Newcastle, Wyoming February 19, 2015 **Year 129** Week 8

Wet enough, for now

Alexis Shultz NLJ Reporter

According to the Black Hills Snow Course Readings, both Mallo and Little Bear Run are sitting right about normal for winter snow totals when compared to the 30-year average. These numbers compare the Snow Water Equivalent, which is determined by the amount of water in the snow pack.

Mallo's SWE, according to this report, is at 5.2 inches, which is 100 percent of the average for the past 30 years — significantly lower than last year at this time when the SWE was 7 inches, or 135 percent of the average. This year's total is far higher than that of Feb. 1 2013, which was sitting at a staggering 3 inches, or 58 percent of the 30-year average, which is significant when looking ahead to the summer in regard to stream flows and fire danger.

Little Bear Run is seeing the same trend when it comes to the past three years. This year the location's SWE is 2.8 inches, or 108 percent of average. Last year at the same time, Little Bear Run saw a SWE of 115 percent of the average for the past 30 years, with 2013 seeing only 62 percent.

"The date for February 1, 2015, shows quite a range in average snow pack. Snow water equivalents ranged from 56 percent to 129 percent of

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board names president

Denice Pisciotti NLJ Reporter

All five board members were present at the Weston County Fair Board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 10, at the Youth Exhibit Hall at the fairgrounds, after a discussion was held with fair superintendents about the schedule for the Weston County Fair scheduled for July 25-Aug. 2.

At the January meeting only three board members were present, because Deveraux was absent and newly appointed board member Ellen McKenzie had not yet been notified she had been selected as the board's newest member, they were unable to hold officer elections. Therefore elections were held at the February meeting.

During the meeting the board broached the subject of fair board member Craig Deveraux not attending the last four board meetings, in addition to missing meetings in May, July and August of 2014.

"Are you going to try to make the meetings?" questioned board secretary Marilyn Schmoker.

"I always try to make the meetings," replied Deveraux. "I don't miss because I am just sitting at home. I miss the meetings because I am hauling cattle or I have to be out of town."

With no further discussion, Perino proceeded with the meeting.

In December, WCFB President Curtis Rankin announced he would not be seeking another term on the board,

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A familiar name on board

Denice Pisciotti

NLJ Reporter

Weston County School District #1 has been in the position to fill a vacant board seat twice in the last six months, yet when four candidates submitted letters of intent for the current open seat — vacated by Melissa Stalder in January — it was clear through the questions asked of the candidates that longevity is what the board was looking for.

At the Feb. 11 meeting of the WCSD #1 Board of Trustees, Greg Lassle, Bill Lunney, Marv Proctor and Marcia Lambert

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Denice Pisciotti/NLJ **Weston County School District** #1 Attorney Don Hansen swears in Marcia Lambert to fill the board vacancy on Feb. 11, in the school district board room.



Alexis Shultz • NLJ Reporter

The impassioned declaration above was made by Donna Howard, the director of Foundation of Caring Understanding and Services, during a presentation at NHS on Feb. 12 to address teen violence.

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, and Howard and the employees at FOCUS are making efforts to make a difference and raise awareness. Howard, along with Mrs. Wyoming Priscilla Pruitt, presented information to the students about what that it can occur in person or elecconstitutes teen dating violence, tronically, and might occur between along with statistics involved with the issue.

"If there are 236 students in Newcastle High School, that means that 59 of you are being abused by your partner. That is 59 too many."

Howard is teaming with Pruitt to expand the outreach to a wider variety of teens. She explained that Pruitt is involved with a different group of individuals, and is helping to spread the word about teen dating violence.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, teen dating violence is defined as the physical, sexual, psychological, or emotional violence within a dating relationship, and includes stalking. The CDC website continues to explain a current or former dating partner.

The CDC adds that several



words are used to describe teen dating violence, including relationship abuse, intimate partner violence, relationship violence, dating abuse, domestic abuse and domestic violence.

A 2013 CDC Nationwide Youth Risk Behavior Survey found that approximately 10 percent of high school students report some kind of physical victimization, and 10 percent reported sexual victimization from a dating partner in the year previous to the survey. The agency also estimates that nearly 1.5 million high school students across

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Teen dating violence:

Physical Sexual **Psychological Emotional** Stalking

It can be:

Online In person Through texting

 Among adult victims of rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner, 22% of women and 15% of men first experienced some form of partner violence between 11 and 17 years of age.

Source: www.cdc.gov

Returning to a late start

Denice Pisciotti NLJ Reporter

It seems early to be thinking about the next school year, however, at the Feb. 11 meeting of the

Weston County School District #1 Board of Trustees approved the calendar for the 2015-2016 school year, with the biggest change for next year being the return of late starts on Wednesday for Newcastle High School and Newcastle Middle School.

Early release was tried this year at all three schools in the district, however with the different formats at the grade levels it is too difficult to try to have time for Professional Learning Communities for the staff in the afternoons. WCSD #1 Superintendent Brad LaCroix recommended to the board that the best plan for students would be

to go back to the way it was in previous years.

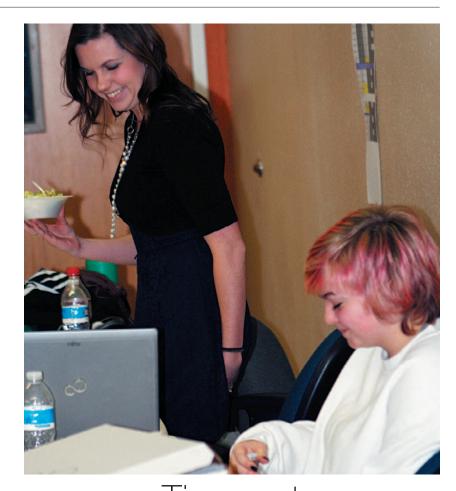
"They will still be doing PLC, but we are not looking at the early out. What we are looking at is going back to the format of the

late start. The reason for that is we had more success there, and it really does lend more to the student needs for them to come in with missing assignments, missing homework, help on homework those kinds of things," reported LaCroix.

Trustee Riesland commented that parents had spoken to him about students using the time during the late starts to enjoy breakfast somewhere instead of utilizing the time for school work, which was something that

they didn't like. "Late start worked great for us

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Time out

Newcastle High School Assistant Speech Coach Lindsey Ferguson smiles at Haley Barker as she mans the desk at the speech meet held at NHS Feb. 6. At the meet, 17 teams from the Hole in the Wall District attended the Dogie Round-Up, making it the largest meet Newcastle has had in years. (Photo by Bob Bonnar/NLJ)















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News Letter Journal

Our View A buyer's market

Tust when it looked as if the Wyoming State Legislature had been shamed into sharing the state's wealth with local governments, the Consensus Revenue Estimating Group rode in to save the day by announcing that state coffers would face a \$220 million shortfall as a result of falling oil prices.

The CREG report is nothing if not predictable, and folks in Wyoming are learning that they can set their watch to the annual prediction of doom and gloom that entity provides to justify the legislature saying 'No' to those who bring budget requests to the capitol. In this instance, the predictions may well be correct, but the spin that has been put on the CREG report by legislative leaders is fundamentally dishonest. Some of them are claiming that the state faces a \$200 million budget deficit for the current biennium, but they fail to acknowledge that this summer nearly \$800 million was 'swept' from temporary savings accounts into permanent ones that can't be readily accessed.

We won't argue that the downturn in oil prices will create some legitimate revenue shortfalls for Wyoming, but that shortage doesn't even approach the levels of a real deficit, and we believe the legislature should recognize that the state's savings could be utilized to take advantage of a corresponding decrease in demand for contractors who have been in short supply because of the boom. We have heard for the past several years that infrastructure improvement projects — be it for roads, water, sewer or buildings — have been much more expensive to undertake because the energy boom has increased the demand for contractor services so much that they are able to charge a premium for materials and services.

We are now hearing about layoffs and work stoppages caused by the drop in oil prices, and that should mean government entities will find more contractors willing to bid on public projects, and that competition should drive those bids downward.

The legislature was right to set aside large portions of Wyoming's budget surplus during the decade-long boom, but only if it was their intent to use those dollars when the time was right.

The decrease in construction costs that is sure to accompany the end of the boom makes that time now. If the legislature is truly interested in getting more "bang for its buck," then they should take some of those bucks our of savings, give them to local governments and let them produce the bang for us.

Deadline for Letters is noon on Friday

Letters to the Editor

Only an amendment can save us from ourselves

Dear Editor,

Our economy is in a hole. We are in the hole with it. We can not "grow" our way out of it, though we keep trying. The end of our natural resources is in sight. The oceans are fast becoming sewage ponds. Potable water is already scarce in many places around the world. The forests are being thinned faster than the hair on my head. Babies are being born far faster than people are dying, even when we factor in the death tolls of our ever-popular wars.

Politicians, whether popularly elected or power grabbing dictators, are complicit. In their short-sighted lust for "more" they cooperate with the captains of industry who also lust for more. But, the cupboard is nearly bare. For them to get "more" they will Reader's have to take it away from Views somebody else.

Is that a surprise? It shouldn't be. Look at all the new millionaires. Look at all the new billionaires! Look at all the newly poor, the newly destitute and the newly incarcerated.

This isn't rocket science...simple arithmetic!

As a whole, we are so completely distracted by Faux News that we can not even imagine the naked truth. We are distracted by our own political parties.

Oops! Those aren't "our" political parties. They belong to the politicians, the industrialists, energy behemoths, hedge fund managers and the military industrial complex who all want and get more! The difference between the rich and the middle class is widening and hardening. The very rich are, in fact, getting much richer, and everybody else is getting left far behind with little

hope. We have two options. The easy option is "We can let them have their way" and do whatever they want to do. That would result in the return to the feudalism of 1200, 1300, 1400. That's when the King called all the shots and the serfs (the rest of us) did as we were told.

The other option is more labor intensive up front, but in the long run we will have a far better outcome. It's easy to describe, but very hard to do. We must throw off the assumptions fed to us by Faux News (the propaganda arm of the Plutocracy) and return to the ideals enumerated in our founding documents establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defence (sic), promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty.

Letters

to

Editor

This means amend the Constitution.

Article Five of the Constitution specifies the ways to amend. Not an easy proposition. However, there are several groups already pursuing this avenue, including American

Constitution Society for

Law and Policy; acslaw.org, David M. Brodsky, Caroline Fredrickson; movetoamend.org, Ben Manski, Ashly Sanders; amendusconstitution. com, Paul Antinori; rootstrikers.org, Lawrence Lessig; nolabels.org, John Avalon, Joe Manchin; ourfuture.org, Robert Borosage; amoreperfectconstitution.com, Larry Sabato; rootsaction.org, Pia Gallegos, Norman Soloman; americanselect.org; alternet.org/module/printversion/152912

There may be a "ringer" or "fifth columnist" in this group. As always, use common sense and be skeptical before you commit to a course of action or a belief.

—Jerry Baird





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Hate speech accusers are the real bigots

"Like all propagandists, the apostles of tolerof men."

— René Guénon (1886-1951)

From my perspective as an outside observer, one of the most interesting things to have come out of this year's general legislative session so far has been the public chiding of Rep. Allen Jaggi, R-Lyman, for allegedly using a derogatory term for a minority group. If you're not already familiar with this story, Jaggi's offensive slip supposedly occurred about a month ago in conversation with The Rock Springs Rocket-Miner about the proposed Medicaid expansion that was then on the table — a conversation which took place over the phone, I think it's worth noting.

Rep. Jaggi wasn't fatally wounded by the accusation, of course. Political correctness hasn't taken hold in Wyoming to that degree yet. But as late as Jan. 30, he still seemed preoccupied with professing his innocence, writing in the local paper in Lyman, The Bridger Valley Pioneer, that he would never use such a term and that he was a victim of reporters seeking to stir up controversy, implying also that he is just as committed to upholding the PC orthodoxy as everybody else.

Jaggi's repeated denials weren't quite enough, however, to satisfy the right people. That is, the trendy, politically correct — which is to say politically fashionable — people who seek to determine what public opinion ought to be. They, evidently, were looking for a greater degree of contrition, especially from a white male Republican.

The Casper Star-Tribune, for instance, was keen to pillory Jaggi from the start. First, on Jan. 22, they reprinted a Rocket-Miner article by Matt Naber in which the term in question is portrayed as so devastatingly offensive to the sensibilities of

civilized people as to be beyond printability. Naber, who is evidently an especially zealous adherent of the religion of political correctness, and one scrupulously mindful to avoid even the slightest possibility of offense, simply wrote, "I——," leaving less imaginative readers probably wondering what he was even talking about.

In the same piece, Naber quotes Sen. Bernadine Craft, D-Rock Springs, an extremely silly, yet very malign, liberal Christian, as having said of Jaggi's alleged verbal misstep, "It is a reminder to all of us to be careful. Even when we don't mean anything hurtful, it can be perceived as such, and it behooves us to be careful," which is really just a very polite way of saying, "Watch your mouth, comrade. The political career you save may be your own."

Naber, again an obvious enthusiast for this line of thinking, noted glowingly of Craft that, "in an effort to combat similar issues in government," she and the female members of the Wyoming House had put forward this year, albeit unsuccessfully, a bill that would have mandated "respectful gender-neutral language in all state statutes and resolutions." This piece of proposed legislation, I think it's worth adding, House Bill 99, was authored by Rep. Cathy Connolly, D-Laramie, a militant lesbian and professor of Gender and Women's Studies. She's what many people would term, and not at all inaccurately, a cultural Marxist.

Not to be outdone, the next day, Jan. 23, the Casper Star-Tribune came out with a piece of their own, a very pedantic, schoolmarmish editorial, really the kind of self-righteous diatribe you'd expect from, say, a college sophomore, attacking some of Jaggi's colleagues and associates for not having denounced him thoroughly enough. "Words have meanings," the Star-Tribune shrieked before commanding readers, pointblank, to stop saying, "Injuns," which it's apparently still possible to print in a newspaper after all.

