the NVFD and Explorer Post do amazing deeds for the community, but it is not easy for them. In small communities, when an accident happens, everyone is affected. Neighbors are not just casual acquaintances who are seen going to work and coming home, but people who have lived in the community their entire lives.

They are the people we have grown up with. They are our friends. It is nearly impossible to be emotion-

ally removed from situations that occur, such as local accidents.

It is not like a movie, where the fireman helps a troubled stranger. Instead, it is far too likely the call they receive will be an emergency affecting someone they know and care about.

It is easy for people to overlook how personal the struggle is for a firefighter, but he or she has to face this struggle every day.

If tragedies are hard on us as members of the community, it must be incredibly difficult for the first responders who show up to an incident only to find the victim is someone they have been friends with for most of their lives.

I remember hearing about the death of a woman I knew. That was when I realized the people who volunteer are forced to face situations far worse than grassfires.

I had a hard time with the situation even at a distance, but can not imagine what it was like to wake up to the emergency call and arrive on the scene to find out it was one of my close friends.

Volunteer firefighters are connected to each person's life through friends or family in our community in some way or another. It is impossible to escape those connections when they are the ones going in to these unfortunate situations.

Dedicated and heroic volunteers make up our Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department and Explorer Post. To put it simply, volunteer fire departments represent the best part of small communities, being there for one another.

Without the sacrifice of these heroes, our small town that we call home would not be the same.

Letters to the Editor

Right to pay homage to the 1990 state champs

Dear Editor,
Thank you for honoring the old guys that were such great fun to watch and dearly love—the boys of yesteryear... the 1990 Wyoming Class 3A Basketball State Champs!

It was a great speech Bob, then and now.

—Gail Gray

Climate predictions miss the mark

Dear Editor,
A recent editorial by Bjorn Lomborg, a prominent environmentalist who spoke at a Wyoming Heritage meeting some years ago, is very enlightening.

The temperature increase during the last 15 years has been 0.09 degree F, but the computers had predicted 0.8 degrees F.

The widely publicized hottest year on record was only 0.02 degrees F above the previous record.

The records only go back about 110 years. Does anyone notice that many of the records go back to the 30's. What was the cause of warming then?

With all of the money we are spending on wind and solar power it only amounts to about 0.4 percent of the total usage.

There is some warming, but it is not as much as the computers predict, nor is it unusual.

—Don Thorson

The invisible hand has led us astray

Dear Editor,
In 1776, Adam Smith published "The Wealth of Nations," which espoused the theory that the "invisible hand" of an unregulated "free market" would best serve to accumulate capital.

Austrians Ludwig Von Mises and F.A. Hayek were in general agreement. In the late 1800's and early 1900's the Laissez-Faire lack of regulation and America's abundant natural resources did, in fact, nurture the development of several capitalist fortunes.

But, it was at the cost of several minor economic upheavals. One of the more major upheavals prompted President Teddy Roosevelt to clamp down on the most egregious exploiters of the "free market."

Like weeds, the free market advocates kept coming back.

Their hey-day was the Roaring 20's, which ended with the stock market crash of 1929. This marked the beginning of The Great Depression,

which lasted until the beginning of WWII. This also marked the end of free market capitalism as the premier economic system.

In 1936, in the middle of the Great Depression, John Maynard Keynes published his "General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money."

Interest in and implementation of Keynes Economic theory and plan grew from 1939 onwards, perhaps diminishing somewhat by 1979.

The economic momentum of the war carried over into the early 50's, providing jobs and prosperity for everyone. Keynes supported reining in the relatively unregulated capitalists and defending the middle class against their most egregious predations. The Keynesian economic plan supplanted "the invisible hand" and prosperity continued.

The Nobel Award for Milton Friedman of the Chicago School of Economics was protested by four prior Laureates. Linus Pauling, Salvador Luria, David Baltimore and George Wald disapproved his involvement in brutal South American Revolutions. (see "Shock Doctrine" by Naomi Klein)

Friedman had identified some few flaws in the Keynes theory and promoted his own theory of macro economics more akin to Adam Smith's.

Alan Greenspan, an acolyte of Friedman, became Chairman of the Federal Reserve. Inaction by his Federal Reserve was a major contributing factor in the Great Recession of 2008. C-Span II recorded the Congressional Hearings and they are available on the internet (unless Comcast takes over.)

After a great deal of grandstanding and jawboning by the various Congressmen at the hearings, Greenspan finally admitted "I was wrong."

Theories aside, actual practice permitted "capitalists" to acquire ever more capital and control over our economy. That this result was inevitable is revealed by the research of Thomas Piketty and related in his book "Capital in the 21st Century."

Among other things one can come to the conclusion that economic inequity is a malady and not a cure.

Adam Smith's capitalism has become counterproductive and, like our Constitution is in serious need of an upgrade. Take note: the recommendation is "upgrade" not "discard."

There are peaceful and constitutionally permitted ways to accomplish this goal. However, politicians, who have been on "the take" for many years will object.

—Jerry Baird



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Battle a cold with nutrition

You can't prevent cold and flu viruses from making their winter appearance, but a healthy diet can strengthen your immune system, making it better prepared to respond to attacking viruses. Properly fueling a sick body is an essential part of getting better.

While a nasty cold or case of the flu might ruin your appetite, it's important to stay well-nourished and hydrated. Eating smaller portions of food more often makes it easier to steadily fuel ourselves through the recovery process. The best way to kick a cold is to drink plenty of fluids and eat immunity-boosting foods.

It's not just an old wives' tale — a bowl of chicken noodle soup does help soothe a cold. The chicken contains an amino acid called cysteine, which helps thin mucus in the lungs, and the hot broth helps to keep nasal passages moist, prevent dehydration, and reduce overall inflammation.

When you are sick with a cold or the flu, drink plenty of liquids to stay hydrated. Warm liquids can soothe a sore throat, ease congestion, and chase away the chills so drink freshly brewed green or black tea, which is rich in infection-fighting antioxidants and supports the immune system. Add antioxidant-rich honey and a squeeze of lemon for vitamin C. Hot water with lemon are ideal for staying hydrated while helping out that stuffy nose.

If you're looking for that dose of C, go straight to the unprocessed source. Have an orange or a grapefruit. The fruit has more fiber, so it will be more filling, and you'll only get the natural sugars. The soft white skin found on oranges, grapefruit, lemons, and limes contains flavonoids, which increase immune system activity. Other good sources of vitamin C include bell peppers, kale, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, kiwi, strawberries, cantaloupe, and tomatoes.

When you're sick, a glass of 100-percent real orange juice with pulp can provide a vitamin boost. Juice is a great way to get vitamins and fruit sugar in an easily digestible format. Real 100-percent vegetable juices are also a great choice.

It's important to eat some protein. Choose easily digestible proteins that take little or no time to prepare such as eggs, tofu, fish, chicken, and turkey to help the organs that make cold-destroying white blood cells.

Spicy foods are effective natural decongestants. Eating hot chili peppers, hot sauce, wasabi, or horseradish can help relieve the symptoms of a stuffy nose.

Bananas are rich in potassium, which is often depleted during illness. They're easy to digest, may help lower body temperature, and can help replenish lost electrolytes.

Yogurt is rich in probiotic cultures, which are essential for immune health. Choose ones that contain the bacterial strains *Lactobacillus casei* or *Lactobacillus reuteri* to improving immune response.

Whole grains, like oatmeal, contain beta glucan, selenium, and zinc to help support your immune system and fend off cold and flu infections.

Mushrooms are a major source of the immune system-boosting mineral, zinc. They increase the production of cells that help fight off infections.

Ginger is effective at preventing and soothing nausea and other gastric ailments. It's also a natural pain and fever reducer and a mild sedative, so it can help you rest when you're sick. Steep some fresh ginger in boiling water until the water turns yellow, and then drink it with some honey.

Garlic is nature's antibiotic. Its properties help fight infection and ward off sickness. Add plenty of garlic and onions to soup, main dishes, and vegetables. Combined, they contain dozens of broad-spectrum antiseptic and immunity boosting compounds.

Because honey coats your throat, it's a great cold- and flu-friendly sore throat reliever, and its antioxidant and antimicrobial properties help fight infections from viruses, bacteria, and fungi. Warning: Don't give honey to children under 1 year of age. Since the body is more vulnerable during illness, it's best to avoid any foods that put the body under excess stress. Certain foods can make the unpleasant experience of being sick even worse.

The jury's still out on this one, but many people believe that consuming dairy can promote mucus production, which could worsen congestion when sick. I say try it, and if it doesn't aggravate you, then consume it, since dairy products can be good sources of protein and vitamin D, which can both help fight infections.

While spicy foods might be good for nasal congestion, they can also be rough on the stomach and cause more pain and discomfort. Avoid them if you are experiencing stomach upset.

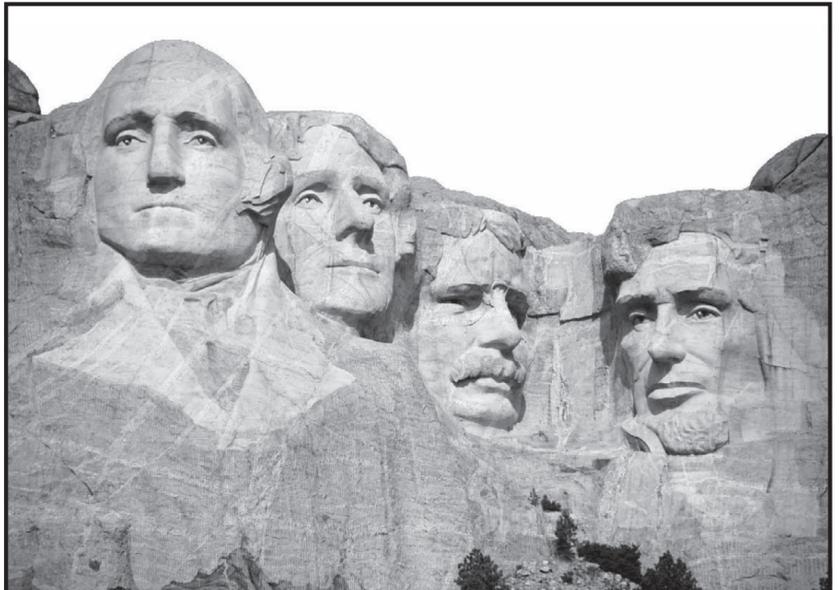
Stay away from excess fats when you are sick. Foods high in fat or fried can be more difficult to digest and may suppress the immune system. Foods high in fat produce inflammation that produces a less active immune system. High sugar intake can suppress the immune system and cause inflammation. Extra sugar hinders white blood cells from fighting infection. Remember, it's important to give your body nutrients, not sugar!

A hot toddy might clear things up for a short time, but alcohol weakens your immune system and dehydrates you. Both of these can make a cold more miserable.

A reduced number of colds and their duration is one of the awesome benefits that goes along with providing your body with the nutrients it needs to keep your immune system up to par. Next time you are feeling a little under the weather, be sure to get plenty of rest, drink fluids, and consider incorporating some of these foods into your diet to help speed up recovery once you've been caught with a cold, but they also are important preventative measures.



Vicki Hayman
Extension
Notes



SALUTING AMERICA'S PRESIDENTS

On Presidents' Day, we salute the 44 men who have served our country and its people as honored presidents of the United States of America. We thank them for their service and commitment to the American people and to the American values of liberty and justice for all.

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match every dollar that is put into the endowment. Buchholz told the News Letter Journal it is again up to a \$10,000 match, which can be taken advantage of until the donor money is gone. At the time of the interview with NLJ, she had just learned of the latest match and wasn't sure what Weston County would do with the latest news.

With the money currently in the endowment, Weston County will draw close to \$1,000 each year in interest, depending on the market value each year. Buchholz noted it will be a steady funding source for Weston County 4-H.

"It is very exciting! I am really excited that we finally decided to utilize that money to do something like this, instead of sticking it in a CD that was hardly generating any money," admitted the educator. "It really could do a lot for the

4-H program and we are really excited about that."

Another boost for local 4-Hers came when the 4-H Foundation, in partnership with MidwayUSA and in conjunction with the Mule Deer Foundation, gave a \$3,000 grant locally for shooting sports.

The local 4-H wanted to use the money to buy 3-D archery targets for 4-H members to use. The expense was a deterrent, so the Wyoming 4-H Foundation decided that, to continue to have a successful state shoot they would match the money for counties that want to purchase 3-D targets, with the agreement they will be able to borrow the large targets for the state shoot, informed Buchholz.

"So they gave us \$3,000 for our shooting sports program, and then they matched that so we could buy \$6,000 worth of 3-D targets," she explained.

Susan Pillen, the Weston

County 4-H archery leader, said both the youth and adults are appreciative of the 10 targets they were able to pick out themselves and received last spring. Having their own set made it easier to hold the Weston County shoot around the members' schedules.

"They are pretty awesome! We used them last year and several of the big ones were used at the state shoot in Douglas," Pillen reported.

For the Junior Division level, 10 targets are just what is required of them for the state contest. However, at the Senior Division level they are expected to shoot more 3-D targets. Pillen hopes more donations will come in to be able to purchase more of the expensive targets.

"Donations are appreciated, to be able to educate these children in shooting sports," she appealed.

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visits helped her with any questions she had, and to let her know she was on the right track while breastfeeding her newborn son.

"It's been great! Michelle has been so helpful by coming out and answering questions," acknowledged Renee.

She also appreciates the beautiful blanket and hat that was handmade by the Creative Handworkers, a group that meets every Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Weston County Senior Services center to create things together.

"We are just delighted when we can help someone out," said Isabella Taylor of Creative Handworkers, in a telephone interview with the NLJ. The ladies enjoy making the items and take them to Weston County Public Health for Sweet to distribute.

The Welcome Home Program is available to all women following the birth of a baby, and being part of the program is as easy as a phone call, Sweet said. Simply call Weston County Public Health at (307) 746-4775, or visit them at 400 Stampede Street in Newcastle.

In-home visits are made periodically to assess the health of both mom and baby, which

includes weighing the newborn to evaluate how they are growing. Sweet assists with parenting skills, breastfeeding education and support, and gives information and referrals to community agencies if needed.

