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Six express interest in council seat

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NLJ Reporter

When Councilwoman Linda Hunt announced her resignation last month, it created an open seat on the Newcastle City Council, but City Clerk Charita Brunner said at Monday night's

meeting that she was pleased with the amount of interest shown in the position.

On March 7, Mayor Greg James announced that a total of six letters of interest were received from individuals willing to occupy the council seat left vacant by Hunt.

The candidates for the position include Karl Lacey, Seth Rhoades, Pam Gualtieri, Lynn Moller, Donald Taylor, and Lira Qualheim, and James laid out the process that will be undertaken to select Hunt's replacement.

"We plan to submit to them

the questionnaire that we have used in the past," he told the council. Brunner told the News Letter Journal in a later interview that the questionnaire amounts to five questions, but that other questions could be posed by the council to those interested in filling the vacancy.

"We will have a meeting on March 21 at 6 p.m., prior to our regular meeting. We will invite them here to present themselves and answer those questions," James said Monday before indicating that he would like the council to make a decision, and an appointment to be made that

evening during the council's regular meeting.

James also explained to the council that the person appointed to take Hunt's seat will only fill the position until this year's election. If the person chosen to

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What's the catch?



Dr. David Sudbrink demonstrates how to operate the chute he uses when treating cattle to the children from the Weston County Children's Center during their field trip last week to the Salt Creek Veterinary Clinic. (Pam Penfield/NLJ)

County Dems prep for caucus

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Weston County Democrats will have the chance to participate in a county caucus, and two of those residents will have the opportunity to actively participate in the Wyoming Democratic Caucus, after William and Dorothy Fuller agreed to act as temporary caucus chairman and secretary.

The pair, who have only lived in the community for a short time, are excited to see what the caucus could bring.

The Fullers are new to Wyoming, and William admitted this is the first state they have lived in that operates on a caucus system. They began paying attention to reports in the media to glean information about upcoming elections, and Bill Fuller was startled by how low key Democrats were in Wyoming.

He decided to take a shot at changing that in Weston County.

"I thought, 'We really need to get something going,' so we inquired of the State Democratic Party folk," Fuller told the News Letter Journal.

After contacting the Democratic Party officials in Wyoming, they were convinced to volunteer, which meant they will act as the temporary chairman and secretary of the Weston County Democratic Party.

According to Fuller, the State of Wyoming reported to him and his wife that there are 200 registered Democrats in Weston County, and the couple hopes to see as many of them as possible actively participate in the caucus.

Fuller explained that a caucus is an open meeting held with the purpose of determining which candidate those in attendance favor, and voting for delegates to represent the wishes of Weston County at the Wyoming Democratic Caucus.

He admitted that this is the first time he and Dorothy have lived in a state that uses a caucus system, which is a significant change from a primary system for selecting a party's presidential nominee. While a primary election uses secret ballots, votes at a caucus are cast openly, by either voice

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Upton may evaluate employees

Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

At their regular meeting of Mar. 8, the Upton Town Council voted unanimously to change how timesheets are handled for city employees before turning their attention to questions of job descriptions and employee

evaluations.

Mayor Dustin Upton told the council that the present practice of turning timesheets in five days prior to the end of the month is problematic because it means employees are forced to estimate their hours.

Upton recommended a new system, wherein all employee timesheets are

turned into the city clerk by 9 a.m. of the last working day of the month.

All employee timesheets will be signed and approved by department heads, he further indicated, and all employees will receive supplemental timesheets in order to take care of any corrections or adjustments that need to be made.

Later in the meeting, the council addressed the interrelated issues of written job descriptions and employee evaluations, both of which are currently non-existent for the town.

The issue had recently come to the fore because of a questionnaire

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Follow the money

Board wants to know what county does with fairgrounds revenue

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Questions were raised at the February Fair Board meeting regarding the group's goals financially and the current policies regarding revenues generated by the facility. The topic came up during discussion over the new fairgrounds rates, and the people affected by the rate increases wanted to know what the Fair Board hoped to accomplish by charging more for use of the facility.

"Our goal is to break even and improve the facility," declared Fair Board President Zane Marty.

John Riesland, who was present at the meeting to discuss other issues, expressed concerns regarding where any extra revenue generated by use of the Weston County Fairgrounds would actually be deposited. He noted that, according to information presented to him in previous years, any additional money generated at the fairgrounds would actually go into Weston County's General Fund.