Now, I suppose that this is where I should probably qualify the acerbic tone I've taken by acknowledging that Naber and Craft and the Casper paper are fundamentally right and that calling people, especially American Indians "Injuns" is very bad and impolitic, not to mention an impolite thing to do, and that in the interest of civility and mutual respect between people we should never say such things.

I'm not going to do that, though. Unlike Rep. Jaggi, I don't have to worry about

> what voters think of me. I'm therefore not inclined to partake in the exasperating and unwinnable game of selfesteem identity politics, in which we're all supposed to tip-toe around the delicate sensitivities of an ever-growing list of victim groups. Unless you have legitimate worries about being fired from your job under pressure from the enforcers of political correctness, I don't see why you, the reader, should bother to either.

> Look around yourself a little bit. Weston County and Wyoming more generally remain, in many ways, vestiges of an old America, and so are excep-

tions to many of these things; but on a national level you can't deny the degradation of our society that's occurred since your grandparents or even your parents were young. Have a good look, I mean really look, at the

Todd Bennington

Quo Vadis

vulgarity of the popular culture and the swaggering arrogance, yet incompetence, of our governing class. Consider for a minute the moral and intellectual bankruptcy of our academic institutions, where a woman like Cathy Connolly can mime, for decades, the part of learned professor. Take a look even at many of the churches, where someone like Bernadine Craft, who is a member of the clergy in a major Christian denomination, can prattle vacuously about things of which she obviously hasn't even the faintest comprehension.

Most of all, take a hard, scrutinizing look at the smugness and arrogance of our media, the Rocket-Miner and the Star-Tribune included, in defending and legitimizing it all.

What you'll find, in many instances, is that we're not living any longer in a world where you can have

reasonable expectations of having the respect you give returned to you anyway, and the "apostles of tolerance," the people who are so concerned about appropriate language and civility, are actually in large part responsible.

If you think I'm being a little tough on these people, I assure you it's for good reason. I find it absolutely unconscionable that the kind of strident political ideologues who have helped to give us the hook-up culture and broken families as the norm and a holocaust of aborted fetuses, who are silent about or even defend the most vile contemporary art and popular music in terms of free speech or artistic expression, and who have deliberately or inadvertently done so much damage to the culture in other ways while cautioning us not to be "judgmental" about any of it, are now going to claim the moral high ground in telling a well-meaning man like Rep. Jaggi to watch his mouth. No, my friends, these people deserve to be mocked.

You know, we could debate at length just why it is that the apostles of tolerance are so determined to control all the words, and thus the conversation, in the names of "sensitivity" and "inclusion," but suffice it to say that what they're most interested in is power.

As I've written before, in many Western countries besides our own the Nabers and Connollys and Crafts of the world have been running the show for some time now. Across what was termed the "free world" during the Cold War, you can now go to prison or face crippling fines for all sorts of things that have been redefined as "hate speech," and governments have not hesitated to use these laws against political dissidents or concerned citizens who are simply too vocally critical of the often suicidal immigration and social policies these countries have adopted.

As for our own First Amendment, it exists precariously. Despite all the pomp and flourish surrounding judicial decisions as to whether or not this or that law is constitutional, the truth is that constitutional government and the modern mega-state are two diametrically opposed forces — and sooner or later one or the other has to give. Arguably one already has.

Here's the bottom line: I'm tired of seeing good people publicly humiliated and cowed because they haven't yet been thoroughly indoctrinated into "cultural sensitivity" or because they actually have some scruples about the latest social engineering scheme, like gender neutrality, and would dare to resist it.

I suppose that I can really only speak for myself here, so I want to take the opportunity to speak directly to Naber, Connolly, and Craft if they happen to be reading this. Over the past several years I've had many run-ins with your ilk, more than I can count, and I've been mostly reticent to speak my mind.

But I'll tell you something right now. People like you are never going to dictate for me what it's permissible to say or think. Whatever you may believe you're going to do about it, I'm going to persist in using my own good sense and moral judgment, thank you very much.



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Sweet Valentine

On Thursday, Newcastle High School and Newcastle Middle School students and several teachers were treated to 'Singing Valentines,' by the NHS Gemtonz and Troubadours ensembles. The Singing Valentines were ordered through the NHS Choir, with proceeds going to the piano lab. Each recipient sat on a stool at the front of the classroom while they were sung to and received a flower, video, still picture and candy. The Gemtonz sang "Lollipop" to males for whom a Singing Valentine had been purchased, and the Troubadours treated the ladies to "Little Red Riding Hood" while the recipient wore a little red cape. Above, Kellar Bock breaks out in laughter as Flint Hossfeld and Layne Crisman prepare to sing to her. (Photos by Denice Pisciotti/NLJ)



The race is on

Weston County Senior Center was busy with activity Feb. 7 as Newcastle Cub Scout Pack 66 held their annual Pinewood Derby. Few empty chairs were available as the community came out to support the Cub Scouts and local businesses that entered cars in the race. Jeremy Dedic was the Master of Ceremonies, frequently calling out door prizes from local businesses. Below, Scout Noah Dedic prepares to let 'em rip. (Photos by Denice Pisciotti/NLJ)

Cub Scout Pack 66 Pinewood Derby 2015 Results: 1st Place Winners of each den: Tiger Den: Trent Rysell Wolf Den: Keith Simmons Bear Den: Peyton Simmons Webelos I: Joseph Dedic Webelos II: Justin LaCross

Overall winner of the Pack: Joseph Dedic Business Class top 3:
1st: Weston County Fire
Protection District
2nd: Meadowlark Academy of
Dance
3rd: Penggada Paint & Pina

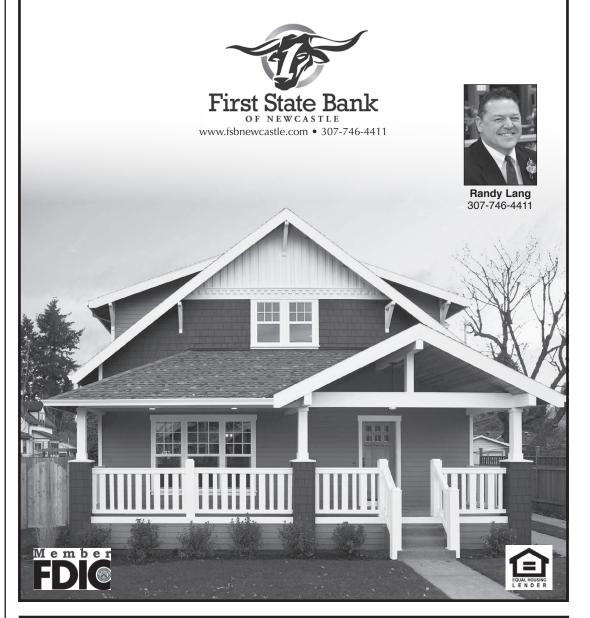






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Judy Turner Celebration of Life

A coffee for the Celebration of Life for Judy Turner will be held in the Newcastle High School Commons on Saturday, February 28 from 2-4 p.m.

Drinks will be provided, please bring a snack to share.

Please join us if you can. We hope to see you there.

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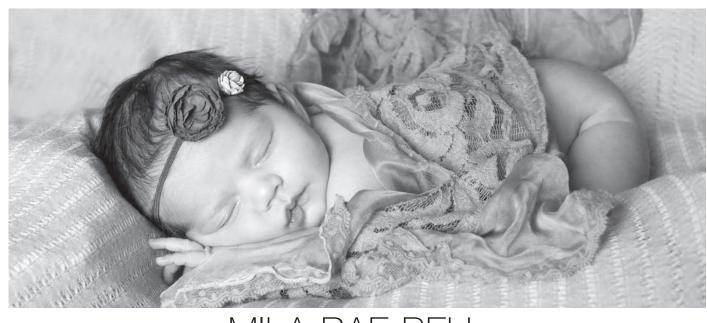
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Thank You

After experiencing the loss of our father, Earl Christensen, the family would like to extend an enormous thank you to all the neighbors, friends and family who were gracious enough to bring food and those who have stopped by to visit and provide comfort in a difficult time. To those who visited Dad during his time at Mondell, he truly enjoyed each of you. We are extremely grateful for Dr. Jording for the many years of care, especially for the visits to Mondell the last few weeks. Deepest thanks to Doug, Diane and the extraordinary staff at Mondell Heights and to Kasey for all their help in caring for Dad. Also, big thanks for the help from Treasured Moments Hospice, especially the work and kindness extended by Trisha, Kathy, Jamie & Dave. Thank you to Pastor Jeff Thoms, Worden Funeral Directors, Weston County Senior Services, the Methodist Ladies for providing dinner for the family, and to Eastern Star, Newcastle Ladies Golf & Preceptor Sigma for hosting and providing cake and coffee for friends and family. A special thank you goes out to Deb Hockett for the beautiful music and special tribute to Dad. Also, thanks to Mark Williams and Kathy Moose for the accompanying music and to Ann Barker for putting together the memorial video. Thank you to the State of Wyoming for honoring the memory of our father in lowering the State flag on February 5th and to Ernie Hamlet and the Newcastle Masonic Lodge #13 for providing graveside rights. The family also thanks all those who have been so gracious to send memorial donations and flowers. In addition, a special thank you goes out to Gail, Karma, Melissa, Diane, Becca and Erika for all their help and to Greg, Cody, Wade, Ross, Clint, Ryan, Ty, Christian, Shane and Tim. To anyone we may have missed, the family offers our deepest thanks.

> Wayne and Judith, Janet and Dave, Janice and Steve, Walter and Launa & all our families

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news letter journal **Lifestyles**

MILA RAE BELL

Kurtis and Hallie Bell, along with big sisters Emme and Jema, welcomed a little gift from God, Mila Rae Bell, on Dec. 8, 2014, at 1:43 p.m. Mila weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces at birth, and was 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Melissa and Robert Harder, Jeff Bell, and Dale and Terri Meyer, and the late Jim Boggs, all of Newcastle.

What's Up

Meetings & Events

DAY	DATE	<u>TIME</u>	EVENT	LOCATION
Wed	Feb. 18	9:00 a.m.	WC Senior Services	WC Senior Center
		12:00 p.m.	Newcastle Lions Club	WC Senior Center
		1:30 p.m.	WC Weed & Pest	WC Weed & Pest Office
		7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting (629-0211)	Corpus Christi Catholic Church
Thurs	Feb. 19	12:30 p.m.	Good Citizens Awards	Newcastle Elementary School
		5:00 p.m.	WC Health Services Board Mtg	WCHS Board Room
		5:30 p.m.	AAU Volleyball Sign-ups	NHS Commons
Fri	Feb. 20	6:00 p.m.	Sock Hop	WC Senior Center
		7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting (629-0211)	Corpus Christi Catholic Church
		7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
Sat	Feb. 21	7:00 p.m.	Totes of Hope Basket Auction	Dogie Dome Entryway
Sun	Feb. 22	2:00 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Catholic Church
		7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting (629-0211)	Corpus Christi Catholic Church
Mon	Feb. 23	1:00 p.m.	Low Vision Support Group	WC Senior Center
Tues	Feb. 24	9:00 a.m.	WC Commissioners	WC Court House
		1:00 p.m.	WC CowBelles	Donna's Diner
		5:30 p.m.	AAU Volleyball Sign-Ups	NHS Commons
		5:30 p.m.	Understanding Long-Term Care	WCHS Cafeteria
		6:00 p.m.	WC Humane Society Meeting	Shelter
		6:45 p.m.	ALANON Meeting (746-9791)	Mondell Heights
		7:00 p.m.	Helping Hands Foundation	WC Senior Center
		7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Health Services, Downstairs
		7:30 p.m.	Eastern Star	Masonic Lodge
Wed	Feb. 25	7:00 p.m.	WCSD#1 Board Meeting	Administration Bldg.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Feb. 20: Jonnaye Rosenau Feb. 23: Don McColley

• FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Pastor Jeff Thoms,

Church Services 10 am; 10:15 a.m. Children's Church and 11:45 am.

• KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES: 5018 US Hwy 16, 746-2319 or 746-4517. Tuesday 7 p.m. Congregation Bible Study, Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting.

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

• NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP: Pastor Wayne Wilson, meets at Haydis Hall (Next to Christ Episcopal Church), 746-5542. Sunday

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

• SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST: Pastor Gary Force, 78 Old Hwy 85, 746-3504 or 278-0254, Pastoral Assistant Jason Logan 746-2974.

• ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Father Killian Muli,

• VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH: Rev. Theodore L.

Johnson, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 9 am; Fellowship 10

a.m.; Adult Study 10:30 a.m.; 1st & 3rd Wed Evenings Prayer and

• UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Rev. Sharee

Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11:20 am.

• GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP: Pastor Jon Andersen, Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services; Sunday School

23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am; Traditional

Contemporary Praise & Worship Service.

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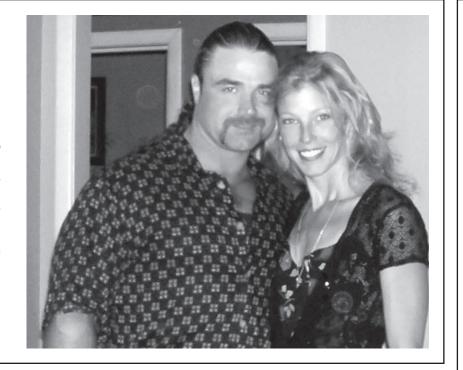


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Harwood-KIERNAN

With love and solidarity, this is to announce to all our friends and family, that after a seven-anda-half-year courtship, Cheryl Moore Harwood and D. Sean Kiernan were married on Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2015, at 10 am. The private ceremony was held in Newcastle, Wyoming, Weston County. Completing the family are their sons, Sean M. Kiernan and Joseph Harwood. A reception will be held at a later date.