Another program in the Maternal Child Program is the Nurse-Family Partnership, which is a home visiting program for first-time mothers. Sweet visits families during pregnancy and after the birth of the baby, and for the next two years of the child's life. She teaches what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery, infant health and development, and how to have fun with baby and develop a special relationships.

Best Beginnings for Wyoming Babies provides a coordinated community effort of prenatal services for expecting moms, along with assurance of early and continued prenatal care, pregnancy counseling and education, smoking cessation and assistance and referrals, in addition to prenatal classes for parents of newborns and home visits for moms and babies.

"This is one of the most enjoyable jobs I could have! I am honored I get paid to educate, help and support parents on their journey," said Sweet.

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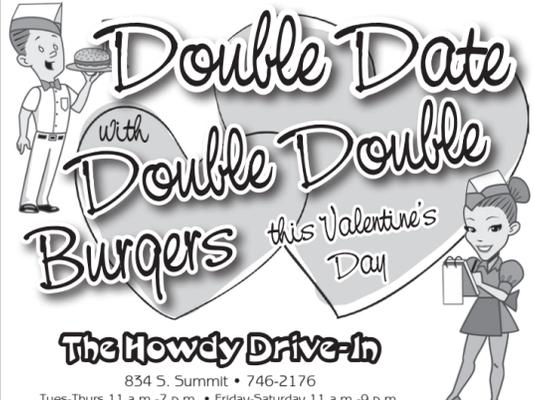
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The words "thank you" simply are not enough to express our gratefulness to family, extended family, pallbearers, friends from eleven states, fellow officers from Wyoming, co-workers from Jeld-Wen, the pastor and congregation of the First Friends Church, citizens and businesses of Grinnell who have shown their support. All of you were needed to help us through this difficult time. We so much appreciate your thoughtfulness, gifts, cards, food, donations and prayers.

Our heartfelt thank you goes out to all as we keep you in our memories. We could not have made it without all of you.

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**100 years ago -
Feb. 11, 1915**

Wednesday night saw the beginning of the worst blizzard that we have ever seen in our 10 years' residence in this Boyd area. The storm raged all day Thursday with such fury one could not see across the road, and continued Thursday night and up to Friday noon. The snow was piled up in huge drifts. Elgin Smith and William Pettengill, who started from the Bud Smith ranch about one o'clock with four horses attached to their sled, succeeded in reaching the Clark Allen ranch about dark. Putting their teams in the barn they shouldered the 100 pounds of mail and walked the remainder of the way to the post office at Boyd, reaching there at eight o'clock. It was utterly impossible to get through the drifts with a team. Verily, the ways of the poor mail man is not a dream of bliss.

By ski seems to be the chief mode of traveling these days in the Fiddler Creek area.

On Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents in Exeter, Neb., occurred the marriage of Miss Anne Becker and Mr. Albert Kaiser of Clifton. Mr. and Mrs. Kaiser arrived here Thursday morning and will live on Mr. Kaiser's ranch near Clifton.

The last meeting of the Beaver Creek Club was held at Mrs. McFarland's. In spite of the deep snow, quite a number of the club members were there. A novel game was played at which Mrs. John Fawcett took first prize and Mrs. McCoy took the booby. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

James Mayberry was down from the prairie Tuesday, and was still smiling over the arrival of that little girl at his home. James thinks that stork knew how to pick out a baby. R.B. Hackney returned last

Thursday from a business trip to Custer and Hardin, Mont., where he has livestock interests. He states that stock is in excellent condition in that country.

Kirk Baker, who has a government snow gauge at his ranch in the Boyd vicinity, reports that the gauge registered 51 inches of snow fall within the past four weeks, and 20 inches were registered in 36 hours.

P. Aimonetto went to Casper Saturday to view the properties of the Asbestos company in which he is interested, and is well pleased with his investment. He returned Tuesday and was accompanied by his son who has been engaged in a store at Casper for the past several months.

Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Johnson, formerly of this city, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of their marriage tomorrow afternoon at their home in Sheridan.

A.M. Nichols returned Sunday from Omaha, Neb., where he marketed a carload of hogs at a fair price.

Carl Kugland, the enterprising insurance agent of Newcastle, paid a flying visit to Cambria last Friday.

**75 years ago -
Feb. 8, 1940**

Masonic funeral services were held at the Masonic Temple here Tuesday afternoon for A.J. Kirkwood, 61, long-time resident of Weston County, who died Saturday afternoon as a result of a self-inflicted bullet wound.

The Newcastle Dogies hit their stride for the first time in nearly a week when they defeated the Custer Wildcats 17 to 15 here on Monday night. After losing two games late last week to Sundance and Edgemont, both by scores of 21 to 15, the Dogies were

determined to beat Custer.

Final approval of the appointment of Hugh F. Graham as Newcastle postmaster, was made by Congress late last week, according to announcement from Washington, D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. James Soper, Leo McKenna, Mrs. Jim Riley, Mrs. Olive Lampert and Tom Richardson, all of the Elk Mountain area, attended the funeral of John Hill at Hot Springs Monday.

Jim Richards had the misfortune to have his car burned up last Wednesday evening near the Ellis place, when the car skidded into the ditch and the hay caught fire.

Many out-of-town friends and relatives and old Cambria residents attended the Masonic funeral services held in Newcastle Tuesday afternoon for A.J. Kirkwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Schlup became the parents of a seven-pound baby girl on Tuesday morning at their home.

Kennie K. Hunter returned to Osage school the first of the week after being absent two weeks with flu.

**50 years ago -
Feb. 11, 1965**

Enthusiasm and participation continues to grow for the wagon train trip to Douglas to celebrate Wyoming's 75th anniversary.

Mrs. Mary Tavegia died Tuesday at her home in Newcastle. She had been in ill health for some time. She was 82.

Boy Scout Troop 71 and Cub Pack 70, both of Newcastle, and Explorer Post 299 of Igloo, S.D., won the coveted presidential awards at the annual Pine Tree District Boy Scout Exposition in Hot Springs last Saturday.

The Newcastle Dogies split two basketball games last



weekend as they were downed by Buffalo but gained revenge over Custer, S.D., at Buffalo. The Dogies lost 63 to 59 at Newcastle, the Dogies beat the Custer Wildcats 76 to 47 and avenged a previous loss to Custer 65-58.

Three young Newcastle men are working out fines from Police Court by working on the city streets.

Naramore Ford Sales would appreciate the radiator back that was stolen from a 1956 Ford parked on their lot. They said it makes it kind of hard to sell a car without a radiator.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lincoln and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Rawhouser Jr. and William Roark spent Sunday visiting at the Hank Fowler home in the Boyd area.

Mrs. E.J. Landrigan announces the engagement of her daughter, Kathleen, to Bob Tavegie, son of Mrs. Dora Tavegie.

Mrs. Loyd Reimer was presented a Den Mother's Training Award at Hot Springs last Saturday.

The Osage Ladies' Aid met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lester Updike. There were eight members present.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Townsend were pleasantly surprised Saturday evening when some of their old-time friends gathered at their home in Newcastle for a housewarming. Their friends carried in sandwiches, cakes and relishes and the evening was spent visiting.



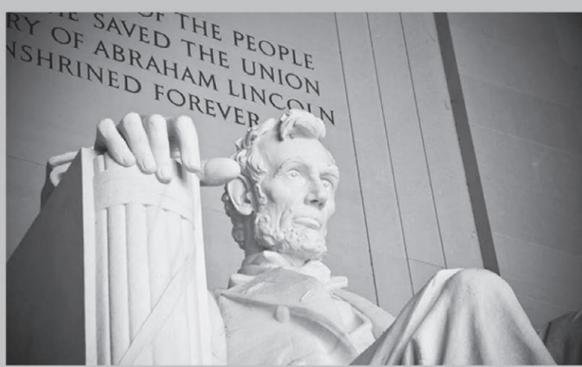
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- **ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH:** Rev. Norm Brotzman, 216 S. Seneca, 746-2249. Call to Worship 9:30 am; Children's Church during Call to Worship; Faith Rally Sunday 6 pm.
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- **CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS:** Bishop Greg James, 120 Ash, 746-4131. Sunday Sacrament Mtg 9 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am.
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- **FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH:** Mike Wiles, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service 5 pm; Eita Nova Youth Group Wednesday 6:30 pm Christian Academy.

- **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Jeff Thoms, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am; Traditional Church Services 10 am; 10:15 a.m. Children's Church and 11:45 am. Contemporary Praise & Worship Service.
- **GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am. Call 746-8091.
- **KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES:** 5018 US Hwy 16, 746-2319 or 746-4517. Tuesday 7 p.m. Congregation Bible Study, Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting, Sunday Public Talk 10 am; Watchtower 11 am.
- **NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sun. Worship 10 am; Wed. Night Prayer.
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- **OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** 348 Sheridan St. in Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm.
- **SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST:** Pastor Gary Force, 78 Old Hwy 85, 746-3504 or 278-0254, Pastoral Assistant Jason Logan 746-2974. Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11:20 am.
- **ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Killian Muli, Upton. Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
- **VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH:** Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366.
- **UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Sharee Johnson, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 9 am; Fellowship 10 a.m.; Adult Study 10:30 a.m.; 1st & 3rd Wed Evenings Prayer and Praise Service 7 pm.

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Years ago, someone catalogued the following failures: failed in business; defeated for legislature; failed in business again; defeated for speaker, elector, Congress, Senate, Vice President, and Senate. Who was this man? Abraham Lincoln, elected twice as President of the United States! Failures do not make a failure, they make a person. Failures hurt, but they do not stop God. He has a way of taking the tangled failures of our lives and weaving a tapestry that has strength, and is a body of beauty and bringer of joy. Give thanks to God at your house of worship this week. Let your failures make you stronger.

Weekly Scripture Reading						
John 6:25-71	1 John 1:1-10	1 John 2:1-29	1 John 3:1-24	1 John 4:1-21	1 John 5:1-21	1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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Obituaries**DONALD DALE SACKETT**
Dec. 23, 1940-Jan. 22, 2015

Donald Dale Sackett of Alcova, 74, passed away of natural causes on Jan. 22, 2015. He passed peacefully at his home.

Mr. Sackett was born to Claude Morris Sackett and Edith Elizabeth (Toth) Sackett on Dec. 23, 1940, in Sundance. He married Meredith Kay Coleman on March 19, 1961, in Guernsey.

He is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Meredith; his children, Donna Rice (Cliff Rice), of Valparaiso, Ind., Valerie Conyers (Rick Conyers) and Lisa Ogden (Randy Ogden), of Casper; his brother, Darrell Sackett of Tulsa, Okla.; his sister, Sharron Cheyne of Dianna, Texas; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Sackett was a beloved husband, father and grandfather. His family will remember him as a gentle man who loved carpentry, enjoyed hunting, was devoted to time at Alcova Lake with family, and appreciated the natural beauty of the state of Wyoming. Don was pleased to be the grandson of immigrants. His maternal grandparents came to the U.S. from Hungary in the late 1800s, passing through Ellis Island. They homesteaded in northern Wyoming.

A memorial service will be planned in the spring. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that those who wish to do so, make contributions to Central Wyoming Hospice, 319 S. Wilson, Casper, Wyoming, 82601.

Arrangements are under the care of Fidler-Roberts & Isburg Funeral Chapel of Sundance. Online condolences may be written at www.fidler-isburgfuneralchapels.com.

ALFRED A. ALBERS**March 21, 1926-Jan. 23, 2015**

Alfred Anthony Albers was born March 21, 1926, near Angelus, Kan., to John George and Catherine Marie (Fellhoetter) Albers. He passed away Jan. 23, 2015, at the Sheridan County Hospital in Hoxie, Kan., at the age of 88.

Alfred grew up on a farm six miles north of Angelus. He attended Scheetz Country School District #23 in Sheridan County. During World War II, Alfred served in the United States Army with the 519th Military Police Battalion.

**Alfred Albers**

On Nov. 23, 1949, Alfred was united in marriage to Anna Frances Haffner at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Park, Kan. They made their home on a farmstead northwest of Selden, Kan., in Prairie Dog Township of Sheridan County for most of their married life, and were blessed with 13 children.

In May of 1992, Alfred and Anna moved to a residence in Selden. Anna moved to the Sheridan County Health Complex LTCU in Hoxie in 2012, and Alfred became a resident there after her death on July 20, 2014.

Alfred carried on the family vocation as a farmer and also drilled irrigation wells for area farmers. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and American Legion Post #321, all of Selden, and VFW of Hoxie. He enjoyed making small woodworking projects, collecting antique horse machinery, gardening, and playing cards, especially Pinochle and Pitch.

He is survived by his five sons and two daughters-in-law, Alfred "Jr." Albers of Selden, Frederick Albers of Rexford, Bernard "Ben" Albers of Selden, Michael and Penny Albers of Piedmont, Okla., and Ronald and Bernice Albers of Cottonwood Falls; eight daughters and sons-in-law, Anna and James Johnson of Littleton, Colo., Donna and John Gerstner of Hill City, Mary and William Swann of Littleton, Colo., Marjorie and Edward Wagoner of Newcastle, Geraldine and Todd Toll of Morland, Shirley and David Niermeier of Hoxie, Patricia and Richard Summers of Colby, and Victoria and Steve Bailey of Chaffield, Minn.; 29 grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and five step-great-grandchildren; in addition to many nephews, nieces, other family members and friends.

In addition to his wife and parents, Alfred was preceded in death by a grandson, Bryar Toll; four infant siblings, Wandlin, Alphons, Thersia and John Albers; and three adult siblings, Marie Schaffer and Arnold and Ernest Albers.

Vigil service was held Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Selden. Funeral Mass was Jan. 26 at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Selden. Burial was at Selden Cemetery with Military Honors by American Legion Post #321. A memorial fund, the Masses and Selden Cemetery Fund, is suggested.

Pauls Funeral Home, Oberlin & Selden, Kansas, was in charge of arrangements. www.paulsfh.com.

BRUCE McDONALD**June 25, 1939-Jan. 16, 2015**

Bruce McDonald, 75, passed away peacefully on Jan. 16, 2015, at Wyoming Medical Center.

He was born June 25, 1939, to the

**Bruce McDonald**

late Ralph and late Pearl (Mihalski) of Newcastle, graduating from Newcastle High School in 1957.

In 1958, he married Bev Bartling, and to this union was born two children, son Randy and daughter Rhonda.