"If you actually do turn a profit, does it actually come to you as a Fair Board? Can you utilize it?" Riesland offered, encouraging the Fair Board to pose these questions to the Weston County Commissioners. He indicated that he discovered some time ago that any profits, including monies donated, were returned to the Weston County General Fund, not the Fair Board account.

"I think we are unaware completely of how that works," announced Fair Board Secretary Justin Mills. Fairgrounds Manager Randee Davies reported that the funds do not go back into the general fund, however, according to information she said was provided to her by Weston County Clerk Cheryl Kregel.

County Commission Chairman Bill Lambert gave his interpretation of the budget and what the commission would be doing with the funds. He explained that the budget is brought to the commission by fairgrounds manager, and the money is distributed to address specific line items within the budget.

Lambert said that he does believe that the monies made go back to the general fund, but admitted that was something that needed to be confirmed. He expressed the belief that the commission would "lean hard" towards putting additional monies back into the maintenance and operation of the Weston County Fairgrounds if the facility

generated more revenue.

It is unlikely that the fairgrounds will begin turning an actual profit anytime soon, however, according to board members.

"I think we are a long way from making money," admitted Mills.

Vice President Craig Deveraux acknowledged the need to use additional revenue to make improvements to the facility, and mentioned new "lead-ups" as a particularly pressing need.

"I realize you should make money to make improvements, but if it is just to make money I would hope that we would just try to break even," expressed Riesland.

Deveraux replied that the Fair Board shared that belief, and noted that a lot of things need to be addressed throughout the facility but previous rates were not making that possible.

"We are yet to make money on the facility, so money is not going into other things," shared Mills, who noted that the Fair Board is currently subsidized by the county but would eventually like to need less help from Weston County.

"I would like to take some pride in the fairgrounds, and I don't feel that it is up to where it needs to be...I take some of that kind of personally. We need a better facility. Some of those things haven't been changed since they were put in," Marty concluded.

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Less snow means fire concerns

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The few inches of snow that fell in and around Newcastle on Monday evening was a welcome surprise, but so far in 2016, Weston County has seen little to no snow activity and as spring approaches fire conditions are already beginning to cause concerns.

Weston County Fire Warden Daniel Tysdal reported to the News Letter Journal on Monday that an active fire was being fought between Upton and the county line. That blaze had already grown to 796 acres.

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WEATHER FORECAST	Thursday Sunny Hi 43, Lo 22	Friday Partly Cloudy Hi 39, Lo 19	Saturday Partly Cloudy Hi 44, Lo 23	Sunday Sunny Hi 58, Lo 34	Monday Partly Cloudy Hi 64, Lo 38	Tuesday Partly Cloudy Hi 59, Lo 32	Wednesday Partly Cloudy Hi 57, Lo 34	INSIDE • Explorers Win Award, Page 6 • GOP Convention, Page 8 • Lady Dogies Stumble, Page 9 • Work Ethic For Sale, Page 10



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Our view

Testing our patience

Some Newcastle students spent the first part of this week taking the statewide assessment for Wyoming students, and regardless of how they perform, we can confidently say the State of Wyoming failed yet again.

The fact that the test is being taken in early March is, in and of itself, proof of that failure. Spring has not arrived officially, and the fourth quarter of the school year has not even begun, yet our students are taking tests that are supposed to demonstrate what they learned over the course of the whole year.

We're not sure how the test can accurately reflect the work done by teachers and students over the course of the year when they've only completed three quarters of it, and we hope you will make legislators and state education officials aware of the flaw in designing an accountability system that measures educational progress on a schedule that completely discounts 25 percent of the school year. It is the equivalent of declaring a winner based on the score at the end of the third quarter of a basketball game, but telling both teams to go back out there and try their best for one more quarter anyway.

At the end of the day, the current schedule has been set to accommodate testing companies, education consultants and bureaucrats in both the federal and state departments of education, and if education is truly going to improve in Wyoming, that has to stop.

The state test must be moved to late April or early May, when it makes the most sense for students. Testing companies and bureaucrats should be forced to adjust *their* schedules accordingly.

Follow your dream

A person might not know what they are interested in until they grow older, which is not always bad.

