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Legislators talk landfills

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

In the wake of a recent meeting in Osage between Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality officials and representatives of several local municipalities, at which Newcastle City Engineer Bob Hartley expressed skepticism about the long-term ability of the state legislature to fund the closure of landfills and construction of transfer stations, the News Letter Journal questioned local representatives on the issue, receiving markedly different responses.

Sen. Curt Meier of District 3 preferred to put a positive spin on things,

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Projects would honor citizens

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Proposals for two separate improvement projects were presented before the City of Newcastle's Parks, Cemetery and Recreation Committee on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Councilwoman Linda Hunt related her plans to create a "Walk of Fame" along the boulevard adjacent Stampede Street, while Ann McColley and Michael David shared information on their efforts to build a cemetery registry. Both proposals, which did not require a formal vote, were given the go-ahead by the Newcastle City Council at its regular scheduled meeting later that evening.

The Walk of Fame envisioned by Hunt will potentially run between the Weston County Children's Center and the Public Health building. It will feature three-foot by four-foot signs mounted on posts that celebrate Newcastle residents who have

“ [Greenwood Cemetery] is one of the few graveyards [I've encountered] that doesn't have a directory.”

— Michael David

achieved national or international recognition. Added components such as sculptures, benches, and decorative rock could be incorporated into the project at some point as well, Hunt wrote in her proposal.

Hunt provided color photocopies of the designs for the first two signs, which celebrate the achievements of rock climber Paul Piana and author and National Cowgirl Hall of Fame inductee Rhonda Sedgwick Stearns.

“We worked with the people who are in these pictures ... to see if they

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Little guys, big holds



Mason Sorenson gets a grip on Thatcher Troftgruben during the Fall Guys wrestling tournament Sunday at the Dogie Dome in Newcastle. See more on Page 16. (Photo by Todd Bennington/NLJ)

Bear Lodge project update

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Steve Kozel, a U.S. Forest Service District Ranger based out of Sundance, and Jeanette Timm, project manager for the Bear Lodge Project, appeared before the Weston County Commissioners on Tuesday, Feb. 18, to provide an update on the progress of the National Environmental Policy Act process associated with the proposed mining project, which is aimed at the extraction and refinement of rare earths.

Kozel told the commissioners that both he and Timm have served with the Forest Service in the local area long enough to have observed the development of the project, which is being proposed by Rare Element Resources Ltd., from its earliest inception.

“In 2012, after [RER] wrote some of their draft preliminary studies,” Timm explained of the project's most recent history, “they approached us with a plan of operations for the mining activity. We accepted their plan of operations after extensive review in May of 2013. Since May of 2013 we've been moving into ... the Environmental Impact Statement that we will be writing for this particular project in order for them to actually build the mine.”

Kozel and Timm went on to explain to the commissioners that the project has essentially two components: a mine to be located about nine miles north of Sundance and a metallurgical plant located in Upton, where some degree

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WCHS changes radiology providers

By Denise Piscioti of NLJ

Weston County Health Services Board of Directors passed a motion at their Feb. 20 meeting to once again enlist Dakota Radiology in Rapid City, S.D., to read the radiology reports from the hospital. Six years ago, Gillette Medical Imaging began

reading the reports because Dakota Radiology's insurance would not cover radiologists in Wyoming, but that has changed. Recent problems reported by WCHS in regard to GMI led to the decision.

“We have had issues with getting information, working through our transition to

Novarad. It has just been a struggle for our providers as well as staff to get some information out of them on our patients. So medical staff has been talking about this; they recommend that we go to Dakota Radiology out of Rapid City because it is where a majority of our patients go to,” WCHS Chief Executive Officer

Maureen Cadwell stated.

To address their concerns with the Gillette company, Cadwell and Piper Orsborn, director of Patient Services, arranged a meeting with GMI representatives, but say, however, that upon their arrival no one was available.

“Well, we had set up a

meeting with two of the physicians. When we got there it was the one physician's day off — he is kind of my contact person as far as the radiology group is concerned. The person who works for Campbell County who is technically the past administrator said, “Well Dr. [Joseph] Lawrence has

decided not to meet with you today. But Dr. [Alan] Mitchell is here and he doesn't want to meet with you either.” And we had the meeting set up a couple of weeks ahead of time,” reported Orsborn.

Other issues have also

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Open House

Newcastle Christian Academy teacher Amanda Finley, right, goes over a textbook with Alaina Liggett, while Liggett's daughters Rya, center left, and Paige, far left, look on. The Liggett family visited the academy as part of an annual open house held last Wednesday. (Photo by Todd Bennington/NLJ)

Leg session draws to close

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Representatives Mark Semlek and Hans Hunt, of respective House Districts 1 and 2, provided the News Letter Journal with written updates of what has occurred during the Budget Session of the 62nd Wyoming State Legislature throughout the past week, in which they addressed a multitude of issues.

Semlek expressed his reservations about Senate File 106, which is meant to address the Supreme Court's Jan. 28 decision on SF 104, which the court recently upheld by denying a petition to rehear the case.

“SF 106 provides no details of how to address the unconstitutional aspect of SF104,” Semlek wrote, “but just requires the ‘management council’ of the legislature and the co-chairmen of the Joint Appropriations Committee and the education committee to find if it is appropriate to convene a special session of the legislature so a ‘fix’ can be found.”

“I was a ‘no’ vote on SF 104 last year,” Semlek continued, “because I

believed the problem with the functioning of the state superintendent was one of personalities and questionable management style ... as opposed to a systemic problem of the administrative structure of the office of [the]



state superintendent. My approach would have been to not pass SF 104 last year, which had the effect of ‘politicizing’ ... the issue for many of our citizens. We need to go back to the previous administrative structure before SF 104, elect a new superintendent in the next election and find ways to improve education ... in an environment that is not so divisive.”

Semlek went on to also mention his concern regarding SF 14, which featured an appropriation of \$10 million to the Wyoming Court Security Commission for grants to counties to be used to supplement existing county funding for purposes related to security of facilities containing a state court.

“The House appropriation committee amended out the appropriation and left the court security funding in a budget amendment that would address the security issues for only two counties,” Semlek wrote. “I will need to hear the discussion of why the funding was removed, but at this time it has the appearance of selecting winners and losers.”

Addressing the state's ongoing issues surrounding landfill closure, Semlek discussed SF 43 which has passed both houses and is currently awaiting Gov. Matt Mead's approval.

“The purpose of ... funding [provided by SF 43] is to provide a 75 percent state grant to 52 projects

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Our View

Personal investment

The past legislative session was a good one for cities and counties in Wyoming, and voters should thank legislators and other state officials for acknowledging that the state's revenue should be shared with local governments to meet the needs of the constituents they serve.

There are few elected officials in Wyoming who haven't, at one point or another, pronounced that government closest to the people is best, and they're right. When it comes to Wyoming state revenue, the most appropriate and effective way to spend it on goods and services for the people of Wyoming is by allowing local elected officials — those closest to the people — to determine how the money is spent.

It makes sense that spending priorities should be set by officials who live in the communities where the money is spent — and the needs are met — because they are most aware of those needs. In addition to possessing a greater knowledge of a specific community simply because they live in it, local officials are also more aware of what their fellow residents believe is most important to a specific community, and where government resources should be expended.

That's why the decision by the state legislature to provide more money to our local governments was a good one, but the truth of the matter is that Weston County, the City of Newcastle and the Town of Upton will still not have enough over the next two years to address all of their needs.

And that's a good thing too, because it forces those local governments to set smart priorities for spending, and it allows residents to gain an understanding to the limits of what government can and should do.

The system would work even better if local governments didn't have to wait with baited breath every year to find out if the legislature was going to provide this funding because it would allow officials to do a better job of long-term planning.

Unfortunately, that isn't the case, and the only really guaranteed money that local governments can count on is the revenue generated by local taxes — and Weston County tends to lag well beyond most of its counterparts in Wyoming in local tax revenue.

There isn't a lot we can do about that, but as residents of Weston County we do have the power to generate enough additional revenue to perhaps take on an extra small project or two, or maybe improve on a few. One of the most vital revenue streams for local governments is the sales and use tax, and a commitment by citizens to spend their own money locally represents an investment in their community and a desire to see it improved.

A week ago, the News Letter Journal included our annual "Local Business Guide," and it again contained well over 100 businesses right here in Weston County. We publish the annual guide to raise awareness of all the goods and services available to residents locally, and hope that you will take the time to read it and remind yourself to always consider local businesses first because the dollars you spend there come back to our community in so many ways.

With another cold snap behind us, and what looks to be at least a week of warmer days ahead, many of us will start making plans for the spring and summer and many of those plans will involve spending money — whether it's for entertainment and leisure time, or home improvement projects, or a myriad of other things we'll be doing as we come out of our long winter hibernation.

We encourage you to pull out your copy of the local business guide, and peruse it again (we've got extra copies at the News Letter Journal if you've misplaced yours) so you can find out how to involve local businesses in your spring and summer plans. Investigate the possibilities available to you in your own community, and increase your personal investment in Weston County.

Living through history

I love learning about history, but it took until recently for me to realize I had actually been a part of important happenings during my lifetime. I will never forget where I was on Jan. 28, 1986, when the Space Shuttle Challenger broke apart in the air. I always thought that was one of the most significant events in history during my life — at least until recently when I was talking about my experience as a child being "bussed" to the black side of town for grade school in Denver, Colo., in the mid 1970s. I didn't recognize that I had lived through a significant piece of American history — desegregation — until I 'Googled' the topic for more information.

I had heard the stories of segregation — pictures of separate water fountains for different races pop in my head at the mere mention of the word — but I never really thought about the concept of desegregation before. I just remember hating to ride the bus to the other side of town, which always seemed to take forever. There was tension in the house, which, as a third-grader, I did not understand at the time.

In preparation for writing this column, I called my Dad asking for information. He told me a few things I found interesting. As young parents they had specifically purchased a house in a neighborhood with schools that had a good reputation, in a metropolitan area.

I am sure the tension I felt in my house was related to my parents not having a choice about which school I attended after a district court judge in Denver ruled — even though in Colorado segregation was not a rule — that minority schools were inferior to the white schools, therefore certain grades were to be sent across town to attend other schools to equalize the racial balance.

Walking to Force Elementary School six blocks from our house on Perry Street with my mom and little brother Steve was a treat. It was much better than being driven in my parent's Ford Torino and dropped off at school. I couldn't wait to do it all by myself every day because it gave me a sense of freedom.

I hated riding the bus! The first day I had to walk to the bus stop by myself was very scary and confusing because I

didn't know where the bus would stop. I was in tears by the time the bus arrived a few blocks from my house. I remember wishing I could just walk all the way to school.

The 30-minute bus ride seemed like hours. Riding to Washington Elementary School — which was then referred to, as in the "colored" district or "Five Points," according to my dad — was quite the experience. Everything seemed dirtier and more crowded. To top it off the playground was shut in with large chain link fence, and was a lot smaller than the playground I was used to. It was forbidden to even think about going outside of the school grounds — completely the opposite of the free will I felt with the ability to walk to and from school.

My dad remembers calculating that my brother — only three years behind me in school — and I would never attend the same school at the same time because of how the grades were divided between the schools.

The whole elementary school just seemed scarier and unwelcoming. My third grade teacher was Caucasian, and I liked the school except it was so far from my house. The original students who attended Washington Elementary school made me feel like I didn't belong there. I felt like the minority there definitely, but, ironically, I don't recall having many colored students in my class.

I remember my mother talking about two boys who were in my grade but not my class, that lived by the elementary school I attended across town. They were sworn enemies, but then one of them decided to pretend to be friends and gave the other one what appeared to be candy, but in actuality was some sort of drug that landed him in the hospital. It was a scary time.

The controversy of having to be bussed to the other side of town was one of the reasons we moved the following year — just after I was finally in the right grade to attend school back at Force Elementary by our house. We left Denver to make a new home in Chadron, Neb. There we no longer had to be bussed to school, literally because there were no school busses in town at the time. And of course, by then I hated walking to school!

