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## Lift-off



A bald eagle takes flight near the Fountain Inn in Newcastle, after feasting on the nearby carcass of a deer. (Photo by Amy Menerey/NLJ)

## Uncivil discourse

By Bob Bonnar of NLJ

The 62nd general session of the Wyoming State Legislature has offered more than its share of heated battles, and last week Newcastle's lone representative in the state capitol found himself in the eye of the storm after a contentious email exchange between himself and a state resident who lives outside of his district was widely distributed via the Internet.

Rep. Hans Hunt, R-Newcastle, drew criticism when he responded to a threat by Rev. Audette Fulbright of Cheyenne to move out of the state if Wyoming lawmakers approved legislation that would have allowed concealed weapons to be carried in schools. She also indicated a concern about 'fracking' in Wyoming, a practice that increases production in oil and gas wells, but that some believe endangers water sources and the environment.

"My husband and I moved to Wyoming not too long ago. We believed it was a good place to raise children. With the recent and reactive expansion of gun laws and the profoundly serious dangers of fracking, we find we are seriously reconsidering our decision, which is wrenching to all of us. However, the safety of our family must come first. We are waiting to see what the legislature does this session. I know of other new-to-Wyoming families in similar contemplation," Fulbright wrote in an email distributed to all members of the House of Representatives.

Hunt responded by telling Fulbright that if she is uncomfortable with the culture of Wyoming she is more than welcome to leave the state.

"It offends me to no end when liberal out-of-staters such as yourself move into Wyoming, trying to get away from where they came from, and then pompously demand that Wyoming

conform to their way of thinking," Hunt replied. "So, to conclude, if you're so worried about what our legislature is working on, then go back home," he concluded.

While this particular exchange was widely circulated on both the Internet and through several media outlets around the state, it was by no means unusual according to other lawmakers who represent Weston County in the state legislature. They told the News Letter Journal that the level of respect demonstrated in communications they have received during this session has decreased considerably.

"I have had more nasty emails this year than ever before," confirmed Sen. Ogden Driskill, R-Devils Tower.

"Early in the session, it was brutal," agreed Hunt, who said that the tone of emails has actually improved over the past week or so.

Rep. Mark Semlek, R-Moorcroft, expressed the belief that the negative tone began with the controversy surrounding legislation that stripped Superintendent of Public Instruction Cindy Hill of her powers. That tone carried over into debates on legislation that sought to decrease restrictions on gun owners in the state.

"This year has been as contentious in our messaging as it has ever been, and it's probably because of the Cindy Hill deal and the gun legislation," he reasoned.

All three representatives said they are accustomed to receiving communications that are less than respectful, but noted that the frequency of such messages seems to have increased this year. In Hunt's case, he said the response he submitted to Fulbright's email was partly the result of receiving it later in the afternoon after having been worn down by a full day of debates

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## End of era

Changes to Postal Service means limited Saturday deliveries

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

Beginning the week of Aug. 5, the United States Postal Service will cease delivering first class mail on Saturdays across the U.S. The decision was announced Feb. 6 by Post Master General Patrick Donahoe, who made the determination in conjunction with the USPS Board of Governors and their senior leadership. However, packages will continue to be delivered on Saturdays, and mail will be picked up in designated receptacles by part-time carriers.

"We will not have carriers running their regular delivery schedule on Saturdays. With that being said, we will deliver packages on Saturday. We will deliver P.O. box sections on Saturdays and our retail window will remain as normal, from 10 a.m. until noon," stated Newcastle Postmaster Craig Ausmann. "We still receive a truck on Saturdays and we will still dispatch a truck on Saturdays, so out-going mail will be collected in out-going boxes."

For several years the consideration to cut mail delivery from six days a week to five has been discussed because of declining revenue. David Rupert of USPS Corporate Communications explained to the News Letter Journal that the postal service went from delivering an average of six letters per mailbox down to four during the past few years.

"As our finances have declined it has been a viable option because it is a big chunk, not just

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## Community stays connected

By Bob Bonnar of NLJ

Telephone land lines were down throughout the majority of north-east Wyoming for most of Friday morning, but residents were able to stay connected through use of the cell phones and the Internet. Local officials were even able to use those

media to provide an alternative to the 911 service that was unavailable during the outage.

"That is always our biggest concern with an outage, is 911," said RT Communications Vice President and General Manager Becky Dooley.

Fortunately, local emergency

officials were able to take advantage of other forms of communication available to them to provide residents of the area with a means to access emergency services if it became necessary.

"Dispatch's immediate concern was that they had lost their 911 lines, and they actually made the

decision to switch over to personal cell phones originally. That was good thinking in a crisis situation," Weston County Homeland Security Coordinator Doug Jorrey told the News Letter Journal.

Once the decision was made for

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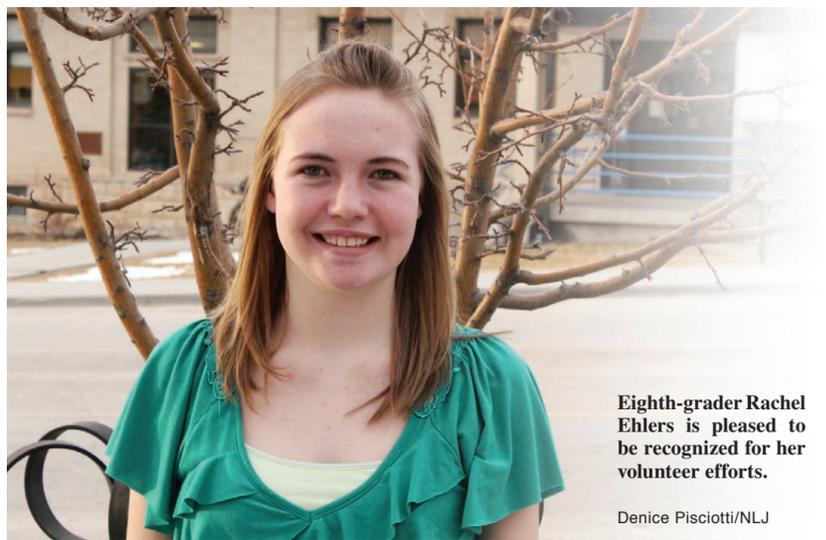
## Ehlers named as volunteer of the year

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

For the second year in a row a Newcastle student was named one of Wyoming's top youth volunteers by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. The national program honoring middle level and high school students for outstanding volunteer service sent NMS eighth-grade student Rachel Ehlers a letter last week announcing her as the 2013 Wyoming honoree, meaning she will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to join 100 other top youth volunteers from across the United States for four days of national recognition events.

"Monday morning I went to take the trash out and it was stuck in between the screen door and the front door in a big FedEx envelope. So I just gave it to my dad thinking it was some paperwork. When I got back inside I opened it because my dad said it was for me. I read the first line that said, 'Congratulations! You are going

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Eighth-grader Rachel Ehlers is pleased to be recognized for her volunteer efforts.

Denice Piscioti/NLJ

## Offering a clearer definition of mobile home

By Christopher Smith for NLJ

For months, the Newcastle City Planning Commission has been reviewing regulations governing mobile homes in the community and creating recommendations regarding how to revise them to meet the needs of residents who live in them, while also addressing concerns expressed by residents in neighborhoods where older mobile

homes may be making the area less appealing aesthetically.

The Planning Commission had to clearly define what a mobile home is before identifying what condition and age should be expected of them before they can be located in parts of the community zoned specifically for mobile homes.

On Feb. 4, City Attorney Jim Peck presented the City Council with a list of several recommendations that the

Planning Commission had suggested after meeting with citizens and reviewing current mobile home regulations from other communities.

The Planning Commission recommended standards that state mobile homes should not have been manufactured more than 20 years prior to being installed within the city. An acceptable mobile home must also meet the standards set by the United States Department of Housing

and Urban Development that were originally enacted in 1976, and the suggested regulations will also stipulate that a mobile home must be at least 720 square feet in size.

The Planning Commission also suggested that mobile homes should have a skirting made of either masonry, masonite, metal or wood. They also proposed that the skirting cannot anchor the mobile home permanently to the ground or

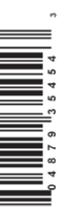
create a fire hazard.

They also recommended that these changes not apply to existing spaces currently in existing mobile home parks. This would mean mobile home park owners can replace mobile homes on existing spaces with any year or size mobile home that they wish, but if the owner were to expand the mobile home park, the new mobile home spaces added would be subject to the proposed regulations.

"This is the definition for mobile homes that [the Planning Commission] would like. It would not affect existing mobile homes, only mobile homes being brought in," Peck told the City Council members, noting that if a mobile home is moved to a new location in town, the regulations could have an impact on it.

"That would be essentially the same as bringing a new mobile home to town," he reasoned.

<b>WEATHER FORECAST</b>	<b>Thursday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 25, Lo 12	<b>Friday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 26, Lo 14	<b>Saturday</b> Sunny Hi 42, Lo 25	<b>Sunday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 41, Lo 19	<b>Monday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 30, Lo 18	<b>Tuesday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 36, Lo 22	<b>Wednesday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 34, Lo 16	<b>INSIDE:</b> • A bit daffy, Page 3 • Snow!, Page 6 • Tales, Page 8 • Winners, Page 16



# Opinion

## News Letter Journal

### Our View

## Civility is more productive

In this state, we're fond of pointing to the counter-productive brand of politics practiced on a national scale and proclaiming that this country wouldn't be nearly as bad off if federal decision-makers stole a page from Wyoming's playbook and adopted a more sensible approach to governing.

While the national political stage certainly offers up its share of entertainment, it provides very little in the way of positive results. Up until now, we've been blessed in the Cowboy State by the obvious desire politicians, the media and citizens in general have shown to avoid the grandstanding that has mired our nation in a divisiveness that has made the federal government the dysfunctional laughing-stock it is today.

Unfortunately, in an age when reality and entertainment have been merged in popular culture, it appears that the people of our state have allowed themselves to be seduced by the entertainment- barely disguised as politics- that we see on television and the Internet courtesy of the 24/7 news cycle.

Sadly enough, we have begun to adopt those tactics to create our own ugly political reality in Wyoming today.

The current session of the Wyoming State Legislature may very well be the most riveting and entertaining in recent memory, and that is due in large part to the erosion of respect shown by both public officials and the citizens they serve.

It's hard to say where the disappearance of civility began, but there is little doubt as to where this is all going to end. You need look no further than Washington D.C. to see the level of failure and futility that is achieved when people choose to set aside rational discussion, attempts at persuasion and a willingness to compromise.

What we've chosen is to replace a system that seeks to focus on issues and find acceptable solutions with one that instead focuses on identifying enemies, questioning motives, attacking character, and seeking the personal destruction of those we view as our opponents.

We sincerely believe that government in Wyoming is more effective than that practiced anywhere else. If we hope that will continue to be true, we must force ourselves to steer away from the antics that play so well in 30 second sound-bites, and return to a time not so long ago when we were more concerned with producing results than declaring winners.

And we've all got to look in the mirror and realize we have some work to do. The media has to wean itself from a willingness to display that which is more entertaining over that which is more constructive, relevant and informative. Elected officials have to be willing to trust their constituents enough to be more transparent in conducting the public's business, and they must be willing to listen to the very real fears expressed by voters on all sides of the political spectrum.

And the people of this state need to realize that both media and politicians take their lead from us. If we show less interest in the sensational, and demand coverage that is more practical and concrete, media will respond by producing what we desire. If we insist on results that provide benefits for all citizens, politicians will quit trying to score points with the extreme factions on one side or the other. If we want Wyoming to be led into a future more promising than the one we fear this country is setting itself up for, then it is up to us, the people of this state, to lead the way. The media and our public officials will have no choice but to follow.

### Deadline for Letters is noon on Friday

## Letters to the Editor

### Public good isn't served by assaulting property rights

Dear Editor,  
Your February 7, 2013 editorial entitled, "What are you waiting for?" solicits citizen participation and activism via the Weston County Historic Preservation Board in order to "preserve historic landmarks." I can only answer for myself; therefore, my reason for not participating is my strong belief in private property rights.

The Old Mill was not public property and to my knowledge, Weston County never offered to purchase it. Weston County could have used eminent domain to take the property for the public good by paying its owners fair market value.

Apparently the editorial board of the News Letter Journal would prefer to see a handful of volunteers dictate to property owners what they must do with (and pay for) on their own property.

The Fifth Amendment to our Constitution means too much to me, so I'll take a pass on the Historic Preservation Board.

—Victoria Heller

### Rep was right to show liberal newcomer the door

Dear Editor,  
As a constituent of Representative Hans Hunt's I am very proud of and fully support the remarks that he made recently in response to a Reverend Audette Fulbright of Cheyenne, telling her that after moving to the state recently and now becoming disenchanted with our politics that she should just "leave."

People move here because of the way people like Mr. Hunt and 'We the People' of the wonderful State of Wyoming have ran the state.

The schools are able to carry the standard they do in large part because of our mineral and gas industry, something the Reverend has shown herself to be ignorant of.

So I echo Mr. Hunt in his remarks to Reverend Fulbright. Leave, please!

You and your politics are not welcomed here. We have done wonderfully without you and your liberal policies infecting our culture and heritage.

—Michael Chad Sears

### Be afraid, be very afraid

Dear Editor,  
Cognitive Science has found that our brains/minds process incoming information in two different channels.

Channel 1 is emotional, fast and nearly permanently installed in our memory. It has direct access to the limbic and amygdala parts of the brain. This is where the "fight or flight" decision is made - very quickly.