Moving to Denver, Colo., Bruce worked writing and revising top secret design manuals for the Titan Missile program. Eventually returning to Wyoming, he worked as a geophysical logging engineer and electronics engineer for various companies in the energy industry. In 1983, he started Strata Data Inc., a geophysical logging company.

Having only semi-retired, he also enjoyed being a key member and treasurer of the Casper Amateur Radio Club, making many good friends there.

In his later years, Bruce played a key role in the capture, rehabilitation and homing of many of Casper's stray and feral cat population.

He is survived by his wife of almost 57 years, Bev; son, Randy (Frances) of Casper; daughter, Rhonda of Casper; grandsons, Shaun Tipton of Casper, Erik Tipton of Greeley, Colo., and Ethan Hennek of NAF Atsugi, Japan; brother, Pat (Francine) of Anchorage, Alaska; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Jason's Friends or to the charity of your choice.

Services were held at Newcomers, on Jan. 22 at 2 p.m.

MARJORIE DELORES TUBBS**April 15, 1930-Jan. 30, 2015**

Marjorie Delores Tubbs, age 84, of Edgemont, S.D., passed away Jan. 30, 2015, at the Seven Sisters Living Center in Hot Springs, S.D.

Marjorie was born April 15, 1930, at the Evans Hotel Annex in Hot Springs, to Charles and Mildred (Hixson) Hardman. Marjorie spent her younger years in Buffalo Gap, S.D., where she attended grade school, later moved to Igloo, S.D., where she graduated from high school in 1948.

Marjorie met and married Edward Tubbs on Oct. 17, 1948. To this union was born Edward Tubbs Jr., Ben Tubbs and Melanie (Tubbs) Ditsch.

She was active in the Rebekah and Odd Fellows Lodges, Methodist and UCC Churches in South Dakota and Wyoming. Marjorie volunteered at the VA Center in Hot Springs, and she was also involved in many groups such as bowling, Canasta, Bridge, 4-H and Cub Scouts.

Marjorie is survived by her two sons, Edward Tubbs of Edgemont and Ben (Patty) Tubbs of Hot Springs; daughter, Melanie (Jim) Ditsch of Topeka, Kan.; two brothers, Donald Hardman of Carson, Wash., and Leland (Sue) Hardman of New Brighton, Minn.; two sisters, Shirley (Chuck) Johnson of Rapid City, S.D., and Marion Hills of Marina, Calif.; three grandchildren, Amber Tubbs, Paul Ditsch and Matt Ditsch; step-grandchildren, Gary (Nikki) Ditsch; and one great-grandson, Kristopher Tubbs.

Visitation was held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 3, at Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home in Hot Springs.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 4, at Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home in Hot Springs, with Pastor Paul Smith officiating.

Interment followed at the Edgemont Cemetery near Edgemont.

A memorial in Marjorie's name has been established to benefit the Edgemont Senior Citizens Center in Edgemont.

Arrangements have been placed in the care of Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home in Hot Springs. Written condolences may be made at www.chamberlainmccolleys.com.

MILDRED 'MILLIE' KISSACK**Feb. 22, 1925-Feb. 1, 2015**

Funeral services for Mildred "Millie" Kissack were held at 10 a.m. on Feb. 10 at New Life Wesleyan Church. Visitation was held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 9, at Gillette Memorial Chapel. Burial took place at Rozet Cemetery.

Mildred passed away Feb. 1, 2015, at the Primrose Retirement Home in Gillette, surrounded by her family.

Mildred was born the second child of five at the family home in Whitewood Valley, Whitewood, S.D., on Feb. 22, 1925, to Hervey and Hazel Somers. She attended the Big Bottom School in Whitewood Valley and graduated as salutatorian from Whitewood High School in 1942. She stayed home a year to help on the family farm as her mother's health was poor.

When she was 17, she met Claude

Kissack at a Saturday night dance in St. Onge, S.D. They had only dated a short time before Claude was quite smitten with her and wanted to get married. However, she wanted to pursue other adventures so refused. Soon after that she moved to Seattle, Wash., living with relatives while working as a nurse's aide at a Merchant Marine hospital for a year. Her next move was back to South Dakota to attend the National School of Business in Rapid City, S.D. After her training there she answered an ad for an office position with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C., and got the job! She started getting homesick for the Black Hills so transferred when an opening came up in Denver, Colo., which was much closer to home. Sometimes she would purchase a bus ticket to go home to see her family for a few days. Quite an adventure for a country girl!

After working for the government for seven years, she returned to Rapid City for an office job. At this time, Claude and Mildred's paths crossed once again. Claude was now a widower with a young son, Claude Jr. They rekindled their romance, marrying on Feb. 10, 1952, in Sturgis, S.D. They lived in Custer, S.D., for a year, where Sally was born, then moved to Newcastle where they had Doug and Bart.

They purchased the Dave Whisler ranch near Rozet on Oct. 18, 1965. That was a very big day for them! Their family was completed with the birth of Quent. At this time the oil field was booming, so Claude did oil field trucking while Millie did book-keeping. Millie was a wonderful mother, wife and business partner as the work in the oil field continued to increase.

Claude passed away in December 2006. Millie continued to live at the ranch until April 2014, when she moved to the Primrose Retirement Home.

Millie had a true heart for the Lord. Her greatest joys were spending time with her large family, friends and neighbors. She could be seen attending as many weddings, anniversaries, funerals and birthdays as possible. She brought joy to many with her gifts and packages containing small, stuffed animals, candy or holiday trinkets. Millie often visited the nursing home to share there as well, giving hugs along the way. She met no stranger and had more "grandkids" than could ever be counted. She will forever be remembered for her love of anything red and more importantly, her loving, generous heart.

Mildred is survived by her children, Claude Jr. (Kathy), Sally, (John) Reynolds, Douglas (Jo), Bart (Kathy), and Quentin (Wendy); and sister-in-law Jean Somers. She had 15 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Mildred Kissack was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Claude; brothers, Wesley, Dale and Stanley Somers; and her sister, Norma Jean Smith.

A memorial has been established to the Salvation Army, the Campbell County Healthcare Foundation-Cancer Pet Scan Project Only, or to a charity of your choice.

Memorials and condolences may also be sent in the family's name to Gillette Memorial Chapel 210 West 5th Street, Gillette, WY 82716 or via website, www.gilletteremorialchapel.com.

FRANCIS EARL CARR**Jan. 14, 1927-Feb. 3, 2015**

Francis Earl Carr died Feb. 3, 2015, at Weston County Health Services Hospital. He was born Jan. 14, 1927, in a log cabin southeast of Newcastle on the family homestead ranch, to Earl and Ruth Carr.

As a young boy he lived his life on the ranch and for some summers, he and his family lived and worked in Yellowstone National Park. He went to school until eighth grade at Clifton, a little county school south of Newcastle. His family then moved to Newcastle for a time, where he attended high school and graduated. He then went to Black Hills State College in Spearfish for two years.

Growing up, Francis rodeoed a lot. He rode both bareback and saddle broncs. He even competed with Casey Tibbs and other great competitors. He also had a great love for roping and was still team roping in his 70s. He was a calf roper, team roper and he did some steer wrestling. Francis also broke a lot of horses for people.

Francis fell in love with Betty Jane Stok and they were married June 27, 1949. The following year they moved to one of the family ranches. In 1956, they built a home near Dewey, S.D., on the site where he was born. He and Betty worked side by side along with their five children, raising cattle and sheep. Francis continued to rodeo, and all five of his children were involved in rodeo, and his sons played basketball and football. He took great pride in seeing his kids compete.

In 1980, Francis decided to give up the ranching life, and he, along with his wife Betty, started training race horses. They

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DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Wed	Feb. 11	2:00 p.m.	Flowering Fingers	Carol Stephenson's
		3:00 p.m.	WC Natural Resource Dist.	USDA Bldg.
		7:00 p.m.	Mallo Camp Board	Public Health Bldg.
		7:00 p.m.	WCSD#1 Board Meeting	Administration Bldg.
		7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting (629-0211)	Corpus Christi Catholic Church
		7:00 p.m.	Lady's Firearm Safety Class (746-2822)	WC Sportsmans Club
Thurs	Feb. 12	4:00 p.m.	VFW Auxiliary	WC Senior Center
		5:30 p.m.	City Planning Commission	City Hall
Fri	Feb. 13	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting (629-0211)	Corpus Christi Catholic Church
		7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
Sat	Feb. 14	5:30 p.m.	Sweetheart Dinner	First United Methodist Church
Sun	Feb. 15	2:00 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Catholic Church
		7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting (629-0211)	Corpus Christi Catholic Church
Mon	Feb. 16	7:00 p.m.	City Council	City Council Chambers
Tues	Feb. 17	9:00 a.m.	WC Commissioners	WC Court House
		1:00 p.m.	WC CowBelles	Donna's Diner
		5:30 p.m.	AAU Volleyball Sign-Ups	NHS Commons
		6:00 p.m.	WC Humane Society Meeting	Shelter
		6:45 p.m.	ALANON Meeting (746-9791)	Mondell Heights
		7:00 p.m.	Helping Hands Foundation	WC Senior Center
		7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Health Services, Downstairs
Wed	Feb. 18	9:00 a.m.	WC Senior Services	WC Senior Center
		12:00 p.m.	Newcastle Lions Club	WC Senior Center
		1:30 p.m.	WC Weed & Pest	WC Weed & Pest Office
		7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting (629-0211)	Corpus Christi Catholic Church

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Feb. 13: Chase Peterson
- Feb. 15: Red Nauslar, Marilyn Clyde, Tyhahn Reynolds, David Sylte
- Feb. 16: Elta Eatherton, Mr & Mrs. David Sylte
- Feb. 17: Billy Quick, Mr & Mrs. Jerry Koester
- Feb. 18: Krystal Crinklaw
- Feb. 19: Rhyse Rhoades
- Feb. 20: Jonnaye Rosenau

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traveled as far away as Oklahoma, New Mexico and Utah to train. They raced horses in Wyoming, South Dakota, Montana, Colorado and Oklahoma. He was voted Wyoming Racehorse Trainer of the year for six years in a row. They would return to the ranch at the end of the racing season for a few months, then begin training and racing again until 1998. Upon the death of his beloved wife and partner Betty, Francis gave up training and came home to the ranch. He lived there until January 2007. He then moved to South Dakota for awhile, before deciding he wanted to be back in Newcastle, where most of his friends and relatives lived.

Everyone who knew Francis knew him for his "tell it like it is" manner and his sense of humor. He loved to tell old stories and would laugh so hard that tears would come down his face. He took great pleasure in his grandchildren and loved to go hunting, fishing and rock hunting with his grandsons. He loved seeing his granddaughters and grandsons play basketball and the grandsons playing football (high school and college), and attended as many games as he could. He also took pleasure in seeing his granddaughters become beautiful young women. His greatest love was dancing, and sometimes he would go to the senior center and dance every dance.

Survivors include his sons, Lee (Dianna) Carr of Hot Springs, S.D., and Matt (Peggy) Carr, Newcastle; his daughters, Becky (Lynn) Husman of Rapid City, Linda Carr of Gillette, and Valerie (Scott) Shoun of Black Hawk, S.D.; and 11 grandchildren, Lance Husman (Chicago), Brian (Becky) Carr, Orange County, Texas, Kevin (Melissa) Carr, Sioux Falls, S.D., Branden (Vicki) Griffin, Phoenix, Ariz., Manda Hoem, Phoenix, Brianne (Sandi) Kile, Nathan (Krista) Griffin, Phoenix, Lacey (Bryce) Wick, Rapid City, Justin Carr, Newcastle, Kyle (Anna) Carr, Newcastle, and Lexie (Matt) Aldridge. He has 21 great-grandchildren, as well as many special nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty; his folks, Earl and Ruth; one brother, Bob; his beloved sister, Mary; and twin infant Carr grandchildren.

Rosary Service was held at the Worden Funeral Home in Newcastle at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10, with funeral services at the Catholic church in Newcastle at 10 a.m., and gravesite rites following at the cemetery.

A memorial has been established in Francis Carr's name and may be sent to Box 446, Newcastle, WY 82701.

BOBBY JACK DAVIS
Aug. 1, 1939–Feb. 5, 2015

Bobby Jack Davis, 75, of Upton, passed away on Feb. 5, 2015, at his home in North Las Vegas, Nev.



Bobby Davis

Bobby was born on Aug. 1, 1939, in Graham, Texas, to Hubert and Jesse (Theral) Davis.

In 1949, at the age of 10, his family moved to northeast Wyoming where his father worked in the Weston County oil fields. After moving from Newcastle and then to field camps, the Davis family finally settled in Upton, and in 1957 Bobby graduated from Upton High School.

Bobby pursued a degree in electrical engineering for three years at the University of Wyoming and in April 1960 met Jeanne Taylor of Denver, Colo. Bobby and Jeanne married Aug. 10, 1960, and on Aug. 11, 1960, Bobby joined the United States Air Force. After three years in Denver, Bobby returned to Laramie to finish his degree and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering.

After completing his degree, Bobby served three more years in the United States Air Force, then served 14 years in the United States Public Health Service, working on various projects, including nuclear testing. In August of 1980, after serving his country for 20 years, Bobby was honorably discharged. He then moved back to Upton to begin a career in oil production, which lasted 26 years, selling AmWest Petroleum in 2006. During his time in oil production, Bobby also received a Bachelor of Science in Geology from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, S.D.

In retirement, Bobby and Jeanne wintered in Las Vegas, and Bobby renewed his high school interest in discus throwing. He went on to win a couple of senior throwing competitions. He soon found a pupil in Kevin Allen. Thereafter, Kevin won three state discus titles and received a throwing scholarship to Utah State University.

Bobby was a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church and is survived by his wife; his son, Troy (Nicky) Davis; three daughters, Chris (Paul) Gist of Lavon, Texas, Kim Esquivel of Upton and Kathi (Tommy) Black of North Pole, Alaska; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Donnie (Shirley) Davis and Joe (Karen) Davis; sister, Claudie (Delbert) Eitel; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bobby was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Harrell Davis; and son-in-law, Ronald Esquivel.

Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 16, at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Newcastle. The family will have a private inurnment at a later date in Upton.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Solari Hospice Care, 5550 S. Jones Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89118 or Christ the King Lutheran Church, 224 West Rd, Newcastle, WY 82701.