Years later my mother said their responses were based on the fears of that time and that place — they didn't want to "cause any trouble." And there certainly was plenty of trouble in the South during those years.

I would like to think that, since I have had friends of every skin color before South Carolina and since, in Alaska, that in my heart I truly believe that we are all just people, and are all equal, and that I live by my favorite Sunday School song that I later taught to my own children: "Red and yellow, black and white, all are precious in His sight, Jesus loves the little children of the world!"

But it's not true. I am sure, as a kid, I looked at other people and noticed the differences — some people are fat, skinny, dark, light, redheaded, blonde, have big noses or funny feet. Let's face it, we all categorize in some way. It seems, to me anyway, that South Carolina was the first time that one of those differences somehow equaled "wrong" rather than different.

I don't blame my parents, they were just responding to the world around them, and the signals I got weren't just from them. It came from everywhere: people in stores, the gas station, the post office, the neighborhood down the road — and the schools. It was the schools that really emphasized the difference, since we were bussed to an all-white school, the Hillcrest school, while the black kids were sent to another, the Ebenezer school (an Equalization school built in 1953). Again, it made no sense to me at that time. Why should I ride a bus when I saw them walking to school (which to me meant it had to be closer, when the reality was the schools were equal distance from our home — those kids apparently just didn't get to ride a bus).

I don't know what it's like to be black in America. I wasn't aware of the deep discrimination that appalled me when I learned of it later, long after I lived in the South where I first encountered it. For me, I was just a little girl looking for a friend.



Denice Piscioti
Miss Magnum

Deadline for Letters is noon on Friday

Black History Month: Just looking for a friend

I'm not black. My skin tone is most decidedly white — very white, since I'm of Norwegian descent. So I can't pretend to know what it's like to be black, or to have the history that those of darker complexions have had in America. My first experience with racism occurred in South Carolina, when I was about 8 years old — but in my little mind of the time, I might have called it reverse discrimination, had I even known the term. The year was 1968, and I was in the third grade. Being a military brat, I had been born in Arkansas, moved to France when I was a toddler where we lived on the Air Force Base, then to Ohio for about five years before being stationed in the South.

My first best friend, though I remember little else about her, was in France — and she was as black as black could be, and I, a complete opposite, as white as white could be, from my skin to my white hair. She was my friend, and skin color meant absolutely nothing to me. In Ohio, living in Reynoldsburg — the suburbs of middle America — I don't recall any reference to any person being either "black" or "white," or any other color for that matter. My mother, though, years later, told me she worked in a factory in Ohio where the women separated themselves by color, with those deemed "high yellow" being forced to sit with the Caucasians. Though not necessary discriminated against herself — other than forced segregation — she says she saw plenty of it at the factory. It was not something we, as a military family, were accustomed to.

So in 1968, when we were stationed at Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina and moved to an old Southern plantation, I was unprepared.

The 1950s and '60s, the decades leading up to our being stationed in South Carolina, had been tumultuous and monumental in regard to what is now known as the Civil Rights Movement. Filed in 1951, Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka was a landmark decision of the U.S. Supreme Court declaring that state laws establishing separate public schools for black and white students was unconstitutional. The internet, books, documentaries and movies have since revealed in detail the turmoil of this time period that I have no personal reference of — the beatings, the hangings, the unbelievable

cruelty, the protests and so on, most of which was never taught to me in my American History classes in school. Prior to our arrival in South Carolina, in 1951, that state passed a sales tax to fund school construction under the Equalization program, in effect to provide "separate but equal" facilities for both black and white students. After Brown v. Board, the Supreme Court ordered schools to be desegregated, but South Carolina was among those slow to make changes — and when they did it was only a token number of black students in white schools, never with white kids going into black schools, according to www.seequalizationschools.org.

But I was unaware of any of that history when our family moved there. I was too young to pay much attention to news events or to understand geographical and sociologic differences. To me, it was just another move and I was in need of new friends.

We moved into an old Southern mansion — which it was by the standards of the time — in the small town of Dalzell. Fields that grew rows of cotton, tall corn and ground-hugging peanuts surrounded the house, which we rented. The house was huge, to us, and the yard and enveloping fields big enough to delight any child, but I had no one my age to share it with. I got the opportunity to make friends, or so I thought, when I noticed a group of people that came walking by the house each day, in the morning, then again in the evening. To my 8-year-old mind, I had no idea where they were going each day, or why, but there were kids with them. So I would run out to the road and shout, "Hi! Hi!" when they walked by. Their response was to look down at the ground and walk faster to get past the little white girl waving at the edge of the yard. I recall they always had dogs with them; the women wore long dresses and coverings of cloth wound around their heads. I didn't understand their unwillingness to respond, their eagerness to get away from me. Then my mother told me not to bother them, to leave them alone. I found out they were going to work in the fields near and beyond our house. Sometimes I wandered out into the fields and saw the women working, bent over the cotton, the kids either helping or playing. I never understood why those kids couldn't be my friends. Why was I being denied?

My brother, too, seemed perplexed when he asked



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Legislature

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from around the state to assist local governments with either capping their solid waste sites or transferring their solid waste to other permitted landfills. All of the communities in northeastern Wyoming are eligible to receive funding ... The feedback that I have received from some area local governments was their concern about the difficulty of some to meet the 25-percent grant match," he wrote.

Semlek went on to note that the grant matches will likely prove to be a burden for communities and that in many cases garbage fees will have to increase to assist closure and transfer costs. He predicted that future discussion within the legislature might revolve around how to provide incentives for small communities looking to cooperate toward the development of regional facilities.

For his part, Hunt noted that a motion on Feb. 24 to allow for the reintroduction of a number of bills that had been dropped the previous Friday due to lack of time was defeated.

Among the senate files discussed and passed through first reading on Monday, Hunt wrote, were a bill to change the distribution for funding to community college maintenance projects, a bill to modify the board membership to the state miner's health coverage board, and a bill that would allow for the expenditure by the state to renovate the state capitol building.

The education committee, on which Hunt serves, met to consider a bill to raise the amount of money distributed by the Hathaway Scholarship and a bill to make the director of the Wyoming Community College Commission a member of the University of Wyoming's board of trustees.

Tuesday morning, the Agricultural Committee, of which Hunt is also a member, convened to discuss the Senate's version of the water development project funding bill, a bill to expand the definition of brucellosis (a serious bacterial pathogen) surveillance for cattle, and bill adjusting fees for services rendered by the state engineer, and a bill to streamline the process of dealing with contested cases in water district complaints.

Later that day the House convened to discuss more senate files that were up for first reading. Among those discussed were the Jason Flatt Act, which would require eight hours of suicide prevention training for teachers; a bill making exemptions for hunter safety requirements to those who are hunting with older family members, as well as for military personnel and law enforcement officers; a bill more specifically defining the business entities which can provide workers' compensation; and a bill to prioritize solid waste facilities projects.

Wednesday, Feb. 26, Hunt went on to write, the House considered on first reading a bill to raise the amount of money distributed for Hathaway Scholarship recipients, a bill allowing

Hathaway Scholarship funds to be used for summer classes, a bill to expand the use of funding for brucellosis surveillance so that surveillance can be done outside the Designated Surveillance Area on the western side of the state, a bill to better specify how child support payments are defined, and three different bills concerning how counties, cities, and other local government entities will handle public notices in local newspapers.

Later, on Wednesday, the education committee met in the afternoon to consider SF 106. Hunt wrote that he was a 'no' vote on the bill, though it passed committee by a vote of 7-2.

On Thursday, Feb. 27, Hunt continued, the agricultural committee met to consider two bills unrelated to agriculture or public lands that were sent from the judiciary committee in order to ease that committee's workload. The first bill repealed legislation that allowed for the Wyoming Game & Fish Department to conduct searches of camp sites and camping gear without a warrant. The bill passed. A second bill creating support for a "24/7 sobriety" program was also considered and passed.

Later that day the House passed the Jason Flatt Act, and the bill specifying exemptions to military service members and law enforcement officers from hunter safety programs, through third and final reading.

Up for first reading, on Thursday, were a senate file to repeal several defunct state boards (including the Council for Innovative Education, the Food Safety Council, and the Education, Planning, and Coordination Council), a bill extending the time to apply for an agricultural use fuel tax refund from one year to 18 months, a bill to put existing case law into statute concerning the repeal of unemployment insurance for employees who are fired, and a bill specifying which highway signs require competitive bidding to be built.

On Friday, Hunt mentioned, there were no committee meetings, but the House passed bills increasing money distributed to Hathaway Scholarship recipients, permitting Hathaway funds to be used for summer classes, expanding the use of funds for the brucellosis surveillance program, and creating new definitions for child support payments through third and final reading.

Bills up for first reading on Friday, Hunt concluded, included a bill raising the bond rate from \$2000 to \$10,000 to landowners for surface damage and access rights concerning oil and gas development projects, the bill repealing the rights of Game & Fish officers to conduct warrantless searches of camps and backpacks when in remote areas where the ability to obtain a search warrant is not readily available, a bill to expunge certain felonies from peoples' criminal records, and a bill to repeal a list of laws deemed antiquated and obsolete.



RER

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of refining will occur. The Upton location was sought, according to Timm, owing to the ready access to rail transport the area provides.

Ore will be crushed and screened into a pre-concentrate at the mine site, Kozel continued of the proposed operation, before being trucked to Upton for further processing, with eight truckloads daily being currently anticipated.

Kozel seemed to indicate to the commissioners that the Forest Service's role in the proposed project is so far progressing without incident.

"Here in the last six months [Timm has been hired as project manager]," he said. "She's going to be overseeing the project, the NEPA phase, the planning side of it, and we've also brought on a third-party contractor, Tetra Tech. [They are] going to be doing the environmental analysis for us. We had some initial discussions with Tetra Tech, got them the data they need to start the NEPA process ... We are at the stage right now where we're developing a draft notice of intent to be published in the Federal Register for preparation of the [Environmental Impact Statement] for this project. We're looking at March 7, right around there depending upon review of documents and completeness of documents and so forth."

Scoping meetings associated with the first part of the EIS are planned for Sundance and Upton, Kozel continued, explaining those communities will naturally be the ones most interested in the project. However, the Forest Service may entertain requests from other communities as well, he indicated.

"Right now we're in the initial stages of this EIS. The process doesn't start until the notice of intent is published in the Federal Register," Kozel said, going on to estimate that the entire EIS process will take somewhere in the neighborhood of two years.

Kozel went on to explain that Rare Element Resources pays

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— Steve Kozel, U.S. Forest Service

for both Timm's salary as project manager and for Tetra Tech's work as a third-party contractor. He also acknowledged that the commissioners had sent a letter in support of the project to the Forest Service in November.

In response to a question from Commissioner Randy Rossman as to whether or not any opposition to the project from within the Forest Service is foreseeable, Kozel responded by saying he doesn't believe that to be the case.

"None from us. We're going to carry out our policies. That's part of our mission, to develop mineral resources sustainably and in a ... manner consistent with the laws that we have."

Timm agreed. Though she said she expects that environmental groups will likely attempt to derail the project at some point.

Responding to a question, this time from Commissioner Jerry Shepperson, Kozel clarified that though the Upton plant figured into its considerations, the Forest Service has no regulatory authority over that facility, which will operate entirely on privately held land, and admitted that the Forest Service has to strike a delicate balance when dealing with the overlap of private and public interests.

"As far as a federal decision, there is no decision to be made with what happens at Upton," said Kozel "However, in the NEPA side of things, yes, it's ... what we call 'connected action' ... It's going to be described as a connected action in our proposal. However, [our proposal] is going to say the Forest Service has no regulatory decision making authority for the Upton plant ... We have to craft

it very carefully."

"It's a tight walk with the private land that is adjacent to the mine," Kozel continued of the project's various facets. "It's a tight walk with the reconstruction of the Forest Service road that's going into the county road. It's a tight walk with the power line coming from private land onto the Forest Service's land ... We want to do our due diligence up front ... It's going to save us time, energy, and effort [in the long run]."