100 years ago Feb. 18, 1915

St. Valentines dance that was to be given at Hampshire was postponed because of weather and bad roads. However a small party collected and the dance carried on until midnight, when a substantial luncheon was served by Mrs. Lee. Dancing was again resumed until the wee hours of morning.

Night found John Pridgeon with a load of hay near the E.P. Johnson place in the Howard area in a blizzard raging. Leaving his load, he made his way home with difficulty. It was a dangerous time to be out.

Monday night, Feb. 22, A.A. Shick will give a masquerade ball at Boy Hall, and everyone is invited. The best of music and a fine supper will be a part of the entertainment.

Next Friday night will be another play given by our home talent at the same place in the Horton area, entitled, "A Kiss in the Dark." Everybody welcome.

Henry Schlup had the misfortune of having his house burn to the ground Wednesday, losing almost the entire contents. Mrs. Schlup and little

children were alone at the time. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller were the happy parents of twin babies, a boy and a girl. The little boy succumbed after a couple of days of this life. Mrs. Miller is not as well as her

many friends would hope. The Fiddler Creek Woman's Club met at Mrs. Glen Buell's last Thursday and report a pleasant time.

The Ladies' Guild held a Faehndrich yesterday afternoon. There was a good attendance, a good lunch and a good

A balloon ascension next week will be the only means of drying your clothes away from the dirt and soot. Better send up a balloon every wash day or send your family washing to the

Newcastle Steam Laundry.

75 years ago Feb. 15, 19140

The Newcastle Dogies displaying accuracy in shooting and a defense that was almost uncanny, defeating their traditional rivals, the strong Gillette Camels, 22 to 20, here Monday.

At the regular meeting of the Knights of Pythias on last Wednesday night, the rank of Esquire was conferred on Harland Holwell and Herbert Livingston.

Mrs. Theda Waggoner and twin girls visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Adkins, this week.

The friends of Francis Cowger will be glad to know he is enjoying a trip through the sunny south after visiting the Denver Stock show. He journeyed on through New Mexico into old Mexico and was on his way to the west coast in southern California when last heard from.

About 40 friends and neighbors gathered at the Francis Sedgwick home Sunday to give them a hearty welcome to our neighborhood. A lovely tray lunch was enjoyed at noon and they were recipients of a large number of presents.

Joe Aimonetto and Lola Skog of Rapid City were united in marriage at seven o'clock at the home of the bride's parents. Mrs. Thos. Shoemaker, Mrs. A. Piana, Mrs. Guy Hayward, Albert Zanoni and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hayne and son Richard attended the marriage ceremony of the couple in Rapid City on Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fuller 10¢ tea at the home of Mrs. became the parents of a sixand-a-quarter-pound baby girl on Sunday afternoon at their home in Newcastle.

Triple T Extension Club sponsored a benefit bridge party Tuesday evening at the Osage community building. Six table were in play. The club members served delightful refreshments, with a Valentine motif carried out in the room and table decorations.

Mrs. E.P. Johnson, Mrs. R.A. Harper, Mrs. Frank Fawcett and Mrs. Floyd Sweet, all of Beaver Creek, spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Fred Sweet, working on the club books.

"Potato Creek Johnny" Perrett, well known placer miner of the Tinton district and one of the outstanding characters of Deadwood's annual Days of '76 celebration, observed his 75th birthday in a quiet manner Friday.

The Fiddler Creek Social Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Fowler Thursday with the following present: Mrs. John Martens, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kraft, Mrs. Ed Fordyce, E. C. Utter and Verla and Mrs. Joe Fordyce. A fine dinner was served at noon after which the ladies held their business meeting and social hour. The men enjoyed playing cards.

Completion of remodeling work of the Hotel Antlers, now known as one of Wyoming's finest hotels, is announced this week by Mrs. Ethel Kinney, owner. The hotel now contains 40 rooms and six furnished apartments.

50 years ago Feb. 18, 1965

Pat Smith of Tri-State Engineering has been appointed to the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce to fill the position on the board vacated by Bing Bates. Floyd Harmon outlined the proposed plans for the membership drive.

Requiem Mass for Mrs. Dick Rawhouser was said Monday morning at the Corpus Christi Catholic Church.

Mrs. Pauline Marchant, Newcastle, receives a diamond clover pin from Arlowe Hulett, Weston county agricultural extension agent, during the 1965 State 4-H Leaders' Conference. The award honored Mrs. Marchant's 20 years of service in 4-H Club work.

From the Vault of the

Anna Miller Museum



Requiem Mass for Mary Tavegia was said Saturday morning at the Corpus Christi Catholic Church by Rev. George Tellez.

The Newcastle Dogies continue to run into trouble on their road trips this season as they dropped two games last weekend to Wheatland and Douglas. Friday night Wheatland dumped the Dogies 77 to 72, and Saturday evening Douglas also came from behind to win, 56 to 50.

Dogie Heavyweight Gary Peltz pinned Ed Edmundson of Wheatland in the final match of the evening Saturday to give the Dogies a 22 to 20 victory in a dual match.

Mr. and Mrs. Mick James, of the Morrisey area, entertained at an anniversary party or her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sedgwick of the Cheyenne River community, on last Monday, with about 50 guests present.

Bob Carr was helping John Hutt on Monday in the shop. While there, Hutt's barn caught fire. R.E.A. men were on hand, too, and it only took minutes to find the fire and extinguish it where it was smoldering in a partition. No great damage was done.

Lots of excitement on Monday, Mrs. Mick James had a fire from her dryer. By the time Mick got home she had the fire out, but the dryer & a couple of hats that lay on it aren't in very good shape.

Mrs. Jack (Kay) Linton has been appointed chairman of the hostess committee for the 1965 Miss Alaska pageant. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Townsend Jr. of Osage.

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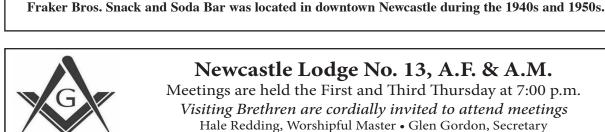
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Anyone wishing to submit an application for any of the above positions may contact the Weston County Clerk's Office, 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Anyone wishing to apply may submit a written letter of interest. Letters need to be received by 4:30 a.m. on March 13, 2015. This matter will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on March 17, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

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Denice Pisciotti

NLJ Reporter

Newcastle resident Elsa Hayman has lived in town and on the same street most of her life, with the exception of the few months she attended Barnes Business College in Denver, Colo.

"I've had a very blessed life because I had good parents, I had good siblings, I had good teachers, I had good employers, and I had very good spiritual directors," she told the News Letter Journal in an interview at her home last week. "I am a true native. I went to grade school and high school here. When I went to grade school it was still up on top of the hill. There were a ton of steps and they were wooden. That's where I graduated from eighth grade, and then I graduated high school in the old high school."

It was a small town then, where neighbors had a special bond, and though Newcastle has grown, Hayman says it retains its charm and friendliness.

"I love the people!" she explained. "Newcastle to me is still kind of a 'hometown' town."

Her parents, Giovanna and Dominic Trosello, were from Italy and integrated themselves into the American way of life. During the years their three children, Mike, Elsa and Patricia, were growing up, Italian was spoken and traditions were followed, but for the most part they merged into the American culture, their oldest daughter explained.

Hayman's father, like many immillong distance calls, too, from that

grants that came to Weston County, worked at the coal mine in Cambria. Since her parents moved here from Italy, she never had the opportunity to know any of her grandparents, which saddens her to this day.

"My father came when he was 18. He was fluent in the English language. He went over and they got married. The Pianos went over and she came back with them and they came through Ellis Island. My mother came here when she was 29 and she taught herself to read and write. My brother came here when he was 8," she said.

When she was growing up, she recalls, almost everything their family ate was grown by her father in a two-lot garden behind their house. Her mother canned the produce, which lasted them all year long.

"Mother would bake bread — that was a real treat — once a week. We'd come home and have rolls and jelly on Wednesday. Times were different. Pat and I talk, we didn't have much, but we were content. We had two loving parents, a roof over our head, and plenty to eat," Hayman recognized.

After graduating from Newcastle High School, and before that she went to business college, Hayman worked for the telephone company — she believes it was Mountain Bell - in the building that is now occupied by Hansen and Peck Law Office. She worked as an operator at the switchboard, connecting customers with the party they wished to call.

'You had to be there 24/7. I remember working at night down there a lot of times. We connected all the



Denice Pisciotti/NLJ

Elsa Hayman has lived nearly her entire life in Newcastle, on the same street she grew up on. In fact, she was born at the house next door!

office. My how times have changed!" she acknowledged.

In 1950 she married Jim Hayman from Oklahoma, who was in Weston County working in the oil field. A few

years after they were married, desiring a house of their own but realizing they were on a tight budget, they saw

— See **Hayman**, Page **7**

Senior Happenings

Weston County Senior Services

Feb. 19: Trip to The Lodge Feb. 19: Ceramics 1 p.m.

Feb. 20: Beltone Hearing Aid Clinic 9 a.m.

Feb. 20: Bridge Ladies 1 p.m. Feb. 21: Open Rec Room

Feb. 23: Visually Impaired Support Group

Meeting 1 p.m. Feb. 24: Mexican Train 1 p.m.

Feb. 25: Manor for Lunch

Feb. 25: Creative Handcrafters 1 p.m.

Feb. 26: Ceramics 1 p.m.

Feb. 26: Mexican Train 1 p.m. Feb. 27: Blood Pressure Check 9:30 a.m.

Feb. 27: Dance 7 p.m. Feb. 28: Open Rec Room

Weston County Manor

Feb. 19: Bowling 10:30 a.m.

Feb. 19: Al & The Gang 2 p.m. Feb. 20: Greedy 10:30 a.m.

Feb. 20: Bingo 2 p.m. Feb. 21: Name It 11 a.m.

Feb. 21: Movie 2 p.m.

Feb. 21: Bingo 6 p.m. Feb. 22: Church 2 p.m.

Feb. 23: Wii 10:30 a.m. Feb. 23: Crazy Cart 3 p.m.

Feb. 24: Keepsake Krafters 2 p.m. Feb. 24: Stories 4 p.m.

Feb. 25: Crossword 10:30 a.m. Feb. 25: Bingo 2 p.m.

Feb. 26: Quizball 10:30 a.m.

Feb. 26: Manicures 2 p.m.

Feb. 26: Men's Club 3:30 p.m.

Feb. 27: Bingo 2 p.m.

Feb. 27: Movie 6 p.m.

Feb. 28: Hangman 11 a.m.



Note: This list is not complete. For complete schedules see the event calendars at each

The 'old days' included potlucks — and plenty of wind



I Remember When

or the life of me, I can't seem to think of anything to write about, my mind keeps going back to North Dakota and the Old Days. It makes me wonder just how things could change so much in just one lifetime.

I can see now that I sure as heck would have been an awful addition to any meeting of Ladies Aid or the Home Maker's Club. I am eternally grateful not to be a farmer's wife — the only part I liked about that was getting to drive the tractor. My Dad must have had nerves of steel to let me drive anything at all! If I looked to the right I drove to the right; if I looked left, the tractor was soon chugging off that way, and I would crank on that steering



Donna Gochanour Photo

wheel hoping to get it back in the right place before anybody noticed. It was kind of exhilarating. Wheels and motors to turn them are wonderful things. It sure beat helping Mother wash

clothes or do dishes or any of that boring stuff.

Where we lived, in a small town in northern North Dakota, if you were not Norwegian and Lutheran, we had a ten-

dency to put you in a lower social bracket. Those People ate strange food and had different accents. Lutheran potlucks usually had a set menu, and it was White. White macaroni salad, white potato salad, white lefsa, white baked buns with chicken or egg salad, white cake with white icing. Jello was allowed to be red but it had white whipped cream on it, and I can't forget about Glorified Rice — yum!

I was reasonably sure that every young girl was trained in how to cook these things as a sort of a rite of passage, "no serious boy friends for you, young lady, you haven't done your homework yet!"

We cleaned the house on Saturday so it would be clean for Sunday visitors. Wash and wax floors, polish furniture, get some cookies baked to have with the coffee.

"Oh here comes a car down the driveway, quick, pick up those magazines and get your shoes back on, they're almost here."

Like we didn't just see them yesterday afternoon when the men were all waiting in line at the elevator to unload our wheat, everyone in dusty overalls and beat up caps or straw hats. Ladies were off to do the

week's grocery shopping. It was a different story on Sunday.

Suddenly Old Bigmouth from down the road or that uncle with a laugh like the bray of a donkey had become honored guests. The aim for us kids was to be polite as long as we could stand it, then head for the barn or some other place more comfortable where we didn't have to watch every word that came out of our mouths.

A lot of mangled Norwegian words resided in our vocabulary. A head scarf became a "Hodeaprogue" and let me tell you, I never found a word even close to it in my Norwegian/ English dictionary. I have no idea where it came from but if you said it, everyone knew what you were talking about. Everyone knows about "uffda," which designated a little thing like spilling something. "Uffda mai" was a worse thing, an expression of dismay and horror, but "Uffda mai nada faaun" was a "Really Bad" thing and, I discovered later on, contained one of the words that God would come down and strike you dead over. None of these are probably spelled right or even pronounced right, but everybody knew what it meant.

And yes, in wind-blown North Dakota, every girl and woman wore a head scarf. In 4-H class, we girls learned how to take a piece of material, usually a dishcloth, and pull the threads all the way around this square so that you had this fringe on the edges. Pretty darn classy! When I got older and got a waitress job I bought a silky headscarf at a store, and thus moved into the upper class — no more dish towels for me! Years later when we visited "back home" I came real close to buying another head scarf just to keep the hair on my head. It was a dangerous moment.