Arrangements are under the care of Fidler-Roberts & Isburg Funeral Chapel of Sundance. Online condolences may be written at fidler-isburgfuneralchapels.com.

LESTER FERLEY
July 31, 1911–Feb. 6, 2015

Lester Ferley age 103 of Pierre, S.D., died on Feb. 6, 2015, at Avera Maryhouse in Pierre. Visitation was on Feb. 11 at the Maryhouse Chapel from 6-7 p.m., followed by a prayer service at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 12, at 10:30 a.m., at the St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Burial will be at the Riverside Cemetery in Pierre, with Deacon Ken Pitlick and Fr. Michael Griffin officiating.

Lester Ferley was born July 31, 1911, on a farm near Northwood, Iowa, to John and Elizabeth (Hove) Ferley. In 1916 the family moved their livestock, machinery and household goods by rail to Balfour, N.D., where Les attended country schools. Losing the farm during the 1917-1924 North Dakota Depression, the family rented farms in four different areas, most of the time near Starkweather, where Les spent his high school years.

Farming never appealed to Les. He had his heart set to be a watchmaker. With no money in farming during the depression years, he wondered about other means to get to college. Being an accomplished banjo player, he started a five-piece dance band that stayed together for more than six years. Les also worked at Nerhuagen's Music Store in Devils Lake, N.D., tuning pianos, repairing musical instruments and sewing machines, along with farming.

In 1938, Lester had accumulated enough savings to enroll in the Elgin Watchmakers College in Elgin, Ill. Two years later he graduated as a master watchmaker. He went

back to Devils Lake to work with Bjornson's Jewelry Store.

Lester married Ann Axtman in Devils Lake in June of 1938. To this union three sons were born, George, John and Jim. They left North Dakota before the depression was over and moved to Pierre for a job with Marshall's Jewelry Store. Mr. Marshall died three years later and Les became business partners with Mr. Dukelo. After three years of being partners, Les bought out Mr. Dukelo and started Ferley Jewelers and Gifts.



Lester Ferley

Duty called during World War II, and Lester enlisted into the South Dakota State Guard on March 16, 1942. Les was honorably discharged as a sergeant on Dec. 27, 1946.

Les was an entrepreneur and often said that his best business investment was when he hired Bob Kaiser as a watchmaker in 1954. Bob was so valuable to the business that he became a partner in 1968. Bob's son, Rick, became a partner in 1979 and the manager in 2003. Having this kind of help allowed Lester to spend time in the Black Hills mining.

Lester was a volunteer fireman in Pierre for 20 years and another four in Devils Lake. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis Club, and a member of the chamber of commerce all the years he was in business. He was the chamber president in 1952, and was a faithful member of the Pierre Senior Citizens and Yacht Club. He was a 72-year life member of the NRA, and was very active in the Pierre's Lewis and Clark Rifle and Pistol Club. Les was very proud of the 29 years he served on the board of directors at Bank West.

Les was an avid reader and spent many hours in the library. Every Wednesday he would meet with the "Good Old Boys" for some fond reminiscing about the days when they were young. Les had a passion for hunting and fishing — every fall you could find him in a corn field stalking a pheasant or in a pit waiting for an unsuspecting goose.

Les is survived by his daughter-in-law, Kathy Ferley of Santer, Calif.; his son, Jim (Shirley) Ferley of Paola, Kan.; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ann, and sons, George and John.

KEVIN EARL STANTON
Feb. 1, 1964–Feb. 8, 2015

Kevin Earl Stanton passed away Feb. 8, 2015, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Kevin was born Feb. 1, 1964, to Eugene "Bucky" and Nancy (King) Stanton. He attended grade school in Osage and high school in Newcastle. Kevin enjoyed fishing, hunting, cooking and spending time with family and friends. He spent many years working in the oil field.

On June 5, 2010, he married the love of his life, Tobie.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents and parents.

He is survived by his wife, Tobie; daughters, Jamie Durand and Nikki Hudnall; granddaughters, Haley and Terrah Hudnall, all of Edgerton; two sisters, Tammy (Kent) Elliott and Kelly (Mike) Arp; two brothers, Elvin (Candi) Stanton and Greg (Robyn) Stanton; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and many friends.

Rosary Service will be held Friday, Feb. 13, at the Worden Funeral Home Chapel, with memorial service on Saturday at 1 p.m., at Corpus Christi Catholic Church. Memorials may be sent to Tammy Elliott, 524 Mushcreek Rd., Newcastle, WY 82701.



Submitted photo

Lane Zerbst, Hannah Williams and Gavin Holmes accept an award from Tim Bouchard, recognizing the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department Explorer Post 66 as the 2014 Post of the Year.

Explorers

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Christiansen, was also named 2014 Post Advisor of the Year.

"It is very exciting to me! We have taken this program a long way. To be honest with you, without all of the support of all of the fireman here it wouldn't be what it is today. You have to understand, I am not here for me, I am here for we, and we are here for them. Our community is a big part of this program and these kids make us proud," stated Christiansen in speaking about the program that allows teenagers to learn about fire-fighting.

When the News Letter Journal met with NVFD Explorer Post 66 Fire Chief Gavin Holmes, Assistant Fire Chief Hannah Williams and past Fire Chief Lane Zerbst, they excitedly pointed out they were happy to be Explorer Post of the Year again, but would not be where they are today without their leaders.

Every day, agreed all three explorers, Christiansen is doing something for the program and the members. He takes every chance he gets to help them with anything they need.

"He pretty much holds the whole group together. He runs the show," Holmes said.

"He really is the glue," interjected Williams.

"He took over when there was only one member, and I think and now we have built it up to 14 or 15," reported Zerbst.

Text and phone calls from the explorers are constant during the day for Christiansen. But they respectfully know to stop them at 9 p.m. so he can get his rest. Working at the school is a plus, he added, in helping to be able to be there when the students need him.

"I can see who is doing well with their grades and who is not, and who needs a little help. We can have firemen help them with their homework or whatever needs to be done. It's a good deal," he added.

When the explorers redid their bylaws last year, it was their idea to incorporate the same structure Newcastle High School has for grade requirements for athletes. To participate in the program grades must be maintained, or they are on probation and cannot participate, explained the leader.

"Caleb Munger and I redid them. We based it off of a bigger explorer post out of Maryland," explained Zerbst.

In just two short years the program has grown in leaps and bounds under the leadership of Christiansen and the volunteer firefighters. When the bylaws were rewritten a limit of 15 members maximum was mandated.

"That hands-on with each child is a necessity in this type of a business, because when they walk in here they know nothing. These firemen that are

here donate their time and spend countless hours away from their families to help these kids for their community," reported Christiansen.

He was honored to be acknowledged, but adamantly gives credit to the students and the other NVFD firemen who aid in the training of the Explorers.

"I did not expect it. It is a privilege and an honor to be these kids' advisor and be in charge of them. It is a lot of work, and it is nice that someone recognized it. I have to say it's not just me, it's really all of the firemen, it's their award too — because without them we wouldn't have anything," Christiansen humbly said.

Two of the explorers will graduate from NHS in May and will be 18, which will enable them to take the Wyoming State Firefighter test to become a full-fledged fire-fighter. Christiansen stated the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department's goal is to have the young people trained with their practicals and ready to take the test when they become of legal age.

They can remain in the Explorer program until they are 21, and are allowed to stay in the program and be a volunteer firefighter also. He noted the nice part is the youngsters go off to college, but come back to help whenever they can.

They are monitored closely on fire scenes and are limited on what kind of emergencies they participate in with the NVFD. During fires in the city limits they man the cascade fire trailer, filling the air pack bottles. At the fill station they also rehab the firemen, checking their blood pressure and making sure they stay hydrated.

"On top of that we have safety officers that are actually firemen that are watching everything go on at the same time," Christiansen explained.

At the Newcastle Fire Hall it is easy to see by the varying ages of the fire-fighters that it's a good mix of strength and knowledge leading the students. Without that, acknowledged Christiansen, there would not be a learning environment for them.

"We do business meetings, we do work nights, we do all types of trainings with these kids so that by the time they turn 18, if they want, they can try and step in to the fire department to help their community. They do a lot of volunteer hours here. I believe we had just over 1,500 hours last year with them, doing things in the community and helping out," he indicated.

The Explorer program is self-funded, with Wal-Mart giving them a \$1,000 grant. The Pearl Tavegie Fund has given them \$600 as well. The money is not used for personal gain, such as food, explained the

advisor, but has been used to get them new equipment because they use the old NVFD gear.

"The gear they have has been retired gear that has been donated by the department to the Explorer program. But each one of those sets of gear costs about \$1,000 apiece. Now, we won't put them in a situation on a live fire with that gear because it is outdated. But they are protected and out of the immediate danger zone," informed the advisor.

The first time an Explorer is on a live fire they are excited and their blood is pumping, Christiansen noted, but once the first one is out of the way the Explorers and volunteer firefighters work together like a well-oiled machine, each of them knowing their jobs.

"Anything that would be beneficial in the fire service, we train in. Anything our guys do, we are welcome to come to just see and watch and maybe hands on. We can't do live fires," informed Williams, the first female officer in the program.

Other officers are Vincent Oedekoven as captain/secretary and Donovan Prell is lieutenant/treasurer. The positions were added when the bylaws were revised.

At the end of the Black Hills Area Council Banquet and ceremony they were challenged to work toward attending the National Explorer Conference in Washington, D.C., in 2016. To do so, they will have to raise about \$500 each to put a team together and compete.

"The CEO, Tim Bouchard, was giving his closing speech. At the end he directed it right towards us — the Explorer post from Newcastle. He challenged us to get trained enough to go down to the National Explorer Conference with different challenges and trainings down there," Zerbst recalled.

Another event they look forward to attending is on Wednesday, May 6, the Freshman Impact at Crazy Horse. Together with other volunteer fire departments and law enforcement from the Black Hills Area they will reenact different life-changing scenarios for area ninth grade students to experience.

Last year was the first time NVFD and Explorer Post 66 attended. After the students spent several hours at many different stations, they had the opportunity to watch a mock car crash where high school students were involved with a funeral and a trial as well. It made an impact not only on the NHS students in attendance, but with the Explorers as well.

"It was an eye-opening experience," admitted Zerbst. "It was pretty fun. Outside of our stations — once we got released from them — the mock scene was amazing."

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Legislative update ...

Alexis Shultz
NLJ Reporter

Last week brought the fourth week of the 2015 Wyoming Legislative Session, and was the last week for bills to be filed in their respective houses. A grand total of 410 bills were filed with 153 in the Senate and 257 in the House.

Of those bills, the House passed 118 bills on their third readings, with the Senate passing 83 bills on third reading. Crossover of the bills is set to begin this week on Wednesday, Feb. 11.

"It's also worth noting that not one of these bills will cost the taxpayers anything other than the paper they are printed on, and each one of them will have benefits seen directly in House District 1 and across the state," proclaimed Rep. Tyler Lindholm. He was referring to the bills he himself had sponsored, the Wyoming Food Freedom Act, a resolution on a Federal Balanced Budget Amendment, and a bill addressing veterans pension credit.

Lindholm also explained that the Supplemental Budget Bill was released last week with debate set to begin Feb. 11 in a "mirrored" fashion in both the House and the Senate. Priorities for the 2015/2016 biennium budget prioritized Wyoming's needs and invested in its people, jobs, communities, responsible mineral development, and education. He reported that these priorities have been continued in this year's modest supplemental budget that will focus on one-time investments and matching monies.

"One amendment that I will be supporting is to bring the governor's recommended \$25 million to counties and municipalities across the state," said Lindholm, continuing that he feels this money can make dividends to the state in the long run, and is nothing more than a solid investment for the state.

Rep. Hans Hunt explained to the News Letter Journal that the appropriations committee had completely removed Gov. Matt Mead's suggested \$25 million for local funding, but he believes at least \$15 million of that will be brought back. He added that he is supportive of this and this will be his major project.

"It will be kind of a tight budget," Hunt proclaimed, adding that the state should still be able to stay in the black.

Lindholm also told the NLJ that Medicaid expansion is officially dead after the Senate voted against it in an 11-19 split on Feb. 6. He continued that Senate File 129 was thoroughly worked over by the Senate, and that he can guarantee that every possible angle of this piece of legislation was vetted. In the end, he added, the Senate felt that it was not good enough for Wyoming and the House Labor Committee promptly pulled its identical bill after hearing the vote.

Sen. Leland Christensen explained in an op-ed that he sent to newspapers across Wyoming that

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in the months prior to session he had the opportunity to study the issue of Medicaid expansion in depth, and that a few facts became clear to him. He reported that three-quarters of the newly eligible citizens are childless single adults, many of whom do not work and that the "uncompensated care" cost does not reduce as promised. Also, many "medically frail" individuals would remain uncovered as others jump ahead of them in line for eligibility, according to Christensen, should the expansion take place.

Christensen also stated that the projected number of eventual enrollees is inevitably low and the projected eventual costs are also inevitably low. He states that the number of uninsured tends to remain almost constant. He also professed that the current system is already stressed, and that SHARE increases the demand for health care but does nothing to increase the supply of health care providers.

"In short, expanding Medicaid accomplishes less of what we want, and more of what we don't want than some might have us believe," Christensen proclaimed, adding that he had voted against the senate file.

"It's time to move forward and work on other issues," Hunt stated when asked about Medicaid expansion. He added that the Democrats are upset that the issue will not be heard and discussed in the House, but the issue is not going away and the legislature will probably see this issue again.

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On the morning of June 3, 2011, the body of **Katherine Grace Coffee, also known as Katy Coffee**, age 35, was discovered in her home in Newcastle, the victim of an apparent homicide. Her death is being investigated by the Newcastle Police Department and the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation.

Anyone with information about the crime or knowledge of Coffee's whereabouts on the evening and night-time hours of Thursday, June 2, 2011, are asked to please call the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation at (307) 682-1796, or the Newcastle Police Department at (307) 746-4486.