Contacted by the News Letter Journal, Linda Tokarczyk, manager of community relations for RER, clarified that the Forest Service had the final say in the selection of Tetra Tech as the third-party contractor and that RER deals directly with the Forest Service and not Tetra Tech during the drafting process of the Environmental Impact Statement.

"We believe that the team the Forest Service has assembled for the preparation of the Bear Lodge EIS is a very impressive collection of technical experts on both the Forest Service and consultant side," she said. "We believe they are covering many disciplines that are going to make it possible for the completion of a document that ... will carefully address the impacts of our proposed operations."

So-called rare earths are mineral elements crucial to the manufacture of technological devices such as computers and cellular phones. They are rarely found in quantities large enough to justify mining activities.

CORRECTION

There was an error in the advertisement on Page 4 of the Feb. 27, 2014, edition titled "Young Achievers." The ad listed the names of youngsters from Newcastle Elementary School who attended the February Good Deed Lunch at Taco John's. It should have read "Alaina Laurence," not Alaina Heaton.



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Order forms can be picked up at the District Office or at the Upton Library. Questions? Please call the District Office at 746-3264.

The Weston County Concert Association presents

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 Call Gary at 746-9954 or Donna at 746-4411 with any questions.

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Obituaries

ROBERT J. WALKUP
1921–Feb. 9, 2014
 Robert J. Walkup passed away on Feb. 9, 2014, in Sparks, Nev., at the age of 92. He was born in 1921 in Highlight, Wyo. He graduated from Newcastle High School in 1940 and married his high school sweetheart, Dorothy J. Spargur, in 1942. He joined the Army and was sent to Europe for World War II. He returned in 1945. They were owners of Walkup Grocery Store in Osage until 1958.

They sold the store and moved to Washington state for a brief time and then moved to Rapid City, S.D., where he got a civil service job and was the officer of the commissary at Ellsworth Air Force Base until his retirement in 1981.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Adele; wife Dorothy in 1991; and his first daughter, Del Rae Parsons, in 2011.

He is survived by Del Rae's husband, Bill Parsons of Rapid City; daughter, Shelley Maitland (Rick) of South Milwaukee, Wisc.; daughter, Starla Harding (Brian) of Sparks, Nev.; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one sister, Jean Burton of Casper; sister-in-law, Carol Pollat of Newcastle; and nieces and nephews.

In 1993 he married Lena Jewell Chappell. They moved to Sparks in 2003 and resided there until his death.

His wish was to be buried with his first wife, Dorothy.

Interment will be at 10:30 a.m. April 4, at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis, with a reception to follow at 2924 W. St. Anne St., Rapid City.

WILLIE LUTHER FITZGERALD JR.
Sept. 30, 1932–Feb. 17, 2014
 Willie Luther Fitzgerald Jr., 81, of Navarro Mills, Texas, died Feb. 17, 2014, of natural causes at St. Catherine Facility in Waco, Texas.

He was born Sept. 30, 1932, to Gladys Marie Smith and Willie Luther Fitzgerald Sr., at home in Wharton County, Texas.

In June of 1957 he met the love of his life, Lorine Marie Kunz. What a life they would share. They were married Dec. 30, 1951, at St. Rose Catholic Church in Schulenburg, Texas.

He worked for Holmes Drilling Company and they chased the rigs around Texas from the Valley up to and around Victoria. On Sept. 19, 1954, he lost his right arm on a rig in Refugio, Texas. After his arm healed and after working in cotton fields and doing what jobs he could, they bought a café on Fayette County line. Several years later, they sold the café to Hedwig and Fred Kunz.

He wanted to get back to work in the oil fields. That he did for Bill Dirks in Tuleta, Texas. He worked as a pumper until 1974. While in Tuleta, he was president of the Pettus Booster Club and also coached Little League for 17 years which he dearly loved.

After raising a family and making many

friends, they moved to Newcastle in 1974, where he worked as a pumper in the oil fields. In 1975, the family moved to Moorcroft to be closer to his job.

During this time, they bought Wild Horse Charlie's Grocery Store and ran it for many years before selling it to their daughter, Brenda and Loyde Harper.

In 1985, and again in 1991, he had to have back surgeries and was then forced into early retirement.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, cooking and especially barbecue. He made his very special and delicious sauce. He loved doing this for all his family and the many friends he had made over the years. He loved to dance and he surely did with his wife, for 62 years. Not only on the dance floor but in everyday life, they always came out on top and looked great.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Lorine Fitzgerald; three sons, Donald Fitzgerald of Purdon, Texas, Franklin Fitzgerald of Casper and Calvin Fitzgerald of Blooming Grove, Texas; two daughters, Kathy Bartsch of Cody and Brenda Harper of Parachute, Colo.; 15 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Glendon (Smokey) Schmidt of Victoria, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his son, Bill Fitzgerald III; his grandparents; his parents; four brothers; and five sisters.

Services were Feb. 22 at Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Penelope, Texas.

A strawberry beginning
 Julie Whetsell of Pinnacle Bank, left, and Becky Vodopich, Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce, assist Robbie Lliteras and Bev Lliteras as they cut the ribbon on their new business venture, The Strawberry Patch, on Main Street in Newcastle. The grand opening, on Feb. 26, featured strawberry-themed snacks and decor.
 Photo by Denice Piscioti/NLJ

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Regular Church Attendance



• ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH: Rev. Norm Brotzman, 216 S. Seneca, 746-2249. Call to Worship 9:30 am; Children's Church during Call to Worship; Faith Rally Sunday 6 pm.
• BAHAI FAITH: Firesides (Open to All) 1st & 3rd Fridays 7:30 pm at 15 Skyview Dr; 746-3626.
• CAMBRIA COMMUNITY CHURCH: Pastor Chris Walton, 19 Stampede St. 746-2321. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship 10:30 am; Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm
• CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL: Rev. Sally Boyd, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets, 746-9684. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday, Morning Prayer 10 a.m.; 2nd & 4th Saturday 4 p.m., Holy Eucharist. haydishall@hotmail.com
• CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH: Pastor John Hopper, 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am.

• CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS: Bishop Greg James, 120 Ash, 746-4131. Sunday Sacrament Meeting 9 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am.
• CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH: Father Killian Muli, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5:00 pm; Weekday Mass 8 am.
• COUNTRY CHURCH: Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley, 746-9712, Worship 10 am.
• FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: Pastor Gary Anderson, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Bible Study 9:15 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Teaching Service 6 pm; Wednesday Service 6:30 pm.
• FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH: Pastor Lynn Schleicher, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service 5 pm, Christian Academy.

• FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Pastor Paul Holland, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Sunday School 8:45 am; Church Services 8 & 10 am; Nursery care available.
• GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP: Pastor Jon Andersen, Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am. Call 746-8091.
• KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES: 5018 US Hwy 16, 746-2319 or 746-4517. Tuesday 7 p.m. Congregation Bible Study, Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting. Sunday Public Talk 10 am; Watchtower 11 am.
• NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH: Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sunday Worship 10 am; Wednesday Night Prayer.
• NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP: Pastor Wayne Wilson, meets at Black Gold Realty Building, 1517 W. Main, 746-5542. Sunday Worship 10 am.

• OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH: 348 Sheridan St. Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm.
• SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST: Pastor Gary Force, 78 Old Hwy 85, 746-3504 or 278-0254, Pastoral Assistant Jason Logan 746-2974. Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11:20 am.
• ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Father Killian Muli, Upton. Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
• VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH: Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366.
• UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Rev. Sharee Johnson, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 10:30 am; Children's Church & Nursery are available; 1st & 3rd Wed Evenings Prayer and Praise Service 7 pm.

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 Colossians 1.24-2.19 Colossians 2.20-3.17 Colossians 4.2-18 Psalm 51 Psalm 56 Psalm 57 Matthew 6.1-18
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100 YEARS AGO – MARCH 5, 1914

Summit Aerie No. 1614 Fraternal Order of Eagles is now one of the permanent fixtures of Newcastle, the work of moving its furniture and paraphernalia from Gillette to this city being carried out the latter part of last week.

Citizenship papers were granted to the following: John Joseph Tierney, Michael McCarthy, Hjalmer Ekstrand, Oleander Finnie, Andy Kulak, Ellwood James Brown, Emil Eklund, Axall Wilholm Olson and Sam Norkow Hansen.

Herman Cooper, the Limestone forest ranger, was on Beaver Creek a few days last week on business.

There are a lot of curs in the North Timber that could well be dispensed with. About a dozen of them will congregate in some rancher's pasture, and worry and chase any stock therein. Should someone's pet dog come missing, no doubt it will have gone to the happy hunting ground, via cold lead route.

Enoch Cummings drove to Newcastle Saturday to meet his son Charles and family, who arrived on the morning train from Washington, where they have spent the winter and decided to locate, having sold their place near Horton. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cummings were very popular among the people of the country and they regret losing them, though they wish them all kinds of success in their new home.

Mrs. Pitts, of the Door Key ranch, is still very ill. Mrs. Fred Coates, her sister, has been with her for several days.

Willie McCoy, of the North Timber, left Saturday morning for Pringle, S.D., where he expects to go to work at the N Hart camp. Willie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. McCoy, have been at Pringle for several months.

A little eight-pound boy called at the home of George Stanton on the 26th and

they all looked so happy over it he concluded to stay.

Road supervisor, John Taylor, of the north prairie country, was a business visitor in the city Tuesday.

The steel beams and rafters for the roof of the armory building have arrived and are being placed in position.

The lovers of the eclipse can have an opportunity to see it by watching it on Wednesday, March 11. Moon enters 7:42 p.m.; middle of eclipse 9:13 p.m.; moon leaves shadow 10:44 p.m.

E.A. Dunaway came in from the Cheyenne River first of the week. He brought with him a handmade bed spread belonging to and made by Miss Lavina Johnson, sister of Mrs. August Carlson, which he raffled off. The spread was a beautiful piece of work and was won by Mrs. Robert Douglas, netting Miss Johnson \$50.50 even.

75 YEARS AGO – MARCH 2, 1939

Keeping in line with the numerous improvements being made by other Newcastle businesses, carpenters started work on the remodeling of the J.C. Penney and Sunshine Grocery stores.

The Wyoming Motor Company has been formed by local people to handle a complete line of Ford cars, commercial cars and trucks, as well as the Mercury, Lincoln-Zephyr and Lincoln cars.

Importance of the Burlington railroad to the growth and prosperity of Newcastle and Weston County is revealed in the amount of taxes paid each year, amounting to \$59,888.21 in 1938.

Chris Hansen helped John Christensen butcher hogs Wednesday in the Pleasant Valley area.

Walter Gibbs of Castle Rock went to Newcastle Saturday to spend a few days visiting his sister, Mrs. Arthur Shell, and at



the A.J. Gibbs home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carr and family were guests at Orin Shuck's near Clifton on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Marchant and son went after their trailer with lumber they had left at the Hansen mail box Sunday.

Miss Mary Fitzgerald, who is employed as cook at the Morrisey school, had the misfortune Thursday to get her hand cut badly with an ax. She was rushed to Newcastle.

Earl Tanner and children, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Long, Chas. Lassen, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Elliott were Fairviewites in Newcastle Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kropatch, Emry Kropatch, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fillinger, Margaret and Gladys Fillinger, Norris Darrow and Erwin Cook went out to Cook's after play practice at Dewey Tuesday night where they enjoyed cards and other games.

Mr. and Mrs. A.O. Banks, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Banks and son, and Mrs. Jensen were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Smith and Christy Smith Thursday evening.

50 YEARS AGO – MARCH 5, 1964

Coach Brown's Dogies sipped by the Douglas Bearcats Friday night and won 68 to 64 in a "real thriller." Newcastle travels to Gillette this week for the district tournament.

A photo was published of Newcastle volunteer fire department members Frank Humes, Dave Crum, Leonard Arfmann, Chief T.T. Lanham, Don Howell, Jack Holwell and Bill Burleson, standing in front of a new fire truck.