Channel 1, the emotional one, is our survival mechanism. When we heard the sabre-tooth tiger growl we ran away in fright. We survived. When we saw the flash and roar of cannon, we ducked in fright. We survived.

Many of those who did not run away or duck in fright did not survive. So, it follows that people who respond to a perception of danger quickly and unquestioningly are more numerous.

Channel 2 is slower and more contemplative. You could call it the logical channel. It collects the incoming information and thinks about it. Most of this takes place in the frontal lobe of the brain.

These ideas or answers are not permanent. They are subject to change if new information contradicts. This is not wishy-washy, it is the way complex information is processed.

Since survival often depends on instant reaction, Channel 1, the emotional channel, is dominant. Channel 2 may recognize a logical error that Channel 1 made, but it is over-ruled because centuries of dog eat dog battles made Channel 1 dominant.

That was then, this is now.

We are not in the jungle anymore. Our problems and our opportunities are more complex. Reasoning,

with actual, factual information, will lead us to actions that are beneficial. Reacting as if that sabre-tooth tiger was breathing down our necks will lead us astray.

This is where the self-serving politician tries and too often succeeds in leading us to benefit him - not us! He will shout in alarm, "The deficit will kill us. We must pay it off right now."

Our number one emotional channel will respond: "Yes, yes. Right now. Hurry, pay it off."

Our Reasoning channel number two replies: "That's crazy, it will crash the economy." #1 says: "Shut up, what do you know? The sabre-tooth deficit will kill us."

Even the most cursory examination of our economy reveals that jobs are needed. Production and consumption are needed. Taking money out of our economy right now and sending it to China would be a disaster making "The Depression of the Dirty Thirties" look like a Sunday School picnic.

The puppet politicians, beholden to their corporate masters, insist with all kinds of twisted logic (lies) that we must send our money to China and be careful to not ask any of their corporate masters to pay their taxes. That's the recipe for a cowpie.

—Jerry Baird

### The west wasn't won with an unloaded gun

Dear Editor,  
What part of "the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed" do so many Americans not understand? There is nothing that says "except assault rifles, or large capacity magazines or Saturday night specials".

Keep firearms locked up? If one is needed, who has time to unlock a safe? Keep them unloaded? Same thing.

The deal where names and addresses of gun permittees were published was bad. I don't want the world to know if I have firearms, where I live, etc. However, around here, that is pretty much common knowledge.

—Jean Harshbarger

## Saving history in the future

Sometimes I just don't do a very good job of getting my point across, and more often than not it is because I've lived here for so long that I'm guilty of thinking that everybody is as aware of this county's history and traditions as I am.

That became apparent to me this week when I received Victoria Heller's Letter to the Editor (below).

In last week's editorial, I sought to encourage readers to serve this community by applying for one of the three vacant spots on the Weston County Historic Preservation Board.

I tried to use the demolition of the Old Mill, and the sorrow we all felt when the local landmark was torn down, to motivate people to take a position on an appointed committee that has worked very hard over the years to preserve the heritage of Newcastle and Weston County.

I'm aware that in other locales such boards have been known to strong-arm government officials into trampling on private property rights in order to preserve a historic structure or two, but to my knowledge that has never been the case here. For the most part, the members of the Historic Preservation Board in Weston County have themselves been property owners (many of them born and raised in farming and ranching families) with deep roots in our communities, which means they are people who believe very much in private property rights, and understand how important they are to the people who call this place home.

So I was a bit taken aback to discover that somebody had read last week's editorial, and assumed that this newspaper supported government interference in private property matters because of our desire to see a higher level of interest shown in membership on the local Historic Preservation Board.

The accusation was even more troubling because the News Letter Journal took an editorial position that supported the Old Mill owner's right to tear down the aging structures on his property and build a new business. That editorial position was unpopular in a number of circles because the people of the community were significantly attached to the Old Mill and the place it held in the community's history, but we believed then, and still do, that it would have been inappropriate for any government agency to dictate to the owner of the property what he could or should do with it.

I appreciated the letter from Ms. Heller, and the subsequent phone conversation I had with her after receiving it because it gave me the opportunity to more clearly state my reasons for encouraging greater participation in historic preservation efforts.

The point I was trying to make a week ago was that such involvement now- before the other historic structures of Weston County are directly threatened- will help us to avoid finding ourselves again in the position of having to choose between the fondness we have for the buildings that are so important to our heritage, and the desire of the people who own them to operate their homes or businesses as they see fit.

In the case of the Old Mill, the property had been for sale for several months, and the need to modernize the buildings on that chunk of land was pretty well-known. The time for the community to make an effort to save those structures was not after the property had been purchased and plans had been made to build a new business on the lot.

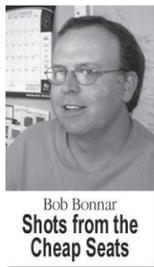
If we truly want to preserve the historic structures of this community, we have to acknowledge those that are in danger of becoming old and obsolete now, and we must begin taking steps to modernize them- making them more efficient and ensuring their structural integrity- immediately. If we don't, we shouldn't

be a bit surprised when the wrecking ball returns to town a few months or a few years down the road.

I think the organization most suited to conducting a survey of our historic buildings and creating a plan to move forward in an effort to preserve them is the Weston County Historic Preservation Board. That entity is the one most likely to identify which buildings are in the most danger, and how best to secure the considerable resources that will be required if we hope to save them for future generations.

The loss of the Old Mill was unfortunate- some would say tragic- and it would be even worse if this community allowed the sad day when the silos crashed to the ground to go to waste. Instead, we have to use the sorrow of that day as fuel for a more concerted effort to identify the historic structures most important to us, and start investigating the means by which those buildings can be preserved.

The Historic Preservation Board was created specifically for that purpose, and I simply hope that three more people will step forward from the hundreds who expressed dissatisfaction with the manner in which the Old Mill was lost. Demonstrate that your concern was legitimate enough to do something about it yourself, and don't expect somebody else- be it a private property owner or an elected official- to assume the burden for preserving our town's history on their own. Become a part of the solution by leaving your application for one of those three spots at the County Clerk's Office today.



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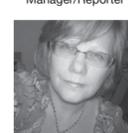
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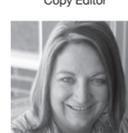
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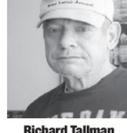
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# She's still a bit daffy

By Christopher Smith for NLJ

People are seeing yellow as the American Cancer Society is again selling daffodils as part of its oldest existing fundraiser, Daffodil Days. The promotion has been running for more than 35 years, with no sign of slowing down as the program continues to annually sell yellow daffodils nationwide.

All proceeds made from the Daffodil Days Program go directly to ACS to help fund the research into finding a cure for cancer, and to help treat those afflicted by the life-threatening disease.

While ACS offers the option to buy daffodils for oneself, friends or family, they also allow people to buy what they call a Gift of Hope.

A Gift of Hope is bouquet of 10 daffodils in a vase purchased to be delivered anonymously to cancer patients in hospitals and treatment centers across the nation.

Carol Underberg, a cancer survivor herself, knows how much good this fundraiser is capable of producing, so she does her best to volunteer for Daffodil Days each year. She is in her 11th year of selling daffodils in Newcastle for ACS.

"You see a daffodil and know there's hope," Underberg said in a February 2004 News Letter

Journal article about Daffodil Days, and her passion for the program hasn't changed in the years since.

"Daffodils are \$10 for a bunch and a bunch has 10 flowers in it. You can also get five bunches for \$45, and 10 bunches for \$80," she proclaimed, noting that there is also a \$25 package that includes a bunch of daffodils and a stuffed bear.

Underberg said she always felt daffodils were beautiful, but had never seen them as a display of hope prior to becoming involved in the program.

"If people wish, they can call and order directly from me," Underberg urged, indicating that orders will be taken until Friday, Feb. 22. The flowers will be delivered to Weston County Senior Services Center the week of March 18.

Underberg said that people can go to a number of other locations in Newcastle to make an order for the daffodils, including most of the churches, all three schools, the Public Health office, Cedar Hills Clinic, the courthouse, the senior center, KASL Radio, Pinnacle Bank, Trendz, the extension office, and the Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp.

To contact Underberg, call 746-2298. More information about Daffodil Days or the American Cancer Society can be found at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) or by calling 1-800-ACS-2345.

## Volunteer

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to Washington, D.C.," recalled Ehlers, adding that at that point she began jumping up and down and screaming, not reading the rest of the letter herself until a few days later.

Last year's recipient of the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, NMS student Megan Kenney, shared with Ehlers what activities she should expect in Washington. There will be formal events to attend with prior study of how to act and what silverware to use at the dinners.

"That is all we have been talking about this week," smiled Ehlers, who is a member of IMPACT, a group dedicated to volunteering and making positive change for teens and their community.

IMPACT members volunteer in many different aspects, such as walking dogs at the Weston County Humane Society, raising money for Helping Hands Foundation during the summer, or doing clean-up and beautification projects.

At the end of the summer last year the IMPACT group traveled to Denver, Colo., to volunteer at Brent's Place where they provide "Safe-Clean" individualized housing for immunocompromised patients and their families while they are in transition between the hospital and going home.

"We made lunch so whenever they could eat lunch, it was ready for them. We made gift bags for all of them. And we

helped disinfect the whole place again because it has to be very clean," she recalled.

Out of all the activities she has participated in with IMPACT, helping promote breast cancer awareness has hit the closest to home for Ehlers. She recalled how hurt her mom was when her grandma died of breast cancer. She also has had an aunt and a great-grandmother survive from the disease, so she wanted to help stop it.

At Newcastle High School there have been several events about breast cancer awareness, however that was not the case in the lower grades. Ehlers wanted to help middle school students understand what wearing pink means. After getting permission from NMS Principal Scott Shoop to set up a booth, she recruited other IMPACT students to help sell breast cancer awareness items during lunch in October of 2011. She spent time promoting the event by making posters and emailing the high school and middle school staff and students about the event, making it a success by raising \$2,000 for the cause.

"Kids actually stood in line. In fact, we sold all our pre-ordered gear and had to order more!" she proclaimed.

Ehlers didn't stop there, though. She also contributed to the cause by buying socks to give to her friends. She reported that she still wears her footwear on occasions to support the worthy cause.

"Rachel has had personal experiences with the tragedy of breast cancer. Her heart was connected to that cause and she 'put her money where her mouth was' in purchasing socks for her entire seventh grade volleyball team. I was very impressed with that effort as she used her 'own' money and it truly meant something to her," reported Tamera Allen, IMPACT director.

Dave Ehlers, Rachel's father, told the News Letter Journal he felt that NMS students winning the honor two years in a row speaks highly not only of the principal but also of the direction of Allen.

"Without Mr. Shoop's encouragement she probably wouldn't have applied for it. The director of IMPACT offers an environment that lends towards this and for nominating her. I think a big thanks goes to them for the work they do so the youth in our community can get recognized for what they do," he continued.

Because of the hours she has dedicated to volunteering, Ehlers is in the running for a national Prudential Spirit of Community Award when she is in Washington, D.C. Ten winners will receive the title and \$5,000 on top of the items already received for being named a state top youth volunteer.

"It gives me something to do. It makes you feel like you are actually making a difference in your community," proclaimed Ehlers.

## Outage

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emergency personnel to use their own cell phones as emergency lines, officials then had to try to let the public know what number they could call if they needed help.

"They took the bull by the horns, made a decision, and got the word out on the radio."

"They did a good job there, and got the word out. They used the weather radio to get out an emergency message notifying people that 911 was down, and that other numbers were being used in its place. They repeated that a number of times over weather radio, and then we started putting that out through our [Homeland Security] means because the Internet was still up. It also went out on the crawl that they control on cable TV and on KASL as well. The notification got out as many ways as we could get it out," Jorrey explained.

According to a press release from RT Communications, the company suffered an internal power outage to its equipment office located in Newcastle at 9:30 a.m. on Friday.

"That office provides voice and Internet services to approximately 4,189 customers in northeast Wyoming. All services in Newcastle were lost and the communities of Osage, Upton, Moorcroft, Pine Haven, Hulett and surrounding areas were limited to just local calling," the release stated.

Although residents of Newcastle and some of the outlying areas were able to access the Internet through most of the outage, the company said that Internet service wasn't restored to all customers until 10:53 a.m. The release also stated that 911 calling was restored in Newcastle and the surrounding area by 11:55 a.m., with total services restored by early afternoon.

Dooley said that while the exact cause of the outage is still being investigated, RT Communications has been able to determine that it was the result of an electrical problem.

"What you normally hear with outages is somebody hitting a line, the transport part of it, but this happened in the central office in Newcastle, and was actually a power board issue. Somebody was working in a power board, and just hit the wrong thing. That caused an electrical arc, and it was devastating the way it hit," Dooley reported, noting that an outage of this nature isn't common.

"It's not something that typically happens because we have a precautionary measures we try to take," she professed.

The damages to the system were not extensive, but because of the way it operates, Dooley said it took considerably longer to bring everything online than it did to make the actual repairs.

"The switch is actually a very powerful computer. The switch in Newcastle serves a number of different communities that operate out of that switch over there, and it comes up very slowly. It starts talking to its different remotes, and we had to watch it come back up piece by piece. When a switch suffers that kind of electrical outage, that's what takes it so long to get back up," Dooley explained.

She said that while the company knows what knocked the switch out of commission, they haven't been able to determine why some services, like the Internet in Newcastle, were only offline for a very short period of time.