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Week 4 of the 63rd Wyoming Legislative Session

Bills that passed third reading in the House:

- A bill increasing the legal amount of wine that can be delivered to a household
- A bill recognizing the 8,000th anniversary of the Magna Carta
- A bill amending vehicle registration fees
- A bill allowing the transfer of federal lands
- HB135, a bill creating a lifetime archery license
- HB159, a bill to do away with the writing portion of state tests
- HB155, a bill to allow for extra licenses to be donated to wheelchair-bound hunters
- HB126, a bill to simplify candidate filing requirements for public offices
- HJ3, a resolution calling for Congress to address the wild horse issue in Wyoming
- HB108, a bill relieving landowners of the liability of the welfare of knowing trespassers
- HB103, a career and technical scholarship bill
- HB114, a bill repealing gun free zones in schools and public meeting places
- The Religious Freedom Restoration Act
- HB90, a bill concerning the religious liberties of students to pray as they see fit in public schools

Bills that died in committees last week:

- A bill which would have required students on the Hathaway Scholarship to take 15 semester hours rather than 12 to be considered full-time students failed in the Education Committee.
- HB 204, which would have created a task force to study issues of school safety also failed in the Education Committee.
- HB 165, which would have allowed for the public to cross private land via state-created easements at points where checkerboard sections of private and public land intersect failed in the Ag Committee.
- HB 196, which would have required a civics test for all high school students failed in the Education Committee.

Source: Rep. Hans Hunt



Rising stars

KEVN Black Hills FOX TV and Granite Automotive are going to give Eben Cowger, Shannon Britt-Fidone, Clover Rhoden and Seth Jones a chance to become their next "Rising Star of the West" and earn their share of \$7,500 in scholarships! First place earns \$4,000, second place earns \$2,000, third place is \$1,000, and fourth place is \$500. These four students from Upton High School will take part in the on-air news contest that began in February. If chosen as top finalists, they will compete in April and May for the "Rising Star of the West" title and receive their share of scholarship money. Each of the students had to create a video segment about a topic of interest to their fellow students, or report any events occurring in their high school community. The students chose the following topics: Seth Jones, Participation in Extracurricular Activities; Clover Rhoden, Being a Good Example; Shannon Britt-Fidone, Prejudice; and Eben Cowger, Solar Roadways. The deadline for submissions was Jan. 23. (Submitted by Karla Ludemann)

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Celebrating 101

For the 101st day of school last week, Newcastle Elementary School kindergarten students dressed up as '101-year-olds,' donning glasses, gray hair, hair rollers, sweaters, jewelry and even a few canes. Taryn Allison, above, hammed it up at lunch time with her best 'old folk face.' (Photo by Amy Menerey/NLJ)

BHP

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Carda declared. He added that, to date, they are still working hard to get easements granted on the Wyoming side, and they have had a couple signed, but the process is timely. Carda also told the NLJ that the money being offered for easements is confidential because

they are currently in the negotiation process.

"Our goal would be to start construction on the Teckla-Osage piece probably early second quarter of this year," Carda reported. The proposed line will be approximately 144 miles long, running from north-

eastern Wyoming to the Rapid City area in South Dakota. The purpose of the line, BHP states, is to provide a safe and reliable energy to their customers with the existing transmission lines fast approaching their limits. The estimated cost for the entire project is \$54 million.

Landfills

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Public meetings will also take place during this 60-day period in all involved municipalities, including Osage.

Barton also explained that Newcastle currently has a 3 mill levy to help fund the operation of the landfill, and concerns regarding this tax have been addressed. Barton, along with others, have expressed concerns about applying a tax to the whole county without a proper vote for it.

Other issues expressed and discussed by the commissioners included funding, whether to dissolve the Central Weston County Waste Disposal District in Osage or expand it, enterprise accounts, liabilities, and specific requirements. Commission Chair Bill Lambert pointed out that, while these questions exist, the commissioners are not the ones responsible for making those decisions, as the board established to run the district will be responsible for answering those questions.

Lambert added that officials for Newcastle and Upton have stated that liability for the existing landfills will always fall on them, and if the established district was to take over the current Newcastle landfill their liability would begin only at that moment. He clarified that, from what he understands, the landfill in Osage is in a different situation because they were appointed and already have that tie to the county.

"It's important to have all three towns represented," Barton expressed, concerning the board for the district. He added that he would like to see a commissioner, as well as a possible landowner, on the board as well.

"I think we have to start the process this way," proclaimed Lambert, in regard to the motion involving the resolution. Barton, who made the original motion, made the decision to adopt the wording County Attorney William Curley used when telling the commissioners what he would put into the resolution.

The resolution states that the county desires to create a county wide solid waste district that would have the same boundaries as Weston County. The current conflicting district, Osage, would be dissolved, and the commissioners will submit the proposed boundaries to the county assessor and Department of Revenue for review. Commissioner Randy Rossman seconded the motion.

Ertman expressed concern about dissolving the district, but Curley replied that the commissioners are not doing anything by approving the motion except getting the request out for review. He continued that he had picked that language for the resolution due to conversation amongst the commissioners regarding statutes, and that this resolution is not set in stone, adding that if they were to change their minds they can set a new resolution and start a new 60-day period.

If the citizens of Weston County do elect to form a county wide district, a decision will also have to be made regarding current garbage collection services in Newcastle and Upton, and how those municipalities will be charged to use a county landfill.

"I know we should leave them out, and they have a tipping fee. They provide their services the way they do, and then we have a tipping fee," professed Ertman. Lambert reiterated that he believes those are decisions that need to be made by the landfill district board that would be established, and he asserted again that the need to start the process is evident.

"I think if this commission decides they want

to do something for all their residents in the county, then if we move forward I think the [Department of Environmental Quality] will work with us," acknowledged Lambert when concerns about DEQ's requirements were expressed.

"I think the DEQ needs to hear something that demonstrates a show of good faith on our part that we're moving forward, and I think that regulatory agency will work better with us if we do this," Commissioner Tracy Hunt agreed.

He expressed his belief that the cities are in limbo at present, and said that as far as he is concerned some of that is self-inflicted. He explained that the City of Newcastle, for example, has not done a good job of funding their own landfill enterprise over a number of years, and all of the sudden they are at this emergency state. Hunt said that has created an emergency situation for the county as well. Although he "tentatively" expressed that the situation "seems a little suspicious," he agreed that the commission should begin a process to help find a solution.

"I think we need to move forward with this resolution to get the ball moving and put the information together," Hunt declared.

Despite the concerns among the commissioners, the motion was approved with a four to one vote, but a short time later former Commission Chair Ted Ertman arrived at the meeting, and expressed outrage regarding the establishment of a county wide district.

"I ask myself why the city wants out of the dump business," Ted Ertman began.

He acknowledged that part of the reason is likely the DEQ's desire to have small communities come together in lightly populated areas to create one landfill instead of five.

He continued to say that, in his eyes, the city has left too many questions unanswered, and specifically demanded answers to those questions involving the issues of liability, the use of enterprise funds, closing costs, dumping fees, and the DEQ requirements for liners.

He claimed that he was confused by what he believes is the city's avoidance when it comes to providing those answers. The former commissioner, who stated that he attended two meetings between the county and the city, expressed that he had confronted the city regarding the issue of liners, and had been told by city officials that they felt DEQ would come look at their pits and give them a pass because they are naturally lined. He added that the city has had 20 years to make this call and still has not, and the DEQ still hasn't granted a pass.

"They are treating you like children," Ted Ertman fumed, continuing that the city keeps expressing their willingness to take away use of the landfill to county residents, but extend use to the residents of Upton if the county does not act.

"They are holding the county hostage," he proclaimed, indicating that he chose to "use kind words" while making that statement.

The commission did not reconsider their resolution after Ertman's presentation, and the Newcastle City Council had approved their own resolution with a unanimous vote the previous evening to support the action of the commission in establishing a county wide solid waste district. At that time, Council President Todd Quigley explained that Lambert had requested the approval of such resolutions by the county's municipalities. The council voted in favor of the resolution with no discussion.



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Upton FFA competes in national contest

Denice Piscioti
NLJ Reporter

Last month, members of the Upton FFA Meats Science and Technology Team put their expertise to the test, representing Wyoming FFA at the National Western Roundup in Denver, Colo. As the seventh-place team in Wyoming, the team was chosen above the other meat evaluation teams in the state because they had to replace a number of graduating seniors.

Shane Buchholz, Upton FFA advisor, received the call they were going to the competition while traveling during Thanksgiving vacation. He excitedly began calling the students right then and there.

"It was pretty exciting! I think they were pretty pumped to get to do a national contest, which is pretty neat for Upton kids to compete against western states. That's pretty exciting for us," Buchholz told the News Letter Journal.

With just a month to prepare for the contest, the team was anchored by returning members Karen Lambert and Lane Dodd, who placed 18th and 19th, respectively, in the contest. Also contributing to the teams' overall score was Cash Schultz, a freshman who had only ever evaluated actual carcasses the day before the contest. Bodie Schultz and Maxx Cowger were also on the



Submitted photo

Upton FFA Meats Science and Technology Team proudly donned the Steamboat logo on their hard hats as they represented Wyoming FFA at the National Western Roundup.

four-member team, with one attending as an alternate.

They traveled to Laramie on Thursday, Jan. 8, for a practice competition to help them prepare for The National Western Roundup on Jan. 10. Going to Laramie first was beneficial, explained Lambert, because two of the members were just exposed to flash

cards and what they could find on the internet. She felt it was valuable for them to actually see the cuts of meat prior to competing.

"I am very proud of all five team members! We made tremendous headway in the short amount of time we had to prepare for this event. I think it bodes well for Wyoming FFA,

when it can send its seventh-place team to a national contest and finish seventh. I look forward to preparing these students for state convention, and am happy knowing that this experience will help our students become leaders in the agriculture industry," said Buchholz.

Competing against other states with more meat packing industry was a thrill for the students. Buchholz was pleased they competed well against students from 10 states, each represented by their grand champion or reserve champion meat evaluation team.

Not only did this stimulating opportunity give the team more practical experience at a national career development event, but also the National Western Roundup competition was held at the JBS World Headquarters Facility in Greeley, Colo. It is the largest meat packing company in the world, butchering approximately 6.9 million chickens, in addition to hundreds of thousands of beef, swine and lambs, reported Lambert.

Buchholz described the building as mostly set up as office space, with the back of the building housing coolers where the contest was held. It took three minutes to get through the bicycles to the competition area. In fact, Lambert admitted, when they arrived she thought they had the wrong place.

"It was a really good experience.

It was different than what I expected. I was surprised to see so much office space," she added.

Her favorite part was seeing different things she has never seen before in the judging. Students were judged in identifying what species the cuts of meat were from, where it was from on the species, what the retail name was and how it should be cooked. They also had to tell the judges what the best and worst cuts of meat were from four choices of lamb, beef and pork. Individually, each of the four team members were asked to identify which cuts had the most fat or which were the leanest.

"I was honored! I thought it was cool that we got to go be in a national competition. This is the first national competition I have been in ever!" declared Lambert.

While in Denver, students took the opportunity to attend the stock show, tour the trade show, attend several livestock shows, and view the livestock exhibits. They also appreciated those who financially helped them to be able to have the experience.

"Thanks to the Wyoming FFA Foundation who presented Upton FFA with funds to help cover the costs of the trip. Also, thanks to the Schultz family, the group had the opportunity to attend the finals of the Colorado Versus The World Rodeo," Lambert said.

Accomplishments

McMahon earns academic honor

Benedictine College has recognized those students who have distinguished themselves academically during the last semester, including Nathan McMahon of Newcastle, who was recently named to the Dean's List for the fall semester, which ended in December.

To achieve the honor, a student must carry a minimum of 12 credit hours and a grade point average of 3.5 or above per semester. Of the 1,854 students on campus for the 2014-2015 academic year, 528 made the Dean's List.

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Nine named to Honor Roll

The University of Wyoming lists nine students from Weston County on the 2014 fall semester academic Dean's and Dean's Freshman Honor Rolls. They are Gideon D. Baldwin, Payton Nikol Crawford, Abigail Hutchinson, Kaitlyn R. Livingston, Dakota D. McCormack, Darshan F. Patel, Salina Renee Suss-Baker,

Trey M. Sylte and Mitch D. Weigel, all of Newcastle.

The honor rolls consist of regularly enrolled undergraduates above freshman standing who earned a 3.4 or better grade point average, and freshmen who have earned a 3.25 or better GPA.

To be eligible, students must have been enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours taken for letter grades.

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Above, Paul Eitel, with the Natural Resource Conservation Service and a volunteer judge, asks questions of Sharla Lax. Below, Paul Holland, another volunteer judge, speaks with Alex Henkle about his science project at the Northeast District Science Fair at Newcastle High School last week. (Photos by Sierra LaCroix/For NLJ)



All about science

Newcastle High School held the 2015 Northeast District Science Fair Feb. 4, where 67 students, all from NHS, were evaluated by judges from Hill City, Spearfish, Cheyenne, Moorcroft, Laramie and Newcastle. This year, thanks to Farnsworth Drilling, Rare Earth Resources, Woody's Food Center, Weston County Natural Resource District and Source Gas, \$1,825 was given out as prizes, making the NE District Science Fair a state qualifying event. First place in the science fair was awarded \$75, second received \$50, and third place earned \$25 in each category, and will advance to the Wyoming State Fair in Laramie March 1-3.