The first shaving permit for Newcastle's 75th anniversary was sold to Chamber of Commerce President Bill Nolan last week. Jaycee Landis Slider pinned the badge on Nolan while Jaycee Vic Sommers accepted the \$2.50 for the permit. The badges will be sold to tourists for \$1 this summer.

State and federal representatives of the Forest Service will explain the bark beetle problem at a meeting at Four Corners March 12.

Mrs. Orren Clyde and Ginger and Mrs. Royal Bock, Theresa, Larry and Dolores, of Osage, were Thursday business callers in Newcastle and luncheon guests of Mrs. Gerald Dale Bock.

The adult discussion group, under the direction of Rev. James Thvedt of the Grace Lutheran Church of Newcastle, met at the Robert Tupper home in Osage Sunday evening.

Jack & Jill Food Market ad: Two-pound box of Golden Valley cheese spread for 49 cents.

From the Vault of the Anna Miller Museum:

This alfalfa seed huller, or separator, was delivered by Clair Roadifer from LAK Ranch to the Mahnke Ranch on Whoop Up Creek, circa 1922.



Our Sincere Thanks to the following for contributing to the success of our Masonic Shrine Carnival on February 22.

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Meetings & Events Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
March 6	8:30 a.m.	Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)	W.C. Senior Center
	4 p.m.	VFW Auxiliary	W.C. Senior Center
	7 p.m.	Salt Cret Water District Meeting	District Office
	7 p.m.	W.C. Museum District Meeting	Anna Miller Museum
March 7	7:30 p.m.	Newcastle Mason's Meeting	Masonic Lodge
	11:30 a.m.	World Day of Prayer	Corpus Christi Church
March 9	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	7:30 p.m.	Square Dancing	Newcastle Elementary
	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
March 10	2 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Church
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
March 11	1 p.m.	AARP Meeting	W.C. Senior Center
	7 p.m.	Square Dance Lessons	Newcastle Elementary
March 12	Noon	Chamber General Membership Mtg	Fountain Inn
	1:30 p.m.	Dirt Daubers Garden Club	3310 Stirrup Street
	4:45 p.m.	Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)	United Methodist Church
	6:30 p.m.	W.C. Fair Boad Meeting	Fair Office
	6:45 p.m.	ALANON (746-9791)	Mondell Heights
	7 p.m.	American Meeting	Armory
March 13	7:30 p.m.	Eastern Star Meeting	Masonic Lodge
	2 p.m.	Flowering Fingers Garden Club Mtg	FOCUS Office
	6 p.m.	FOCUS Meeting	Public Health Bldg.
	7 p.m.	Mallo Camp Board Meeting	Indoor Range
March 14	7 p.m.	Ladies Firearms Safety & Self Defense	Corpus Christi Church
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	W.C. Senior Center
March 15	8:30 a.m.	Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)	City Hall
	5:30 p.m.	City Planning Commission Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
March 16	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Newcastle Elementary
	7:30 p.m.	Square Dancing	VFW Hall

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- March 7: Kathy Dixon, Jody Bruce
- March 8: Shawnda Sandrini, Storee Tupa, Kent Elliott
- March 9: Ray Hawk II
- March 10: Brooklyn Hoffman, Brandon Doell
- March 11: Duke Ottema
- March 12: Mr. & Mrs. JD Rhoades, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Bartley

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For the Ages

News Letter Journal

All roads lead ... back home

By Donna Gochanour for NLJ

When I interviewed Don Hansen last week I found a man who was very relaxed and content with his life; he seems to have found his niche right here in the place where he was born and raised. Hansen comes from a line of original settlers in Weston County, the descendant of Danish grandparents. His grandfather went to work for a farmer as a hired man and he fell in love with the farmer's daughter. He immigrated to the United States, and, not to be left behind, she ran away from home and came here to join him. They married and eventually had three boys, one of whom was Hansen's father. The family lived and ranched "up on the prairie" like so many others did in those early days.

Hansen's grade school and high school years were spent in Newcastle. Along with 20 of his classmates, he joined the National Guard in about 1961, his junior year of high school, he thought. There followed six months of basic training and they became an artillery unit, here at the armory. His father had also been in the Guard years before when it had been a Cavalry unit.

Hansen continued his education at the University of Wyoming in the spring of 1963 and college was the place where he met his bride-to-be, Marilyn Pringle. She had been born and raised in nearby Upton, and the couple married in 1966 when Hansen was in his senior year at UW. Three children rounded out the family through the years.

Hansen graduated with a degree in Industrial Management and went on to earn a Master's Degree in Business, while Marilyn graduated with a degree in music. They ended up in Rochester, N.Y., where he worked for Eastman Kodak for a couple of years. But Hansen felt he needed a better line of work. He had gone

to college to get a degree in electrical engineering but then to his dismay discovered that jobs were hard to find in that field, so he decided that he would like to study law and he applied to the University of Wyoming and also to the University of Arizona. New York to Arizona was a big jump, but they looked on it as a chance to see more of the country. He passed the bar exam in Arizona and worked for a time with El Paso Natural Gas in Texas. Then he received an offer from a law office in his hometown and in 1975, so they came back to Newcastle and he joined the law firm of Jones and Dumbrill.

The oil boom was on in Weston County about this time and the Hansens were having a hard time finding a place to live. Hansen grinned as he recalled that if they heard of somebody moving, they'd go and ask them if it was true and whether they would consider an offer on their home. They first lived on Birch Street but the place he remembers best was the former home of Don Thorson, up on the hill across from what was then the hospital. Somehow, when the helicopter for Life Flight came in to pick somebody up, they cleared the parking lot and managed to land there, he said — and it's not a very big lot! It really made a noise and caused a lot of excitement in the neighborhood. It was an event that couldn't be ignored.

It seemed as if Wyoming was the place that they should be. In 1977, Hansen was made a partner in Jones, Dumbrill and Hansen and when Jones retired, he partnered with Richard Dumbrill. Eventually Dumbrill also retired, but it wasn't until 1990 that he and Jim Peck became partners and formed Hansen and Peck Law Offices. Hansen has been the Weston County attorney for 20 years now and is in civil practice, taking "everything that comes in the door," he says. He told me that it is always interesting and he really enjoys helping people. Newcastle has been a good place to raise his kids and he is proud of the fact that his son Eric became the third generation of Hansens to graduate from Newcastle High School and receive a full tuition scholarship to the University of Wyoming.

When asked what he does for hobbies, the lawyer that just celebrated his 70th birthday confessed that he mostly just putters around. They enjoy driving through the hills, doing a little fishing and a bit of gardening. He had been trying to grow tomatoes in the summer but that was about it for hobbies.

I enjoyed meeting you, Don Hansen — thank you for the opportunity! In the meantime, there's this legal paper that I ... just kidding.

Denise Piscioti/NLJ

Don Hansen celebrates his 70th birthday at the law offices of Hansen and Peck in Newcastle on Feb. 13.



Senior Happenings

Weston County Senior Services

March 6: Trip to Tin Lizzie
March 7: Bridge Ladies
March 8: Open rec Room
March 8: Lifeline Screening
March 9: Daylight Savings Time
March 10: AARP
March 11: Mexican Train
March 12: Ceramics
March 13: Miracle Ear Clinic
March 14: Blood Pressure Check
March 15: Gun Show
March 16: Gun Show
March 18: Trip to First Gold
March 19: WCSS Board Meeting
March 20: Trip to The Lodge

Weston County Manor

March 6: Al & The Gang, 2 p.m.
March 7: Bingo, 2 p.m.
March 8: Happy Hour, 3 p.m.
March 10: Education Session, 10:30 a.m.
March 11: Ceramics, 10:30 a.m.
March 12: Kickball, 10:30 a.m.
March 13: Manicures, 2 p.m.
March 14: Move, 6 p.m.
March 15: Hangman, 11 a.m.
March 17: Resident Council, 10:30 a.m.
March 18: Giant Crossword, 10:30 a.m.
March 20: Al & The Gang, 2 p.m.

*For a complete list of events, refer to monthly schedules available from the Weston County Senior Services Center, and the Weston County Manor.

We learned to live on 'Alaska' time

You know, going to Alaska to live was so bizarre; we were the worst cheechakos ever to hit the Alcan, just about. At first I just wanted to take my kids and go live in my house in Ohio, but eventually I caved in. We got ready for the trip, four kids, a cat named Annabelle and all the stuff we would need to drive from South Carolina to Alaska. Long trip!

Somebody had told us to wrap everything in plastic because the dust on the Alcan would ruin everything. We pulled our pretty little ski boat all loaded with stuff to camp with and stuff to live with until our household goods arrived. They were not kidding about the dust. That pretty little boat never, ever, got used to pull somebody on water skis again and soon got sold to somebody heading south.

The closer we got to Anchorage the more we were attacked by the Alaska State Bird, a.k.a. the mosquito. Girls in Alaska don't wear perfume, they wear mosquito repellent — Cutters is the perfume of choice. Hey, those girls ain't stupid.

Well, Arkansas had chiggers and I learned about cockroaches in Texas, but in Alaska there were white sox and no-see-ums. My Mother and Dad came to visit. Mom says "do they really have white socks on?" I replied that I didn't know, you couldn't see um. Of

course! Well, that caused a lot of hilarity. Those little monsters were worse than mosquitoes. They put big knots on my neck and along my hairline. I doused myself with bug dope every day and it kind of put a shine on my face and arms, all of that oil.

Living on the Air Force base, there wasn't a lot of bug activity going on, but we went camping a lot too and putting on repellent became a matter of habit.

Another interesting thing about Alaska was Time. When you lived in town and had a regular job, you had normal time, kind of. Keeping in mind we had to adjust to the lengthening of daylight each summer, up to Summer Solstice, then the loss of daylight until those long, cold, dark days leading up to Winter Solstice when we would begin to gain daylight again.

When I got up north in the Talkeetna area, however, there became regular time and 'Talkeetna Time.' Talkeetna Time hinged on a variety of things: if the salmon were running; you decided not to come to work today because you were going to help somebody cut firewood and knew the boss would figure it out; there was real good snow for going riding; and just countless other things that could get in the way that were more important.

The new owner of the Fairview Inn, former employee of British



Donna Gochanour Photo

Butch Roness, former Newcastle resident and the author's brother, loved fishing in Alaska — no matter what time it was.

Petroleum and my employer, would stomp and holler that so-and-so was supposed to be here at 9 a.m. and fix the whatever, and never showed up. "Relax, buddy," I'd say to him, "you just can't keep forgetting about Talkeetna Time." By and by, he got used to it, but it took awhile.

Those long days in summer fooled you completely and when my brother Butch came for a visit,

I found him out chopping wood at 2 a.m. and said to him, "aren't you ever going to go to bed!" He looked around kind of surprised and dropped that ax like it was hot when I told him what time it was. When I got to Wyoming, I stayed angry all that first summer because it got dark at 9 p.m., just when I was getting a good start on the day, too!



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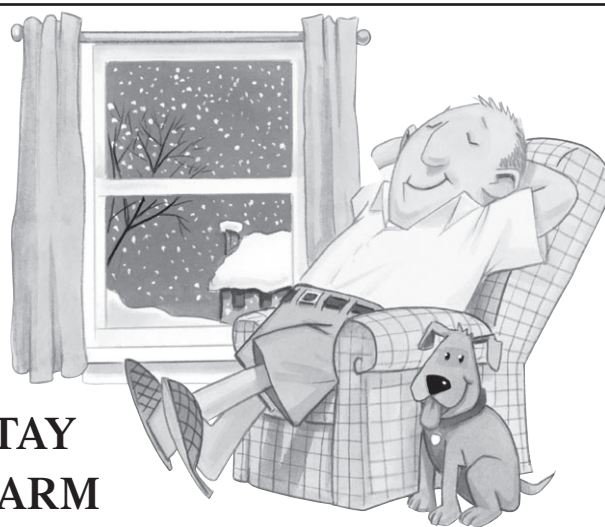
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saying he believes that slowly but surely the problem is being constructively addressed.