"I think they're still trying to get a handle on that. They're still investigating the piece of it that involved the voice side of the switch being more impacted than the Internet," Dooley said, noting that the part of the system that controls the Internet may have just been the first part that came back online.

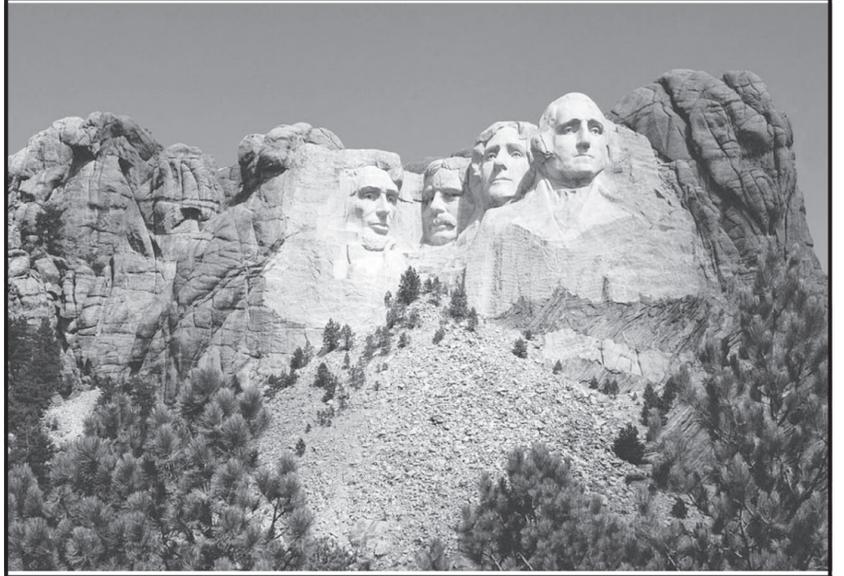
She said that once the outage occurred, the company did everything they could to bring service back up in its entirety.

"I hope the community understands we were trying our best to get it back up as quickly as possible," Dooley remarked.

While the community was able to make adjustments during the outage, and no serious consequences were noted as a result of 911 lines being out of service for a couple of hours, Jorrey said emergency officials are using the experience as a learning tool. He said that while the back-ups put in place by dispatch immediately after the lines went down proved effective, they will be exploring ways to improve the response further in the event that such an outage should occur again in the future.

"I was here in my office trying to get a feel for the extent of the problem, and dispatch was taking care of their issue. I was focused on the big picture, while they were focused on their part of it, so we're going to get together later this week for an after action review, and see if there wasn't a way we could have done things better," he reasoned.

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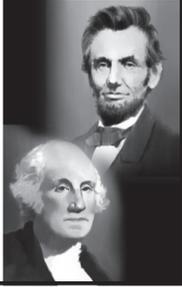
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The Weston County Courthouse will be closed Monday, February 18 in observance of President's Day.



**Obituaries**

**DONALD ROBERT OTTEMA**  
March 18, 1935–Feb. 1, 2013

Don Robert Ottema, 77, passed away at his home on Feb. 1, 2013, surrounded by his loving family.



Donald Ottema

Don was born on March 18, 1935, in Mandan, N.D., son of Jacob and Lyone (Kirk) Ottema. He attended school in Hensler, N.D., and following his schooling he went to work with his dad on the Burlington Northern railroad crew. After the railroad, Don worked for Montana Utility in Mandan, then went to work for the Cross Ranch in Sanger, N.D.

He met Anita Staiger on a blind date in 1952 and they were married in 1954. Both sons, Duke and Barney, were born in Bismark, N.D. In 1957, the family moved to Newcastle, during the oil boom. Don went to work driving for Sheehan Trucking and worked as a derrick hand on oil rigs. When the oil fields slowed down, Don went to work for Cambria Forest, which later became Pope and Talbot, where he worked as a mechanic until he retired. He then worked for Farnsworth Services driving truck where he enjoyed working for Tom and Buzz Farnsworth. Don and Barney established B&D Logging Company. They logged, panned gold, and collected old antique tractors together.

Don loved working on tractors and his favorite tractor was a 1936 L Case. Don also enjoyed watching his sons competing in sports, especially high school and college wrestling. He raced stock cars in Newcastle and had a passion for antique

tractor pulling. Don was very creative with metal designing, scaling down tractors and steam engine tractors. He also enjoyed hunting and harvested some nice antelope, deer and elk. He especially liked elk hunting in the Black Hills and making his hunting camp at the Welcome House, where he always had the coffee pot on welcoming hunters and friends. He was well known for his dancing, especially the waltz. Don also enjoyed his animals, but none more than his pit bull, Beau. Beau was Don's partner when he worked in the woods.

Survivors include his wife, Anita Ottema of 59 years; two sons and their wives, Duke and DeAnn Ottema, Barney and Tina Ottema, all of Newcastle; five grandchildren, Dawn Ottema-Merdkink (Jeremy), Heather Ottema, Amanda Mercer (Jimmy) all of Gillette, Diane Christensen (Ty) of Newcastle, and Duane Ottema (Lindsey) of Casper; two step-grandchildren, Troy Casey (Cassie) of Douglas and Cassie Casey of Los Angeles, Calif.; three great-grandchildren, Cameah, Troy and Brady; and five step-grandchildren, Rayah, Tyson, Devon, Kaleb and Isabelle. He is also survived by his sister, Neva Bentz of Hensler; brothers, Ernest of Billings, Mont., Doug of Whitewood, S.D., and Vernon of Sheridan; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jacob and Lyone Ottema; a brother, Jack Ottema; brother-in-law, Gideon Bentz; and many aunts and uncles.

A memorial service will be Feb. 16 at 1 p.m. at Weston County Senior Services Center. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery. Donations will go to a memorial to be established in Don's memory. Cards may be sent to Anita Ottema, P.O. Box 824, Newcastle, WY 82701.

**SIGNA JOAN SHANNON**  
Nov. 22, 1929–Feb. 7, 2013

Signa Joan Gustafson was born in Gillette on Nov. 22, 1929, the daughter of Alfred and Rose (William) Gustafson. On Oct. 5, 1947, she married Patrick Shannon at Miles City, Mont. The couple lived at Rocky Point until moving to Upton in 1956. Here, she was involved with the V.F.W. Womens' Auxiliary. Joan loved playing cards and was known to try stacking the odds in her favor when no one was looking. She also loved hunting and of course cooking for the bunch. She enjoyed her yard work but missed her husband Pat, following his passing. Joan also enjoyed company and visiting with her family. Doing craft work was her way of staying busy.

Joan died unexpectedly Feb. 7, 2013, at Weston County Health Services in Newcastle, following a brief illness.

Preceding her in death was her husband and one son, Terry Shannon.

Surviving her are two sons, Donovan (wife Loretta) Shannon of Greybull, and Rick Shannon (wife Wrayann) of Sheridan. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held from 2 to 5 p.m. Feb. 10 at Upton United Methodist Church. Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m. on Feb. 11 at Upton United Methodist Church, with Rev. Sharee Johnson officiating. Burial followed at Upton Greenwood Cemetery under direction of Worden Funeral Directors of Newcastle. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to the Upton Ambulance Service.

**Attention: Kindergarten Parents/Guardians**

The Newcastle Elementary K-2 School would like you to contact their office by Thursday, February 28, 2013 and pre-register your child for kindergarten. This preliminary information will help us keep you informed about future developments concerned with your child's kindergarten career.

If your son or daughter's fifth birthday is on or before September 15th, and you wish to have him or her enter kindergarten this next year, please call the School Office at 746-2717 and ask for Renee. At this time we will sign your child up for Kindergarten Screening which will be held April 25th and 26th.



**N&F deadlines are Fridays at 5 pm**

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- BAHA'I FAITH:** Firesides (Open to All) 1st & 3rd Fridays 7:30 pm at 15 Skyview Dr; 746-3626.
- CAMBRIA COMMUNITY CHURCH:** Pastor Chris Walton, 19 Stampede St. 746-2321. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship 10:30 am; Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm
- CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL:** Rev. Sally Boyd, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets, 746-9684. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday, Morning Prayer 10 a.m.; 2nd & 4th Saturday 4 p.m., Holy Eucharist.
- CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Pastor John Hopper, 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am.

- CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS:** Bishop Greg James, 120 Ash, 746-4131. Sunday Sacrament Meeting 9 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am.
- CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Killian Muli, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5:45 pm; Weekday Mass 8 am.
- COUNTRY CHURCH:** Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley, 746-9712, Worship 10 am.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:** Pastor Gary Anderson, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Bible Study 9 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Teaching Service 6 pm; Wednesday Service 6:30 pm.
- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH:** Pastor Lynn Schleicher, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service 5 pm, Christian Academy.

- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Paul Holland, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Sunday School 8:45 am; Church Services 8 & 10 am; Nursery care available.
- GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am. Call 746-8091.
- KINGDOM HALL OF JOHVAH'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. Sunday Worship 10 am; Wednesday Night Prayer.
- NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Wayne Wilson, meets at Black Gold Realty Building, 1517 W. Main, 746-5542. Sunday Worship 10 am.

- OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** 348 Sheridan St. Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm.
- SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST:** Pastor Bill Davis, 78 Old Hwy 85, 746-3504 or 660-7057. Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11:20 am.
- ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Phil Wagner, Upton. Saturday Mass 4 p.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. Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 10:30 am; Children's Church & Nursery are available; 1st & 3rd Wed Evenings Prayer and Praise Service 7 pm.

**Weekly Scripture Reading**

**Sea of Love**

The ocean is vast and ever changing; shimmering and calm one moment, restless and rough another. But, the waves always return to the shore. The way of love is much like that of the sea. It is beautiful, yet unpredictable - storms may brew, but calm always returns to make way for loving and happy moments. Like the love of God, true love never fails. As Valentine's Day approaches let us meditate on the way of true love and rededicate our love to that special one in our life, with God's help. Happy Valentine's Day.

Psalms 2:18-29  
Psalms 3:1-24  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
Luke 10:1-24  
Luke 10:25-42  
Luke 13:10-35  
Luke 14:1-24

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WHAT'S UP		Meetings & Events Calendar	
DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Feb. 14	8:30 a.m.	TOPS (weight loss)	W.C. Senior Center
	5:30 p.m.	City Planning Commission Meeting	Council Chambers
Feb. 14-16	5:30 p.m.	Bird Cage Theater-Education of Angels	United Methodist Church
Feb. 15	10 a.m.	Chamber Coffee	Kaffee Klatsch
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	6:30 p.m.	Newcastle Rodeo Club Fundraiser	W.C. Senior Center
	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
Feb. 17	12:30 p.m.	Bird Cage Theater-Education of Angels	United Methodist Church
	2 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Church
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
Feb. 18	7 p.m.	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers
Feb. 19	9 a.m.	W.C. Commissioners Meeting	W.C. Courthouse
	Noon	Cowbelles Meeting	Fountain
	6:45 p.m.	ALANON (746-9791)	Mondell Heights
Feb. 20	9 a.m.	W.C. Senior Services Meeting	W.C. Senior Center
	Noon	W.C. Prevention Task Force	Antler's
	Noon	Newcastle Lions Club Meeting	W.C. Senior Center
	1:30 p.m.	W.C. Weed & Pest	Weed & Pest Office
	6 p.m.	W.C. Humane Society Meeting	Shelter
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
Feb. 21	8:30 a.m.	TOPS (weight loss)	W.C. Senior Center
	12:30 p.m.	Good Citizen Awards	Newcastle Elementary
	6 p.m.	W.C. Health Services Board Meeting	Board Room
	6:30 P.M.	Chamber Board Strategic Planning Mtg.	Fountain
Feb. 22	10 a.m.	Chamber Coffee	Newcastle Library
	11:30 a.m.	W.C. Library Board Meeting	Newcastle Library
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Feb 15: JaNel Dumbrell, Fred Carr, Marilyn Clyde, Dave Sylte  
 Feb. 16: Elta Eatherton  
 Feb. 17: Kay Sturdevant, Mia Petersen, Bill Quick  
 Feb. 18: Krystal Crinklaw  
 Feb. 19: Bobbi Jo Stith, Hailey Beasstrom, Ryse Rhoades  
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**100 YEARS AGO - FEB. 13, 1913**

A bill for an act creating an Armory Board for the construction of an Armory in the Town of the City of Newcastle, provides that the whole amount of the appropriation of \$15,000 be used for the building and equipment of the armory, and provides that the site be donated by town or its citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Strumsky, of Cambria, are the proud parents of a baby boy that arrived at their home Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Engectia, also of Cambria, are among the happy parents this week, made so by the arrival of a son on Monday morning.

Fred Williams, the genial Rawleigh man, was in this section the middle of the week, shaking hands with his numerous friends and selling lots of medicine.

John Toth returned from Gebo, Wyo., where he has been working the past couple of months. He has been confined to his bed since returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Chapman, on the Lassen ranch, are the proud parents of an eight-pound girl which arrived Feb. 8.

Messrs. Long and Gray stopped a few hours at the Jack Kraft ranch, while enroute for the vicinity of Jerome, where they will cut posts for about 10 days.

Albert Kraft is busy these fine days digging a basement preparatory to moving his house. He says he couldn't move his well so he decided to move the house.

Julius Bock came in from his home in the Skull Creek vicinity yesterday and did business with Newcastle merchants a few hours.

Mono Gettys left last Monday morning on a little better than a 200-mile horseback ride to points in South Dakota where he will visit his sister for a few weeks.

Ira Wilcox was in the city the first of the week and while here made the purchase of the entire ranch holdings, buildings, etc. of Chas. Jacobberger in the Mush Creek country.