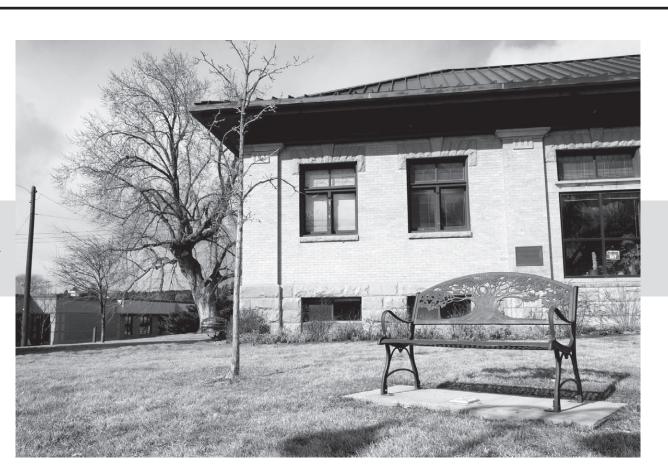
Well, even to this day, North Dakota is still "Back Home" and always will be to me. There are still fields of grain planted and farms out there, in spite of the fact that there's probably an oil well pumping away on the north quarter. If you look close, you can still see the old places we used to know, but it looks like the old one-room school house had seen its last days coming. On my last visit, our church was still beautifully kept. You could walk through there and say, "Howdy" to numerous relatives and maybe take a picture of their headstones, why I don't know! We knew where they were! But it's nice to remember.

We're proud to join the City of Newcastle in recognizing the 21st Century Club and Robin Fitch for the new benches on the Weston County Library lawn.

We're proud of the work we continue to do to improve the appearance of our Newcastle plant through cleanup and new construction and applaud others in Newcastle who demonstrate a desire to make it one of the most appealing communities in the Black Hills.









Tewcastle Middle School held their Science Fair on Friday, Jan. 30. Students that were awarded first, second or third place, along with 16 others who received Teacher's Choice Awards, were eligible to travel to Sheridan on Feb. 11 for the Regional Science Fair. First, second and third place winners from the regional competition will attend the Wyoming State Science Fair competition in March at the University of Wyoming. Both NMS Science Instructors Jody McCormack and Josh Peterson expressed pride in the skills of the students.

Newcastle Middle School Science Fair Results

8th Grade: Kaylee Sweet, 1st place Gavin Roady, 2nd place Kolby Pisciotti, 3rd place Reid Holmes, Honorable Mention

7th Grade: Shelby Stith, 1st Markie Whitney, 2nd Chloe Smith, 3rd Madison Pearson, Honorable Mention

6th Grade Asia Graham, 1st Neveah Bruggeman 2nd Kacy Jones, 3rd Kale Corley, Honorable Mention

SCIENCE SUCCESS

Above, Ryan Whipple, band instructor, listens as Mason Lydic explains his science fair exhibit at the Newcastle Middle School Science Fair Jan. 30. At right, Chris Johnson discusses his exhibit with state science fair coordinator Jov Johnson, who said she was excited to see such a wonderful level of work by the NMS students.

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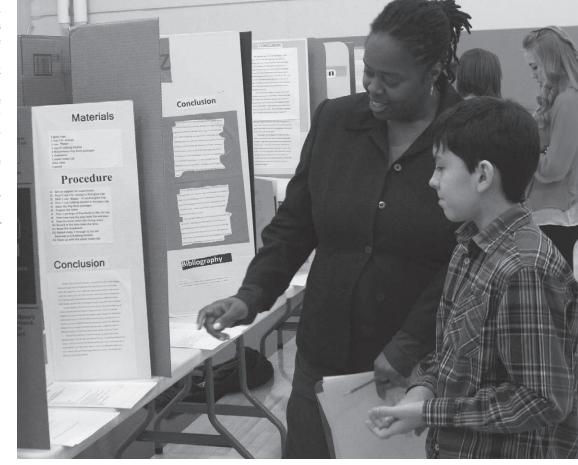
Middle School Regional Science **Fair Winners**

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Hayman from page 6 potential in the barn on her par-

ent's property and remodeled it into a house where she has lived ever since, even after she became a widow in 1987.

"This was an old barn and we remodeled it, and we lived here since 1953 or 1954. It was tiny for seven people, but we made it," she admitted. A couple of different times throughout the years they were able to remodel the basement and upstairs next to the main living area.

It was wonderful to live next to her mother, who was a widow and had to work to earn her living. Hayman admitted her children were blessed to have their grandmother living next door and were able to

spend time with her. "She did house cleaning. She worked almost to the day she died doing house work she didn't want to quit," recalled Hayman. "Not everyone lives next door to their parents, but we did. For the most part it

was just my mother. It worked both ways — she had to put up with a lot with my kids, but we tried to help her. I think she felt comfort knowing we were here if she needed something."

Four of her five children live in Newcastle. From her offspring, Katherine, Patrick, Jamie, William and Mary Jo, she now has 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren she is proud of.

One reason she loves Newcastle is because she can get any place in five or 10 minutes, either by car or by foot. With the proximity of her house to Corpus Christi Catholic Church she walks every day to Mass, except when there is an ice storm.

"The grace of God has blessed my life. I have been surrounded by many wonderful people all the way through [my life], beginning with my wonderful parents. They were the first formers of my faith," stated the Catholic.

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Halfway there ...

Alexis Shultz

NLJ Reporter

Wyoming legislators began working on the Supplemental Budget on Feb. 11, marking the halfway point for this year's General Session. The week of Feb. 11 was also the week that bills left their house of origin and crossed over to the other governing body.

"This process takes on a whole new meaning when you cannot be there to defend your bills, and have to depend on a Senate co-sponsor to defend a bill you've sponsored," admitted Rep. Tyler Lindholm.

Lindholm said he is impressed with Sen. Ogden Driskill and the fact that Driskill made the importance of this process known early in the session, and that he can rest easy knowing his bills are in good hands.

The Food Freedom Act, a bill sponsored by Lindholm, has already been seen by the Senate Agriculture Committee and is now approved to be heard on the Senate floor. This is the farthest that this controversial bill has made it through the Wyoming Legislature, which was championed by Rep. Sue Wallis before Lindholm. He stated that he owes the success of this year to the efforts of Wallis.

First reading for the Supplemental Budget and the short week caused by President's Day left much of this week's focus on the budget. Rep. Hans Hunt reported that most of the day Wednesday was spent on the first reading of the budget, with the discussion carrying over to Thursday. Lindholm indicated that amendments to the budget are not allowed to be discussed during first reading.

"The last I checked, we had over 40 amendments to read through and vote on," Lindholm announced, continuing that this will certainly bring a busy work week for the legislators in Chevenne.

Lindholm confessed that there is one amendment that he will be pushing especially hard for, that addresses the extension of the timeline in which state funds can be used to kill pine beetle infected trees. Currently the deadline is June 30 of this year, and this amendment would extend the deadline to the end of this year. This would provide for the availability of necessary funds during a crucial part of the year to local agencies who are struggling with the beetle infestation. He then confirmed that this amendment is completely budget neutral, as it does not require any further funding for this year.

Lindholm described this year's budget as extremely slim compared to the last several years, and he reported that, in fact, this is the smallest budget that Wyoming has seen in two decades. One feature of this budget is the prioritized expenditures that they have in Cheyenne that will only be funded if revenue is received.

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Week 5 of the 63rd Wyoming **Legislative Session**

To date:

- 410 bills numbered this session · House introduced 257 bills House passed 157 third
- reading bills · Senate introduced 151 bills
- · Senate passed 103 third reading bills

Total bills remaining at crossover 260

Sources: Rep. Tyler Lindholm, Wyoming Legislative Service Office

"Wyoming will remain in the black, while maintaining the same level of service the voters have grown to expect," proclaimed Lindholm.

A news release from the Wyoming Legislative Service Office outlined the timeline for the Supplemental Budget, with second reading beginning this week and third reading scheduled for Feb. 19. Then both legislative bodies will have to work on reconciling their differences in the final House and Senate versions in a joint conference committee. After each chamber votes to approve the conference committee's actions, the bill will be sent to Gov. Matt Mead for his consideration.

The release also indicated that the Wyoming Legislature continues to encourage the public to participate in the legislative process, adding that a complete list of active bills and the ability to track their progress is available at ww.wyoleg.gov.

School Board from page 1

but in the end Lambert was the one who took the open seat in

the board room. people of Weston County get

four choices for one job like the one we just had tonight. We are incredibly blessed in this county and school district to have four candidates of this caliber come forward," said WCSD #1 Board

Chairman Bob Bonnar. Trustee Tom Wright made the motion for Lambert to fill the rest of the two-year term until the next general election, with a second from trustee Joe Corley. The unanimous ballot was approved by all eight trustees. Lambert was then sworn in by the attorney for WCSD #1, Don Hansen, and immediately took a seat with

the board. Prior to a board discussion in an executive session, WCSD #1 Board of Trustees had an informal question and answer period with all four candidates given the opportunity to speak. The first question was posed asked each of them why they put forth a letter of intent for the position to serve the county and the students in WCSD #1.

Lambert was the first to speak, answering that the choice was something she thought about for a while, but in the end she decided to apply for the open seat because of her grandchildren.

'The board is a really awesome active, enthusiastic board. I think it all trickles down into those kids. The teachers are great, employees and janitors, and it all starts here. I think it would be rewarding for me just to look at a kid with their smiles," Lambert replied.

Proctor said he moved his family here in 1976 not intending to stay until he became involved in the community — then he couldn't find a reason to leave. He recognized the difficult job the trustees have in molding children they don't even see.

"You are doing something really special, and I just thought

seat. It was not an easy choice, back to the community for the candidates for their interest, giving me all that they have," Proctor said.

Lunney, who was a member Boy, I hope someday the of the board twice in the past and only left the position recently when he chose not to run again in November, stated his desire is to make a positive difference for students and employees.

The last candidate, Greg Lassle, indicated he has been in the community for two years. He viewed joining the WCSD #1 board as a great opportunity to serve the community. Echoing some of the other answers, he also stated he wants to give back to community.

"The kids are our future. We owe them the opportunities that we have been given. That is why I want to serve," Lassle concluded.

When asked by recently elected board member Corley why she did not run for the recent election, Lambert explained the thought process she went through and her concern that it might look odd for her to run for a seat on the board her husband, Bill Lambert, just left.

All three of the other candidates indicated that they didn't want the seat to remain empty, and also wanted the trustees to have a choice of who to put in the open seat.

When Trustee John Riesland asked the candidates what they thought would be the most challenging decision they would have to make as a school board trustee, Lambert responded quickly.

"I know from watching Bill the most difficult thing for him to do was expelling kids for drugs. That was difficult, and it was a lot of soul searching. It was heartbreaking looking at the eyes of the mothers and the fathers. I mean, it was tough. That was the most difficult," she stated.

The most rewarding thing would be when parents or students would say thank you.

Recently re-elected board

attended to apply for the open maybe that is my way of giving member Dean Johnson thanked and asked if they had thought about running again for another two years when this two-year term was finished.

All four agreed it would be a possibility and they would run again and continue serving on the board.

"I would like to say yes firmly, but I would like to see first if I would even be effective on the board. I would say probably I would," Lambert answered.

Bonnar stated he struggles with making a decision about who should be in the vacant seat, because it is the voter's job. Because the board has had to make this decision twice in the last few months, he directly asked them if they would have a problem with making a commitment for the next two years. None of the candidates hesitated, each replying in the affirmative.

When Wright turned the tables and asked the candidates what questions the trustees should have asked of them, Lambert replied that she would have asked if her husband had talked her into it.

"I can honestly say, no, he did not talk me into it," she stated with a smile.

Board governance training had been scheduled for the evenings of Feb. 16 and Tuesday Feb. 17. Each of the four interested parties were asked before a decision was made if they would be available to attend the training the following week.

"It really is important. It defines the relationship between the board and the superintendent, which is really our job. That is where our interaction is primarily with the superintendent. It lays out how we interact with the community, how we interact with each other. Without an issue in front of us that has us passionate and following our guts, you take the issues out of it and determine, this is how we will act, this is how we will conduct ourselves as a board and board members," Bonnar acknowledged.



Alexis Shultz/NLJ

Donna Howard, director at FOCUS, talks to Newcastle High School students about teen violence during an assembly Feb. 12 at the school. February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.

Teen Violence from page 1.....

the county experience physical abuse from a dating partner in a single year.

The Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month website explains why there is a concentration specifically on teen violence, because females between the ages of 16 and 24 experience the highest rate of partner violence, and that among females, 94 percent of those ages 16-19 and 70 percent of those age 20 to 24 were victimized by either a current or past lover.

The Find Youth Information website, findyouthinfo.gov, clarified that both boys and girls experience teen dating violence and often individuals report that both partners committed aggressive acts during the course of the relationship. It proceeds to report that there is inconsistency in studies that have focused on violence by gender, but does include that, according to the most recent Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Survey males suffered a higher rate females did.

The site states that, while gender-specific findings are inconsistent, the research suggests that girls suffer more physical damage from assault, and that boys rarely report likely to laugh off aggressive acts. Girls also tend to suffer long-term negative consequences that include suicide attempts, depression, and substance use.

The Teen Dating Violence Month website also conveyed that violent behavior often begins between the ages of 12 and 18, and the severity of intimate partner violence is often greater in cases where the pattern is established at a young age. Along with these unsettling facts, they report that roughly 72 percent of eighth- and ninth-graders are dating.

Another major issue, according to the Teen Dating Violence Month website, is the lack of awareness surrounding the issue. Some shocking statistics are posted about parents and the topic of rela-

MORE INFORMATION:

- CDC's Dating Matters: Strategies to Promote Healthy Teen Relationships: www.cdc.gov/ violenceprevention/ datingmatters
- National Dating Abuse Helpline and Love is Respect: 1-866-331-9474 or text 77054 or www.loveisrespect.org
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System data, 11th-grade According to the website, 81 percent of parents believe that of teen dating violence then violence among teens in relationships is not an issue, or admit that they do not know if it is an issue.