2015 Northeast District Science Fair Results

Category: Place; First Name; Last Name; Team Members; Title of Project
 Animal Science: 1st Place, Hannah Cass Alyssa Dawson, "How about those worms?"
 Animal Science: 2nd Place, Scottlyn Wiggins, Kaylin Houser, "The Effect of Essential Oils on Gryllus Pennsylvanicus"
 Animal Science: 3rd Place, Daytana Bennett, "The Effect of Different Salts on Daphnia's Heart Rate"
 Animal Science: Honorable Mention, Wyatt Voelker, "Coyotes 'N Bait"
 Animal Science: HM, Kaitlyn Deford, "What sense is stronger in hamsters"
 Biochemistry: 1st Place, Madi Crawford, "One Worm, Two Worm, Red Worm, Blue Worm"
 Biochemistry: 2nd Place, Nick Bock, "How Modified?"
 Biochemistry: 3rd Place, Alyssa Umphlett, "PV92 Insertion"
 Biochemistry: HM, Mason Sundstrom, "Ethanol"
 Behavioral and Social Science: 1st Place, Lexi Krogman, "The Living Brain"
 Behavioral and Social Science: 2nd Place, Mikenna Waggener, Rachel Henkle, "The Effect of Positive and Negative Words on Salt Crystallization"
 Behavioral and Social Science: 3rd Place, Calbi Ausmann, "The Effect Electronic Device Use on Visual Acuity"
 Behavioral and Social Science: HM, Sam Donner, "Testing the Nervous Systems When it Reflexes"
 Chemistry: 1st Place, Courtney Rainbolt, "Glow Bright"
 Chemistry: 2nd Place, Hannah Williams, Dusty Miller, "Effect of Cook Temp on Gunpowder Performance"
 Chemistry: 3rd Place, Jordan Brooks, Natalie Artilles, "The Effect of Pressure on an Oscillating Reaction"
 Chemistry: HM, Ashton Alarid, "Hotdog Mummies"
 Chemistry: HM, Grace Sandrini, "A Cheesy Project"
 Chemistry: HM, Sami Walden, "Fruit Charged"
 Chemistry: HM, Britanee Hebring, "The Effect of Tea Staining on Eggshell"
 Chemistry: HM, Derek Lewis, "Magic Diving"
 Chemistry: HM, Matt Tidd, "Rocket Motor Stabilization"
 Computers: 1st Place, Abigail Nelson, "Electronic Plant Care"
 Computers: 2nd Place, Rachel Ehlers, "Form-Emailer"
 Engineering-Electrical/Mechanical: 1st Place, Bradon Rushton, Colton Sweet, "Effect of Structure on Crane Arm Strength"
 Engineering-Electrical/Mechanical: 2nd Place, Megan Logan, "Charging the Spectrum"
 Engineering-Electrical/Mechanical: 3rd Place, Brandon Leddy, "Isn't it Cool?"
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Wrestling				
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2/13	VJ	Douglas Bearcats	H	5PM
2/20-21	3A	East Regionals, Douglas		TBA
2/27-28	3A	State Championships, Casper		TBA

Boys Basketball				
2/13	V9	Buffalo Bison	A	4PM
2/14	V9	Worland Warriors	H	2:30PM
2/20	V9	Glenrock Herders	A	4PM
2/21	V9	Rawlins Outlaws	H	Noon
2/27	V9	Douglas Bearcats	H	4PM

Girls Basketball				
2/13	V9	Buffalo Bison	A	4PM
2/14	V9	Worland Warriors	H	2:30PM
2/20	V9	Glenrock Herders	H	4PM
2/21	V9	Rawlins Outlaws	H	Noon
2/27	V9	Douglas Bearcats	H	4PM

The Score

7th Grade 'A' Team
Newcastle 30, Custer 19

8th Grade 'A' Team
Newcastle 43, Wright 21

8th Grade 'B' Team
Newcastle 20, Edgemont 43
Newcastle 32, Custer 26

These shoes are made for walking

As you may remember, at the beginning of the year I took advantage of the opportunity to join the New Year, New You weight loss competition sponsored by the Eastern Wyoming College's Outreach



Sonja Karp
Karpe Dogie

Program. Four of my friends and I have been hard at it now for close to five weeks, and in my opinion, we are doing quite well.

Our team has been among the top 10 teams for percentage of weight lost each week, and we continue to get closer to the number one spot.

I'm betting that it is pretty obvious that I have a bit of a competitive nature, but that tendency has served me pretty well in this endeavor so far.

As I described in my earlier column, I knew that I needed to mix up my workouts a little and try something new since I had become pretty burned out on the same-old, same-old that I had done in the past.

To that end, I began to swim. I must say that I am truly enjoying it and actually look forward to going to the pool.

This week, however, the competition threw a wrinkle into my swimming workout plans. In an attempt to get contestants moving, we were offered an opportunity to gain a one-pound advantage at our weekly weigh-in, and all we had to do to get it was don a pedometer and rack up 50,000 steps in a week.

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Seeding to be decided

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

Coming off of a couple of weekends that saw some ups and downs, the Lady Dogies were geared up to take on two tough teams last week as they hosted the Lady Wildcats from Custer on Tuesday, Feb. 3, then travelled to Douglas to take on the No. 4 ranked Lady Bearcats on Saturday, Feb. 7.

Against Custer, both teams came out firing in the first quarter with a couple of different lead changes, but the Lady Dogies found themselves in a deficit to end it, 11-17.

In the second quarter, the teams again went back and forth and the Lady Dogies cut the lead to three, but Custer went on a run to go into half-time with a 10-point lead over Newcastle, 35-25.

"We dug ourselves a little bit of a hole in the first half. We were putting some points on the board, but defensively we allowed too many points," head coach Tyler Bartlett stated.

He went on to explain that Custer's speed really factored into their 10-point half-time lead, but the coaches addressed that issue in the locker room and stressed the

importance of putting more emphasis on defense in the second half.

As the Lady Dogies hit the court in the third quarter, they began to chip away at the lead to cut it to nine, 36-45.

Custer rallied during the quarter break and early in the fourth, they extended their lead to 15 points, which was the biggest of the night. However the Lady Dogies were not about to roll over.

With 1:38 to play in the game, Newcastle had cut the lead to two and were back in the hunt for the win.

The fans were certainly on the edges of their seats for the remainder of the game, and with 5.5 seconds to play there was still only a two-point difference in the score, with the Lady Wildcats on top.

To get the ball back, the Lady Dogies were forced to foul and Custer converted on their free-throws to go up

— See Ladies, Page 12

Sonja Karp/NLJ

Alyssa Dawson goes up strong against the Custer Wildcat defense to add two points to her 18 point total.



Fans kept on the edge of their seat

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

Though the scoreboard didn't reflect it, the Dogies had a great week of basketball last week as they hosted the Custer Wildcats on Thursday, Feb. 5, then travelled to Douglas to take on the Bearcats on Saturday, Feb. 7.

"It was pretty exciting to see the guys string together the stuff we've been working on this season," smiled head coach Allen Von Eye. "We didn't go very deep, but the seven guys who played gave everything they had and played smart."

The team has been working toward putting together a whole game throughout the season, and in the game against Custer, they took some huge steps toward achieving that goal.

The Dogies jumped out offensively

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Taylor Allen has to keep his wits about him as he gets ready to bring the ball down the court in Douglas last Saturday.



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Wrestlers gain experience at Ron Thon

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The annual Ron Thon Invitational in Riverton was the destination for the Newcastle/Upton grapplers last Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6 and 7. This tournament is a huge one, as nearly all schools from Wyoming, from 1A to 4A, send their teams to compete.

With 32- to 64-men brackets in each weight class at both the Varsity and Junior Varsity levels, to finish in a top place is quite an accomplishment, and though the Newcastle/Upton Varsity team didn't have anyone who placed, the Junior Varsity had two wrestlers who had success.

Wyatt Corley (152) took first place and Donovan Prell (113) took fifth place, and certainly showed some promise. Alan Baker (106) was only one match out of placing, so that was pleasing to the coaches and team as well.

"This was an outstanding tournament where just about every wrestling team in the state attends. It really is about as close as we could come to

having an all-class state tournament," explained head coach Lee McCoy. "I was happy that our kids got to experience a big tournament and competition at a higher level, and I was very proud of Wyatt and Donovan," he smiled.

The past couple of weeks have been tough on the Dogies, as they have been plagued with injuries and sickness that has taken a toll on the team's practices, impacting performances in competitions.

Because of these issues, only nine wrestlers made the trip to Riverton for the tournament.

"Overall, I think we wrestled better than we did last weekend," McCoy stated. "Wyatt just came off of a two-week illness and hit the mat with a vengeance. He pinned his way through the tournament. Donovan seemed to turn the corner this weekend and gained some confidence as well."

Though the four Dogies that wrestled in the Varsity bracket did not place, a couple of them did win some matches and they certainly got a taste of the challenges that a tournament of that

The Stats

Newcastle/Upton Wrestling Team @ Ron Thon Invitational Feb. 6-7, 2015
Varsity Squad results:
No Varsity Placers

JV Squad results:
113: Donovan Prell: 5
152: Wyatt Corley: 1

With the regular season winding down, McCoy commented that over the next few weeks the team will be working on picking up the tempo and intensity in their matches.

He also noted that last weekend the kids saw what it takes to compete at the next level, and they are hungry to rise to it.

Feb. 12 and 13 the Dogies will host two tough duals as Wheatland comes to town on Thursday, followed by Douglas on Friday.

One of the reasons that these matches will be difficult for the team is that they are still suffering from illness and injuries that will limit the weight classes the squad will be able to fill. Because of that, they know they will be forced to forfeit several matches, and that jeopardizes the team's potential success.

However, the team and coaches are looking forward to the final regular season weekend to help them prepare for the regional tournament coming up, and they hope to see all the fans in the Dome to support the Newcastle/Upton wrestlers.

Olympians

Denice Piscioti
NLJ Reporter

Four students from Weston County School District #1 participated in the Special Olympics Wyoming Area Four competition at Terry Peak Ski Area, held Jan. 23. In different age categories, all the students brought home a lot of hardware, acknowledged Tobey Cass, WCSO #1 Special Education director, despite a shorter training season due to weather.

For the first year, seven Newcastle High School Student Council members — Hannah Williams, Sierra LaCroix, Kalyn Houser, Taylor Cobb, Kelsey Wood, Laura Chord and Mikenna Waggoner — had the unique opportunity to attend the event, offering their help as WCSO #1 hosted the event.

The interaction of the regular education students with those who attended the Special Olympics was good to see, stated both Cass and Chad Ostenson, who is the kindergarten through 12th grade Adaptive PE instructor, who served as a coach on the team.

To make them feel part of a team, uniforms were purchased this year. The jackets will be re-issued each season, however, those attending were able to keep their hats as a memento for participating on the team.

As a result of their standings, Robert Thomas and Andrew Longland participated last week at the state Special Olympics winter games in Jackson Hole. Longland is a returning three-time state champion, and everyone in the state knows him from his years of attending.

"This year we are taking Erik Crawford with us. He is going to be the disc jockey of the dance. They have a banquet and dance Wednesday night with a Wild West theme this year," reported Ostenson.

As the athletes are called onto the field, all of Jackson Hole High School athletes line up to greet them as the Jackson Hole High School band plays.

"The gym is packed, athletes and chaperones all walk out there, and everyone sits on the floor. Then usually one of the



Sierra LaCroix/For NLJ

Candy Stanton holds the hand of Cody Stith as Cody, Andrew Longland (also pictured below), Jakob Heberling and Robert Thomas are recognized at the Special Olympics Wyoming Area Four competition at Terry Peak Ski Area.

Results

Area Four results for Weston County participants are as follows:

Robert Thomas: 3 gold medals in Snowboarding in Slalom, Giant Slalom and Downhill
Cody Stith: 3 three gold medals in Skiing in Slalom, Giant Slalom and Downhill
Andrew Longland: 3 gold medals in Skiing in Slalom, Giant Slalom and Downhill
Jacob Heberling: 2 gold medals, 1 bronze medal in Skiing in Slalom, Giant Slalom and Downhill



Ladies

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four points to close out the game ahead of the home team, 59-55.

"In the fourth quarter when we were down by 15, and then we made our run to cut the lead to two in a matter of minutes, proved that we can play the kind of defense that it takes and knock down shots when we need to," Bartlett determined. "Having the crowd behind us was exciting, and it was a really good experience to be in a close game like that with Regionals and State coming up. We haven't had a lot of those experiences so far this year, and it was good to see the girls come back from a deficit and never give up," he added.

Abby Gray was feeling it against the Wildcats as she led the team in scoring with a career high 25 points and six rebounds, followed by Alyssa Dawson with 18 points and eight rebounds. Rounding out the scoring for the Lady Dogies was Scottlyn Wiggins with four points and one rebound, Kendra Back and Bailey Karp with three points each and seven and five

The Stats

Newcastle vs. Custer Feb. 3, 2015, Final Score 55-59
Alyssa Dawson: 18 points, 8 rebounds, 5 steals
Scottlyn Wiggins: 4 points, 1 rebound, 3 assists, 5 steals
Kendra Back: 3 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 block
Abby Gray: 25 points, 6 rebounds, 5 assists, 2 steals
Bailey Karp: 3 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal
Abi Deveraux: 1 steal
Rachel Henkle: 2 points, 3 rebounds

Newcastle @ Douglas Feb. 7, 2015, Final Score 33-50
Alyssa Dawson: 7 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist
Scottlyn Wiggins: 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal
Kendra Back: 3 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal
Abby Gray: 11 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal
Bailey Karp: 4 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assist
Abi Deveraux: 6 points, 2 rebounds
Rachel Henkle: 3 rebounds, 1 steal
Rachel Ehlers: 2 points, 1 rebound
Kaprina Jones: 1 rebound

rebounds, respectively, and Rachel Henkle with two points and three rebounds.

Saturday was a big game for the ladies as Douglas is always a tough place to play and get a win. The Northeast Quadrant rival has had Newcastle's number for the last several years, so the Lady Dogies were

anxious to turn that around. Newcastle came out ready to play and took the lead to end the first quarter 11-10.

However, the Lady 'Cats turned up their offensive and defensive effort in the second quarter to go into the half up 26-22 over the Lady Dogies.

Coming out of the locker room, Newcastle made a run to cut the lead to one, but Douglas rallied to end the third up, 38-27.

In the fourth and final quarter, Newcastle couldn't get into an offensive rhythm to cut the deficit and the Lady Bearcats were able to extend their lead to take the win, 50-33.

"I thought that in the first half, we had about as good of a start as we've had all year. Though we were down at the end of it, looking at the feel of the game — taking care of the basketball, playing good defense and doing what we prepared for all week — we really did what we needed to do. Even their coaches commented that is the best any team has played against their 1-3-1 zone so far this season," Bartlett smiled.

The coach was also pleased

that several of the players got on the board for the Lady Dogies, noting that it is really important to have many scorers as the team comes down the stretch to post-season play.

Once again, Gray led the Lady Dogies in scoring, with 11 points and three rebounds, followed by Dawson with seven points and six rebounds. Abi Deveraux contributed six points and two rebounds, followed by Karp with four points and seven rebounds, Back with three points and five rebounds, and Rachel Ehlers with two points and one rebound.