No matter how old a person is, they should always follow their dreams.

JaNel Farnsworth started writing cartoons when she was 46 years old and is still doing it at 65 years of age.

JaNel happens to be my grandma, and her cartoons are about me and my brother. Growing up, I knew that almost every sentence my brother and I said—and my grandma laughed at—would end up in a cartoon somewhere down the road.

JaNel had never written a cartoon before this, but she decided she wanted to start writing cartoons because she wanted to capture all the funny moments between her, my brother, and I.

The first time she wrote any cartoons was six weeks after Trayton was born. She wrote 12 cartoons that day and 12 the next. My grandma named my brother, Trayton, "Grandbaby" and she named me "Babydoll."

Ever since then she has had a cartoon in the paper almost every week. This was just the beginning of a part of my life I would remember forever.

Having a grandma who was different than any other grandma made my life so much more interesting. My grandma never thought she would end up drawing cartoons, but she started to really enjoy them so she kept doing

them.

One day she took them to the News Letter Journal and they offered to put them in the newspaper. She was thrilled!

Growing up with such an inspirational grandma made me realize that I could do anything if I put my mind to it. Being able to look through my grandma's books with her cartoons, and remember all the times we had together, is a memory I will cherish forever.

That's right, not only does she draw cartoons, but she also writes books!

People should follow their dreams, no matter how crazy they might be.

I always thought it was super cool growing up and being in the newspaper every week. In elementary school my grandma came to my class and read the book that she wrote to my class.

She gave everyone their own book, and I thought I was the coolest kid in school when my grandma came and handed out books.

My grandma is such an inspirational woman and is a great example of a person who followed their dreams at an older age.

No one is ever too old to fulfill their dreams.

Growing up with a grandma who had cartoons in the newspaper was very cool, and it proved a person is never too old to follow their dreams and do what they love.

JaNel Farnsworth is an amazing woman and anyone who knows her is extremely blessed by her spunky/quirky attitude.



Ashten Farnsworth
The Cartoon Kid

A triumphant survivor's tale

A ten-year old Eva Mozes stepped off the cattle car where she had been packed in like a sardine, unable to sit or lie down, for four days. Her parents and two older sisters, in addition to she and her twin, had been loaded on the train in Hungary unaware of their destination or what their future would hold. Even when they stepped onto the platform at Auschwitz, they had no idea what horrors lay in store.

Eva and her twin sister Miriam were holding their mother's hands, awaiting their fate, and when she turned to look at her father and older sisters they were gone, never to be seen again.

A few minutes later she and Miriam were ripped from their mother's hands and taken away. They never got to say goodbye.

The year was 1944, and Eva and Miriam were all that would remain of the Mozes family. The fact that they were twins was probably what saved them from imminent extermination as part of Adolf Hitler's Final Solution during World War II. However, surviving the sadistic medical experiments that were part of Dr. Mengele's (The Angel of Death) twin studies became an act of pure will and determination by the two little girls.

Last Wednesday, juniors and eighth graders from Newcastle, as well as the Upton High School and Middle School classes, were awarded a once in a lifetime opportunity to hear a survivor of the Holocaust speak directly to them regarding her experiences. Eva Mozes Kor, now 82, travels the country in an effort to fight the "it didn't happen" mentality regarding the Holocaust, and to also share life lessons she learned from her experiences.

I was also fortunate enough to be able to attend, and as a history teacher it was all the more special for me to have the opportunity to listen to a survivor of one of the greatest tragedies in human history. I know the story of the Holocaust, but to hear a first-hand account was extraordinarily moving.

Her presentation was divided into three parts. The first was her story of surviving Auschwitz, the second included the life lessons she learned from her experience, and it was wrapped up with a question and answer period and book signing.

Eva began to speak about her experience at Auschwitz, and it didn't take long for tears to begin to fall as we listened to the story of her and Miriam seeing their family for the last time as they stood on that platform.

She described what life was like in the camp, and the medical experiments that the two were forced to endure as part of Mengele's twin studies. As she spoke, it really brought the reality home to all in attendance.

While Eva states that she was and is a victim of the Holocaust, the fact that she eschews the victimology mindset was evident from the start. Right from the beginning of her imprisonment, she determined to fight and to survive, no matter the circumstances in which she found herself.