"One in four dating teenagers is abused or harassed by their partners, either online or through text messages," physical harm and are more Howard reported, noting that this is only one form of teen dating violence. She continued that one in three of these students, who experience some sort of abuse, report it, while two out of three never report the abuse.

> She told the students that if national averages are accurate, then at Newcastle High School 59 of the teens attending the facility are victims of some sort of abuse by their dating partner.

Howard, when asked about the situation specifically in Newcastle, told the students that in her year as director of FOCUS she has personally helped five teens who were reporting some kind of dating violence, and that those are only the ones that had visited with her directly. She mentioned that, statistically, only one in three report, so the tionship violence among teens. number of incidents is greater

an issue in our community and she has had teens come to her to talk about it. Both women informed those in attendance that teen dating violence often turns into domestic violence, and that domestic violence is

Emotional violence includes acts in which one partner calls names, isolates you from your friends and family, threatens either suicide or to kill their partner, or embarrasses, puts down or shames the other person in the relationship. Sexual violence is the act of forcing a partner to engage in sexual activities that they do not consent to, or creating and spreading rumors if the partner refuses to participate

in the acts. "Unhealthy relationships can start early and last a lifetime," Howard professed. She added that those who are experiencing any form of teen dating violence are encouraged to talk to an adult they trust, or

even a friend. To bring further focus to the issue of teen dating violence, the FOCUS team provided and passed out orange silicone bracelets to the students at both the high school and middle school that say, "RESPECT. GIVE IT. GET IT," which is the slogan for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. FOCUS also hung orange ribbons down the poles on main street and a banner addressing the issue.

Howard also clarified for the students that FOCUS is an agency involved directly with advocacy of victims, and they do not have anything to do with the actual prosecution of a case if someone who does report a crime decides to press charges. She added that she works very closely with law enforcement, and the FOCUS staff would be the ones that would deal with the issue in a legal matter.

Teens who are suffering from any form of teen dating violence are encouraged to seek help. Anyone can call FOCUS as (307) 746-2746 to speak to an advocate. There are also multiple national hotlines

then five.

Pruitt also agreed that this is also an issue in Weston County.

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because the buses ran and kids were able to get Day, Thanksgiving, President's Day, Memorial there. If we needed somebody that wasn't there by 9:30 a.m. we were looking for them. The late starts worked much, much better for us, but the kids that didn't need to be there had a little breakfast club, and as long they were getting good grades, we didn't need to chase them," answered NHS Principal Tracy Ragland.

The toughest piece of the puzzle, LaCroix stated, in his 22 years of working with children, is how to make help available, but not make it look like a punishment. Several ideas have been tried, such as study halls and enhancement time, however, the whole idea is to open up time for students to have the opportunity to receive the assistance they need.

"It is one of those things at the high school level they want to go eat lunch, they want to go do something early, they want to go fishing and they want to go elk hunting. That truly is my job as a parent, and your job as a parent, to control that," LaCroix said.

The 2015-2016 school year will begin on Aug. 26, with the last day of school for students on May 27. The usual holidays will be observed: Labor

Day. March 24 will be a staff development day followed by no school the following day in observance of Good Friday, and will resume March 30.

LaCroix noted one thing that didn't work well with the calendar is Christmas, which falls at the end of the week, so instead of two weeks of break the students will be in session on Monday, Dec. 21, with early dismissal on Dec. 22 and resuming classes on Jan. 4. Concern for attendance is usually the reason they stay away from one- or two-day school weeks, but it couldn't be avoided this time. The plan includes holding Christmas parties on the last week, which he hopes will increase attendance.

"I am an advocate for as much student-teacher time as we can possibly get. Some of these things that we do that are dictated to us are taken away, and it really bothers me. But I am pretty happy with the calendar," concluded Trustee Dean Johnson. All trustees were in favor of the recommended school calendar.

The newly approved 2015-2016 calendar is available at the WCSD #1 website, weston1.k12.wy.us.

Governor recognizes Wyoming Cowboy Hall of Fame

The Wyoming Cowboy Hall of Fame was expressly recognized and complimented by Gov. Matt Mead during his recent State of the State speech in Cheyenne.

Mead personally selected Russell "Pinky" Walter of Lingle, whose vision for founding this Cowboy Hall of Fame began in the state's Centennial Year, to represent WCHF at the Capitol on that special day.

"I felt very honored to have been invited to the State of the State speech by the governor," Walters reported.

"There was maybe eight or 10 people invited there. I was very humbled to have the legislative body give me a standing ovation. It was even more amazing that Kody's government class in high school here watched it the next day. I guess it is on some website at the state. I don't know why they picked me to be there, but it was a heck of an honor for this old cowboy!"

That kind of recognition and appreciation shown at the state level is very encouraging for the fledgling organization. Walter said, "I feel that we are

now on our way, with the WCHF being recognized by the state's leaders."

The WCHF is presently canvassing for nominations of worthy individuals for consideration as 2015 honorees. Nominations opened Jan. 1 and will close the end of March. Everyone in the state knows a ranching pioneer or hardworking grassroots cowboy or cowgirl worthy of being honored, and this is the time to do your part by getting their name in the nominations pool, urged the group's publicist, Rhonda Sedgwick Stearns.

"It's a very easy task. Simply visit www.wyomingcowboyhalloffame. com/nomination/ and a user-friendly form will appear for you to fill out," Stearns indicated. "If you have problems or questions, go to www.wyomingcowboyhalloffame.com/regioncontact-information/ and contact a committee or board member in your region for assistance."

Sedgwick Stearns pointed out that there are plenty of people who deserve recognition, but it won't happen without action.

"The WCHF board is eager to honor deserving men and women from across the Cowboy State, but someone must nominate them before they can be considered. Gov. Mead, "Pinky" Walter and the other WCHF officers and board members are counting on you to provide those nominations," Stearns said.

Walters expounded positively, "I think this organization will do amazing things in the future with the board members we have and the enthusiasm everybody has towards this program."

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Grant awarded for early education

"We believe that a quality early education provides the foundation for a child's success in public school. It is critical that we establish strong partnerships with our school districts as we develop and implement our goals/objectives for kindergarten readiness," stated Jane Rhoades, executive director of the Weston County Children's Center/Region III Developmental Services.

In May of 2012, Weston County School District #1 and WCCC/Region III began the Newcastle Early Childhood Partnership in an effort to support and strengthen kindergarten readiness. The organizational meeting was facilitated by Becca Steinhoff, executive director of WY Kids First, who led the group in identifying three outcomes they feel are essential to preparing children for school success:

- Review and update Readiness Kindergarten Checklist;
- · Conduct transition meetings for all children entering kindergarten from preschool; and
- Align preschool curriculum with school district curriculum.

The partnership, which includes school district and WCCC/Region III administrative staff, kindergarten and preschool teachers, private child care providers and parents, continues to actively move forward with a focus on school success for children and improving family and community partnerships.

WCSD #1 Elementary School Principal Brandy Holmes offered, "Although our community is small enough to know all of the preschool and child care providers, the partnership allows us to gather as a group. Being able to meet in person to openly visit and share ideas facilitates a collaborative approach, which has a positive impact on children enrolling in our public school system and their families."

WCSD #7 and WCCC/ Region III have begun organizing the Upton Early Childhood Partnership. Kindergarten readiness and school success for all children will lead the group's discussions in achieving and sustaining determined outcomes, developing strategies for supporting, engaging and encouraging families and sharing resources. Dr. Summer Stephens, superintendent of WCSD #7, stated, "We are harnessing the power of collaboration to bring the best learning opportunities to the children of Upton."

Early this past summer, the Newcastle and Upton Early Childhood partnerships learned of an opportunity made possible through the 2014 Wyoming State Legislature appropriation of \$665,000 for grants that support communities in ensuring children are ready to be successful in school. When notification of the Early Childhood Community Partnership Grant was released in August, WCCC/Region III and both Weston County school districts saw the opportunity to strengthen the communication and collaboration that exists to ensure children are successful in school. Representatives of the elementary schools, WCCC/ Region III and others in the communities met to determine community needs, community stakeholders and available resources, then began their work on the Weston County Early Childhood Community Partnership Grant. Their proposal, which includes expansion of preschool opportunities, support for community private providers, support for families and improving child outcomes toward kindergarten readiness, was submitted Oct. 1, 2014. Last month, WCCC/Region III received the contract for the requested amount of \$50,000.

"Approval of this grant will allow us to strengthen our support for families and private providers in our work to deliver quality early childhood education programs and environments that result in school success," commented a representative from the Weston County Early Childhood Partnership.

Preschool scholarships are available for children ages 2 through 5 in Newcastle and Upton, and will include summer preschool enrichment. For more information, call Rhoades at 746-4560.

Fair Board from page 1.....

and in the absence of a president, Vice President Deveraux ran the February meeting until a president was named. Board member Zane Marty nominated Janet Perino as president, and without any more nominations it was an unanimous decision to elect her to the position. Marty also nominated Deveraux as vice president for another year, which was another undisputed nomination and election.

However, the next two positions, that of secretary and treasurer, were not uncontested. Deveraux nominated Schmoker for secretary and Perino nominated new board member Ellen McKenzie. Schmoker received the most votes, staying in her current position.

Deveraux nominated McKenzie for treasurer, while Schmoker nominated Marty for the same position. McKenzie was voted in as the new treasurer with a three to two vote.

Snow from page 1...

Jason Nehl, resource specialist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The areas closest to Weston County are closer to average than most other locations in the Black Hills, with only two other locations, North Rapid Creek and Upper Spearfish, reaching over the 100 percent mark.

'We have not checked the snow depths for two weeks, so the depths shown in the Feb. 1 report will no doubt look better than actual conditions today," Nehl told the News Letter Journal on Feb. 12, when asked if the recent high temperatures would have affected the total snow pack.

"If this warm and dry trend continues, we may see slightly

the 30-year average," reported below average stream flows this spring and summer," Nehl reported. He continued that this short-term warm and dry trend can easily turn around, since typically the wettest months for the Black Hills are coming up.

Nehl added that they are not anticipating a water shortage in reservoirs, especially larger ones, due to the moisture carryover from the above average SWE of last year, but admitted that they are expecting slightly less than average stream flows for this spring and summer.

"We cannot predict whether this is a short-term trend, or whether it will persist and develop into drought conditions and/or a high risk fire season at this point," Nehl concluded.

Schedule

Wrestling 2/20-21 3A East Regionals, Douglas 2/27-28 3A State Championships, Casper

Boys Basketball

V9 Glenrock Herders 4PM V9 Rawlins Outlaws V9 Douglas Bearcats 3A East Regionals, RawlinsTBA 3A State Championships

Girls Basketball V9 Glenrock Herders V9 Rawlins Outlaws

4PM Noon Douglas Bearcats 3A East Regionals, Rawlins 3A State Championships, Casper

The Score

7th Grade 'A' Team Newcastle 41, Moorcroft 8 Newcastle 39 Lead 21 Newcastle 32. Buffalo 42 Newcastle 45, Wright 19

8th Grade Newcastle 46, Moorcroft 14 Newcastle 46, Lead 21 Newcastle 40. Buffalo 48 Newcastle 35, Glenrock 52

All about the love

Talentine's Day is all about the love, right? For the last 16 years, Valentine's Day has involved basketball at some level, whether I was coaching or watching my kids, but I always have made sure the kids had a little something to make their day special.



Karpe Dogie

When they were younger, it was really easy to make their day with a cute little stuffed animal and some candy, but as they have gotten

older the challenge has become what to give them. They are busy, I am busy, and they really don't care a whole lot for stuffed bears, puppies or kitties anymore.

This year has been busy as usual. They each had basketball games on Friday night and Saturday night, so I was really struggling with how to make their Valentine's Day special.

Those who know me, know that I am an animal lover. To compound that, I have many friends who are animal lovers as well, so they are aware of my weakness for the four-legged furry creatures.

At any rate, a few months back, my daughter began asking for another furry baby to join our already furry household. We have a very large and lovey 8-year-old cat, and two 11-year-old dogs — a Shih Tzu and a Dachshund.

All of these pets have a story. The Shih Tzu was our first pet and I came by him totally on a whim. My cousin had a litter of pups that were ready to find their "furever" homes and there was one pup who had a grim future.

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Holding their own

Sonja Karp

NLJ Sports Reporter

The final regular season for the Newcastle/Upton wrestling squad was full of positives for the team, yet disappointing on the scoreboard.

On Thursday, Feb. 12, the Wheatland Bulldogs came to town with a nearly full roster, while the Dogies were short on competitors due to injury and illness.

"The only reason we lost the dual was giving up so many points in forfeits," head coach Lee McCoy sighed. "We were sorely missing Zach Schuessler, Bryce Womack and Nick Bock from the lineup this week. Having those guys healthy would've made a huge difference in the score," he said with confidence.

To start the match, the Dogies had to double forfeit in the 106-pound weight class prior to even seeing a competitor hit the mat.

However, when Trayton Dawson, also wrestling at 106, matched up against his competitor, he set the tone for what the Dogies could do, defeating his opponent with a pin in just 37 seconds.

Donovan Prell (113), Preston Rusthton (132) and

Ricky Larson (138) also won by pin.

Bradon Rushton (145) made his return to competition after a shoulder injury kept him on the sidelines, with a win by forfeit.

"Donovan Prell had an outstanding comeback win! He was down 12-3 and pinned his opponent to the end of the match," McCoy exclaimed.