This week is a big one for regional seeding as the ladies travel to Buffalo to take on the Lady Bison on Friday, Feb. 13. A win would guarantee the Lady Dogies a third seed at the tournament, while a loss would leave that seeding up for grabs.

On Saturday, the team will host the Lady Warriors from Worland. This will be the second time these teams have met this season, and the Warriors came out on top in the last competition, so the Lady Dogies are looking to even the record.

Newcastle Upton Wrestling



Photo courtesy of LifeTouch

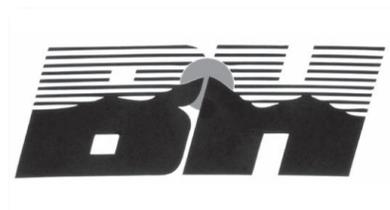
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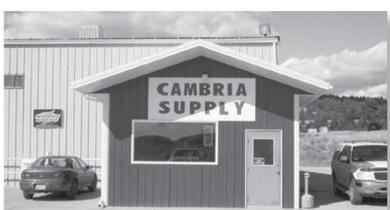
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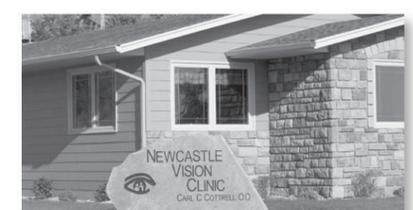
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Newcastle City Council Minutes

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015

President Quigley called the regular meeting of Monday, February 2, 2015 to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were: Roger Hespe, Don Steveson, Linda Hunt, Todd Quigley, Steve Ladwig and Kara Sweet. Absent: Mayor Greg James. Also present Department Heads: City Attorney Jim Peck, Clerk/Treasurer Charita Brunner, Police Chief Jim Owens, and Engineer Robert Hartley as well as two guests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Linda Hunt moved and Roger Hespe seconded to approve the Agenda for Monday, February 2, 2015. **MOTION CARRIED.** Linda Hunt moved and Roger Hespe seconded to approve the Minutes of the January 20, 2015 Regular Meeting as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOMINATIONS FOR APPRECIATION OR RECOGNITION: None

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION and APPRECIATION: President Quigley presented a Certificate of Appreciation to John Ellis, Sr. for removal of an old house on Forest Hill Road. Black Hills Power; The 21st Century Club; and Robin Fitch and Delfina Shockley were not in attendance to receive their certificates. Their certificates will be mailed.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS – IN WRITING: None. **CITIZEN'S BUSINESS – VERBAL – None.**

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS: - 1. President Quigley read RESOLUTION No.3, SERIES 2015, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR MATT MEAD'S 2015-16 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUEST FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT. Linda Hunt moved and Don Steveson seconded to approve RESOLUTION No. 3, SERIES 2015 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Chief Jim Owens. - 1. Reviewed the January 2015 calls for service report. 2. The new police unit has arrived and is just waiting for a date to have the equipment installed. Chief Owens requested approval to purchase a second unit that was discussed in the FY 2014-15 budget process but was withdrawn from the budget at that time. Discussion ensued regarding the fleet age and condition as well as the availability of funds to purchase the car. Kara Sweet moved and Roger Hespe seconded to advertise to supplement the FY 2014-15 budget to include the purchase of another police unit and to advertise for bids of said police unit. **MOTION CARRIED.** Treasurer Brunner was instructed to begin the advertising process for the budget adjustment to cover the expense of the new unit. 3. On February 12, 2015 Chief Owens will be attending a chiefs meeting with Wyoming legislators; 4. Out of 203 phone contacts 13 applications for the open officer positions have been received; 5 will be selected for interviews; dispatch has received 2 applications for the open dispatcher position. 5. President Obama has issued an Executive Order to oversee the transfer any federal government equipment to local law enforcement agencies. Chief Owens was unsure at this time how that would affect the City of Newcastle Police Department.

City Clerk/Treasurer Brunner – 1. Informed Council that the annual liquor license renewal hearing will be held Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. 2. She requested a Parks/

Recreation Committee meeting to discuss the April 2015 WAM Policy Committee meetings which will be held in Newcastle on April 23 and 24, 2015. 3. She requested that First State Bank be approved as an official depository for public funds for the City of Newcastle for Calendar Year 2015. Roger Hespe moved and Linda Hunt seconded to approve the request as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

City Attorney Jim Peck - 1. Read RESOLUTION NO. 2, SERIES 2015 A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING ACTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY-WIDE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 11, TITLE 18 OF THE WYOMING STATUTES. Linda Hunt moved and Steve Ladwig seconded to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2, SERIES 2015 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.** 2. He reviewed work done by himself and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Mills regarding an exhumation of remains from a burial of ashes in Greenwood Cemetery. The ashes were from a burial of a gentleman who died in World War II. 3. He discussed a vacation of a portion of Willow Street in Gray Addition. Engineer Hartley addressed details of the situation. A hearing was set for 7:45 p.m. on February 17, 2015 to consider the vacation of the street. 4. He reviewed a memo he sent to Council regarding sandwich board signs and the City's sandwich board sign regulations. He recommended that the ordinance be enforced or changed due to multiple infractions by multiple organizations. Consensus of the Council was to have the Newcastle Planning Commission revisit this issue.

City Engineer Bob Hartley 1. Reported on the status of the repairs to the water tank; 2. The railroad waterline bore; pipe is through and connected on the east side of the street and the west side should be connected by the end of the week; 3. He requested a Water Committee meeting after the evenings meeting which was agreed to by the members of that committee. A Building Committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 3:30 p.m.; 4. He related he will be doing interviews next week for the landfill operator position with a recommendation for hiring to be made at the February 17, 2015 meeting. Don Steveson moved and Linda Hunt seconded to pay claims dated February 2, 2015. **MOTION CARRIED.** Roger Hespe moved and Don Steveson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 PM. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CLAIMS: Alpha Communications, Jan tower rent, \$95.00; APCO International, annual dues, \$92.00; Arbor Day, dues, \$15.00; B&K Cleaning, city hall cleaning, \$360.50; BH Plumbing, heat inducer/motor, \$434.60; BCBS of WY, employee health insurance, \$29,955.01; Bryand Streeter, airport wages, \$1158.75; Butler Machinery, parts, etc., \$1803.21; Casper Mfg, 13' spreader, \$13,638.05; Centurylink, E911 telephone lines, \$956.90; City of Newcastle, WA/SW/GA, \$329.09; Croell Redi-Mix, concrete, \$913.25; Crowell & Sylte, 2013-14 audit/non-audit assistance, \$21,870.00; Desert Mountain, ice slicer, \$5598.14; Energy Labs, water testing, \$60.00; Family Dollar, supplies, \$110.90; FOCUS, replacement chk, 1st & 2nd qtr 2015, \$3225.00; Freemont Motors, 2015 Dodge Charger PD unit, \$27,251.00; Hillyard, multifold towels, \$27.67; James Peck, attorney retainer, \$2800.00; MasterCard, supplies, travel, food,

computer, \$4459.54;; Newcastle Ambulance, monthly ambulance service, \$8333.33; Office Shop, copy charge, \$46.25; Petty Cash, misc. expenses, \$64.08; Pollard-Water, DE chlorinator tabs, etc., \$1882.08; Postmaster, postage, permit fee, \$509.20; Powder River Energy, electricity, \$686.80; Public Safety Training Consultants, training, \$169.00; R. Douglas Dumbrell, judge services/mileage, \$1086.24; Red Giant Oil, 55 gal oil, \$112.00; RT Communications, telephone, \$1207.57; SourceGas, natural gas, \$3157.21; Timberline, Main Street bore, \$59,555.69; TOP Office Products, storage boxes, PD copy charge, 110.76; Tri-Star Surveying, railroad bore/abandonment, \$1929.10; Uttramax, ammunition, \$1860.00; Utility Locates, annual membership, \$150.00; Voelkers, 2008 Crown Vic repairs, \$990.56; Wesco Gas, propane, \$1068.53; West River International, switch/plate, \$174.71; Weston Co. Health Services, drug screens

(2), \$170.00; Weston Co. Treasurer, LEC utility share, \$1202.25; WY Automative, parts/supplies, \$1005.40; WY Law Enforcement Academy, training/Hilgenkamp, \$250.00; **WATER DEPOSIT REFUND:** Barry Johnson, \$67.25; Kim Lovejoy, \$38.50; Rich's Automotive, \$21.31; Heidi Cleveland, \$99.02; Jay Darrow, \$99.02

Councilman Todd Quigley, President
ATTEST: City Clerk/Treasurer, Charita Brunner

(Publish February 12, 2015)

Hearing Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the City of Newcastle, Wyoming that a Petition has been filed to abandon and vacate the portion of dedicated Willow Street bordered on the north by Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 4 of Gray Addition No. 1 to the City of Newcastle, and bordered on the south by Lots 1 and 2 in Block 5 of Gray Addition No. 1 to the City of Newcastle, reserving to the City a suitable easement for the installation and maintenance of underground utility lines therein. The Petitioner is the owner of Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 4 and Lots 1 and 2 in Block 5 of Gray Addition No. 1 to the City of Newcastle. The portion of Willow Street for which the Petitioner has petitioned to be abandoned and vacated has not been developed nor used as a public roadway, but there is a City water main installed therein.

A public hearing on said Petition shall be held on February 17, 2015 at 7:45 p.m. in the Newcastle City Council Chambers on the second floor of the Newcastle City Administration Building located at 10 West Warwick, Newcastle, Wyoming
DATED this 2nd day of February, 2015.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE:
By: Charita Brunner
City Clerk/Treasurer

(Publish February 12, 2015)

Public Notice

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES W. BARTLETT DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that on the 28th day of January, 2015, an Application for a Decree of Distribution was filed in the District Court, Sixth Judicial District, Weston County, Wyoming. In the Application the children of Charles W. Bartlett, who are Marilyn M. Van Briggie, Carolyn S. Foster, and Charles E. Bartlett, claim the real and personal property owned by the deceased. Any action to set aside the Application must be filed in said Court within two weeks from the date of the first publication of this notice.
DATED this 5th day of February, 2015.

s/Frank R. Nelson
Attorney for the Estate

(Publish February 12 and 19, 2015)

Blotter

February 1, 2015
Parking complaint. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Civil standby requested. Commercial alarm reported.

February 2
Found property reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Assist other agency. 911 hang up. Welfare check requested. Report of a dog at large, Impounded. Missing dog reported. Parking complaint.

February 3
Traffic complaint. Abandoned vehicle reported. Civil problem reported. Traffic control requested. Theft reported. Assist other agency. Domestic problem reported, One arrest. Threats reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Drunk driver reported. Fire reported.

February 4
Commercial alarm reported. Traffic stop, one arrest. 911 hang up. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic complaint. Report of a dog at large. Barking dog complaint. Arrest Warrant issued. VIN inspection requested. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued. Harassment reported. Motorist assist. Noise complaint. Paper service. Traffic stop, One DUI arrest. Report of a dog at large.

February 5
Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Motorist assist. Funeral escort requested. Assist other agency. Parking complaint. Motorist assist.

Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. 911 hang up. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Suspicious activity reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued.

February 6
Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Civil standby requested. 911 hang up. Traffic stop, DUI arrest. Assist other agency.

February 7
Medical assist. Assist other agency. Assist other agency. Drug activity reported. 911 hang up. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Phone harassment reported.



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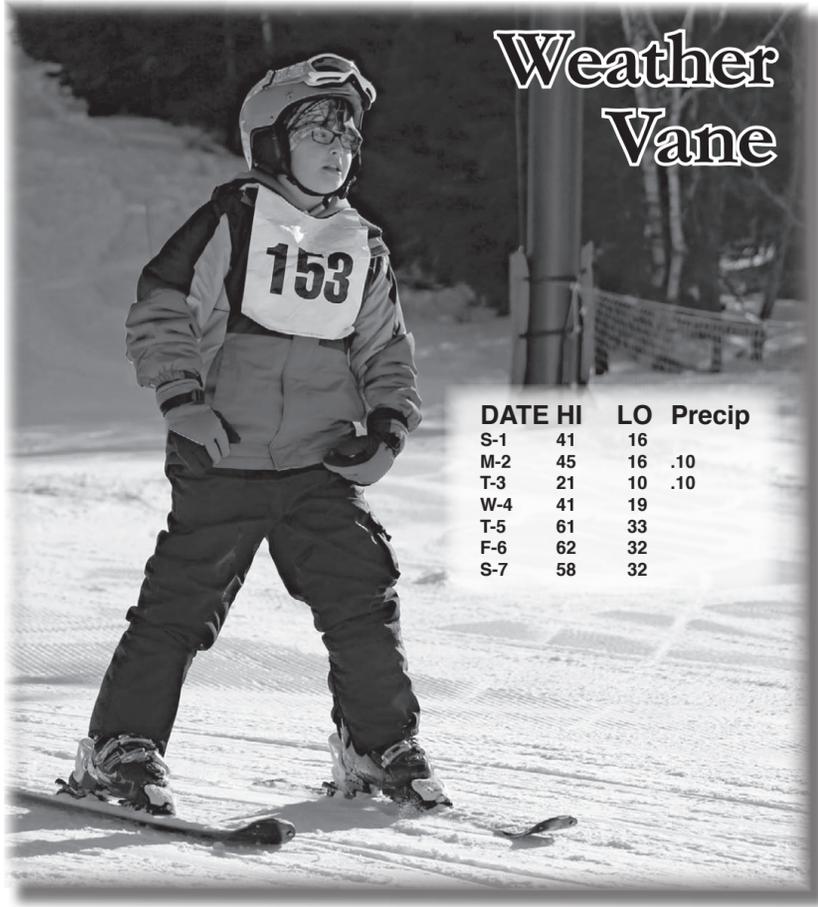
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Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSES 2015-2016

Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of January, 2015 the following Retail Liquor Licensees, two Restaurant Licensees and one Club Licensee, filed applications for renewal of their Liquor Licenses. Protests, if there be any, against the issuance of these licenses, will be heard at the hour of 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, in the Newcastle City Council Chambers at City Hall, Newcastle, Wyoming.