The work of removing the balance of the standing walls from the site of the burned district of the Thoeming building was resumed this week.

The building which stood on the lot to the rear of the Nichols undertaking room has this week been moved to a lot in the east end of town to make room for the erection by the Nichols Supply Co. of their new warehouse. The old building will be fitted up by Mr. Nichols as a residence cottage.

Some water trouble has been experienced the past few days by the people living along the lower part of Winthrop Street occasioned by the freezing of the water main.

**75 YEARS AGO - WEEK ENDING FEB. 11, 1938**

Gordon Paully and Glenn F. Taylor, both of Osage, made a business trip to Lusk Wednesday.

Billie Sheehan spent the weekend the guest of Bobbie Marten at his home in Newcastle.

Mervin Holwell and Carl Larsen moved his ice saw to the Burnett ranch Monday.

The Women's Departmental Club will



meet tonight at the home of Mrs. M.L. Hays. Mr. and Mrs. Matt Perino and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Perino of Oil Creek were Newcastle yesterday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Joe Petrusse.

Red Owl Ad: Two eight-ounce boxes of Wheaties for 21 cents.

Vincent Fischbach was taken to a Hot Springs hospital yesterday afternoon and underwent an operation for appendicitis. His condition was considered satisfactory.

The Osage schools were closed for the remainder of the week yesterday because of an epidemic of la grippe and other diseases.

Herbert Fowler, student at the University of Wyoming, is confined to the city hospital at Laramie seriously ill with pneumonia, it was learned here yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Bradley of Cheyenne are visiting at the Bradley-Mannevall camp for a few days.

Earl Tanner hauled a load of coal for Frank Pollat's Tuesday from the Davis mine.

Leo Ertman, of the Prairie, is putting up ice this week.

**50 YEARS AGO - FEB. 14, 1963**

Teams from Sundance, Upton and Newcastle won the championships of the Newcastle Lions Club Basketball Tournament last weekend.

The Wyoming Sheet Metal and Roofing building at the corner of S. Spokane and E. Wentworth in east Newcastle was gutted by fire Sunday. The business was owned by Al Miller. Chutes at the top of an elevator at Toomey's Mills were damaged by fire Monday afternoon. The fire was apparently caused by dust and an overheated motor.

The Newcastle Dogies swamped the Buffalo Bison 81 to 47 last Friday, but suffered a 63 to 44 loss to Sheridan on Saturday.

Mrs. Chuck Wilson of Newcastle had lunch with her grandmother, Mrs. Tressa Hunter, in Osage last Friday.

The Sojourners dinner meeting was held last Thursday evening at the Sioux dining room with 24 ladies present.

Twelve young women, including Miss Kay Thoeming of Newcastle, have been nominated by campus organizations for the honor of Black Hills Teachers College Queen of Hearts.

**From the Vault of the Anna Miller Museum:**

Downtown Newcastle in the 1930s featured a variety of shops in its stately Main Street buildings, including the Castle Theatre and Snyder Clothing Store, pictured here.



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Matinee on Sunday, February 17  
 Matinee includes lunch and dessert, \$20.  
 Doors will open at 12:30. Curtain is at 1:30.

The Thursday performance (Valentine's Day) coincides with the annual Sweetheart's Dinner hosted by the United Methodist Men. In keeping with tradition, there will be flowers & candy for each lady in attendance.

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# SNOW days

■ Time to hit the trails for some good sledding

By Billy Reynolds for NLJ

Although snowmobiling started off a little slow this season, activity should pick up at local hot spots like Buckhorn and the Trailhead Lodge with a holiday weekend right around the corner.

Although there hasn't been a lot of snow in the low country, the owners of those establishments said it has been a great year for snowmobiling.

"We have had three good weekends, and the next two seem to get busier because of President's Day," explained Dale Stietz, proprietor of the Buckhorn Bar and Grill.

Stietz is in his third year of owning the establishment, and said he gets out and jumps on a sled whenever he can. His normal workday entails him running the business from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., and leaves him with hopefully enough time to hit the trails just about each day.

While he enjoys getting outdoors for winter recreation, Stietz acknowledged that the push provided by snowmobilers who frequent his business in the winter is important to the area financially.

"Snowmobiling brings in a lot of revenue to businesses in the area," he reasoned, noting that outdoor recreationists come to the area to take in the scenery, and enjoy the well-groomed trails. Stietz indicated that many of them come back in the spring and summer for four-wheeler riding to enjoy the scenery, when it isn't shrouded in snow.

Snowmobilers are reporting that the trails are in excellent shape, and many of those who were enjoying the well-groomed thoroughfares last weekend came from hundreds of miles away to do so.

One couple, Greg and Janel, made the trip for their 25th wedding anniversary.

"We are from Minnesota, and staying in Spearfish right now. We like to ride the trails here, and look at the scenery," Janel said, noting that the couple was



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Snowmobile enthusiasts pack the lot at Trailshead, north of Newcastle, before enjoying a day on the trails of the Black Hills.

pleased with how well-kept the trails are.

Another winter adventurer named Cory said he comes out every year for snowmobiling and good times in the lodge afterward. He and his buddies came from Iowa on Wednesday and were planning to go back home on Sunday. They also commented on how excellent the trails are, and said they were worried before they made the trip that warmer temperatures may have had an adverse affect on the snow-covered trails.

"The trails are awesome to ride right now, and people are elated at how well the trails have been kept," said Terri Anderson, who manages at the Buckhorn Bar and Grill. She also noted that travelers are more than happy to take advantage of other amenities offered by the establishment, most notably the parking and lodging provided.

A bit farther north, Trailhead Lodge owners Bob and Sandy VanDeest have indicated that they've also been busy this year.

"The season started off slow, but has steadily gotten busier," said Sandy, who has been running the lodge for 27 and half years.

December through March historically offers the best conditions for snowmobiling, and VanDeest said she expects another bump in business during the coming three-day weekend as well.

While the trails are in good shape in the high country, the lack of early season snow has impacted the ability of riders to get off the beaten path, but VanDeest said snowmobilers

are still able to experience a little off-road adventure if they pay attention to their surroundings.

"The trails have been great, but the off-the-trail stuff has been hard due to there being no snow base. If you kind of go slow you will be alright though," she indicated.

Marsha Lambert, who has

been working at Trailshead off and on for the past 20 years, agreed that the season got off to a slow start, but indicated things are really picking up on the weekends. She also said trail conditions have improved in recent weeks.

"They start grooming the trails from January to March," Lambert reported.

## Levels improving

by Kim Dean

Area snowfall in the past month has boosted the Feb. 1 Black Hills Snow Course readings, and Mallo still holds the top winter wonderland spot, adding 7.5 inches of new snow since Jan 1.

With an elevation of 6,420 feet, Mallo has 18.6 inches of current snow depth, marking 3 inches of snow water equivalent, which is 58 percent of the 30-year snow water equivalent average of 5.2 inches, and is still below last year's 4.5-inch snow water equivalent reading.

Bear Lodge Divide, at 4,680 feet, registered the highest current percent of 30-year average at 83 percent of the 30-year average of 1.8 inches of snow water equivalent. Current snow depth at BLD is 10.9 inches, with 1.5 inches of snow water equivalent, double last year's reading of 0.7 inches of snow water equivalent.

Ditch Creek, at 6,880 feet, had the least snow depth at 8.9 inches and 1.1 inches of snow water equivalent, half last year's mark of 2.2 inches, and currently reaching 39 percent of the 30-year average of 2.8 inches of snow water equivalent.

Mallo Camp manager John Prell said it is difficult to tell how much snowfall they received in the recent storm, as the wind blew it all into piles.

"I had dog sledgers here that were snowed in an extra day. They had to leave Monday, instead of Sunday," he noted.

Typically, February is the month when the area receives the most snowfall, and Prell is keeping a positive outlook saying, "It'll come."

## Cabin at Mallo restored, ready for exhibit

Restoration on the oldest cabin at Mallo Camp is now completed, reports Lucille Dumbrill of the Weston County Historic Preservation Board, which has sponsored the restoration. The intention of the restoration is that it be used as an exhibit facility to tell the story of Mallo Camp to visitors of all ages. The next step in the process for the board is to collect and organize materials for use in the exhibits.

"Mallo Camp is unique in Wyoming. It is at a lovely location in the Black Hills and is owned by Weston County 'to be forever retained to be used by the organizations and citizens of Weston County,'" Dumbrill reported and further explained the history of the popular getaway north of Newcastle off U.S. Highway 85.

It was given in memory of Susie L. Schoonmaker, Walter Schoonmaker's "beloved wife," she explained. The Weston County Commissioners accepted the gift on Aug. 23, 1935. On Nov. 16, 1935, Wyoming granted \$246,304 to be used by the WPA to build the proposed recreation camp. From Aug. 3-5, 1936, more than 118 delegates of Home Makers groups from Crook, Campbell, Sheridan and Weston counties held a camp at the new recreation facilities.

On Aug. 10, 1936, 64 boys and girls registered for 4-H camp at Mallo. The camp has been used as directed by Walter Schoonmaker ever since. Unfortunately the main lodge, a beautiful log structure, was destroyed by fire in the fall of 1977. A new lodge was built, however, by Jan. 20, 1981, at the approximate cost of \$543,400.



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Mary Capps of the Weston County Historic Preservation Board and Bob Jorgensen of Custer at the historic Mallo Cabin, which was recently restored.

The restoration project of the oldest cabin was begun in the fall of 2012 with a grant to Weston County, from the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund by Jorgensen Log Homes Inc. of Custer. Other organizations contributing to the project are the Weston County Commissioners, Weston County Historical Society, the Wyoming State Historical Society, the Weston County Recreation Board, Powder River Energy Inc., Wyoming Humanities Council and other individuals.

"The community in Weston County has been extremely helpful and interested in this effort and the Weston County Historic Preservation Board is anxious to collect the stories that many have to tell about their experiences at the camp," Dumbrill said.

Anyone with stories to tell should contact a member of the board. Members are: Mary Capps, chair of the project, Alice Tratebas, Judy Lorenz, Fran Lehman, Jim Martens, or Lucille Dumbrill, chair of the board.

## Farm Services still waiting for budget

Peggy Livingston, the Weston County executive director of Farm Services Agency, informed producers this week that the failure of Congress to pass a budget is forcing her to cut back on communications with local ag producers, and she's concerned about the possible impact it will have on their ability to stay up to date with FSA pro-

grams and deadlines.

"I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of a few changes that we are experiencing in the office. Because a final budget has not been approved by Congress as of this date, we have been directed to cease publishing newsletters until further notice. I will do whatever is possible to keep all of you informed of

programs and upcoming deadlines," she said.

Livingston indicated that the only program that currently has been authorized for sign-up is the Direct and Counter Cyclical Program and Average Crop Revenue Election. Sign-up for either of these programs starts Feb. 19 and ends on June 3.

She also indicated that the drought continues to linger in

this area, despite recent winter moisture, and expressed a hope that funding designed to help producers weather those conditions will be forthcoming.

"Although we have received some recent moisture, we are so far behind that it will take a lot more to get us caught up. As of this date we have not heard

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## Mardi gras time

Weston County Children's Center employees Mary Alice Peterson and Tina Chick greet visitors to their Mardi Gras fundraising event for the Eva Marie Bock Scholarship Fund on Saturday. The event featured auctions with funds to be used for scholarships to WCCC. Auction items included artwork made by children, and some specifically for children to bid on.

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## Legislature

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and a session full of contentious discourse.

"Normally I just delete those types of emails, but that day I had had enough, and against my better judgment, I responded," he told the News Letter Journal.

Driskill pointed to the fact that Fulbright is not a resident of Hunt's district, and indicated that legislators are sometimes challenged by the need to wade through mass emails from people they don't technically represent as they try to collect input from the citizens who do hail from their own district. He said the backlash from Hunt's exchange could result in a decrease in communication between lawmakers and constituents in the future.

"Hans was responding to a constituent outside of his district, and I would hope that the people sending these negative messages should realize that if this type of behavior continues, they will be lucky to have anyone outside their district respond to them. It could possibly lead to no response from within the district as well," Driskill cautioned, indicating that his practice is to not respond to emails that are threatening or negative in their tone.

Hunt indicated that he learned a lesson from what has transpired as a result of his exchange with Fulbright, and indicated he probably won't send responses of that nature in the future. At the same time he doesn't regret what he said to Fulbright, and offers no apology.

"If you put the two emails together, my response was pretty sharp, but it was pretty much tit-for-tat. She suggested that if the political atmosphere of Wyoming kept going, they would reconsider their decision to move here, and I just said 'here's the door.' Honestly if she had not said she was going to leave, I don't think I would have

## Not-so-veiled threats

Excerpts of emails received by local legislators this month:

- It would be sad to see an exodus of educated, child-rearing age adults from Wyoming as a result of poor lawmaking.
- The blood of any children killed or injured due to your gross incompetence will be on your heads!
- Your votes and support will be registered. Come next election cycle they will be heavily posted.
- These all need to be targeted for defeat next election, and the National Rifle Association needs to be informed that these senators effectively voted NO for our right to bear arms.
- Please read this mailing. It now indicates that you are with the people or against them. At the next election all of the voting records will be distributed far and wide in the state. I am sure election results will reflect any anti-gun legislators.
- This is the reason Wyoming Gun Owners Association exists — to watch every step of the legislative process and expose politicians that treat the Second Amendment with contempt.

said that," he suggested.