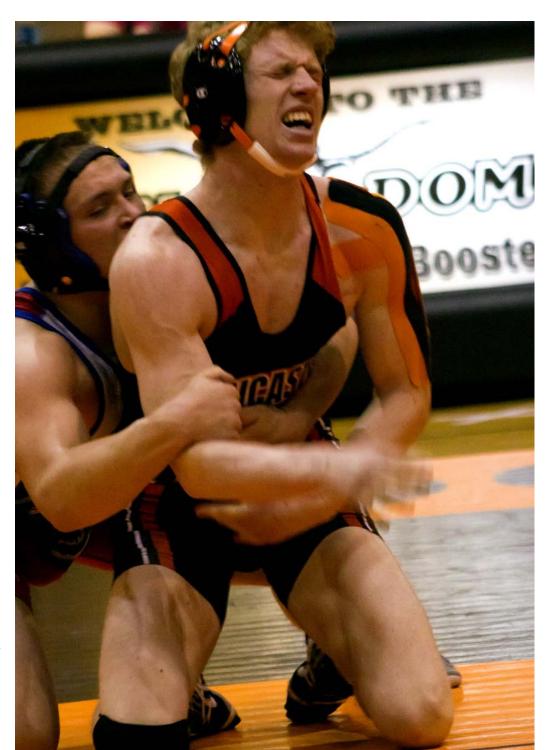
Dennon Parks (120) lost his match by decision, while Jacob Hobbs (126) and Wyatt Corley (152) lost their matches by pin.

From the 160 to the 285 weight classes, the Dogies had to forfeit eight matches — and that was the difference in the final team outcome of 30-39.

"We didn't wrestle exceptionally well. There were instances in our matches where we weren't putting moves together to clear the bottom position. Also, we were not attacking on our feet," McCoy

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Denice Pisciotti/NLJ Bradon Rushton works on an escape in Douglas last weekend. He was one of four Dogies to post a victory over the Bearcats.



Never give up

Sonja Karp

NLJ Sports Reporter

struggle was real. Facing up against but had dug a hole that still left them two teams who are playing very well, down, 23-58. and are loaded with athletes, made the match-ups against 3A Northeast Quadrant opponents, the fifth-ranked Buffalo Bison and the No. 1 ranked Worland Warriors very daunting.

"These were two tough basketball games against very solid, talented teams," acknowledged head coach Allen Von Eye.

The first game was a rematch in Buffalo against the Bison on Friday, Feb. 13, and the Bison opened up the game on an offensive whirlwind outscoring the Dogies by 19 to end the first quarter up, 23-4.

In the second, the Dogies were able to slow the Bison down a little bit, but were unable to match their offensive effort and went into the locker room at the half down, 13-43.

"Buffalo played very well defensively, and when they come out shooting the ball that well, it's tough," sighed Von Eye. "We got a little shell shocked early and couldn't buy a bucket, so that certainly didn't help,"

he added wryly.

Coming out of the half, the Dogies settled in a bit and were able to close For the Dogies this weekend, the the scoring gap to respectable 10-15

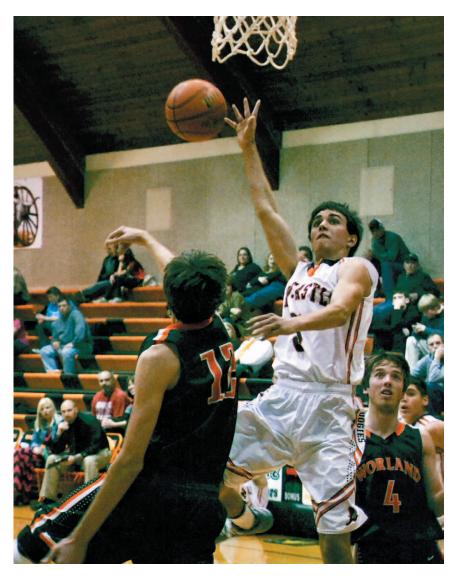
In the final quarter, the Bison continued their offensive dominance to close out the game 69-28 over the Dogies.

"I thought that our guys battled until the end, and that's really all you can ask from your team," Von Eye nodded. "Down the stretch we were still fighting, getting on the floor, and that's you what you really want to see out of your kids regardless of the adversity they face, they just don't give up.

Dillon Ehlers led the Dogies in scoring with 12 points and eight rebounds, followed by Colton Sweet

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Sonja Karp/NLJ Colton Sweet rises in the lane against the top-ranked Worland Warriors in the Dogie Dome on Saturday. Worland's defense made it tough on the Dogies all night.



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Tough losses for the Lady Dogies

Sonja Karp **NLJ Sports Reporter**

Though it was Valentine's Day weekend, the Lady Dogies were certainly not feeling the love as they were handed two tough losses on a big regional seeding weekend.

On Friday, Feb. 13, the team travelled to Buffalo to see if they could complete a regular season sweep of the Lady Bison as Newcastle came out on top the last time these two teams met.

The outcome of the game was an important one for regional tournament seeding purposes. With a win, the Lady Dogies would have secured a third seed, but with a loss that position would be up for grabs.

Both teams knew how important this game was, and so it was hard-fought and full of excitement for the fans. Throughout the course of the competition there were eight ties, seven lead changes and never more than an eight point difference between the scores.

The first quarter was neck and neck, but the Lady Dogies found themselves down 5-7 as the quarter ended.

The second was a battle that saw four of the seven lead changes and one tie, and Newcastle was able to close the gap to 16-17 to close out the half.

Buffalo went on a little run in the third quarter to pull ahead by seven points, the Lady Dogies cut it to two, yet found themselves down once again, 26-30.

The fourth and final quarter was a battle. The game was tied three times and was at 38-38 with 1:58 to play.

At that crucial point in the game there were some questionable calls, then a dead ball technical foul call with under a minute to play gave the Lady Bison the upper hand. Given the short time remaining there was just not enough for the Lady Dogies to make up the point swing, so they ended up dropping the game, 41-46.

"Obviously that's a tough loss to take. We knew how important that game was, and we also felt like we were well prepared and ready to go there, execute our game plan, and

Newcastle @ Buffalo Feb. 13, 2015 Final Score: 41-46 Alyssa Dawson: 16 points, 6 rebounds Scottlyn Wiggins: 2 points, 5 rebounds, 3

Kendra Back: 2 points, 2 rebounds

assists, 1 steal

assists, 2 steals Bailey Karp: 2 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist Abi Deveraux: 4 rebounds, 1 steal Rachel Henkle: 2 points, 5 rebounds, 1

Newcastle v. Worland Feb. 14, 2015 Final Score: 28-63 Alvssa Dawson: 9 points, 4 rebounds,

Kaprina Jones: 2 points, 1 rebound

Scottlyn Wiggins: 2 points, 2 rebounds Kendra Back: 1 rebound. 1 assist Abby Gray: 9 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist

Bailey Karp: 3 rebounds Abi Deveraux: 2 rebounds, 1 assist Rachel Henkle: 1 point, 1 rebound Rachel Ehlers: 1 steal Kaprina Jones: 4 points, 2 rebounds Alyssa Umphlett: 3 points, 1 assist Sarah Henkle: 1 rebound

come out on top," stated head coach Tyler Bartlett. "But there were those calls late in the game and the big call with under a minute that gave them four freethrows and the ball that I still can't wrap my head around," he frowned.

Bartlett also conceded that the team knows they are not in control of how the game is called.

"All we're in control of is how hard we play and how well we execute, and we didn't do enough to win that game. I hope that it will serve as a good learning experience about taking care of the little things in order to win close games," he finished.

Alyssa Dawson led the team in scoring with 16 points and six rebounds, followed by Abby Gray with 15 points and three rebounds. Scottlyn Wiggins, Bailey Karp, Kendra Back, Rachel Henkle and Kaprina Jones rounded out the scoring, putting up two points each.

On Saturday, Feb. 14, the Lady Warriors came to town for the Lady Dogies' second rematch of the weekend.

The last time these two teams played it ended with Worland on top, so Newcastle was looking to even the score. However, that was not to be. In fact, the game ended quite similarly to the first match-up.



Sonja Karp/NLJ

Bailey Karp looks to distribute the ball from the baseline in Buffalo last week.

perfect storm of Worland playing extremely well and us playing very poorly," sighed Bartlett. "They were in sync from the start, whereas we were struggling to get into a rhythm."

The coach phrased the game perfectly as the Lady Dogies really just couldn't get shots to fall, and couldn't seem to stop the Lady Warriors' offensive

Newcastle could only muster 10 points in the first half, compared to Worland's 29.

The second half saw more of the same, with the Lady Warriors dominating on both ends of the court, and the Lady Dogies dropped their second game of the weekend, 28-63.

"I thought the effort was better than the scoreboard might indicate, but that's because we didn't execute very well on either end. We have to get better defensively, especially in stopping penetration and rebounding missed shots. Offensively, we have to find more ways to score besides expecting a couple of players to provide all the scoring," Bartlett analyzed.

Dawson and Gray were the two players that the coach was referring to, and they once again led scoring with nine points each. Jones was the next Lady "I think that was really a Dogie in the scoring category with four points, followed by Alyssa Umphlett with three points, Wiggins with two points and Henkle with one point.

"I think there's some frustration on our part right now, and I think that can be a good thing," stated Bartlett with positivity. "We know we're capable of being a better team than what we're showing right now, and I think the challenge going forward is to find that spark that will get us back on the right track."

This week, the Lady Dogies will host two Southeast Quadrant teams that they have not yet seen this season. On Friday, Feb. 20, the Lady Herders from Glenrock will come to town and then on Saturday, Feb. 21, Newcastle will take on the No. 1 ranked 3A Lady Outlaws from Rawlins in early games in the Dome.

"There are some talented athletes on our team who have put a lot of work into this season, and I'm hoping they'll remember how much work they've put in and realize how talented they are, and get a little confidence going," said Bartlett about his team going forward. "I think a little confidence and a little more aggression on both ends of the floor will go a long way for us as we come to the close of the regular season."

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and Cam Quigley with five points each, with Taylor Allen, Cooper Karp and Mason Pisciotti each contributing two points to round out the scoring.

On Saturday, Feb. 14, the Worland Warriors showed the Newcastle home crowd that their No. 1 ranking is legit as they rolled over the Dogies with what was a most impressive show of offensive and defensive basketball prowess.

With five players on the floor at any given time who can score from the perimeter as well as on the bounce, the Warriors are a challenging team to defend, and the Dogies certainly were faced with that challenge.

With three minutes to remain in the first quarter, Newcastle was yet to get on the board and Worland had already racked up 16 points as they closed out the quarter up 26-3 over the Dogies.

In the second quarter, the Warriors continued their offensive dominance, outscoring the Dogies by 16 to extend the lead to 50-11 to end the half.

Shortly into the third quarter,

The Stats

Newcastle @ Buffalo Feb. 13. 2015 Final Score: 28-69 Dillon Ehlers: 12 points, 8 rebounds, 2 Colton Sweet: 5 points 2 rebounds 2

Taylor Allen: 2 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist,

Cam Quigley: 5 points, 3 rebounds, 3 Triston Roberson: 4 rebounds, 1 steal Cooper Karp: 2 points Dawson Norton: 1 rebound Mason Pisciotti: 2 points, 2 rebounds

Newcastle v. Worland Feb. 14, 2015 Final Score: 24-64 Dillon Ehlers: 3 rebounds, 1 steal Colton Sweet: 8 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 block

Taylor Allen: 5 points, 6 rebounds

Cam Quigley: 4 points, 6 rebounds, 2 Triston Roberson: 3 points, 2 rebounds,

Cooper Karp: 3 points, 2 rebounds Dawson Norton: 1 rebound Mason Pisciotti: 1 point, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 block

Worland extended their lead to 40 points over Newcastle, which then engaged the Mercy Rule, meaning that there was a running clock for the remainder of the game.

In the final two quarters of

the game, Worland only outscored the Dogies 14-13, so closed out the game up 64-24.

"I thought that we did a really good job on the Nicholas kid, one of the premier 3A players in the state, but when you can throw four other guys onto the court who can score, it makes it really difficult to defend," Von Eye stated. "It's games like these that really challenge your fortitude and your mental toughness, and I was so proud of how our guys never gave up and continued to battle. That says a great deal about their character and their toughness," he beamed.

The coach also noted that his team is very competitive and hates to lose, so that made him all the more proud of how they were able to remain positive in light of the weekend's tough

Sweet led the scoring for the first time this season with eight points, followed by Allen with five points, Quigley with four points and rounding out the scoring was Karp and Triston Roberson with three points each, and Pisciotti with one point.

With the league as tough as it is this year, the Dogies are facing another very daunting weekend coming up as they take on the No. 2 ranked Glenrock Herders in Glenrock on Friday, Feb. 20, then turn around and host the No. 4 ranked Outlaws from Rawlins in early games on Saturday,

"There's no rest for the weary," laughed Von Eye. "Realistically, the teams we face in these two weeks are probably the four hottest, and best teams in 3A right now, regardless of East or West, and the squads we are up against this weekend are very different. Glenrock is going to be very disciplined and patient and Rawlins is going to be very fast-paced and push the ball."

With that in mind, the Dogies know that they simply must prepare to play their game and do what they can to get in the way of the Herders' and the Outlaws' weapons.

Karp from page 11.....

He was the biggest of the bunch, but he had name, but decided that I would just morph a heart murmur, which made him ineligible to breed or sell.

Though I hadn't given thought one to actually acquiring a pet, I couldn't resist the cute little guy who not only shared a birthday with my son, but also a medical condition with my daughter.

So I brought him home ...

After a few years, I decided that I missed having a cat in the house. Growing up I always had a cat, and my very best furfriend for as long as I could remember was my cat, Napoleon. He was the best ever, and I really wanted my kids to have that same experience, so I just had to pick up the next fur child to join the family for my daughter's birthday.

That's when Bridgette joined the family, and his story is truly an amusing one. Yes, I said HIS story. Up until his "change of life" surgery, all who met little Bridgette felt certain that he was a she. It wasn't until he was on the table that the gender mistake was discovered. I debated changing his

it into his first and middle name and he became Bridge It.