“We’re going to try to make sure the DEQ doesn’t get overzealous in any type of fines or things like that while we’re working through this backlog of landfills that need to address issues,” he said of the Wyoming State Legislature’s position. “In part they’re federal compliance issues and the DEQ has some leeway there about how vigorously they can prosecute that federal mandate.”

“We’re trying to do all we can to put money into different holding accounts, so we can get that out to people based on a need basis and ability to pay,” Meier continued. “I know we’re going to do 21 projects in this next year. We’ve got that in the pipeline. It’s going to be a lot like building schools. The ones that are in the worst shape are going to get the most attention at this point in time ... There is a commitment from the legislature to fund [landfills] and I don’t see that waning in the future.”

District 1 Sen. Ogden Driskill

was more pessimistic, however, believing that the state’s landfills constitute an impending crisis that has yet to be fully confronted and will prove costly.

“We’ve worked on it. The legislature has put some money into different pots to deal with it, but nothing near [what is needed] when you look statewide at 100-plus municipalities. There’s nowhere near the funding in place to deal with it at this point.”

Driskill estimated that, all factors considered, it will cost an astounding figure for landfills throughout the state to come into full regulatory compliance.

“Virtually every town has one or more abandoned landfills and nearly all of them are in noncompliance at this point,” he explained. “The numbers on them are stunning as well ... You add all those together and then you start looking at permitting new ones, and the work that goes with them, and it would not surprise me at all to see very near a \$1 billion. This is a gorilla-sized problem statewide. Everyone’s incrementally trying

to deal with it, but unfortunately with the DEQ we’re dealing with some time constraints on things. This issue will become a very pressing issue fairly rapidly. For cities and towns it’s probably the number one issue now. It’s a bigger issue than infrastructure by far.”

DEQ officials claim that about 90 percent of landfills in the state are contaminating adjacent groundwater. The City of Newcastle’s current landfill is not among those, according to Hartley, and exists in soil with low permeability, although the city’s former facility has exhibited signs of seepage.

Two more years exist on the permit of Newcastle’s current landfill but more stringent DEQ regulations put the viability of re-permitting the facility in doubt. Most other landfills in the area are in the process of closing or have closed, and the DEQ is actively seeking to consolidate the state’s landfills by replacing most outlying facilities with transfer stations from which garbage would be shipped to larger centralized facilities.

WCHS from page 1

occurred, she reported, telling the board there are exams from November for which reports have yet to be completed. Gillette Medical Imaging switched to a newer version of Novarad when WCHS went live with the same system, but Orsborn says, the issues cannot be blamed on the computer systems. She believes the problem lies with the doctors not reading in the correct system.

“We asked them to read in the correct system or get them to dictate it into the correct system, but the physician still has to go in and electronically sign it so that it will populate into the patient’s record, and they won’t do it. So we have exams out there from November that are not finalized in our electronic health record,” Orsborn reported.

Cadwell explained that the reports have been received and the patients have their conclusions, but documentation is not being completed for those results to be correctly populated into the EMR system.

“You call over there, you can’t talk to Dr. Lawrence because he is busy. So you try to talk to someone else and they say, we work for Campbell County we don’t work for you, and we don’t work for the radiologist. Because they are. They are employees of Campbell County, so we just have this constant battle,” stated Orsborn.

WCHS Board Member Connie James was curious if a letter had been sent spelling out the problems, to which Orsborn reported they had been in contact with GMI. She indicated she had Dr. Chuck Franklin call Lawrence about a couple of issues where the reports were not generating correctly in the system and some of the issues were resolved.

When the News Letter Journal contacted GMI Tuesday about the allegations, the owner of the company reported they had not yet been notified of WCHS’ decision to suspend their services, and

denied any problems.

“We have not had any notification that we are no longer providing that service. As to not providing good service, we adamantly deny that, and beyond that we can make no comment,” said Steve Bailey, owner of Gillette Medical Imaging.

At the Feb. 20 meeting, WCHS Board Chairman Jill Sellers questioned whether GMI had been paid for their services. Cadwell responded that the company sends out their own bills to patients separately, so they do not receive money directly from WCHS. Their services are an agreement to work with WCHS and fulfill their professional commitment, she explained.

At the medical staff meeting, Orsborn told the board, the doctors at WCHS indicated they appreciate being able to talk directly to a radiologist on call when an emergency arises. Orsborn reported, however, that in some instances, the radiologist in Gillette refused to talk to doctors from EmCare that work at WCHS.

“With Dakota Radiology they assured us — plus the history is — anytime [our doctors] had a question they would call them up and whoever was on call would answer the questions, look at the films with them. Never had any problems with them,” noted Orsborn.

There will be an interval period as the hospital transitions from the use of Gillette Medical Imaging to Dakota Radiology, allowing for the 90-day letter they are required to give the current company.

“With computer systems, to get everything tested and re-routed, it just takes time. I think doing the 90-day notice is appropriate,” stated the CEO. “I know at the time they picked us up — and I wasn’t here — but we were scrambling to find a radiology group to read our stuff and they stepped up and did it. I think we need to do it.”

Projects from page 1

were happy with the wording ... and they gave us feedback,” Hunt said of the design process.

“I raised the funding for these first two,” she continued. “If anyone else comes forward wanting to [create a sign for] someone, they’ll have to raise the funding for that. It doesn’t come out of the city funds.”

Hunt went on to add that, including the posts on which they’ll be mounted, the signs cost approximately \$1,500 each.

Hunt also presented a detailed set of criteria, which the city council voted to approve on March 3, that generally limits those for whom a sign can be created to persons who have achieved national or worldwide recognition and have resided in the city for at least 18 consecutive years.

She told the News Letter Journal she hopes to see the Piana and Sedgwick Stearns signs installed with an accompanying ceremony sometime this summer.

Following Hunt, David put before the committee for consideration a plan he developed with McColley to create a registry/grave locator system for the Greenwood Cemetery.

Explaining the partial impetus behind the project, David told the committee that he is a lover of history who has spent time at Greenwood working to catalogue the graves.

“Graves are one of the treasures we have when it comes to genealogy and history,” David explained, adding that, “[Greenwood Cemetery] is one of the few graveyards [I’ve encountered] that doesn’t have a directory.”

David went on to read aloud from the written proposal, describing a grave locator system that would consist, as its main component, of a large display map mounted on the exterior wall of the maintenance building facing the cemetery.

“The map would show the location of the block and where the lot is located within each block,” the proposal reads. “Below the map of the cemetery, which will be enclosed in Plexiglas and mounted in an attractive frame, will be a directory book that would indicate which block and lot the grave is in. Each block would have signs in the corners indicating the block number.”

David, who is employed at the Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp, indicated that he can commit the camp’s resources and manpower to designing and building the display board for the map with materials either purchased or donated, as well as the block markers if needed. He asked, however, that the city take responsibility for installing the map structure and block markers, reasoning that it is a city building on which the map would be installed.

Hunt presented a quote from Black Hills Printing & Signs in relation to the cemetery project that estimated the total cost of signage at \$1,146, of which \$453 would be paid by Newcastle Greenways. She asked the city council later that same evening to consider putting any available Wyoming Community Gas donation funds toward the remaining \$693.

City Engineer Bob Hartley, who was present at the committee meeting, expressed

support for the project.

“I think the map, in particular, would be really good,” he told the committee. “We get people coming into City Hall, particularly in the summer ... They’ll want to know where someone is buried, a loved one or a great aunt or uncle. About all we can do now ... is get [the] map out and explain to them where it’s at. If they come back and they still can’t find it [a city employee] will go up there with them ... It would be helpful to have something like this.”

Hartley went on to add that of course no city employees are available on the weekends to render assistance and many people may not even know to consult the city in the first place.

He was also careful to note, however, that the upkeep of Greenwood Cemetery is not the obligation of the city and has been taken on by Newcastle as a community service.

David said he understands that maintenance for the registry and grave locator system would be required, and an updated map or addendum for new graves would have to be produced on a regular basis to keep track of new graves.

“You’ve got to realize there’s vandals out there and people will steal stuff,” he added. “Ann and I, as long as we’re here and involved, we’ll commit to going out there ... It’s not a big maintenance item.”

“There are so many neat stories out there and this is really phase one,” David went on to say of the history surrounding some of the people interred at Greenwood and the potential for future cemetery related improvement projects.



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Lane Zerbst prepares cars for launch.

Derby Days

Story & Photos
By Denise Pisciotti

Family and friends of Cub Scout Pack No. 66 cheered their favorite Scout at the Pinewood Derby on Feb. 22 at Weston County Senior Services center. After the dens finished their races, the Newcastle businesses got in on the action with cars they had designed to represent their occupation. Each car was weighed in the night before, when everyone had a chance to view the competition.

To prove the derby cars made years ago can still race, several older cars were brought to the competition. The Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department had a 30-year-old car and Delbert Blocker used a car from the 1980s for Frontier Hardware's entry. Jim Hanson did not race his car from the 1960s, but brought it in to show he still had it.

The Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp's car ran the fastest time of the day at 204.3 mph, just slightly above the Scout's overall champion, Harley Cookston, whose car ran an impressive 203.5 mph. Perhaps it was the intercut detail of "3 to 5" on the back of the Honor Camp's car that gave them the edge.

The first-place winner from the Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelo dens will represent their pack at the Black Hills Area Council Pinewood Derby at the Scout-O-

Rama, scheduled for Saturday, March 15, at the Rushmore Mall in Rapid City, S.D.

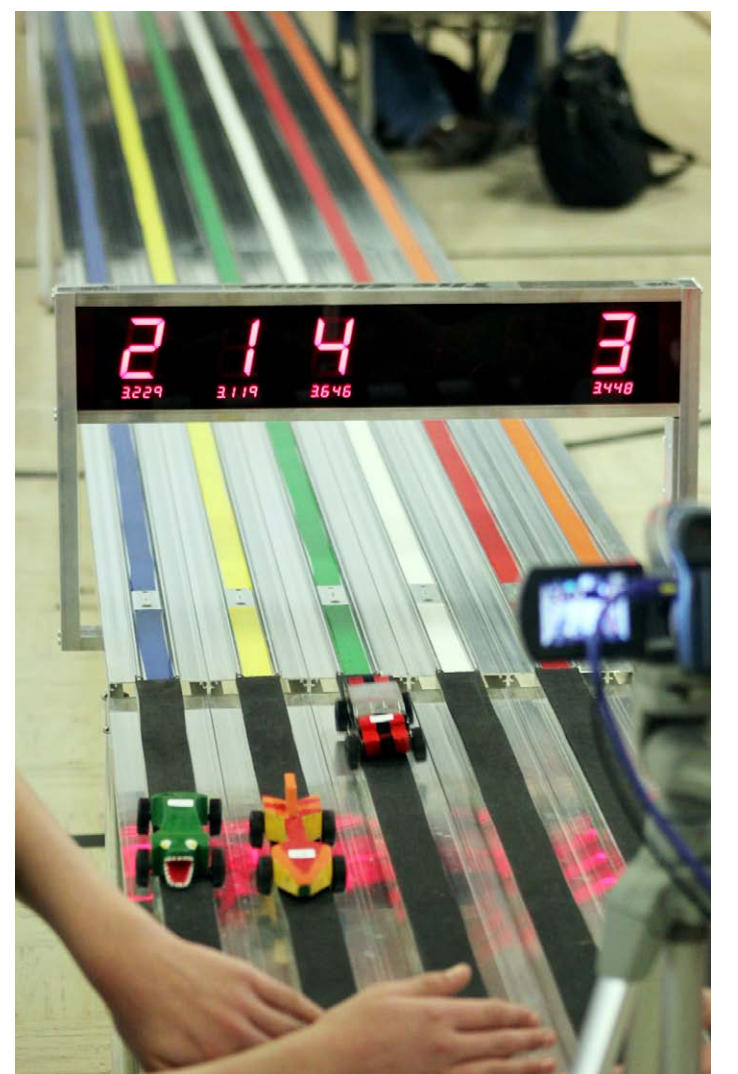
Cubmaster leader Melanie Dedic reported that none of it would have been possible without the generous outpouring of support from the community. Plans are already in the works for improving the event to make it even better next year.