Semlek said that when legislators receive communications that challenge them to make a decision based on one person's passionate stance on an issue, it tends to indicate that the person has little regard for the beliefs of other constituents.

"If you feel strongly about an issue, you tend to say that your opinion is more important than anybody else's. People need to understand that they have an opinion, but it is not the most important one. They say they want you to do it my way, with no consideration for the other 7,500 constituents that you have," he reasoned.

Driskill also indicated that the people legislators are asked to represent bring a variety of beliefs to the table, and he believes that polarization of those beliefs has contributed to a lack of sound decision-making at the federal government level. He doesn't want Wyoming residents and their elected representatives to allow themselves to go down that path.

"What we [legislators] do requires a high level of compassion between ourselves and who we work with. This includes lobbyists, constituents

and the news media. When the level of decorum declines, it is the start of where we are at nationally. I would like to point out that in the Wyoming Legislature we have no defined party lines. Bills are co-sponsored, carried and worked on without regard to party. If we allow ourselves to be drug into this environment, then all in the state will suffer," said Driskill, who received one email during the current session that accused him of turning his back on his own Republican beliefs.

"I would rather replace you with Democrats, that we expect such un-American behavior out of, than to have 'Republicans' who turn against us," the correspondence read.

Semlek echoed the plea for more civility in political communication in Wyoming.

"We need to respect this process because these issues are likely to repeat themselves some other time. As long as we respect the process, we can continue to have a system that works pretty good and people think they can trust. Our constituents need to be respected, and they need to be respectful, and our legislators need to be respected and they need to be respectful," he professed.

## Mail

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the salary — but with more than 200,000 vehicles that consume gas, the lights and the utilities for the work spaces — all the infrastructure that is involved," Rupert reported.

There is some good news for the postal service, however. Although first class mail is down, parcel mail e-commerce has made positive changes, with package delivery up 14 percent compared to last year. One concern heard by USPS is regarding delivery of medicine, which will continue with the shipment of parcels.

"It hasn't been all doom and gloom. There actually has been a growth, which is one of the reasons we chose to deliver on Saturdays, and it gives us the

competitive advantage," Rupert acknowledged.

He continued to say that the public has shown they love the U.S. Postal Service by voicing their concern when post office closures have been threatened. They are also aware that in most offices, part-time carriers will lose hours, which is the case in Newcastle. However, he added, they hope this solution will help keep the post office viable for many years to come, with all 500,000 employees in jobs for a long time.

"Sometimes you have to lose a toe to save a foot, and that is really what we are trying to do. We hope people will understand that is what we are trying to do; we hope people will adjust and

understand what we were trying to do," he said.

Some details are still being worked out. As for Newcastle's rural routes, postal customers living outside of the city limits, the determination has not been made as to whether they will receive mail on Saturdays or not. But Rupert said there have been no plans made to change the number of days they receive mail.

"The Postmaster General, in conjunction with the Board of Governors, feel they have the legal right to proceed without congressional action. The Postmaster General is encouraging Congress not to interfere with these plans," Rupert acknowledged.

## FSA

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anything about possible drought-related assistance for this past year. I will certainly get the word out if that changes," Livingston assured.

While the availability of future funding is currently in doubt, Livingston did encourage all producers that have had a change in their operation (leasing additional land, purchasing additional land, selling land, leasing out land) to inform the local FSA office so accurate records can be maintained.

"Please bring in copies of current leases you administer. If you have recently reorganized into an entity, such as a corporation, partnership, LLC, etc., please bring in copies of your entity's organization structure. For entities already in

existence that made changes in ownership shares or evolved from one entity to some other entity type (ex. Trust to an LLC), you need to bring in documentation authorizing the changes. We will also need documentation as to who has signature authority to act on behalf of the entity," she urged.

Livingston also said that those who have not stopped into the office and completed a 2013 crop report should do so. The deadline for that report is July 1.

"We also need you to file updated documents to verify your eligibility to participate in programs you currently are enrolled in as well as new programs," she remarked.



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## A long and varied tale

A person's taste in literature is undoubtedly as unique, as compelling and as intense as the individual — nearly as distinctive as one's political beliefs. Consider this example. I love to read so, when a group of Facebook "friends" suggested a book club where we would all read the same book and discuss each work over a period of weeks, I jumped at the chance to participate. That is, until I ordered the first scheduled book and started reading it.

The book is called "Room," by Emma Donoghue. I ordered a used copy online, suffered through about 50 pages of it and put it in the box to take to the second-hand store. My sincerest apologies to the author and to the women in our group who are reading and enjoying this book; to me it was awful, senseless, a waste of time.

Usually, I am a voracious reader — can't remember a time when I didn't have a book in hand, beginning (after the early childhood nursery rhymes and Golden Books) with animal stories like "Big Red," "Call of the Wild," "Black Beauty" and progressing through the "My Friend Flicka" saga, "Misty of Chincoteague" — well, you get the picture. I love animals and I love to read.

In this second decade of the 21st century, there are so many choices of reading materials and methods of obtaining books. Several years ago, I was given an iPod and some iTunes credit to download books on that handy little machine. Did I ever mention that I don't like change and do not adapt to new technology? I finished loading several books onto the iPod and some little message came up on the computer asking me if I wanted to do something or other. I thought, well, I suppose I do or it wouldn't be asking. Apparently, the question was, do you want to completely mix up everything that you just loaded onto the device and I answered, "Yes."

The result of this lack of understanding was that the machine would play a chapter of a book, then a snatch of an album, then a chapter of a different book. I have yet to do it, but I am going to have to delete and reload every single item I had purchased.

Two years ago I got my first Kindle as a birthday gift. It's the most basic Kindle with a black and white screen and very limited capabilities. I had originally thought that I would hate it because there's something about the feel of a real, paper and paste, physical book to hold in your hand and inscribe a flyleaf to a friend, but I came to enjoy the convenience of the Kindle. For one thing, it has a tiny light built into the case so I can read to my heart's content without disturbing my spouse. For another, it's like carrying an entire library along in the space of a paperback book.

There's still nothing like the sense having a favorite volume in hand, but when I drive, I usually have an audio book in the CD player, or the Kindle plugged into the car stereo. And, when I start to drive my family insane, I can plug

in a set of headphones or let someone else drive so I can read.

I still have several Rough Totes full of books on cassette which, if I could figure out how to do it without taking two years or costing a fortune, I would love to convert to CD or download to the computer and put on the iPod. (Remember the admission that "I do not like change"? I don't trust technology not to change — or myself to adjust to different equipment or to learn new

skills. It wasn't that long ago we were using five-inch floppy disks on the computer, then three-and-a-half-inch floppies, then CDs, then zip or flash drives, now it's DVDs. What am I going to do with all the documents I still have on floppies? And, in five years, what will I do with all the photos on CDs?)

But back to books and reading. I belong to something on Facebook, a sort of online library service. Every so often, I'll get a suggestion for a book I ought to read. A couple of weeks

ago, "they" suggested a book called "Dear Bob and Sue," by Matt and Karen Smith. It's a series of emails from the authors to friends, written over a period of about a year when the Smiths decided to quit their jobs and visit every one of the national parks (58 throughout the U.S. and its territories).

How Facebook knew, I am not certain, but I had recently gotten a neat little book called "My Bucket List Journal," and one of my first entries was the desire to visit all of the national parks. (I have since, more or less, narrowed the scope of my bucket list to simply include the state and national parks that I want to visit, not just willy-nilly to go see all of them.) I loved the book. The Smiths' sense of humor and adventure made every day's entry a joy to read.

I picked up a book at the library one day called "If You Lived Here, I'd Know Your Name: News from Small-Town Alaska," by Heather Lende. (This one is particularly touching and relevant to those of us living in small-town Wyoming!) Also, a tribute to the information age in which we live, I was so affected by Lende's book that I did a little research, located her web information and, in a matter of hours, had written her a note and received a reply.

From there I went to one written by the author of "Pay It Forward," Catherine Ryan Hyde, also about traveling/hiking, "The Long Steep Path." Another one I loved reading.

However, just because you like one work by a certain author — or enjoyed that author's style — does not necessarily mean you will like all of their work. I "checked out" another one by Hyde through the Kindle library and, although I read the entire book, ("Funerals for Horses") I hated this one.

Having just finished this book and a free sample of "Pay It Forward," I started to re-read a hardbound copy of "His Name is Ron," by the family of Ron Goldman, and I have a list of new books on the Kindle, just awaiting discovery!

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## All welcome for Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer is a world-wide observance promoted locally by Christian women in Weston County. This event is organized by women, but both men, women and children from all participating churches are urged to come and share in this special worship event.

This year's service will be held on March 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 301 Delaware in Newcastle.

The theme for the event is "I was a stranger

and you welcomed me." There will be a free-will offering and everyone is invited.

Each church is asked to bring two dozen luncheon sandwiches and one dozen cookies to share during fellowship after the World Day of Prayer service. For more information, contact Barb Hansen at 746-9381.

"Special appreciation is given to the First Christian Church for hosting this special community service this year," Hansen stated. "We hope to see you and your congregation there!"

# Sports

## News Letter Journal



### Schedule

**NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL DOGIES**

**NHS Wrestling**

02/15	V	3A East Regionals @ Buffalo	A	1 PM
02/16	V	3A East Regionals @ Buffalo	A	9 AM

**Girls Basketball**

02/14	V9	* Buffalo Bison	H	4 PM
02/16	V9	* Douglas Bearcats	H	2:30 PM
02/23	V9	* Torrington Trailblazers	H	2:30 PM

**Boys Basketball**

02/14	V9	Buffalo Bison	A	4 PM
02/16	V9	*Douglas Bearcats	H	2:30 PM
02/23	V9	Torrington Trailblazers	H	2:30 PM

**Boys Swimming**

02/15	V	Newcastle Qualifier	H	4 PM
02/22	V	3A State Championships @ Gillette	A	3:30 PM
02/23	V	3A State Championships @ Gillette	A	10 AM

**UPTON HIGH SCHOOL BOBCATS**

**UHS WRESTLING**

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	PLACE
2/15-2/16	REGIONALS		Wright
2/21-2/23	STATE		CASPER

**UHS GIRLS BASKETBALL**

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	PLACE
2/15	Moorcroft	4:5-30	Upton
2/21-2/23	REGIONALS	TBA	Douglas
2/28-3/2	STATE	TBA	CASPER

**UHS BOYS BASKETBALL**

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	PLACE
2/15	Moorcroft	4/7	Upton
2/21-2/23	REGIONALS	TBA	Douglas
2/28-3/2	STATE	TBA	CASPER

### The Score

**8th Grade A Team**  
 Newcastle 39, 38 Lead  
 Newcastle 35, Buffalo 36 of  
 Newcastle 38, Glenrock 18  
 Newcastle 52, Wright 17  
 Newcastle 46, Moorcroft 17  
 Newcastle 22, Douglas 49  
 Newcastle 27, Wheatland 37

**8th Grade B Team**  
 Newcastle 46, Gillette Rec 35  
 Newcastle 31, Gillette Rec 14  
 Newcastle 29, Buffalo 25  
 Newcastle 35, Glenrock 4

**Ladies Freshmen:**  
 Newcastle 49, Rapid City Central 40  
 Newcastle 42, Worland 36  
 Newcastle 25, Glenrock 16 (One Half)  
**JV:**  
 Newcastle 33, Worland 34  
 Newcastle 49, Glenrock 27

**Men Freshmen:**  
 Newcastle 31, Worland 56  
 Newcastle 4, Glenrock 36  
**JV:**  
 Newcastle 27, Worland 46  
 Newcastle 36, Glenrock 42

## Nearing the end

By Alexys Barker for NLJ

With the Wyoming State Meet only two weeks away, the Dogie swimmers went to the 3A East Conference Meet in Buffalo last week with only one swimmer qualified for the big dance, and their eyes on getting more athletes in position to compete in the season finale.

That one qualifier, Conrad Farnsworth, led the way for the squad by dropping the most time at an event again this week. He took 6.45 seconds off his previous best in the 100 Freestyle, then dropped an impressive 4.49 in the 200 Free to move considerably closer to the standard in each event. Farnsworth also swam two relays with his team, helping them to fourth- and fifth-place finishes.

While Farnsworth, the acknowledged team leader, performed well again, the squad was more focused on seeing improvements from his teammates as they strived to qualify for State in individual events.

"We went in trying to get three more qualifiers," Coach Doug Scribner told the News Letter Journal.

Matt Tidd took another step toward qualifying when he swam the 100 Breaststroke and dropped 3.59 seconds from his previous best time. He also competed in the 50 Free and dropped .80 seconds from best effort in that race.

A week after posting massive time drops in his best events, Randy Dickenson showed more modest improvement in the pool. He still inched closer to the standards, however, as he swam the 100 Backstroke and dropped .36 seconds in the prelims and then went on to place seventh in the finals.

Kolton Epperson competed in the 50 Free and 100 Free, dropping a considerable amount in both races, and Jesse Kopp put up his best times of the year in the 200 Free and the 500 Free.