The twins survived to see Auschwitz liberated, and went on to live in the Communist Soviet Union, followed by an eight year stint in the Israeli Army. While in the army, Eva met and married

her husband, who had himself survived Birkenau, and the two made their home in Indiana.

Eva could have chosen to simply move on and live out her life, but she chose instead to tell her story. She has given 30 lectures already this year, and gave 203 last year. She speaks a lot because she wants to share the lessons she has learned from her tragic life.

The first lesson is to never, ever give up on yourself or on your dreams.

"It doesn't matter where you live or how you were raised, every single person has to overcome obstacles. If you give up, nothing will happen. If you keep hammering away at it, you will come up with answers that work."

Life lesson number two deals with prejudice. Eva defined prejudice in simple terms, which is to pre-judge people without knowing them.

"Prejudice is a cancer of the human soul and it will destroy people and communities who let it happen, and I want you to know that Hitler rose to power because of prejudice and bad economic conditions. These two things lead to genocide."

Life lesson three is that being self-centered will never make you happy. We should all give of ourselves to help someone else.

"We are not happy when we concentrate on ourselves. We are only truly happy when we make a difference in other people's lives. You don't have to be powerful, and your actions may be small, but every little bit helps. Every single one of us here can improve the world every day by little gestures."

"Every morning when you wake up, find something in yourself that makes you happy and proud to be you. If you are ashamed of who you are, change that behavior, so the next day you are proud to be you."

Life lesson number four was forgiveness. Eva experienced the most horrendous treatments by the Nazi's, but she learned that her ability to forgive was her power alone—a power no one could take away—and she chose to forgive doctors who had performed medical experiments on her and Miriam, including Dr. Mengele himself. Though she never saw him after the camps were liberated, her forgiveness of Mengele was for her, not for him, and that forgiveness released a great deal of pain for her.

Going into the presentation, I expected to be moved by Eva Mozes Kor, but I never could have imagined how very significant listening to her and her amazing story would be for me. Finding words to describe how incredible she is escapes me, but I am very thankful to have been blessed with the opportunity to hear her.

In 1984, Eva founded an organization for the Mengele Twins called C.A.N.D.L.E.S. The organization is dedicated to locating the medical records of those who survived the experiments at Auschwitz so that all are aware of what exactly they were exposed to during the duration of the experiments. In 1985, she led a memorial return to Auschwitz for the twins.

Eva lectures, authors books regarding her experiences, and has established C.A.N.D.L.E.S. Holocaust Museum in Terre Haute, Indiana, where she currently resides.



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Take seven steps to improve heart health

February was National Heart Month. Take some time to assess your heart health and then make the needed changes to decrease your risk for cardiovascular disease.

The American Heart Association has an online tool called My Life Check® to help you assess your health. The survey asks questions about seven areas of your health. The results tell you where you are excelling and how you can make improvements.

The American Heart Association also developed Life's Simple 7 which are steps you can take to improve heart health and live better. They include:

Get active: Thirty minutes of daily moderate exercise can reduce your risk of heart disease. Aerobic activity benefits your heart and lowers blood pressure, raises good HDL cholesterol, helps manage stress, controls blood sugar, helps control weight and enhances self-esteem. Walking is a great way to improve your heart health and it's free, easy and almost anyone can do it. Remember to also include weekly strength training, flexibility and balance exercises.

Control cholesterol: Total cholesterol should be below 200 mg/dL. Cholesterol can build up in the arteries, increasing the risk factors for heart attack and stroke. When you control your cholesterol, you are giving your arteries their best chance to remain

clear of blockages.

Eat better: A diet that includes a wide variety of fruits and vegetables is a great start to a healthier body. The American Heart Association also recommends that you eat fish twice a week — oily fish like salmon and mackerel contain omega 3 fatty acids, which may help reduce blood clotting in the arteries and protect from hardening of the arteries. For heart health, limit saturated and trans fats, and choose and prepare foods with little or no salt.

Manage blood pressure: One of every three adults has high blood pressure and many don't even know they have it. High blood pressure is the single most significant risk factor for heart disease. The goal is to have your blood pressure be less than 120 over 80. Have your blood pressure checked regularly. When your blood pressure is in the healthy range, your heart doesn't have to work as hard to pump the blood through the arteries, the arteries are elastic and free of injury or being over-stretched, and all your body tissues receive the nutrients they need from a proper flow of blood.