Shane Sellers, Master of Ceremonies, congratulates Elijah Cookston who came in first for the Webelos II, and third overall.

Tyson Pehringer celebrates his first-place win for the Tiger Den with his family, Jeremy Kitchens, April Smith, Mike Pehringer, Tiger Den leader, and Victoria Pehringer.

Timers keep a close eye on the Pinewood Derby cars as they cross the finish line, at speeds up to 200 mph.



- Pack 66 Pinewood Derby 2014**
- | Group, Place, Racer, Average Speed (mph) |
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| Tiger Den, 1, Tyson Pehringer, 188.4 |
| Tiger Den, 2, Eli Pruitt, 186.6 |
| Tiger Den, 3, Keith Simmons, 179.8 |
| Wolf Den, 1, Peyton Simmons, 195.2 |
| Wolf Den, 2, Kristofer Blaisdell, 191.9 |
| Wolf Den, 3, Joshua Walton, 178.7 |
| Bear Den, 1, Harley Cookston, 202.9 |
| Bear Den, 2, JR Graham, 196.3 |
| Bear Den, 3, Joseph Dedic, 193.1 |
| Webelos I, 1, Justin LaCross, 197.5 |
| Webelos I, 2, Daren Simmons, 191.5 |
| Webelos I, 3, Christopher Walton, 174.3 |
| Webelos II, 1, Elijah Cookston, 197.2 |
| Webelos II, 2, Skylar Jenkins, 183.0 |
| Webelos II, 3, Lance LaCross, 175.4 |
- Overall Champion**
1. Harley Cookston, 203.5
 2. Justin LaCross, 197.0
 3. Elijah Cookston, 195.6
- Business Class**
1. Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp, 204.3
 2. Lunatic's, 198.3
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03/06	V	3A East Regionals @ Torrington	A TBA
03/07	V	3A East Regionals @ Torrington	A TBA
03/08	V	3A East Regionals @ Torrington	A TBA

Girls Basketball			
3/01	V9	*Torrington Trailblazers	H 2:30PM
03/06	V	3A East Regionals @ Torrington	A TBA
03/07	V	3A East Regionals @ Torrington	A TBA
03/08	V	3A East Regionals @ Torrington	A TBA

Boys Soccer			
03/10	VJ	Practice Begins	H TBA

Girls Soccer			
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Upton

Boys Basketball			
3/6-8		State @ Casper	TBA

Girls Basketball			
3/6-8		STATE @ Casper	TBA

The Score

B Team Basketball
Feb. 18: Newcastle 18, Lusk 24
Feb. 22: Newcastle 19, Buffalo 26

7th Grade A Team Basketball
Newcastle 52, Hullett 7
Newcastle 43, Sage Valley 23

Men win big at home

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

The Newcastle boys' Varsity team picked up a huge, morale-boosting win over Torrington at home on Friday in their last game of the regular season. With the win, which is their third overall this season, they secured a seventh seed going into this weekend's regional tournament, meaning they'll take on number-two seed Buffalo on Thursday.

Coach Allen Von Eye had predicted a back-and-forth battle between Newcastle and Torrington, two teams desperate for a win as the regular season came to a close. That's how Newcastle's first meeting with the struggling Trailblazers turned out, with the Dogies eking out a victory in overtime. This time around, however, Newcastle came ready for a fight and never allowed Torrington to be competitive beyond the first few minutes of the contest.

"It was a good one for us. It really was," said an ebullient Coach Von Eye on Monday. "You could tell before the game that we had some guys who were just not going to let us lose. They were fired up. They were ready for it ... It was Senior Night and the kids believed. They did a great job."

"[Torrington] got up on us just a little bit at the beginning," Von Eye continued of the game's opening minutes. "They hit some shots that we were willing to give them, which we thought were good shots for our defense to give up ... From that point on it was our basketball game. You saw some of our leaders step up. Wade Gordon just put us on his back and took us where we needed to go."

Gordon would go on to lead Newcastle with 22 points, while Dillon Ehlers, who was among those Von Eye mentioned by name as seeming to have fire in their eyes Friday, contributed an additional 14. The Dogie coach also went on to cite the contributions of sophomore Taylor Allen, who had 10 points, and freshman Triston Roberson.

Although there were moments late in the game when Newcastle seemed to let up defensively, allowing the Trailblazers to go on small runs, the Dogies responded

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Mens Stats

Varsity:
Newcastle 58, Torrington 43
Field Goal Percentage 52
Free-Throw Percentage 77
Rebounds 23
Assists 9
Steals 7

Individual Stats:
Points: Wade Gordon 22, Dillon Ehlers 14, Taylor Allen 10, Justin Francis 8
Rebounds: Wade Gordon 7, Justin Francis 6
Assists: Colton Sweet 3, Wade Gordon 2, Dillon Ehlers 2, Justin Francis 2
Steals: Wade Gordon 4

Crabtree earns title at State

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

The combined Newcastle-Upton wrestling team had two wrestlers place individually at the 3A State Wrestling Tournament in Casper this past weekend, while the Dogies took the 11th spot overall out of a field of 16 teams.

Merritt Crabtree took first place at 182 pounds, while teammate Kolton Hall took fifth at 195.

Crabtree's first-place finish did not come unexpectedly, as he had maintained the number-one ranking in 3A at his weight class throughout the year. Still, going 4-0 at State this year required a bit of strategizing according to his father, Head Newcastle Coach Sean Crabtree.

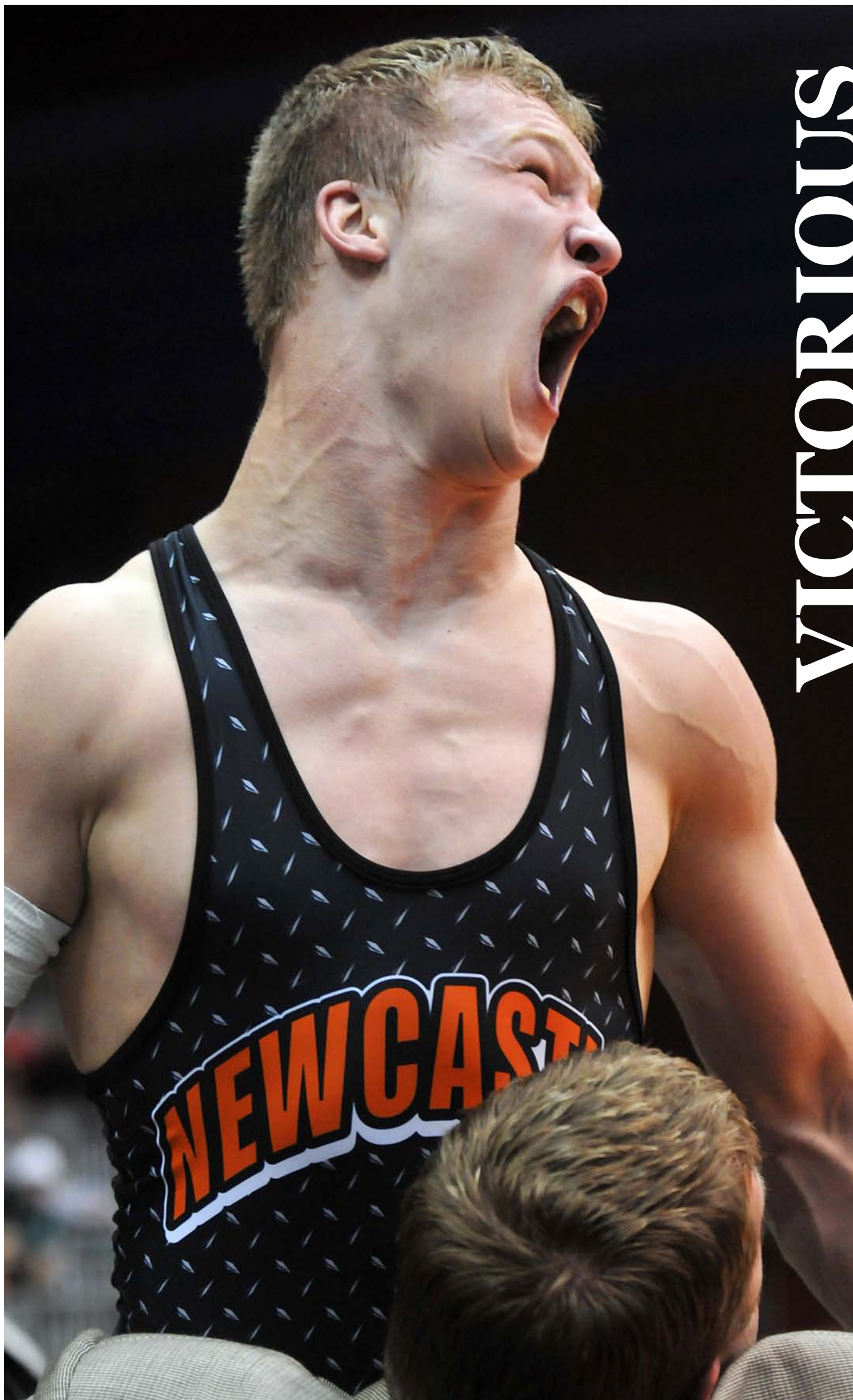
"The first two matches went very well," said the elder Crabtree. "[Merritt] pinned them. The semi-final match he played it very smart. The first two periods were 0-0. Third period it was 9-0, and he won the match. The final match he was very, very prepared for. He went out and played it cautious. He just wrestled very smart all the way through the state tournament."

"We never wrestled that kid before," Crabtree said when asked about Ammon Guild, the Star Valley grappler whom Merritt beat 9-1 to take the title, noting that Guild had beaten the number-two and -three ranked 182-pounders in 3A on his way to the finals.

Crabtree went on to say that he was proud of his son's hard work through the course of the season, saying he believed it was a storybook ending to a high school wrestling career that had seen Merritt take fifth place as a freshman and second place as a junior, while failing to place in his sophomore year. Merritt's teammate Kolton Hall took a more circuitous route to his fifth-place finish, losing his first match before fighting his way back.

"[Hall] had a tough [match] right off the bat," Coach Crabtree recalled. "[He faced] the number-two seeded kid and wrestled him hard but just had a hard time getting some things

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VICTORIOUS

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Newcastle High School senior Merritt Crabtree claims victory in the 182-pound weight class at the 3A State Wrestling Championships, as he is hoisted by his jubilant father and coach, Sean Crabtree.

Ladies stumble against Torrington

By Todd Bennington of NLJ



Denice Piscioti/NLJ

Senior guard MaKayla Smith plays defense against Torrington on Friday, while sophomore Abby Gray lurks in the background. The Dogies, who lost to the Trailblazers 52-37, will face Worland on Thursday in the first round of the 3A East Regional tournament.

the line against the Trailblazers, something they've struggled with at times this season.

"We made our free-throws well. We did some things defensively at times that I was pretty pleased with, but other times [we] just didn't get the stops that we needed to."

Bartlett reasoned that his team, which was led on Friday by Anna Henkle and Abby Gray with 14 and 9 points respectively, will need to find a way to become more consistent on the offensive end if they're to find success this weekend.

Asked if number-one Torrington, a team to whom Newcastle lost to 53-48 in their first meeting this season, are the stiffest competition the Dogies have faced so far, Bartlett reasoned it's a toss-up between the Trailblazers and Bearcats.

"It's tough to say. [Torrington's] solid. They have a couple kids on the perimeter that are just really tough to match up with. Douglas is also a pretty tough match-up because of their inside-outside game. Between those two teams, that's probably about as good as it gets in the East. That's kind of another reason that you see the scores that you do the last couple games ... we're going up against pretty

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Newcastle class reps needed

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

Time sure does fly fast! It is once again time to get ready for the 2015 Newcastle High School All School Reunion. An initial meeting is set for Tuesday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the Weston County Senior Services Cambria room.