Liquor License #1: PERKINS TAVERN, LLC d/b/a Perkins Tavern; LOT 6, BLOCK 10, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE

Liquor License #2: T&A BREWING COMPANY LLC. d/b/a T&A BREWING COMPANY; LOTS 8 & 9 BLK 11 ORIGINAL TOWN OF NEWCAST

Microbrewery #1: T&A BREWING COMPANY LLC. d/b/a T&A BREWING COMPANY; LOTS 8 & 9 BLK 11 ORIGINAL TOWN OF NEWCASTLE

Liquor License #3: BARBARA A. & WILLIAM H. BROWN, d/b/a The Little Ceramic & Smoke Shop; A TRACT OF LAND BEING A PORTION OF QUARTER HORSE ADDITION, ZONED C-1

Liquor License #4: CAP & BOTTLE, LLC d/b/a Cap N Bottle; LOTS 10 & 11, CANNON SUBDIVISION OF LOT 20, BLOCK T, COUNTY CLERK ADDITION, ZONED C-1

Liquor License #5: JILLIAN ARMSTRONG, d/b/a The Antlers; LOTS 7 & 8 BLOCK 6, ORIGINAL ADDITION, NEWCASTLE WESTON CNTY WY

Liquor License #6: MINI MART INC., d/b/a Loaf 'N Jug #167; PORTION OF BLOCK 3 OF THE REPLAT OF HOMEBUILDERS ADDITION #1, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WY

Liquor License #7: FRESH START CONVENIENCE STORES, INC. d/b/a Fresh Start; LOTS 1-2 & PARTS OF LOTS 3-5, BLOCK 9, ORIGINAL TOWN OF NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

Liquor License #8: MAVERIK, INC. d/b/a Maverik #458; WESTON COUNTY PARCEL # 4561292301800 / ZONED COMMERCIAL

Restaurant License #1: HIGH PLAINS PIZZA, INC. d/b/a Pizza Hut #211; TRACT OF LAND 139, 7' X 150' IN NW ¼ SW ¼ OF SEC 28, T45N, R61, WESTON COUNTY ZONED C-1

Restaurant License #2: ISABELLA'S LLC, d/b/a Isabella's; SOUTHERLY 60' OF LOTS 1-3, BLOCK 10, ORIGINAL TOWN, ZONED C-2

Club License #1: NEWCASTLE COUNTY CLUB - d/b/a Newcastle Country Club; NE ½, SW ½ OF SEC 20, T45N, RANGE 61W OF 6TH P.M., ZONED AG

Dated This 15th Day of January 2015
Charita Brunner, City Clerk/Treasurer
(Publish February 5 and 12, 2015)

Government Information

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Weston County Board of Commissioners gives notice that county information can be accessed on the Weston County website at www.westongov.com
Dated this 12th day of January, 2015.

Cheryl Kregel, Weston County Clerk
(Publish January 15, 2015)

Bid Notice

CALL FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Newcastle, Wyoming will receive sealed bids for the purchase of the following:

- 2015 Dodge Charger, Pursuit model, Basic Police package (AYE).

Specifications and related bid requirements for interested bidders are available at the Newcastle Police Department located at 25 North Sumner Street Newcastle Wyoming 82701.

Each bid must be received by the Newcastle City Clerk at the office of the City Clerk, 10 West Warwick, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701, on or before 5:00 p.m. on the 13th day of March, 2015 to be considered. All bids will be opened on the 16th day of March, 2015 at 0730 p.m. by the Governing Body of the City in the City Council Chambers located on the second floor of the City Office at 10 West Warwick Newcastle Wyoming. The successful bidder, if any, shall be announced by the City at such time as the Governing Body of the City may determine appropriate, but no later than (30) days from the date of the bid opening. All submitted bids must remain open and cannot be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days following bid opening. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted if it is determined that none of them would serve the public interest. If a contract is awarded, it shall be awarded to the bidder whose equipment and/or materials meet or exceed the minimum specifications of this bid and is, in the sole discretion of the Governing Body of the City, the best equipment and/or materials for use by the City at the lowest bid price. Such factors as options, warranties, maintenance and repair statistics, and product design and function, in addition to bid price, shall be considered by the City in awarding this bid.

Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Bid for Police Vehicle". Each bid must state the approximate date upon which delivery will be made if the bid is accepted. In any event, delivery must be made before 30 June, 2015. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond or by a bank issued cashier's check, money order or certified check, payable to the City, and equal to at least 5% of the total bid amount. The bid bond, cashier's check, money order, or certified check shall be forfeited as liquidated damages if the bidder, upon letting of the contract to him, fails to enter into the contract within (30) thirty days after it is presented to him for that purpose or fails to proceed with the performance of the contract, and to pay any late delivery penalty. Delivery shall be to the Newcastle Police Department, Newcastle, Wyoming.

In accordance with Wyoming Statutes Sections 16-6-101 through 16-6-107, preference is hereby given to materials, supplies, agricultural products, equipment, machinery and provisions produced, manufactured, supplied, or grown in Wyoming, quality being equal to articles offered by competitors outside of the state.

The City reserves the right to waive any informalities. The acceptance of any bid does not become final and contractually binding upon the City until a formal written contract is executed by the City and the requirements of Wyoming Statutes Section 15-1-113 have been met.
Dated this 4th day of January, 2015.

City of Newcastle
Newcastle Police Department
By: James Owens
Chief of Police

(Publish February 12 and 19, 2015)

Fun and Games

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- They can sting
- *Oscar winner Henry Fonda to Peter
- _____ of operation
- Traditional Inuit home
- Site of 2016 Olympics
- Unpleasant airport news
- Beach souvenir
- Australian runner
- On or to one side
- **"The Theory of Everything" physicist
- *Filmed over a 12-year period
- Take your pick
- Wild guess
- Bygone bird of New Zealand
- Ogle or gape
- School break
- Great horned _____, pl.
- Make-up artist?
- Blind alternative
- "I'm _____!"
- Where vows are often exchanged
- Type of track
- Renaissance fiddle
- Deity, in Sanskrit
- A hair treatment
- *Yearly Oscar winner for Best Film Editing
- *Warren Beatty won for directing this flick
- Yellow _____
- "My bad"
- Berg matter
- Thorough
- **"The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance"
- Evian, backwards
- In the past
- Like a gymnast
- Step
- Create with cloth
- Easter's marshmallow treat
- Church bell sound
- Unagi
- *Academy Award winner, Lubitsch

DOWN

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- Turkish honorific
- Boatload
- "Roll Out the Barrel" dance
- Putting on a new sole
- Small amount of residue
- Between "ready and "fire"
- *Meryl Streep was nominated for this 2008 movie
- Netting
- Assortment
- Carpenter's groove
- Gave the once-over
- A seat by day, a bed by night
- African antelope
- Argo propeller
- Tai Babilonia and Randy Gardner, e.g.
- *Alice actress
- Had title to
- Cover story
- *Witherspoon stars in this hiker's story
- Photoshop option
- Bat dwelling?
- Extra tire
- *Famous march starting point
- Leave in, as text
- *Kind of film review
- Forearm bones
- *Nominee three years in a row
- Decompose

- Claw mark
- _____ of the moon
- Gardening tool
- In or of the present month
- Created in 1949 for security purposes
- Obsolete phone feature
- Bad to the bone
- New Year's Day game
- Bearing
- *Setting for 1965's "The Sound of Music"
- Hawk's aerie, e.g.
- "_____ whiz!"

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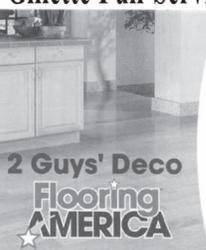
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1990 team

The Newcastle Dogies Basketball team honored the members of the 1990 State Championship team prior to the team's contest against Torrington on Jan. 31. The team that the Dogies defeated 25 years ago to claim the title was the Trailblazers from Torrington, so it was no accident that this was the night chosen for the honor. In attendance for the ceremony were former head coach Mike Ibach, former assistant coach Brett Weaver, and former players John Lacey, Troy Allen and Chris Gray. Each member of the team was presented with a plaque to commemorate the victory by current members of the 2015 Dogies basketball team. Like the game 25 years ago, the Dogies took the win against the 'Blazers.

Pictured above, are Troy Allen, John Lacey, Chris Gray and Brett Weaver. At right, Gray and Mike Ibach.

Photos by Sonja Karp/NLJ



Men from page 11

and got on the board first, then, only a couple of minutes after tip-off, junior Taylor Allen threw down a two-handed slam dunk on a breakaway pass from point guard Colton Sweet.

"This was the first real opportunity that Taylor has had this season to get a dunk, and there just isn't anything like that to get the team and the fans going," Von Eye grinned.

And get them going it did. Even though the Wildcats made a run, the Dogies held on to the lead to close out the first up, 11-9.

The quarter break gave Custer a chance to regroup and they came out ready to play against the home team and reversed the lead to go into the locker room up 28-24 over the Dogies.

The second half was an exciting one for the fans as the two teams battled each other for the lead. In the third quarter, there were six lead changes and one tie that lasted for about two minutes, but as time ticked down to end it, the Wildcats were up four over the Dogies, 43-39.

The fourth quarter continued to be a nail-biter as neither team was willing to concede to the other. The Dogies cut the lead to one within 40 seconds, then took a two-point lead, then held on to a 48-48 tie for over two minutes as time was ticking down.

With 51 seconds left to go in the game, the score was once again tied at 50, but down the stretch Custer was able to pull ahead, which forced Newcastle to send them to the line and the Wildcats were able to convert on their free-throws to end up winning the game by four, 55-51.

"We executed very well. We

The Stats

Newcastle vs. Custer
Feb. 5, 2015, Final Score 51-55
Dillon Ehlers: 14 points, 3 rebounds, 4 assists, 1 steal
Colton Sweet: 3 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists
Taylor Allen: 19 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 block
Cam Quigley: 7 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists
Triston Roberson: 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal
Cooper Karp: 4 points, 1 steal
Mason Piscioti: 4 points, 5 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 block

Newcastle @ Douglas
Feb. 7, 2015, Final Score 73-80
Dillon Ehlers: 19 points, 7 rebounds, 1 steal
Colton Sweet: 4 rebounds, 4 assists, 1 steal
Taylor Allen: 29 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals
Cam Quigley: 7 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist
Triston Roberson: 8 points, 5 rebounds, 6 assists, 2 steals, 1 block
Cooper Karp: 3 rebounds, 2 assists
Mason Piscioti: 10 points, 9 rebounds
Alec Walker: 1 assist

were able to put ourselves into situations where we ran our sets well, we shot the ball exceptionally well, and did some really good things defensively," Von Eye analyzed.

In addition to the dunk at the beginning of the game, Allen led the team in scoring with 19 points and five rebounds, followed by Dillon Ehlers with 14 points and three rebounds. Cam Quigley added seven points and six rebounds, Mason Piscioti scored four points and five rebounds, Cooper Karp had four points and one steal, and Colton Sweet rounded out the scoring with three points and four rebounds.

Von Eye pointed out that the coaches did something a little bit different this week by doing statistical analysis and setting some concrete goals for the team to work toward achieving in the games, and he believes this may have contributed to the team seeing more success this week.

On Saturday, the Dogies were hoping to build on the positives from the Custer game against a very talented and athletic Douglas Bearcat team.

They turned their hopes into reality as they came out ready to play and ended the first quarter in a 17-17 tie against the Bearcats.

"The kids were feeling really confident going into this game. The way they played against Custer really carried over, and it showed in how they

started against Douglas," Von Eye stated.

Like the Custer game, the second quarter was once again a battle with the teams tied several times. The Bearcats' biggest lead of the quarter was seven points, but the Dogies cut that lead to four to end the half down 38-41.

The battle continued in the third quarter, with the Dogies coming from behind to take a five-point lead halfway through, but then the Bearcats went on a run to go up nine by the end.

The final eight minutes of the game kept fans on the edge of their seats as the two teams took turns making offensive runs, but as the clock ticked down to zero, the Dogies found themselves only able to decrease the point deficit by two to drop the high-scoring game to the Bearcats, 73-80.

"We did some really good things offensively and defensively. Douglas is an incredibly athletic team that moves really well, so they present some difficulties," Von Eye admitted. "We got hit with some adversity during the game, but we persevered and continued to play."

Allen had another excellent night on the court, tying his career high 29 points and also pulled down three rebounds. He was followed in scoring by Ehlers with 19 points and seven rebounds, Piscioti with 10 points and nine rebounds, Triston Roberson with eight points, six assists and five rebounds, and Quigley added seven points and one rebound.

This week the Dogies have two big Northeast Quadrant Conference games as they travel to Buffalo on Friday, Feb. 13, then host the Worland Warriors on Saturday, Feb. 14.

"We're hoping to really build on what we did last week as we take on Buffalo and Worland," Von Eye declared. "Buffalo is a good basketball team, but I think if we can keep shooting the ball the way we have and continue to play good defense, we should be in a pretty good situation with them. Worland is just tough and are playing lights out right now, but we're excited to see what we can do against them in our house rather than on the road," he grinned.

Karp from page 11

Of course I "jumped" at the chance to boost my numbers and strapped on the pedometer immediately upon receiving it.

I was confident that it would be nothing for me to hit that 50,000 in no time at all. After all, I must certainly get at least 10,000 steps a day being a teacher, right?

Wrong. Thursday, I sat or stood at a basketball game, Friday I was exhausted from a long week so I sat on my couch, and Saturday was basketball out of town so I sat in a car and sat in bleachers all day.

By Saturday night, I was only at a measly 20,000 steps, and that's when the panic set in.

Fortunately, I have a team that is working right alongside me, so on Sunday we laced up our shoes and reveled in the beautiful, spring-like temperatures to get in a four-mile walk to start the day.

Between the walk and the house cleaning that I attacked with a vengeance after I

returned home, I had managed to add 14,000 steps, which nearly doubled my total in one day.

After that I felt pretty confident that a couple of good days of teaching — I pace a LOT when I lecture — and one more good day of walking and I should be far over the goal.

I'm happy to report that as of mid-day on Tuesday, I was at 45,000, and after my afternoon walk I was well over the mark, so I could breathe a little easier knowing that I'd earned myself an extra pound advantage at the Wednesday morning weigh-in.

Not only did I earn the extra pound, but I also got in some great exercise that helped me shed actual pounds as well!

Granted, the pedometer has limited my pool time this week, but I will be back in the water next week to continue on my journey, and though I don't plan to hang up my shoes completely, I really miss my swim cap and goggles.

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