At that point I felt as though our household was complete with one dog and one cat. However, my friend Kara, whom we affectionately call the crazy dog lady, turned me on to rescuing older dogs.

Truly, I was pretty solid in my refusal of her many tempting presentations of dogs who needed a home until she showed me Max, a 9-year-old red Dachshund. The reason that this particular dog lit a spark for me was that my cousins had a red Dachshund named Max, whom I really loved when I was little.

I made my interest in him known, but by the time the process was put into motion he was gone. I was bummed out at the loss, but then I decided it was all for the best.

A few months later, Kara came to me with a smile on her face and told me that Max was available once again, so I figured it was fate telling me that he should be

mine, and he was pet number three to join the household.

Now, one might think that three pets is plenty, and one might be right in that thought. I certainly was satisfied with that number until I saw our latest addition.

Valentine's Day was upon us and I was unsure of what to give the kids. We had toyed with the idea of getting another cat, but I was very particular what I wanted. It had to be a boy, and it had to have a story.

Cut to our newest member of the family. On Saturday, Malcolm the polydactyl kitten joined the Karp household. He has an extra toe on each of his front paws, he is playful and talkative, he is a lover, and in the course of four days he has taken over the household and stolen our

The older fur boys are adjusting to having a baby in the house, and the twolegged members of the household are totally in love.

I don't care what anybody says — Valentine's Day rocks!

Dogie Basketball



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Back row from left: Coach Matt Conzelman, Manager Sharla Lax, Manager Daytona Bennett, Head Coach Allen VonEye, Coach Scott Beehler. Middle row from left: Taylor Allen, Cooper Karp, Alec Martinez, Vincent Oedekoven, Alec Walker, Dawson Norton. Front row from left: Triston Roberson, Dillon Ehlers, Cameron Quigley, Chandler Burd, Paul Lambert, Kaullen Sundstrom, Colton Sweet.



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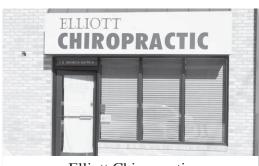
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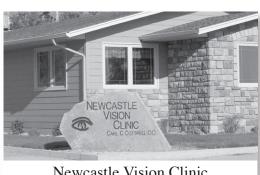
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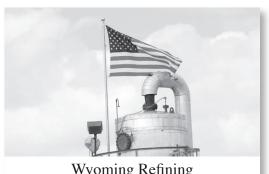
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Unofficial Weston County Commission Minutes

February 3, 2015

The regular meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 9:00 a.m. in the Weston County Courthouse with Chairman Lambert presiding. Present were: Marty Ertman, Randy Rossman, Tracy Hunt and Tony Barton. Also present County Clerk Cheryl Kregel, Nick Trandahl of the Weston County Gazette and Alexis Schultz of the News Letter Journal.

Call to Order

Chairman Lambert gave the invocation and Commissioner Barton led the delegation in the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Hunt moved to amend the agenda with adding items to the For Your Information and Commissioner Rossman seconded. Motion carried.

The Commissioners reviewed the county vouchers that will be paid.

Public Hearing Consensus Unanticipated **Funding**

Chairman Lambert opened the Public Hearing on the Countywide List Block Allocations through the Office of State Lands and Investments to increase the General Fund portion budget because of an unanticipated Federal Mineral Royalty Grant in the amount of \$521,710.00. No public comment was heard and the hearing was

Commissioner Rossman moved to accept the funding for the Countywide Consensus List Block Allocations which was unanticipated for \$521,710.00, and allocate the monies to expenditure line items in the following particulars: Courthouse Repairs \$150,000.00; Youth Exhibit Hall Improvements \$100,000.00; Solid Waste Projects \$211,710.00 and Mallo Camp Water Tank Phase II \$60,000.00. Commissioner Barton seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 10:06 a.m. and resumed at 10:16 a.m.

Old Business

Commissioner Barton gave an update on the proposed Countywide Landfill District. A resolution would be created and Attorney Curley would review the resolution. Commissioner Barton moved to authorize the County Assessor Tina Conklin to review the proposed Countywide Solid Waste Districts boundaries for any conflict, overlap, gap or other boundary issues. Also, send a letter to the Department of Revenue for analysis. Commissioner Rossman seconded. Votes are as follows: Commissioners Barton, Hunt & Rossman: Yays. Nay: Commissioner Ertman. Motion carried.

Maintenance position will be in the News Letter Journal, Weston County Gazette and on the Weston County Website.

Contract Engineer

Jerry Hunt met with the Commissioners to express concerns on the landfill issue discussing many options and also stating the residents of Weston County need to know what is going on with the landfill & how the outcome will affect them. Discussion was heard pros and cons. Commissioner Rossman mentioned trying to get information from other counties with the same

Updates on projects: repairs to the basement, the Copula and District Courtroom were discussed and bids will be taken. The Commissioners thanked Jerry for keeping them

updated with the various projects. **Courthouse Security Letter**

Commissioner Hunt gave an update on the letter for courthouse security. Commissioners discussed in detail their many options for security levels. Commissioner Hunt stated he would write a letter to ask for the funding to be reinstated to Weston County. Commissioners will wait until the letter is done and then act accordingly.

District Court

District Court Clerk Gidget Macke met with the Commissioner's to give them an update on the security measures she has taken in her office and the courtroom. Locks were replaced on

advised the Commissioners that she has complied with the Fire Marshall's requests and that she has hired a part-time clerk. Anna Logan was welcomed to the team.

Prairie Dogs

Lenard Seeley had visited with Commissioner Rossman about the different happenings in the organization. Also suggested a commissioner should be part of the meetings and discussion with the Forest Service. Commissioner Hunt volunteered to be the representative to replace Lenard.

Long Eared Northern Bat

Commissioner Ertman drafted a letter to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife to keep the Commissioners updated on any information about the Long-Eared Bat. Chairman Lambert signed the letter and mailed it.

Mutual Aid Protocol

Weston County Public Health Nurse, Lori Bickford will be meeting with County Attorney Curley on the structure of the letter drafted for the protocol. Will keep Commissioners updated.

Visitor Comment

Ted Ertman met with the Commissioners and gave his concerns regarding the landfill issue in Weston County. Mr. Ertman wanted the commissioners to know his concerns & all the things he sees coming from the landfill issue. The Commissioner's thanked Mr. Ertman for voicing his opinions and will be discussing them in the

The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. and resumed at 1:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Rossman moved to approve the consent agenda, minutes from January 20, 2015 less the two vouchers from FOCUS and Commissioner Barton seconded, Motion carried.

Discussion was heard and then decided to pay vouchers. Commissioner Ertman moved to approve the two vouchers #58368 for FOCUS and Commissioner Rossman seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

Commissioners met with Attorney Curley on the progress of moving his offices into the basement. Things are moving along and by the following week they should be able to move in.

County Clerk County Clerk Cheryl Kregel mentioned hiring a part-time office employee and also thinking about hiring a Grant person for Weston County.

The meeting recessed at 1:57 p.m. and

resumed at 2:02 p.m.

Bob Harshbarger Bob and Jean Harshbarger met with the Commissioners and relayed a request from Jim Darlington to have the flags flown at half-mast for the funeral of past Senator Earl Christensen on Thursday, February $\mathbf{5}^{th}$. Commissioner Ertman would contact the governor.

Also discussed were prairie dogs and controlled burns that effect Weston County residents. Discussed were various topics along with drafting a letter to send to the Forest Service, BLM, National Grassland & the State and will let Bob look at the letter. The Commissioners thanked Bob and Jean for their diligence on all matters concerned.

County Road Easement

Fran Lehman presented the Commissioners with an easement that County Attorney Curley approved. Commissioners had questions about removing the SINGLE & HUSBAND/ WIFE on easement and add Corporation LLC. Commissioner Rossman moved and Commissioner Barton seconded to accept the easement. **Motion carried.** The Commissioners thanked Fran for all her diligent work.

County Attorney

County Attorney Curley asked the Commissioners to go into executive session for a matter concerning possible litigation. Commissioner Rossman moved and seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to enter executive session under Wyoming Statute 16-4-405(a) (iii) on matters concerning litigation to which the governing

doors including the judge's door. Ms. Macke also body is a party or proposed litigation to which the trvl, \$79.32, Dixon Bros, oil/gas, \$150.79, Double governing body may be a party. Motion carried. The meeting entered in Executive Session at 2:45 p.m. Present for the executive session were Commissioners: Bill Lambert, Marty Ertman, Randy Rossman, Tracy Hunt & Tony Barton, and County Clerk Cheryl Kregel and County Attorney William Curley,

The meeting returned to open session at 2:53 p.m. with all present.

Homeland Security

Homeland Security Secretary Becky Hadlock met with the Commissioners to discuss a Homeland Security Grant for the Weston County Children Center. Jane Rhoades, coordinator for the WC Children Center, wants to put security cameras at the Center. They need the approval of the Commissioners to spend \$3,824.59 Commissioner Hunt moved and Commissioner Rossman seconded to approve the spending of \$3,824.59 for cameras for the Weston County Children Center. Motion Carried.

Courthouse Security

The Commissioners met with Judge Matthew F.G. Castano on the courthouse security monies that were removed from the Budget Bill and how to get Weston County's portion back in the bill. Judge Castano provided information and asked questions. The Commissioners will visit with Sheriff Colvard on the remodel update of the Emergency Operations Centers. The Commissioner's thanked Judge Castano for taking time out of his schedule to visit with them on the Courthouse Security issue.

Weston County Event Center

Ray Hunkins, Hunkins Newton Law Firm met with the Commissioners through a conference phone call to discuss the Weston County Event Center. The phone call was to recap the letters that were sent out. Mr. Hunkins did not think he would receive word back before the next meeting. So Ray will keep us advised if anything new develops. The Commissioner's thanked Ray for all the information and will be in touch when things do develop.

Vouchers were paid as followed:

066 NCPERS, payroll ded, \$256.00, AFLAC, payroll ded, \$1,705.73, Blue Cross Blue Shield, financial admin, \$49,611.38, Office of Child Support, payroll ded, \$175.00, Orchard Trust, payroll ded, \$1,490.00, WEBT, financial admin, \$157.80, Weston County Clerk, financial admin, \$44,711.62, WY Child Support, payroll ded, \$1,175.00, WY Dept of Workforce Services, financial admin, \$2,404.99, WY Retirement System, financial admin, \$29,610.39, Cakes by Charita, misc, \$90.00, Larry Honebrink, repair/maint, \$295.00, Frontier Home Ranch & Hardware, repair/maint, \$84.41, ADI Insurance Agency, insurance, \$178.00, Golden West Technologies, hmlnd sec exp, \$668.38, State of WY-Risk Management, veh maint, \$1,462.81, TruGreen Chemlawn, janitor supp, \$1,052.02, Hermes Consolidated Inc, oil/gas, \$13,650.92, Ad Pro, supp, \$1,509.36, All Clear Windows, repair/maint, \$25.00, Alpha Communications, tower rent, \$55.00, American Solutions for Business, supp, \$338.67, American Welding & Gas, repair/maint, \$33.38, Arrow Service, veh maint, \$140.00, AT&T Mobility, comm, \$982.86, Batteries Plus #76, supp, \$66.99, Bill Lambert, mile/trvl, \$309.00, BH Chemical & Janitorial, brd of prisoners, \$118.34, BH Orthopedic, financial admin, \$249.00, BH Plumbing, repair/maint, \$677.30, BH Power, util, \$3,150.78, BH Regional Multiple Use Coalition, misc, \$100.00, BH Urgent Care, pre employment, \$60.00, Bullseye Promotions, veh maint, \$295.50, Byrand Streeter, contract wages, \$1,158.75, Cambria Supply, repair/maint, \$1,484.66, Casey Thorson, janitor supp, \$350.00, CDW Government Inc, brd of prisoners, \$32.63, Cheryl Kregel, school exp, \$300.03, Christie Wornkey, misc, \$396.67, City of Newcastle, util/ dispatch/circuit crt/pub def/p-hlth exp, \$7,328.19, Cody Connor, p-hlth exp, \$524.05, Culligan Water Conditioning, misc, \$21.50, Cynthia Crabtree, coroner exp, \$381.14, Decker's Market, janitor supp, \$182.17, Derek Thompson, mile/