"What we are trying to do is we are going to have an initial meeting, then we probably won't need to meet until January or so of next year. But we need to get everybody that is interested and has addresses [to come], so we really need to get all of the class representatives on board for this first meeting," said Ann McColley, chairperson of the All School Reunion Committee. "Then we need to have them

start working on getting their class list updated and getting it to us."

It takes many people to make the All School Reunion happen, she explained. Class representatives for each year are needed on the committee, to gather names and contact information of NHS graduates. McColley hopes that many people will work together to make next year's reunion well attended and a lot of fun.

Veronica Danielson has already begun work for the All School directory. She is encouraging people to spread the word quickly so the committee can collect the addresses of as many graduates as possible and have an extensive list of names and phone numbers to use for notification of the event.

If anyone has changes or updates for the directory, McColley can be reached by telephone at (307) 746-5877 or email at acolley@tribscp.com, and Danielson at (307) 949-0915.

"We need to get the word out and we need current addresses for the information in the directory to be good. I can't do all of that, so I need representatives from every class to do that. So that is what this first meeting is about. If we can get representatives from the classes to come, then we can give them a heads up [about what information we need from them]. Then we won't have to meet again until early 2015 to really start planning the party, the reunion," McColley said. "But if we are going to do it, we need to start working on addresses."

The naming of the children, Part II

Jessalynn Centifanto
Summer Solace

The last time I wrote I left you all hanging in what I know was the most intense suspense you have probably ever experienced; wondering what my new kids were finally named. So, I will now reveal that mystery so you can return to living your lives.

Ordinarily I just name all of my fish — and by all I mean all of the poor fish I killed on a weekly basis in college — "Gill." Their name-sake was the companion fish of a schizophrenic crazy man from the movie "What About Bob?," which I always thought was fitting considering my own mental state. There have been innumerable Gills in my life due to my very poor aquarist skills, but this time I thought they needed a more personal name. Because, this time, these fish have a loving father that is much better at this whole fish parenting, and I'm hopeful they may even make it a few months before going to fish heaven. And so the name hunt began.

Picking your child's name

is no small thing, you have to take into account what your child's personality might be like, family names that may or may not be significant to the rest of the family, if the name has a good meaning, whether you like the name, whether your husband likes the name, how much your child might get teased because of it and if they will be taken seriously in the professional world one day with this name. There is such an overwhelming amount of pressure, I'm sure you all understand why it has taken me several weeks in fact to come up with the perfect names. The fact that our kids are fish was somewhat helpful in relieving some pressure, but it was still a battle. A battle, I might add, that I only partially won.

The fact that one of our children has now been named U.S. Marshall Raylan Givens and another Walter White probably gives you a pretty accurate picture of how negotiations went with my husband over the names. I have always dreamed that my children would be named after a drug lord and a backwoods U.S. Marshall, but I digress.

I did get to name the other

two of our children, however. Although I would never admit this to their siblings, there are two that I do love more than the others and so I got to pick their names. My two favorites are twins and so I knew I needed a name that would reflect their relationship as well as their personalities.

After much inner turmoil over different names, the name "Tiara Banks" being shot down by the husband and a couple weeks of having nameless kids I decided it was time to consult one of the great minds of our time, to "call in the cavalry" as it were — my little 9-year-old brother. Like many young kids he has the unhindered imagination that looks beyond the mundane and makes every day an adventure of some kind — either through imagination or force of will.

So I called my little brother and, after hearing his dramatic retelling of how he got stitches after his latest adventure (the story ended with the doctors cutting off all his limbs and him bleeding out on the floor of the ER and dying after they stuck a 10-inch needle directly into his gaping wounds) I asked the obviously creative mind what I should name my

new kids. After I described to him how my fish often chase each other and their personalities he excitedly pronounced them "Tom" and "Jerry" after the old animated show of a cat and mouse. And so, Tom and Jerry they are.

Now all I had left to do, as every good parent does, was to come up with a long, boring story about the Chinese meaning of an English name and how it relates to the child's birth story and a dead great-great-grandfather from the Mayflower. Preferably a story that also brings everyone to tears (out of sentiment or boredom we'll never know) and describes how the name has an old-world feeling with new modern charm and subtle notes of sophistication, as well as fun, because you are that cool, hip parent. Can you tell I've been around new and expecting parents too much lately? I'm still working on that story but I'm sure you all get the idea.

So that, ladies and gentlemen, is the journey we took to name our fish. We laughed, we cried, we almost lost our minds. Lord, help us if we ever have to name a real kid.



Phil Lampron/Douglas Budget

Senior Jake Villanueva completes a takedown by driving his opponent into the mat at the state tournament in Casper. Villanueva narrowly missed placing as he went 2-2 over the course of the weekend.

Grapplers

put together. Kolton came back all the way through the wrestle backs and ended up taking fifth."

The other Dogie grapplers met with more mixed results at State this year, with most of them going 1-2 in their matches. Coach Crabtree indicated that many hadn't received the seeding that he had hoped they would due to their performances at regionals.

Heavyweight Garrett Liggett, whom Crabtree indicated had been feeling under the weather of late, struggled as he immediately met with stiff competition at Casper.

"[Liggett] had the number-two seeded kid right off the bat and we lost that one," said Crabtree. "We won the next one, and then we lost one the next day. It was just a little tough for Garrett. He couldn't get some stuff put together. He'd been fighting a cold for about a month, so I think that kind of hurt him a little bit for State. He wasn't as strong as he should have been, I feel."

Bradon Rushton, who took first place on the JV side at the Ron Thon Memorial Invitational a few weeks ago, also struggled, going 1-2.

"We were fighting a skin [condition] with him that maybe hurt him a little bit with his conditioning," reasoned Crabtree, "because he had to sit out [of competition] for a while."

Crabtree went on to say that he was happy

Stats

Results for Newcastle WHSAA State Wrestling Championships Feb. 28-March 1, 2014

Joseph Jeppesen (1-2) 106: won by major decision 13-0; lost by pin 0:30; lost by pin 2:25. Zach Schuessler (1-2) 120: lost by pin 0:48; won by pin 1:53; lost by pin 0:28. Bradon Rushton (1-2) 132: won by pin 1:01; lost by decision 9-4; lost by pin 4:33. Joseph Hall (1-2) 145: lost by pin 3:08; won by decision 4-1; lost by pin 1:01. James Moberly (0-2) 152: lost by pin 2:54; lost by pin 0:45. Jaspur Stedman (0-2) 160: lost by pin 1:04; lost by pin 0:18. Jake Villanueva (2-2) 170: won by decision 10-5; lost by pin 4:44; won by pin 3:10; lost by pin 4:00. Merritt Crabtree (4-0) 182: won by pin 1:53; won by pin 1:13; won by major decision 9-0; won by major decision 9-1. Kolton Hall (3-1) 195: lost by decision 7-2; won by pin 4:46; won by pin 4:53; won by decision 7-5. Garrett Liggett (1-2) 285: lost by pin 3:47; won by pin 2:28; lost by pin 2:23. Placers: Merritt Crabtree 1st at 182, Kolton Hall 5th at 195.

with the effort shown by Upton freshmen Jaspur Stedman and James Moberly, with whose coach, Lee McCoy, Crabtree said he was pleased to work with this season.

Of Newcastle senior Jake Villanueva, who has been plagued by inconsistency this year, Crabtree said, "He was one match from placing. He had a heck of a day. He performed very well. I was happy with Jake's performance at State."

Asked how he thought the season went overall, Crabtree admitted that it was not

without its ups and downs.

"We had something of a bumpy road through the year. But at the end I was very proud of the way the kids performed at State. I think [regionals] were a little rough because we were at home and everybody had the home jitters. Overall I was very happy with our end result. I think we should have been a little better, but what the kids put into it over the year [determines] what the outcome will be at State."

Crabtree went on to say that he is working on setting up some wrestling camps in the off season and is encouraging his wrestlers to put in their dues in the weight room in preparation for next year.

As for the team's prospects for 2014-2015, Crabtree said he regrets the loss of Merritt, Phil Jagelski, Jake Villanueva and Garrett Liggett, all graduating seniors, but some promising young wrestlers are waiting in the wings to eventually fill their shoes.

"We're going to have quite a few freshmen coming up. We've got some good freshmen coming up from Newcastle and Upton, and we're hoping to get some upperclassmen who have been talking about wanting to go out for wrestling next year. I'm hoping we get at least 25-30 kids in that wrestling room next year," said Crabtree, adding that, though it might be a touch unrealistic, he'd love to take that many to State with him in the future as well.

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with runs of their own and by clamping down tighter defensively, Von Eye recalled, and Torrington never got close enough to threaten.

The win comes as the culmination of the last few Newcastle games of the season, where despite losses to strong Douglas and Buffalo teams, the Dogies have showcased much improved performances.

"We've played pretty good basketball the last three games," reasoned Von Eye. "Like we've said all year long, we have our eyes set on the regional tournament and hopefully we can turn that corner ... It's here now, so it's time to make sure that we turn that corner and play our best basketball that we possibly can."

Friday's win was an important one as it guaranteed the Dogies will face number-two seed Buffalo, a team Von Eye said he feels Newcastle matches up better with than number-one seed Wheatland, whom they would have faced had they fallen to the position of the number eight seed.

"We feel it's a good match-up for us. We played [Buffalo] really solid at our place after not [playing] so solid up at theirs. But we really feel the second game is a little more indicative of the team that we can be and how we can play them ... [Buffalo's] a solid basketball team. They're deep, they're athletic, they're physical, but if we play the way that we can and if we can control tempo like we did at our place, it's a good match-up for us."

Von Eye went on to say that, just in time for the post-season, Newcastle has seemed to have undergone a return to form, one they'd shown in early games before going on an extended digression over the course of the season.

"We've made some strides. Our record isn't where we want it to be, but it's a whole new season right now. As far as we're concerned everybody starts out 0-0. It's who decides to play at the regional tournament. Who's toughest. Who can endure the most. That's who's going to end up coming out on top, and we'd like to think that if nothing else, our season of adversity has built us up for that," he said with a glint of humor.

Though the odds are stacked against them, Von Eye said that the coaching staff is most definitely not yet looking



Denice Piscioti/NLJ

Senior Wade Gordon looks to pass to freshman teammate Triston Roberson, foreground, on the way to the Dogies' 58-43 victory over Torrington on Friday. Newcastle will face Buffalo on Thursday in the first round of the 3A East Regional Tournament this weekend in Torrington.

to next year and the team is focused first and foremost on Buffalo and in getting to the state tournament.

"Last two seasons we've made it to the state tournament as a seventh seed as well," Von Eye said, seeming to relish the underdog status. "We went in

under the radar and played our best basketball at the regional tournament ... It's no different this year."

The 3A East Regional Basketball Tournament will be held at Torrington on Thursday, starting at 11:30 a.m. against Buffalo.



Denice Piscioti/NLJ

Lady Dogie Coach Tyler Bartlett tends to Patricia Miller after Miller suffered an injury during Friday's game against Torrington. Miller recovered from the injury to play again in the game.

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tough competition."

But despite the presence of such competition at regionals this week and Newcastle's current two-game skid, Bartlett said momentum hasn't shifted in the wrong direction for the Dogies leading into the post-season, as far as he's concerned.

"We lost three straight last year going into the post-season and lost the first game at regionals last year, so, really, we were on a four game losing streak," he recalled. "Then we got on a four game win streak between regionals and state ... We talked pretty extensively Friday night about playing angry, about having a chip on our shoulder and kind of showing people what we're actually capable of."

Indeed, Bartlett reasoned that what has happened through the course of the season no longer carries much weight and the regional tournament could well be anyone's to take, provided they want it badly enough.

"The season starts over now," he said of his post-season philosophy. "Of all the years that I've been here this is probably the most ... wide open that it's been. Truthfully I'd say all eight teams have a chance to win some games down there ... You could see a seventh seed playing in the championship. You could see upsets galore."