Although none of the times or

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## Time to lay it all on the mat

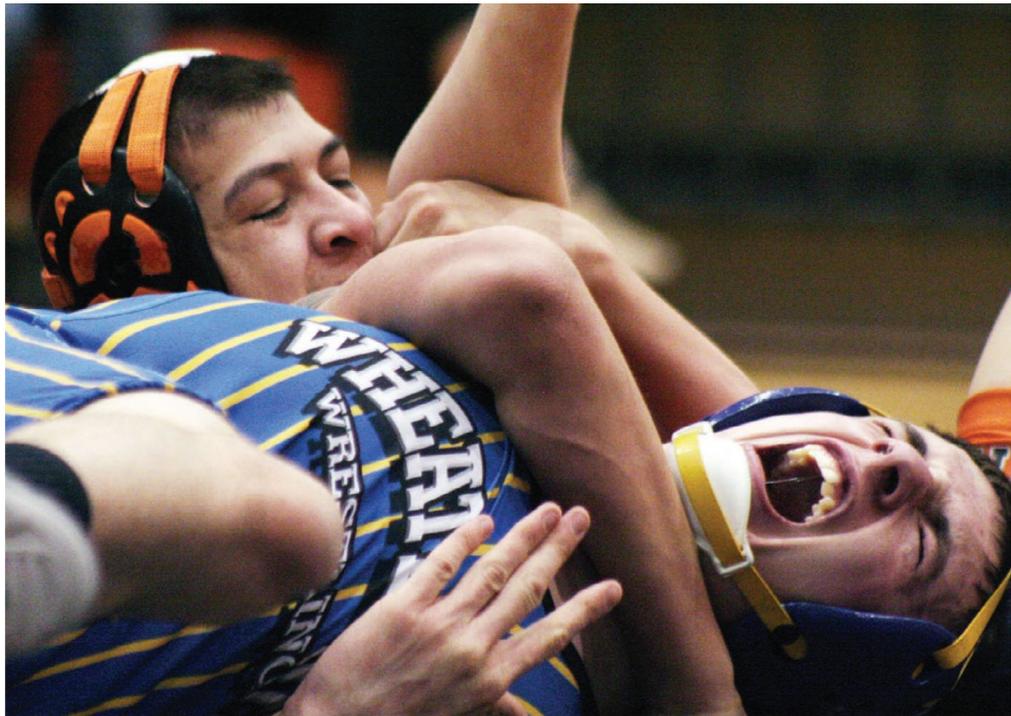
By Alexys Barker for NLJ

The winter sports season in Wyoming is longer than the one offered in either the fall or winter, and athletes spend four to five months with only one thing in mind — earning a piece of hardware in their sport's culminating events.

That's the only part of the season that remains for the Dogie wrestlers, who wrapped up their regular season campaign with a pair of home duals last week against conference opponents in a final tune-up for the 3A East Regional Tournament in Buffalo this week.

Coach Sean Crabtree was not particularly happy with the results last week, as the Dogies dropped duals to both Wheatland and Douglas, but he hopes his grapplers learned some things from their final matches that will help them compete at a higher level now that it's time to lay it all on the line in post-season action.

Wheatland visited the Dogie Dome for Senior Night Thursday, and spoiled the mood a bit by topping the Dogies 40-33. As the final score would indicate, the hard-fought dual was an exciting one to watch, but Crabtree came away



Amy Menerey/NLJ

Newcastle's Matt Schuessler puts the hurt on Wheatland's Justus Nelson during Thursday's dual in the Dome.

feeling as if his team could have come out on top if they would have been more focused.

"I was not happy with this dual. We did have a couple of good matches, but overall we were not ready to wrestle Thursday night. Some kids were ready and others were not," the coach lamented.

Chris Spain, Merritt Crabtree, Dillon Jespersen, Ricky Larson, Jacob Hobbs

and Matt Schuessler all won in their respective weight classes on Thursday, and Crabtree said that in the matches he thought the team should have won, there were a few key points that can be focused on in practice to turn those defeats into victory.

Newcastle knew coming into the week that if they were going to post a dual win, it would most likely come on Thursday night, as the regular season

finale featured a bout against the No. 1-ranked team in the state. The Dogies knew it was going to be tough to topple Douglas, and it was not a big surprise when the Bearcats rolled to a 66-9 win.

Kolton Hall and Ricky Larson were the only wrestlers to post wins against the best team in 3A on Saturday, but Crabtree wasn't too discouraged by the

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## Vocal leadership helps girls win

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

Once again Newcastle High School Lady's Basketball Coach Tyler Bartlett felt the team started the game against the Worland Warriors (1-16, 1-8 3A East) off flat. In the first half of the game Friday in Worland they gave up 29, but turned it around to give up only 8 points in the last half of the game, bringing home another win, 46-37.

"Definitely on the defensive end we looked a step slow, which obviously is a disappointment to start a game like that. We made a few coaching adjustments, went to our zone, and the girls really did a good job of responding, communicating and playing much, much better on the defensive end," Bartlett recalled.

The changes made by the team just before the break gave them a better look defensively. It was not zone defense but rather man-to-man defense, but when the latter was not working for the Dogies the switch gave them the competitive edge they needed to come from trailing by eight points at half-time to winning by eight points.

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Sierra LaCroix/For NLJ

Newcastle's Hannah Cass scrambles to keep possession of the ball in Saturday's game against the Herders in Glenrock.



## Win one, lose one

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

In Worland last week, the Newcastle High School Men's Basketball Team competed against a team as desperate as they were to get a 3A East Conference win when they played the Worland Warriors (0-18, 0-10 3A East) Feb. 8. A game that see-sawed back and forth between both eager teams ended with a victory for the Dogies in overtime, with a score of 50-49.

"Both teams needed to get a win. To their credit they came out like they needed to, hard and ready to roll. They made good buckets while we struggled getting some shots, they got up on us a little early but we knew we would get back into it and be okay as soon as we got some shots to fall," stated Coach Allen Von Eye.

Which is what happened in the latter portion of the second quarter when the Dogies created pressure on the defensive end, creating turnovers they were able to make into enough points to put them in the lead, 18-15, going into the break.

Feeling good going into the third quarter, the coach told the News Letter Journal, the team knew it was a basketball game they must win. Even with that, the Dogies began the last half of the game flat, allowing the Warriors to get a small run.

It was the kind of basketball game where no team took control, the game continued to see-saw back and forth between the Warriors and the Dogies.

"We found ourselves up three with about eight seconds or so and we foul a jump shooter who was shooting a three-pointer and give him three free-throws, and he gets all three of them, tying up the game with seven seconds left to go," Von Eye recalled.

A good inside shot from the Dogies was blocked, ending the game in a tie. Overtime was tough with the two leading scorers in foul trouble. Jeremy Feist was fouled out and Wade Gordon had four fouls. The Warriors were ready for a first win of the season on their home court.

"We battled back and hit some big buckets and some huge shots down the stretch. Taylor Tavegia played real well inside and got some big buckets — and more importantly got some big free-throws. We were able to grab a one-point lead and stop them at the buzzer and get a one point win on the

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Denice Piscioti/NLJ

Dillon Ehlers goes for two points during Saturday's game against Glenrock in the Dogie Dome.





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Crabtree wasn't too discouraged by the numbers on the scoreboard.

"Douglas is a powerhouse, but overall I was happy with our wrestlers. They showed that they wanted to be there, and wanted to wrestle," he told the News Letter Journal.

The Dogies have shown promise this season, and can turn things around in a hurry at Regionals this week. If they hope to start posting upsets, however, they'll have to raise the level of focus they're bringing to the mat.

"There are a few things to work on, and we're still learning that from our last duals. The big one for us is mental toughness," Crabtree observed.

There are a few technical aspects that Newcastle will try to improve on this week as well.

"For the week of Regionals, we will definitely work on mental toughness, but we're also going to concentrate on shooting and moving," Crabtree stated.



Amy Menerey/NLJ

Merritt Crabtree won his match against Wheatland's Pierce Peasley in the Dogie Dome Thursday in the 170-pound weight class.

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road. A win is a win at this point in time. We were happy to come away with a win there," smiled the coach.

Struggling to shoot the ball, the Dogies actually put up 20 more shots than the Warriors did yet only managed to win the game with one point, admitted Von Eye, but they were forcing turnovers correctly, which ultimately helped them to win the game.

The following day the Glenrock Herders (10-10, 5-6) traveled to Newcastle to compete against the Dogies. In the contest between the two teams earlier this season the Herders won by two points, with the Dogies short on two of their starters.

"We got off to a little sluggish start — not terrible, but we played really, really well that first half. We played real well defensively. We missed buckets offensively, but we were attacking and doing a good job so we felt good at half time because we were doing the stuff that we needed to do," Von Eye said of the game.

Starting the second half of the game Glenrock was able to gain some points to close the gap, but the Dogies were still up 30-28 at the start of the last quarter. A couple of big shots fell the Dogies' way to give them a lead of 35-30 at one point in the game, but then things began to fall apart with shots being missed and fouls being made.

During the fourth quarter of the game the Dogies struggle defensively, which gave the Herders the edge they needed to win the game, 55-44.

"Before we knew it we had only given up 28 points in the first three-quarters and gave them 27 in the fourth quarter, which is not our forte. We are a better defensive basketball team that. It was just a lot of

Mens Stats			
<b>Dogies 50</b>		<b>Worland 49</b>	
33 Field Goal Percentage	25	36 Field Goal Percentage	36
40 Free-Throw Percentage	83	20 3 pt. Percentage	22
15 Bench Points	25	55 Free-Throw Percentage	70
26 Points in Paint	18	9 Bench Points	19
29 Points off Turnovers	13	24 Points in Paint	20
4 2nd Chance Points	1	19 Points off Turnovers	22
26 Rebounds	37	7 2nd Chance Points	6
11 Turnovers	20	22 Rebounds	30
		18 Turnovers	15
<b>Individual Stats</b>		<b>Individual Stats</b>	
Points		Points	
Dave Christiansen 11		Jeremy Feist 17	
Dakota McCormack 10		Rebounds	
Rebounds		Jeremy Feist 6	
Wade Gordon 6		Steals	
Steals		Trenton Engle 2	
Dave Christiansen 6		Assists	
Assists		Dave Christiansen 2	
Wade Gordon 2		Ty Borgialli 2	
Trenton Engle 2		Dakota McCormack 2	
Taylor Tavegia 2			

things — lack of focus compounded by being unable to score at the offensive end. Unfortunately those things happen — even a game we truly controlled throughout most of the game turns into a big loss," the coach admitted.

On Valentine's Day the Dogies will travel to play the Buffalo Bison (13-5, 7-3) on their home court. Last week Buffalo won two big contests against the Wheatland Bulldogs (12-7, 6-6 ) and the Rawlins Outlaws (13-5, 9-2).

"They will be feeling pretty good about themselves. They are a tough basketball team who is very similar to us offensively — both teams struggle scoring. But they play a great defense and will pressure you the entire way, and you have to handle it or they will put you in some tough, tough situations," said Von Eye.

They will prepare this week to face in Buffalo and for their last home game this

season, against the Douglas Bearcats (11-9, 8-3) for senior night.

The last time the Dogies played the Bearcats they started out slow, giving the opposition an 18-point lead they were unable to dig out of, despite their best efforts the rest of the game. Coming out to a fast start is the goal this coming week, with hard half-court defense and confidence to shoot the ball.

The coach said he hopes the Dogies enter the court ready to go so they can put on a good show for the double-header Senior Night to a packed crowd with the theme of Masquerade.

"It's one of those emotional kind of nights when you've got guys that have been with you for four years and all the blood, sweat and tears that they have put into the program. We as coaches and as the community appreciate them," Von Eye acknowledged.

**Swimmers** from page 9

places posted by the swimmers was fast enough to make them eligible for State, they did show marked improvement, and their coach said that was a victory in and of itself.

"We achieved another one of our goals in getting personal bests in pretty much every race. We swam three relays, and unfortunately disqualified

in one, but the mistake is small enough to fix for State. The other two relays resulted in best times," Scribner announced.

Although they were disqualified in the 200 Medley Relay, the Dogies dropped 11 seconds in that event, and Scribner is confident in their ability to do well again in that race at State. He hopes they'll

produce results on the clock that are just as good as what they posted in Buffalo, and indicated they could improve on that time even further. He was also impressed with the athletes' ability to drop seven seconds in the 200 Free Relay to get their time under two minutes for the first time this season.

"We will have a better relay technique after we work on it this week," Scribner predicted.

The Dogies will host the Last Chance Qualifier at the Kozisek Aquatic Center Friday at 4 p.m., and it will give them one more opportunity to stake a claim in their best races at the season finale in Gillette a week later.

**Ladies** from page 9

"We got some really good bench minutes. I thought the girls off the bench did a very good job of stepping off the bench when needed, even with foul trouble and different things," the coach added.

All week in practice the coaching staff stressed the importance of getting the feel of the court in Worland before they return there Feb. 28-March 2 for the 3A East Regional Tournament. The goal was not accomplished in the first part of the game but definitely in the second half, Bartlett stated. Moving forward the team will continue to work on possession, not turning the ball over too much.

"That Worland team will be a tough one come Regionals. They played really well, they played hard. We have seen how wide open our region really is going to be, other than Douglas. Those bottom tier teams are tough. That was really a high point when I thought the girls did a nice job of doing what it takes to win," he smiled.

Coming back after being down has been a strong suit of the Dogies this season, which they proved both on Friday against the Warriors and again on Saturday when they played the Glenrock Herders (4-15, 0-11).

In Glenrock the Dogies struggled on the offensive end, only scoring 14 points at half-time with too many turnovers against the zone defense from the Herders.