D Obsolete Parts, repair/maint, \$768.20, Family Dollar, supp, \$34.30, Fisher Sand & Gravel, grvl/ rd mtrl, \$15,489.14, FOCUS, focus, \$2,250.00, Frontier Home Ranch & Hardware, repair/maint, \$311.10, Gateway Auto Supply, veh maint/ fuel, \$131.53, Gene's Lock Shop, repair/maint, \$3,314.94, Gillette Steel Center, Imbr/clvrts/ brdg, \$603.50, Godfrey's Brake Service, repair/ maint, \$119.83, Golden West Technologies, comm/p-hlth exp/comp software, \$2,600.90, Great Western Tire Co, repair/maint, \$3,702.79 Grimm's Pump & Industrial Supply, repair/maint, \$79.90, Gunderson Lutheran Medical Foundation, p-hlth exp, \$390.85, Jack's Truck & Equipment, repair/maint, \$51.12, John Francis Masonry, repair/maint, \$225.00, Jonah Buckley PC, special attny, \$407.00, KASL, p-hlth exp, \$706.80, Larry Honebrink, repair/maint, \$2,048.27, Leighton's Garage, veh maint/fuel, \$95.00, Lichen Research Center, comp software, \$1,000.00, Mallo Camp, mallo camp, \$1,250.00, MasterCard, mile/trvl, \$917.43, Matco Tools, sm tools, \$186.50, Max Masters, gis land records, \$1,900.00, MG Oil Company, oil/gas, \$562.78, Minuteman Lube Center, veh maint/fuel, \$71.69, Moore Medical LLC, p-hlth exp, \$258.00, Morrison Maierle Inc, master airport plan, \$14,655.97, Mountain States Lithographing, supp, \$283.32, Nada Appraisal Guides, misc, \$219.00, Neve's Uniforms Inc, uniforms, \$431.40, Newcastle Ambulance Service, financial admin, \$1,988.33, Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, chmbr, \$900.00, Newcastle Fire Suppression, misc, \$481.56, Newcastle Motors, veh maint/fuel, \$196.51, News Letter Journal, print/publ/supp, \$2,885.56, North American Truck & Trailer, repair/maint, \$98.01, Northern WY Mental Health, mntl hlth, \$2,500.00, Northern WY Mental Health/Newcastle, pre employment, \$300.00, Office Ally, p-hlth exp, \$19.95, Osage Improvement & Service Dist, coroner exp, \$300.00, Pam Brackett, misc, \$4.06, Porter Muirhead Cornia & Howard CPAs, financial admin, \$11,000.00, Postmaster c/o Hmland Sec, hmlnd sec exp, \$220.00, Postmaster c/o P-Hlth, p-hlth exp. \$244.00. Postmaster c/o Sheriff. brd of prisoners, \$98.00, Postmaster c/o WIC post/freight, \$490.00, Powder River Energy Corp, util, \$1,401.66, Power Plan OIB, repair/ maint, \$1,842.92, Preventive Health & Safety Division, p-hlth exp, \$14.00, R&S Northeast LLC, p-hlth exp, \$133.04, Randy Rossman, mile/trvl, \$24.00, Rapid Delivery, post/freight, \$37.80, RDJ Specialties, hmlnd sec exp, \$314.23, Regional Health, coroner exp, \$264.00, Regional Health Physicians, pre employment, \$111.00, Ringer Law PC, special attny, \$249.00, Roadrunner Disposal Service, util, \$60.00, Round Up Feed & Ranch Supply, Imbr/clvrts/brdg, \$24.50, RT Communications, util, \$1,623.00, Servall Uniform/ Linen Co, misc, \$248.49, ShopKo, p-hlth exp/ ext exp, \$61.11, Shreds, misc, \$456.25, Source Gas, util, \$2,739.89, Stacy Buchholz, ext exp, \$30.00, Stephens-Peck Inc, misc, \$85.00, The Glass Shop, repair/maint, \$1,240.00, Timberline Services, grvl/rd mtrl, \$13,830.97, Top Office Products, supp/p-hlth exp, \$990.07, Upton Chamber of Commerce, chmbr, \$1,500.00, Upton Co-op Assn, oil/gas, \$34,402.83, Upton Senior Center, sr citizens, \$625.00, Urbin Law Office LLC, special attny, \$457.60, Vaisala Inc, awos, \$1,373.75, Verizon Wireless, p-hlth exp, \$181.45, Vicki Hayman, ext exp, \$182.00, Wesco Gas, util, \$1,780.73, West End Water District, util, \$120.00, West Payment Center, law library, \$316.50, West River International, repair/maint, \$423.96, WC 4-H Council, ext exp, \$95.42, WC Gazette, print/ publ/p-hlth exp, \$150.00, WC Health Services, financial admin, \$20.00, WC Humane Society, humane soc, \$750.00, WC Natural Resource Dist, nat res garden, \$625.00, WC Road & Bridge, veh maint/fuel, \$3.194.55, WC Sheriff's Office, post/ freight/brd of prisoners, \$47.06, WC Sr Services, sr citizens, \$6,960.00, Weston Engineering Inc, engineer srvs, \$1,000.00, Whirlwind Services, janitor supp, \$755.00, William Curley, misc, \$40.81, Wireless Advanced Communications, eqp prchs. \$12.771.08. Wolf Autostarts, veh maint/ fuel, \$80.00, Woody's Food Center, brd of prisoners, \$109.28, WY Automotive Co, repair/maint, \$1,258.96, WY Dept of Agriculture, fuel tank maint, \$25.00, WY Dept of Health, p-hlth exp, \$16,196.18, WY Dept of Transportation, rd constr/ egp purchs, \$152,516.61, WY Network, financial admin, \$208.05. Net Payroll, \$143,173.49.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Bill Lambert, Chairman Attest: Cheryl Kregel, County Clerk

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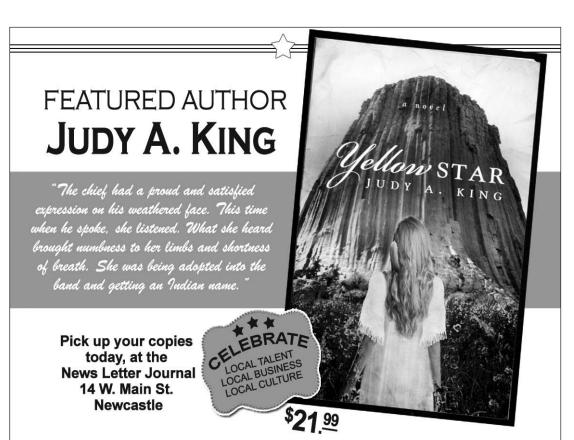
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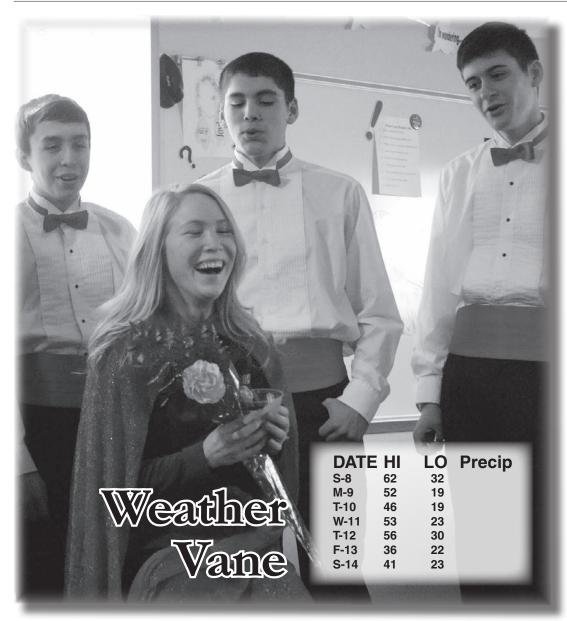
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR TAX DEED

To: Callier Richard Dale & Mary 320 Friendship Road Waldoboro, ME 04572-000

To all owners possessors or occupants of the real property described as: The South 1/2 of Tract 34, Hillsview Heights Subdivision, Weston County, Wyoming**Callier Richard Dale & Mary

Be advised that;

William G. Ingalls purchased the above described property at a tax sale on August 30, 2010 in Newcastle Wyoming from the Weston County Treasurers and is in possession of certificate of purchase No. 4754. The property was taxed or assessed in the name/names of Callier Richardm Dale & Mary.

For the year 2010 at this time there are no special assessments for local or public improvements on this property and the owner cannot be found in Weston County, Wyo.

In accordance with Wyoming law, the property may be redeemed by the legal owner after the date of sale but before a valid tax deed application has been filed and accepted by the county treasurer. Take note that William G. Ingalls will apply for a tax deed on or after August 30, 2014.

Any persons holding an interest in this property or otherwise interested in application for tax deed may contact the applicant William G. Ingalls 835 W. Hill Street, Spearfish, South Dakota or contact the Weston County Treasurer, 1 West Main, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701. Regarding the petitioners intent to apply for a tax deed.

Dated this Day of February 19, 2015 William G. Ingalls 835 W. Hill Street Apt. 206 Spearfish, South Dakota 57783 (605) 631-0014

(Publish February 19, 26 and March 5, 2015)

Meeting Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Weston County School District #1 Board of Trustees will have a 5:00 p.m. early start on February 25, 2015 to discuss the superintendent's contract, and the administrators evaluations/contracts.

(Publish February 19, 2015)

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Public Notice

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

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

FOR A DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID **ESTATE:**

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

DATED this 5th day of February, 2015.

s/Frank R. Nelson Attorney for the Estate

(Publish February 12 and 19, 2015)

Bid Notice

CALL FOR BIDS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated this 4th day of January, 2015.

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

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14. International workers' group 15. *One of Violent Femmes?

16. Consumed 17. Common Russian given

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19. *He took a "Walk on the Wild Side"

21. *First woman in Rock and

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24. Garden intruder

25. Attorneys' org. 28. Italy's obsolete money

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35. Bolsheviks _ Kirkwood, founder of

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39. Indian side dish 40. Pelvic bones

41. Pale with fear

43. Fill to excess 44. 1st letter of Hebrew alpha-

bet 46. Wife of Zeus

47. *Video didn't do it to the

radio star

48. Motion sickness 50. Casino chip

52. Book org.

53. Ardent

55. Online pop-ups 57. Hot dish stand

60. *"It's Only Rock 'n' Roll (But

64. "All joking

65. Vatican vestment "Odyssey" enchantress

68. *Van

69. Floral necklace 70. Social group

71. Greek god of war

72. *"Roundabout" band 73. Flower holders

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1. Worshipped by ancient Semitic peoples

2. Choir member

3. French "place" 4. Accustom

5. Sometimes done to a ban or law

6. *Born to be this?

7. A in IPA 8. Star bursts

9. *"Who's ____" 1971 album by The Who

10. Wet nurse 11. Village People hit

12. Workout segment

15. Bird supplier 20. Author ____ Jong 22. *"Losing My Religion" band

24. Cold War deterrent 25. Born under the sign of Aries

26. Isabella Swan of "Twilight"

27. Farewell in France *"Tom Sawyer" band

31. Quarterback's downfall

32. Locomotive hair $_{ extsf{I}}$ in the Marshall 33. Bikini

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36. Depletes

38. Seaside bird

42. Birth-related 45. *Famous stairway destination

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Fun and Games

56. It's often mini 57. Boris Godunov, e.g.

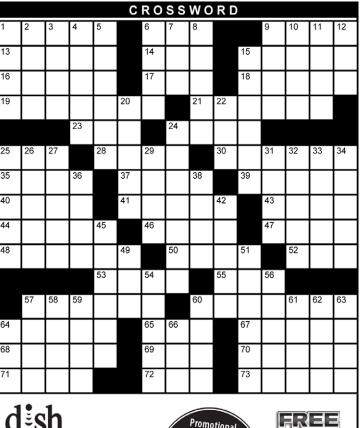
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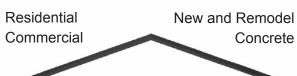
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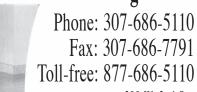
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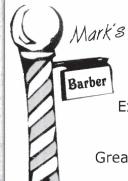
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> God Bless you all, Ed Kiesling

Thank you family, friends, community and most especially Ivan for your prayers, efforts and man power to bring our dog Zeb home safely.

With deep graditude the Elvin Stanton Family

Help Wanted

NOW HIRING: Weston County True Value, stop in to pick up an application. 326 W. Main Street, Newcastle.

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Help Wanted

Substitute driver needed for rural mail contract route. Must be able to pass drug test, have a clean driving record and be available on short notice. Pay as contract labor/by the day. Call Peggy @ 746-5121 after 2 p.m. weekdays.

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Registration. March 4 & 5, 2015 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Weston Children's County Center, 104 Stampede St. Newcastle. U6/U8 = \$45, U10/U14=\$55. Players registered in fall 2014 are still registered. Call Ann Wehri @ 746-9416 with Questions.

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TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meeting on Tues. at 4 p.m. at First United Methodist Church upstairs. Contact Joyce Brown *7*46-3696.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meeting every Thurs, morning at the Weston County Senior Center. Contact Ellen

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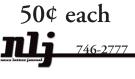
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commented. "I know I sound like a broken record, but these are areas we absolutely have to get better in before we can start winning more of these close matches," he reiterated.

On Friday, Feb. 13, the team hosted the Douglas Bearcats for their last regular season match-up.

"I thought we wrestled much better on Friday. The Bearcats are a top-notch team in the state, and if we didn't wrestle our best, we could have easily gotten skunked," McCoy smiled.

Unfortunately, the Dogies once again had to give up 36 team points to forfeits, and that made the score a lot more lopsided than the dual actually was.

Prell (113) went two-for-two on the week, winning his match with a pin in 3:29. Parks picked up a win by pin in 1:50, as well as Hobbs in 1:59. Bradon Rushton (145) was able to get on the mat and won his match by a 9-6 decision.

Dawson (106) dropped his match by decision 3-6, and Preston Rushton (132), Larson (145) and Corley (152) each lost by a fall.

After the forfeits were added in, the Dogies dropped the match to the Bearcats, 21-57. "I was very proud of all of our kids because they wrestled with heart and gave the kind of effort we've been practicing for," grinned McCoy.

The coaches also want to make sure to thank everyone that came out to support the team and are looking forward to the regional tournament this coming weekend in

"We should have just about everybody back in the lineup, and are excited to see what we can do," exclaimed



Photos by Denice Pisciotti and Sonja Karp/NLJ Above, Jacob Hobbs dominates against Douglas. Coach Lee McCoy, at left, shouts encouragement. At right, Zach LaPierre tries to maintain his advantage.

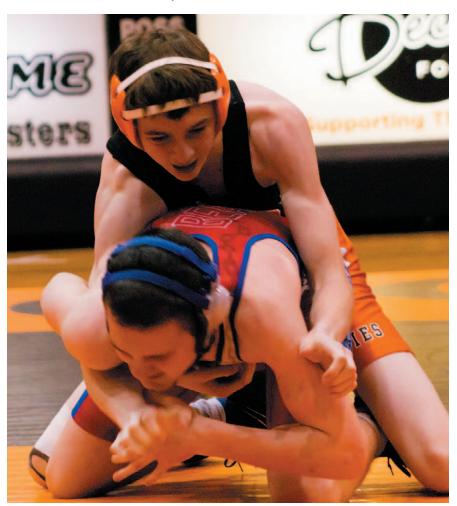
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