Bartlett went on to say he is content with his team's fourth seeding as it means they'll be taking on Worland, a team

Stats	
Varsity:	Torrington 52, Newcastle 37
Field Goal Percentage	24
Free-Throw Percentage	74
Rebounds	29
Assists	3
Steals	12
Individual Stats:	
Points:	Anna Henkle 14, Abby Gray 9, Scottlyn Wiggins 5
Rebounds:	Anna Henkle 8, Savannah Davis 5
Steals:	Patricia Miller 4, Anna Henkle 3
JV:	
	Torrington 44, Newcastle 32

against whom he believes Newcastle's chances are good. The Dogies defeated the Warriors 40-38 back in January before falling to them 57-42 in mid-February in a game that was closer than the score seems to indicate.

"We're excited [to play Worland]. We felt like when we played at their place last time it was a close game the whole way and then in the fourth quarter we did some things that were uncharacteristic of ourselves. That game ended up looking a little worse than it was. We're pretty excited to draw them and show them what we're capable of."

Bartlett admitted that, as games like the loss against Worland would indicate, the Lady Dogies have not played up to their potential these last few games and the season has had its share of ups and downs, such as the loss of leading scorer Hannah Cass due to injury.

"We've taken a lot of different turns that we didn't expect this year so we've had to adjust on the fly a little bit," Bartlett reflected. "Things that we [worked on] last summer aren't as applicable now. I think you've seen certain kids really step up into different roles that they didn't expect ... We've had to focus a little more on stops because we aren't quite as talented offensively as we were."

Going into this post-season, only Anna Henkle among the current Newcastle line-up, Bartlett explained, has significant on-floor experience beyond the regular season, as the coaches were content to play mostly starters last year. Regionals, then, will be a new experience for most of the team and one that he hopes, above all else, they'll enjoy, because, much like high school, it tends to go quickly.

"If you can't have fun now I think it's kind of a disappointing situation because you work for months and months — not just in season but out of season to get to this point — so you want to compete and you want to battle and all that stuff, but you better enjoy yourself too. Because ... these next two weeks will fly by," he concluded.

The 3A East Regional Basketball Tournament will be held at Torrington on Thursday, starting at 4:30 p.m. against Worland.

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Unofficial County Commission Minutes

FEBRUARY 18, 2014

The regular meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Seeley presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners: Lenard D. Seeley, Jerry Shepperson, Randy Rossman, Marty Ertman, Tracy Hunt and County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Rare Element Resources - United States Forest Service (USFS)

Jeanette Timm, USFS Project Manager for Rare Element Resources (RER) and Steve Kozel, USFS District Ranger, met with the Commissioners and discussed progress on the Rare Element Resource Bear Lodge Project. The Forest Service has accepted the RER plan of operations as complete. Next, the environmental analysis and NEPA process will begin, with a notice of intent to be published in early March of 2014. Mr. Kozel stated that scoping meetings will be held in both Sundance and Upton, WY. There is an approximate two-year time line to complete the Environmental Impact Study (EIS). No action was taken. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Timm and Mr. Kozel for the update on the RER project.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 4, 2014, as published. **Carried.**

Teckla-Osage Rapid City Transmission Project - United States Forest Service (USFS)

Sherrri Schwenke, Hell Canyon District Ranger, introduced herself to the Commissioners. The Commissioners discussed the Teckla-Osage-Rapid City Transmission Project and the role that that Forest Service would play in the NEPA process. The Board discussed the difference between "coordination" and "cooperation". Ms. Schwenke discussed having a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the USFS and Weston County so that each party would know what to expect of the other. Commissioner Ertman asked Ms. Schwenke if she knew of an addendum for fire suppression on the transmission line project. Ms. Schwenke stated that there was no addendum for fire suppression outside of the plan. No action was taken. Ms. Schwenke was thanked for attending the meeting.

The meeting recessed at 9:40 a.m. and reconvened at 9:45 a.m. with all present.

Chamber of Commerce

Susan Love, Newcastle Chamber of Commerce Director, met with the Commissioners and thanked them for past funding and discussed the Chamber's activities. Ms. Love discussed the promotion of Weston County and future economic development opportunities. No action was taken.

Board Appointment Hearing

Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to appoint Kay Thomas to the CLG Historic Preservation Board for a three-year term. Discussion ensued, **carried.**

Declaration of Official Depositories

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to designate Pinnacle Bank and First State Bank of Newcastle as Weston County's Official Depositories for the calendar

year 2014. **Carried.** Weston County currently has not received an application from FirstTier Bank of Upton.

Weston County Event Center – Grant Extension

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on a letter addressed to the Wyoming Business Council requesting a grant extension for the Weston County Event Center through June 30, 2015. **Carried.**

Wyoming Surplus Property Resolution

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to fill out a resolution designating: Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman; Bryan Colvard, Sheriff; Board of Commissioners and Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk, as authorized representatives to acquire surplus property from Wyoming Surplus Property. **Carried.**

The meeting recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 10:41 a.m. with all present.

Budget Amendment Hearing – County Road Fund

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to allow the transfer of funds in the amount of \$78,000.00 from the County Road Fund (CRF) to the Preliminary Road Construction expenditure line item; to allow for spot gravel maintenance on 1.5 miles of the Raven Creek Road and 2.5 miles of the Materi Road. **Carried.**

UW Extension Educator

Vicki Hayman, Ag Extension Educator, met with the Commissioners and discussed the UW Extension Educator position that will be open when William Taylor retires in May of 2014. Ms. Hayman questioned whether the Commissioners wanted to continue the position. The Commissioners will have a decision for Ms. Hayman on March 4, 2014. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:27 a.m. and reconvened at 11:33 a.m. with all present.

Salt Creek Road

The Commissioners reviewed correspondence from Don Hansen, County Attorney, regarding an easement needed on the Salt Creek Road. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:58 a.m. and reconvened at 1:28 p.m. with all present.

Contract Engineer

Jerry Hunt, Contract Engineer, met with the

Commissioners and discussed the following projects:

Buffalo Creek Traffic Study: Mr. Hunt discussed the Buffalo Creek Traffic Study Project. The Commissioners related that Weston County would hold a public meeting on the project once the agreement has been signed by KJLJ Engineering and we receive an executed copy.

Courthouse A/C Project: Mr. Hunt confirmed that the Courthouse A/C Replacement Project has been advertised and agreed to work with Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk, on finalizing the bid packet.

Courthouse A/C Replacement Project

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to schedule a bid opening for March 18, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. for the Courthouse A/C Replacement Project. **Carried.**

County Roads

Fran Lehman, GIS Coordinator, met with the Commissioners and discussed the process for establishing a county road. Mrs. Lehman discussed several county roads which need to be established and presented a list for the Board. The Commissioners discussed the process to abandon or vacate a county road. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 2:08 p.m. and reconvened at 2:15 p.m. with all present.

Road & Bridge Department

Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman, met with the Commissioners and discussed County road signage. Mr. Williams updated the Board on a conversation he had with Joni Kachelhoffer, WYDOT, regarding the Salt Creek Road. Ms. Kachelhoffer will complete a site visit to the Salt Creek Road. Mr. Williams discussed upgrading the water line to the Road & Bridge shop. Mr. Williams will discuss the water line upgrade with Bob Hartley, Newcastle Engineer. No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

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

(Publish March 6, 2014)



WCSD #1 Warrants

WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 WARRANTS OVER \$500 FEBRUARY 2014

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(Publish March 6, 2014)

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF LOCATION FOR A RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE 2014 – 2015

Notice is hereby given that on February 26, 2014 application for the Transfer of Ownership for a Retail License #5 was made at the City of Newcastle. The application is for transfer from Heidi Cleveland, dba: The Antlers to Jillian Armstrong, dba Antlers Restaurant & Lounge. Protests against this transfer, if there be any, will be heard at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2014 in the Newcastle City Council Chambers at City Hall, Newcastle, Wyoming. Dated: February 26, 2014.

Charita Brunner
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Card of Thanks
We live in a very giving community and we are grateful to you. We would like to express our appreciation to all who made donations for the Lasagna dinner served to the University of Wyoming Singing Statesmen Choir on Sunday evening. Asa and Elias, plus the 60 other men enjoyed a home-cooked meal and the thoughtfulness of so many people. We also want to thank Jan Ellis for making music such an important part of this community. Thank you again,
Jim & Karen Hutchinson & Family

Safe Ride is Back
SAFE RIDE will be now running on Thursday's, Friday's and Saturday's only from 4 p.m. -2:30 a.m. Donations are accepted. There is an account at Pinnacle Bank for donations as well. Please call 629-1682. 10-3tp

Gun Show
Senior Center, Newcastle, WY. Saturday, March 15th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, March 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$5. 307-746-4010 for more information. 10-2tc

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Card of Thanks
The Family of David H. Williams would like to express our appreciation for all the calls, cards, flowers, food and Memorial Contributions. A special note of thanks to Dr. Franklin, the Staff at Weston County Manor Nursing Home, Worden Funeral Directors and Weston County Senior Services. Your kindness, care and services helped us all through this difficult time. Pastor Dave Allen, thank you so much for being there for us and the beautiful service.
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Attention Hunters
Attention Hunters, Trappers, and Fur Harvesters. **PETSKA FUR** Traveling your area March 5-9, 2014. Strong demand for fur, deer/ elk hides, and antlers. 308-750-0700 or www.petskafur.net. 9-2tc

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HELP WANTED: Experienced Bartenders Wanted. Must be clean and sober with experience. **Please apply in person at Perkins Tavern.** 8-4tc

Deadline
Deadline for the paper is on Fridays!!!!

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Country Mail Route
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Self-Help BIBLE STUDY-Non-denominational. Thursdays 10 a.m. Senior Citizen's Dining Room. More info call 629-0211 or 629-1472. 45-tfc

AL-ANON (help for family and friends of alcoholics) meets every Tuesday night at 6:45 p.m. Mondell Heights.

Self-Help
AA Meetings-Weston County Hospital on **Tuesdays at 7 p.m.** 23-tfc

Open Door AA Meetings, **Sunday, and Fridays at 7 p.m. Wednesday meeting at 8 p.m. at the Catholic Church Basement (Back Entrance).**

FOCUS, Inc. Advocates For Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Victims. All Services Are Confidential. Call 746-2748 For Support.

HELPING HANDS Foundation of Weston County. Applications are now available to help. Please contact Rita Conklin at 307-629-0627 for information.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meeting on Tuesdays at 4:45 p.m. at First United Methodist Church upstairs. Contact **Norma Lease 746-4568.**

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Club Meeting every Thursday morning at the Weston County Senior Center. Contact Ellen Butts, 746-4251.

Deadline
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Check out these local authors!

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The Newcastle Fall Guys Wrestling Team Sunday hosted the Wyoming/South Dakota Clash at the Dogie Dome at Newcastle High School, where approximately 70 youngsters battled for individual and team titles. Organizers of the tournament are hoping to make the Clash an annual event. The Fall Guys will compete next at the Spearfish Nationals on March 21 and 22.

The Fall Guys prepares youngsters for future athletics, while involving parents as cheerleaders, hosts and volunteers at events. The team is a member of the North Central Youth Wrestling organization, and wrestles at various locations throughout Wyoming and South Dakota.

Photos by Todd Bennington/NLJ



Jonathan Morgan took first place in the 9/10 Year Old category, shown wrestling a fellow Fall Guy.

Holden McConkey, right, takes on a contender during Sunday's competition in Newcastle.



NEWCASTLE FALL GUYS WRESTLING



Landon Butler takes on his opponent in the 7/8 Year Old category where he came in fourth place this weekend at the Wyoming/South Dakota Clash.

Wyoming/South Dakota Clash Newcastle Fall Guys Results March 2, 2014

6 and Under
1st: Teddy Troftgruben

7/8 Years Old
1st: Thomas Prell
1st: Thatcher Troftgruben
2nd: Scott Larson
2nd: Caden Esposito
4th: Landon Butler
4th: Liam Gorman
5th: Thomas Prell
5th: Wyatt Cole

9/10 Years Olds
1st: Jonathan Morgan
1st: Ke'Ondre Cummings
2nd: Caleb Hossfield

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