Another half-time adjustment was made in the game on Saturday, but this time the coach was proud to say the idea came from

Ladies Stats			
<b>Dogies 45</b>	<b>Worland 37</b>	<b>Dogies 40</b>	<b>Glenrock 33</b>
Field Goal Percentage 31	Field Goal Percentage 29	Field Goal Percentage 40	Field Goal Percentage 29
3 pt. Percentage 43	3 pt. Percentage 43	Free-Throw Percentage 60	Free-Throw Percentage 40
Free-Throw Percentage 56	Free-Throw Percentage 56	Turnovers 11	Turnovers 11
Turnovers 19	Turnovers 19	Rebounds 24	Rebounds 24
Rebounds 34	Rebounds 34	Assists 7	Assists 7
Assists 5	Assists 5	<b>Individual Stats</b>	<b>Individual Stats</b>
Points	Points	Shenae LaCroix 12	Shenae LaCroix 12
Paige Smith 12	Paige Smith 12	Hanna Cass 9	Hanna Cass 9
Hannah Cass 10	Hannah Cass 10	Paige Smith 8	Paige Smith 8
Rebounds	Rebounds	Rebounds	Rebounds
Hannah Cass 16	Hannah Cass 16	Hannah Cass 10	Hannah Cass 10
Assists	Assists	Assist	Assist
Hannah Cass 3	Hannah Cass 3	Anna Henkle 3	Anna Henkle 3
Steals	Steals	Steals	Steals
Paige Smith 5	Paige Smith 5	Anna Henkle 6	Anna Henkle 6
Maddee Foster 4	Maddee Foster 4	Paige Smith 5	Paige Smith 5

one of the senior players, Maddee Foster.

"Maddee had an idea for a different look on our zone offense, brought it up at half time, it sounded good to us and we went with it. I share that story because it really speaks as to what kind of team we have. As coaches we feel like we have done a good job of teaching these kids the game. Because of that, we give them full reign to have a say in what we do and how we approach things," reported the coach.

As with several of her teammates, Foster spends time watching the films of the games to learn what they did right and wrong. Bartlett is glad she felt comfortable offering up a suggestion, one he feels both the other senior members would have also done.

"It was a great idea. It is what we ran with the entire second half. Instead of scoring 14

points in the first half we scored 13 in each of the last two quarters, so we scored 26 in the second half!" Bartlett proclaimed.

The ease with which the three seniors are not afraid to bring their vocal leadership to the team is just one of the many examples they have shown during the past four years of their high school career.

"We are 12-7 overall and 7-4 in the conference ... with a big game coming up against Buffalo — a very big game as far as seeding goes. If we win that game we are essentially in the driver's seat for the rest of the year. I would love to see a lot of people in the Dome — we sure could use the support," the coach acknowledged.

The team is prepared for the Buffalo Bison (12-7, 5-5) to be highly motivated to get a win on the Dogie's home court Thursday.

The girls are also preparing to play against the Douglas Bearcats (20-0, 11-0) Saturday in the Dome, who at this point in the season have established themselves as the best team in the state. Bartlett is hoping the momentum of the fans in the Dogie Dome will carry them through a great game. It is also Senior Night on Saturday, and for Bartlett, who has been with the girls all four years, it is a special night for him as well.

"I am looking forward to recognizing them and their families for all they have done over the last four years. Those girls and their families have really done a lot for our program," he commented.

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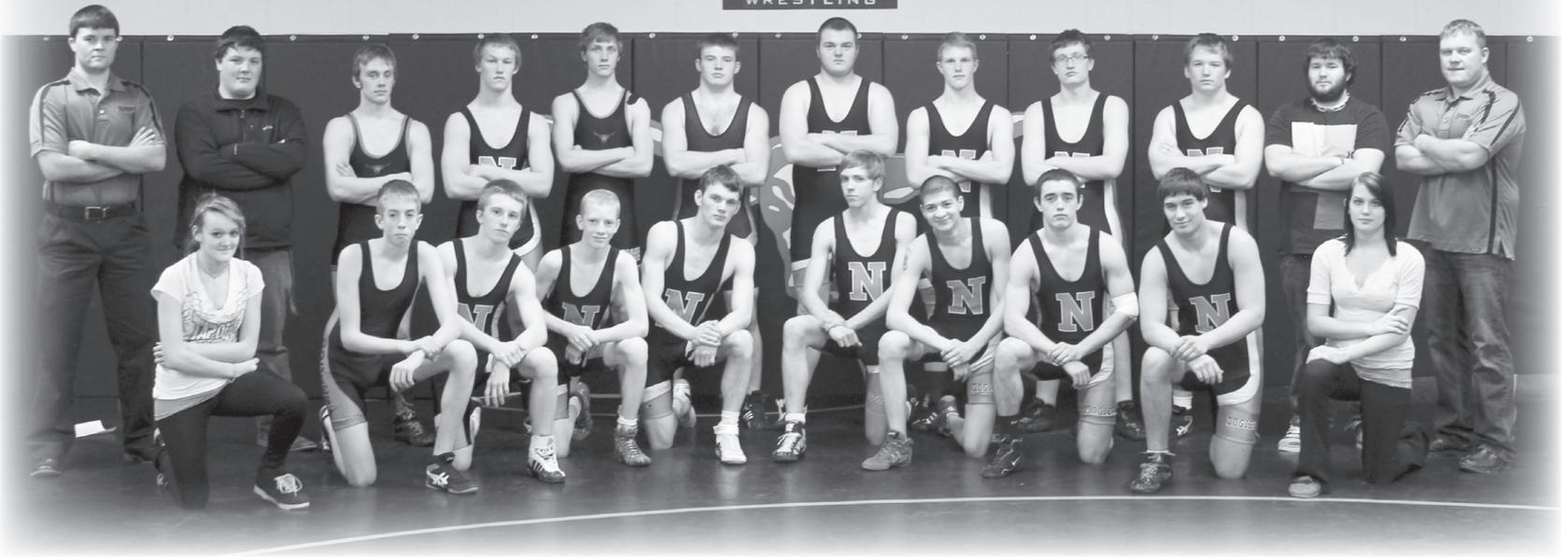


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Back row from left: Assistant Coach Alex Schanamem, Josh Cadwell, Daxton Taylor, Merritt Crabtree, Nick Bock, Colton Hall, Billy Gordon, Chris Spain, Drew Carter, Garrett Liggett, Austen Wells, Sean Crabtree. Front row from left: Jenna Taylor, Jacob Hobbs, Ricky Larson, Dillon Jeppeson, Wyatt Ivie, Alex Henkle, Matt Scheussler, Phil Jagelski, Jake Villanueva, Sierra Turner.



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**February 3, 2013**  
 911 hang up. Welfare check requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Minor accident, one arrest for DUI. Suspicious activity reported. Injured dog reported. Parking complaint. Harassment complaint. Extra patrol requested. Noise complaint. Assist other agency.

**February 4**  
 Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, no action taken. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Civil standby requested. Civil problem reported. Trespass notice served. Commercial alarm reported. Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Extra patrol requested. Report of animal abuse. Report of a dog at large. Suicide threatened. Suicide threatened, one person transported. Disturbance reported.

**February 5**  
 Missing dog reported. Extra patrol requested. Suspicious vehicle reported. Parking complaint. Missing cat reported. Report of phone fraud.

**February 6**  
 Traffic stop, Citation issued. VIN inspection. Missing dog reported. Report of a dog at large. VIN inspection. Arrest Warrant issued. Residential burglary reported. Report of a dog at large. VIN inspection. Welfare check requested.

911 hang up. Domestic problem reported. Smoke reported.

**February 7**  
 Traffic stop, Citation issued. Minor vehicle accident reported. Harassment reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Gas drive off reported. VIN inspection. Assist other agency. School bus red light runner reported. Motorist assist. Traffic stop, no action taken.

**February 8**  
 Civil standby requested. Arrest Warrant issued. Dead deer reported. Welfare check requested. Assist other agency. VIN inspection. Request for vehicle unlock. Report of a dog at large. VIN inspection. Domestic reported. Suspicious vehicle reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

**February 9**  
 Dog bite reported. Assist other agency. 911 hang up. Traffic stop, DUI arrest. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Disturbance reported, one arrest. Traffic stop, no action. Traffic stop, no action.



**Gwamma** by JaNel M. Farnsworth



**Hearing Notice**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing of the Newcastle Zoning Board of Appeals and Adjustments will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday February 14, 2013 in the Newcastle City Council Chambers.

The request has been made by Tim Michaelis to construct a garage on property that will have one corner within 5' - 6" of the side street West Hill Street on Lots 4 & 5 of Block 27 Original Addition Subdivision out Lot A, S1/2 Blk 27, more specifically known as 434 South Summit. The reason for the appeal is the current zoning for R-2 requires structures on corner lots to be 15' set backs on side streets.

(Publish February 7 and 14, 2013)

**Foreclosure Notice**

**FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE**

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note ("Note") and real estate mortgage ("Mortgage"). The Mortgage dated July 30, 2009, was executed and delivered by Joshua M. Aiken and Patricia C. Aiken ("Mortgagor(s)") to First National Bank of Gillette, as security for the Note of the same date, and said Mortgage was recorded on August 3, 2009, at Reception No. 713563 in Book 316 at Page 781 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.  
 Assignment dated: July 30, 2009  
 Assignment recorded: August 4, 2009  
 Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 713631 in Book 316 at Page 942

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

WHEREAS, the Mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of said default, the Mortgagor declares to have become operative, and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof, nor has any such suit or proceeding been instituted and the same discontinued; and

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$182,670.64 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$178,002.55 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$4,282.55, plus other costs in the amount of \$385.54, plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale;

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

NOW, THEREFORE JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on March 5, 2013 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY, Weston County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

LOTS 2, 3, AND 4, BLOCK 4, ROBY ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, TOGETHER WITH ANY AND ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING.

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with an address of 1124 McArthur Street, Newcastle, WY 82701.

Together with all improvements thereon situate and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto.

JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.  
 By: The Castle Law Group, LLC  
 330 S. Walsh Drive, Ste. 202  
 Casper, WY 82609-0000  
 (307) 333 5379

(Publish February 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2013)

**Foreclosure Notice**

**FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE**

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note ("Note") and real estate mortgage ("Mortgage"). The Mortgage dated May 20, 2009, was executed and delivered by Jim L. Naillon and Jennifer Naillon ("Mortgagor(s)") to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for WCS Lending, LLC, A Florida Limited Liability Company its successors and assigns, as security for the Note of the same date, and said Mortgage was recorded on June 23, 2009, at Reception No. 712744 in Book 315 at Page 0707 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: CitiMortgage, Inc.  
 Assignment dated: May 20, 2009  
 Assignment recorded: June 23, 2009  
 Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 712745 in Book 315 at Page 0176

Assignee: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association  
 Assignment dated: July 12, 2012  
 Assignment recorded: July 27, 2012 and Re-Recorded December 17, 2012  
 Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 737091 in Book 338 at Page 0639 and Re-Recorded at Reception No. 740380 in Book 341 at Page 868

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

WHEREAS, the Mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of said default, the Mortgagor declares to have become operative, and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof, nor has any such suit or proceeding been instituted and the same discontinued; and

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$172,794.06 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$154,839.23 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$12,109.57, plus other costs in the amount of \$5,845.26, plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale;

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

NOW, THEREFORE JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on February 19, 2013 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY, Weston County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 3, AND THE SOUTHERLY 75 FEET OF LOT 4, BLOCK 10, FAGAN ADDITION REPLAT OF BLOCKS 8, 9 AND W1/2 OF LOT 10 FAGAN ADDITION, TOWN OF UPTON, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING.

with an address of 1336 Colorado Avenue, Upton, WY 82730.

Together with all improvements thereon situate and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto.

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S-9	41	24	

## Utility Notice

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, the Commission hereby gives notice of the joint application of Black Hills Wyoming, LLC (BHW) and Black Hills Power, Inc. (BHP) (collectively the Companies) for approval of a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) and request for waivers to operate an existing natural gas pipeline known as the Gillette Gas Line.

BHW is a public utility as defined in W.S. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(G) which provides natural gas transportation services under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the Commission on December 6, 2012. BHW is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction under W.S. § 37-2-112.

BHP, if granted certificate authority, would become a public utility, natural gas common carrier, as defined in W.S. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(G), subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to the provisions of W.S. § 37-2-112.

On February 6, 2013, the Companies submitted their application seeking approval of a CPCN to operate an existing pipeline known as the Gillette Gas Line (Pipeline). The Pipeline is approximately a 27 mile long, 8 inch diameter, high-pressure steel natural gas pipeline that commences at the interstate pipeline facilities of Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company at Landeck Station in the SW ¼, Section 3, Township 52 North, Range 73 West, Campbell County, Wyoming and terminates at the Gillette Energy Complex located in Section 27, Township 50 North, Range 71 West, Campbell County, Wyoming. There are no other customers interconnected to the Pipeline between the Landeck Station and the Gillette Energy Complex.

The Pipeline serves five power generation plants located at the Neil Simpson Complex (Complex). The power generation plants are: [i] CT I, a 40 MW gas-fired power plant; [ii] CT II, a 40 MW gas-fired power plant; [iii] Wygen I, an 85 MW coal-fired power plant; [iv] Wygen II, a 90 MW coal-fired power plant; and [v] Wygen III, a 100 MW coal-fired power plant. Wygen I, II & III receive natural gas from the Pipeline a few times each year for less than one day at a time for start-up purposes as they are coal-fired power plants. The Pipeline provides natural gas to CT I and CT II, which are gas-fired power plants. BHW proposes to use its capacity in the Pipeline to provide local natural gas transportation service to CT II, Wygen I, Wygen II, and Wygen III. BHP seeks its certificate of public convenience and necessity for the regulation of the cost to transport natural gas to CT I, which is wholly owned by BHP, through its capacity and ownership interest in the Pipeline as an end user owned delivery line.

The Companies also requested a waiver of the requirements of Commission Rule, Section 210, pertaining to the filing of tariffs and rates. In addition, the Companies state that the rate requested under the application is \$1,200.00 per month, which is the rate currently being allocated among the five power plants. The rate requested and approved by the Commission for natural gas transportation services, on an interim basis, is \$240.00 per month per power plant described in this Notice. BHW state they will not commence natural gas service to any other facility without further approval of the Commission. BHP does not propose to provide natural gas service to any residential or commercial users beyond the Complex.

This is not a complete description of the application. Interested persons may inspect the application at BHW's or BHP's Newcastle, Wyoming business offices and at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during regular business hours.

Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must file with the Commission in writing on or before March 11, 2013. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing which you will attend and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or write to the Wyoming Public Service Commission, 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket Nos. 50055-3-PA-13 or 50056-1-PA-13 in communications related to this matter.

Dated: February 11, 2013.  
(Publish February 14 and 21, 2013)

## WCSD #1 Fed. Warrants

### WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 FEDERAL WARRANTS OVER \$500 JANUARY 2013

Vendor/Payee	Amount
WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$3,398.25
WCSD #1-TRANSPORTATION	\$599.20
CAMBIUM LEARNING, INC.	\$2,022.30
COMPASS LEARNING	\$5,300.00
SUMMIT PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES,	\$3,360.00
TERRY PEAK SKI AREA	\$1,209.00
Dr Carol Tolman	\$7,938.15
VISA	\$1,881.27
WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$14,138.88
WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$11,560.83
WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$621.76
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Grand Total:	\$52,029.64

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## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSES 2013-2014

Notice is hereby given that on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013 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 19, 2013, 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 Town. Ground floor of a two story & basement building.

**Liquor License #2:** JAMES C. McFARLANE d/b/a Iron Horse Saloon; Lots 8 & 9, Block 11, Original Town Addition. One story brick building 25' X 96'.

**Liquor License #3:** BARBARA A. & WILLIAM H. BROWN d/b/a The Little Ceramic & Smoke Shop; A portion of Quarterhorse Addition, Newcastle.

**Liquor License #4:** CAP & BOTTLE, LLC d/b/a Cap & Bottle; Lots 10 & 11, Cannon's Sub-Division of Lot 20, Block T, County Clerk Addition.

**Liquor License #5:** CW MORRIS INC., dba Antler's Lounge; LOTS 7&8, BLOCK 6, Original Addition, Newcastle, WY.

**Liquor License #6:** MINI MART INC. d/b/a Loaf 'N Jug #167; A parcel of land which is a portion of Block 3 of the replat of Homebuilder's Addition Number 1.

**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.

**Liquor License #8:** MAVERIK, INC. d/b/a Maverik #458; A tract of land in SE1/4NW1/4 Section 29, T45N, R61W of the 6th PM, Weston County parcel #4561292301800.

**Restaurant License #1:** HIGH PLAINS PIZZA, INC. d/b/a Pizza Hut #211, a Tract of Land in NW1/4 of SW1/4 of Section 28, T45N, of R61.

**Restaurant License #2:** KENNETH R. & DEBRA McKEE, d/b/a Isabella's; Southerly 60' of Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 10, Original Town Addition.

**Club License #1:** NEWCASTLE COUNTY CLUB - d/b/a Newcastle Country Club; One Story, framed structure containing approximately 4,000 square feet of space, NE1/2, SW1/2 Sect. 20, T45N, Range 61W of 6<sup>th</sup> PM.  
Dated This 16<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2013

Charita Brunner, City Clerk/Treasurer

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# Fun and Games

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### ACROSS

- Ruler sides, e.g.
- Toward the stern
- Hit the bottle
- "La traviata" composer
- Tokyo, formerly
- \*First President to resign
- One of three hipbones
- Bruin legend Bobby
- Some tournaments
- \*First to be assassinated
- Protests
- Corn spot
- Mischievous Scandinavian god
- Actress \_\_\_ Gasteyer
- Famous Christmas guests
- As much as necessary
- Follows ding?
- Sold in bars
- "Tonight's \_\_\_\_\_ be a good night..."
- Allege
- \*Andrew Johnson's tribulation, e.g.
- Clever tactic
- Bouncing off the walls
- Sports award
- Equal
- Scraps
- Brewer's kiln
- Word for a nod
- Second word of many fairytales
- Poison \_\_\_\_\_
- \*First to have been divorced
- \*First Rhodes Scholar
- Model-building wood
- Boiling blood
- Nobody
- Open up
- Belonging to us
- Capital of Tunisia
- Big first for a baby
- Meaning literally "born"
- Cancel, as in correction, pl.

### DOWN

- \*Reagan's description of Soviet Union
- Hero place
- Smiley face
- Something concluded
- Arabian sand-laden wind
- Quite a stretch
- \*First to appear on black-and-white TV
- Body center
- Cone-shaped quarters
- Farm team
- French-American soprano Lily \_\_\_\_\_
- Ensign, for short
- Paying close attention
- Minimum
- \*First to appear on color TV
- CIA connection, e.g.
- \*First to live in White House
- Star bursts
- Beside, archaic
- \*Clinton's number two
- "My bad!"
- Untwist a rope
- Garden creature
- \*Rutherford \_\_\_\_\_
- "True \_\_\_\_\_," starring John Wayne
- Pop
- Disinfectant brand
- Courtney Cox's character
- Hot springs resort
- Contaminates or corrupts
- Tear jerker
- Type of whip
- Deliver a tirade
- Dresden's river
- Hurry up!

- Wrap in waxy cloth
- Voice quality
- "Get \_\_\_\_!"
- "The Untouchables" leader
- \*Presidents Obama and Bush both campaigned from one
- Street in Paris

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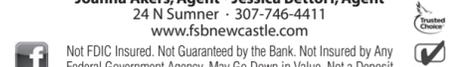
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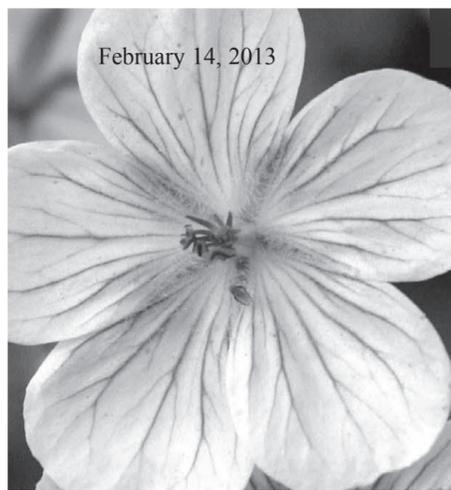


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# Generations News Letter Journal

## Ag enthusiasts excel at judging

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

Each year at the Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day there are opportunities for youth from Weston County to participate in contests to display the knowledge they have learned throughout the year in 4-H and FFA. The skills tested were a Beef Cook-Off, Dog Show, Hippology or Livestockology and a Livestock Judging Contest.

"This year, 17 4-H and FFA members from Weston County practiced, prepared and competed in the Livestock Judging and Hippology contests at the Central States Fairgrounds in Rapid City. 4-H and FFA members interested in Livestock Judging began preparing in early January to participate in the livestock judging contest," stated Weston County 4-H Educator Stacy Madden.

The students learned about how to select quality market and breeding livestock, including public speaking to orally defend their class placings. Four teams — two senior teams, one intermediate team and one beginner team from Weston County — participated in the contest during Youth Day. The students from both Upton and Newcastle judged five classes of beef, goats and swine.

The two senior teams gave reasons for two classes, the intermediate gave reasons for one class, and the beginner team had to answer a series of questions about the classes they judged. Madden said the successful day of judging ended with high scores and fun at the stock show.

"I got to give my first set of reasons and it was really cool!" declared 4-H member Davin Tysdal, who was on the Weston County Intermediate Team with Maxx Cowger, Sara Rankin and Mackenzie Grubbs.



Submitted photo

From left, back, Thomas Davis; middle row, Kaylee Johnston, Mackenzie Grubbs, Sarah Rankin, Alec Arthur, Garrhett Williams, Rob Crawford; front, Alan Barker, Amanda Kimsey, Trisha Juhala and Maxx Cowger

The Beginner Livestock Judging Team of Peyton Crinklaw, Paige Deyo, Asia Graham and Hailey Wehri were rewarded the Beginner Team Championship title for their outstanding work.

"I just love the judging contest, it was really fun!" proclaimed Crinklaw after winning the title.

With a passion for horses, junior 4-H members Hailey Wehri and Carolina Anderson put their equine knowledge to the test in the Hippology contest. Both contestants did well answering questions on a written test. The young ladies worked hard to identify equine equipment, parts of the horse and saddle, different breeds and different equine colors, in a series of interactive stations.

"The best part about competing is traveling with friends and having a good time," commented Rankin.

### Livestock Judging Contest Results:

Weston County Senior Team 1: Alec Arthur, Amanda Kimsey, Garrhett Williams, Thomas Davis, team score of 676  
Weston County Senior Team 2: Trisha Juhala, Alan Baker, Kaylee Johnston, team score of 690  
Weston County Intermediate Team: Davin Tysdal, Maxx Cowger, Sara Rankin, Mackenzie Grubbs, team score of 653  
Weston County Beginner Team: Peyton Crinklaw, Paige Deyo, Asia Graham, Hailey Wehri, team score of 697

## Concert will benefit NHS music students

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

Remembering what it was like to be a music student at Newcastle High School is what inspired members of the band "They Call It Chance" to hold a concert next week, in an effort to help raise funds for the 14 NHS students traveling to New York, N.Y., next month to sing at Lincoln Center under the direction of Dr. Rene Clausen.

Recalling how much he loved music in school, Taylor Hesse thought about how much he appreciated being able to travel as a musician during his high school career. Hesse had the opportunity to travel with the NHS band to Florida and as an ambassador.

"I went as a student ambassador to Australia and New Zealand. If it wasn't for help from other people I wouldn't have been able to go. I did it, so I want to help other kids be able to go see stuff, too," Hesse said.

What he appreciated most was going to another place and performing in front of different people, an experience he wants other high school students to enjoy. He discussed the idea with another band member and classmate, Gavin Adams. As a student, Adams didn't have the chance to travel as a music student because he couldn't come up with the money.

They had already been discussing having an all-ages concert in Newcastle, so they decided to do a show with the proceeds going to the choir students flying to New York. Hesse approached NHS Music Director Jan Ellis with the idea.



"Everyone thought it was a good idea. Mrs. Ellis liked it and helped us set up the show, which will be appropriate for all ages. The doors will open at 6:30 and will begin playing at 7 p.m.," he reported.

Other members of "They Call It Chance" are Aaron Hesse, Tyler Bayne and Jalen Manuel. The latter two members will be unable to make the show on Tuesday because they are out of town. This is not the first time the people of Weston County have had an opportunity to hear the band. On July 27 of last year they were at the Antler's playing an all-ages show on the café side, Hesse informed, and in August they played for an all-ages crowd at the Fountain Inn. They have also performed at the Iron Horse.

Admission to the Feb. 19 concert at Crouch Auditorium will be \$5 per person. It begins at 7 p.m. and will last about an hour and a half.

The evening of the concert, the band will release their fourth CD, which will be available for \$10, and they will also be selling their first and second CDs for just \$5 each. However, they will be giving away their third CD and stickers while limited supplies last.

"It's going to be fun! Come help the school out so they can go see and visit New York!" proclaimed the musician.

## Children's theatre holding auditions

An audition will be held for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of "Jack and the Beanstalk" on March 4 at Crouch Auditorium, starting at 3:45 p.m. Those auditioning should arrive at 3:30 and plan to stay for a full two hours. Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the audition.

Among the roles to be cast are Jack, Mother, Milky White, the Elegant Harp, farmers, merchants, The Giant, Jill, circus performers and wonder beans. Students grades kindergarten through 12th grade are encouraged to audition. No advance preparation is necessary. Assistant directors will also be cast to aid in rehearsals throughout the week and to take on essential backstage responsibilities.

The Missoula Children's Theatre touring productions are complete with costumes, scenery, props and makeup. MCT tour actor/directors will conduct rehearsals throughout the week from 3:45 to 8:15 p.m. each day.

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### Ayres, Beehler and James make honor rolls

Northwest College named 438 to its 2012 fall semester honor rolls, including three Weston County students. Northwest is a two-year, residential college offering transfer and technical programs of study that blend traditional arts and sciences with emerging technologies.

To be listed on the President's Honor Roll, students must complete at least 12 semester hours of college-level coursework with a 4.0 grade point average. Students qualifying for the Vice Presidents Honor Roll completed the same level course work with a minimum grade point average of 3.50 on a 4.0 scale. For the Dean's Honor Roll, students must have earned a minimum of six credit hours in college-level coursework with at least a 3.5 semester grade point average.

Jessica Ayres was named to the President's Honor Roll, while the Vice President's Honor Roll

included Jeremy Beehler and Russell James.

### Garcia named to Dean's List

Cassandra Garcia of Newcastle is among 2,983 students who were named to the autumn semester 2012 Dean's List at the University of Montana. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must be undergraduates, earn a semester grade average of 3.50 or higher, and receive grades of A or B in at least nine credits.

### Stith makes Dean's list

Hastings College has announced the Dean's List for its fall 2012 semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.7 to 4.0, on a 4.0 scale, and be registered for full-time course work. Among those achieving the status is Trevor Stith of Newcastle, who earned a grade point average under 4.0 but at or above 3.7.



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