Lose weight: Too much fat, especially around your waist, puts you at a higher risk for high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes. Losing that weight helps decrease your risk.

Reduce blood sugar: Diabetes is a major risk

factor for cardiovascular disease. By keeping blood sugar levels in the healthy range and preventing diabetes, you can control your risk for heart disease. Those who have diabetes can control their blood sugar in order to slow or reduce the risk of long-term complications, like heart disease.

Stop smoking: Smokers have a higher risk of many health conditions, including heart disease, stroke and heart attacks.

When a person does suffer from a heart attack, getting the patient to the hospital quickly is crucial for life-saving measures to be taken. For this, the American Heart Association says it is important to know the warning signs of a heart attack. Signs include:

- Chest discomfort that may feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.
- Discomfort in other areas of the upper body which may include one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.
- Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort.
- Other signs which may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

Remember that small changes can make a big difference. Choose just one thing at a time and practice it until it becomes a habit.

We can all make some changes in our health habits that will not only make us feel better, they will decrease our risk for heart attack.



Vicki Hayman
Extension
Notes

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fill the vacancy hopes to occupy the seat for the remaining two years of Hunt's present term, they will have to run in the election. There are three other council seats already on this year's ballot, as well as the mayor's position. The council seats up for election this year are currently held by Roger Hesse, Kara Sweet and Todd Quigley— in addition to the one formerly held by Hunt.

"Linda's seat wouldn't have been up until 2018, but with the statue it is (only) appointed

until the next election," Brunner told the News Letter Journal.

She noted that this will not be a normal election year, because there are customarily only four seats in city government on a ballot in one election cycle, and three in the next. A unique situation, in which five of the seven seats occupied during city council meetings will be voted on in the same year, was created when Hunt resigned after selling her home and moving to Idaho.

City Beats

Items of interest from the March 7 Newcastle City Council meeting

- City Clerk Charita Brunner reported that she is going to begin working on the budget as soon as possible, and a work session has been scheduled for April 25 at 5 p.m.
- Brunner explained that The City of Newcastle will receive more money from the state for Fiscal year 2016. She reported that the city will receive \$451,000 which is slightly more than the \$418,000 they received last year. Brunner noted that Newcastle is one of the fortunate communities that will actually receive more state revenue than they did last year.
- Brunner informed the council that she currently has two audit bids, but has not had the time to go over the details of both. She noted that she thinks the city will come in right about where they always have with costs for the audit services, with both bids coming in at approximately \$20,000.
- Mayor Greg James signed two proclamations, and the first was to declare March 2016 as Disability Awareness Month. He acknowledged the 20 years Renew has been serving the community when signing. James also signed a proclamation announcing March 6-12 as Girl Scout Week. The proclamation included that March 12 marked the 104th anniversary for the Girl Scouts of America.
- A thank you letter was read by James thanking the City of Newcastle for their donation of a fully equipped police vehicle to the Wyoming Police Academy. The letter stated that the donation came as a much welcome surprise, and stated that the vehicle will certainly aid the academy in the future.
- The council voted unanimously to place two 95 gallon trash cans at the fishing pond located at the Newcastle Country Club. The city will be in charge of placing the cans there and dumping them. Concerns were raised by a few council members about security and the type of garbage that would be put in the dumpsters, but the motion was approved.
- City Attorney Jim Peck reported that he is currently going through recently passed state statutes to determine if any may affect the City of Newcastle directly. He explained that he has to literally go through every statute passed during the legislative session, and that he will alert the council if there are any that

they should be concerned about.

- Peck announced that the Planning Commission is back to visiting the topic of subdivisions and that hopefully something will be worked out in the near future. Any decisions made by the Planning Commission will be put before the council as recommendations, and require the council's approval.
- City Engineer Bob Hartley professed that a grant/loan from the State Revolving Fund had been approved for a \$303,600. The City of Newcastle has been approved for 50 percent forgiveness of the total amount, so the amount of the loan that will have to be paid back is \$151,800 at 2.5 percent interest. This amount includes a \$1,018.00 loan origination fee. The council unanimously approved a motion to authorize Mayor James to sign the agreement.
- The Newcastle City Council signed the annual lease agreement for the compost pile using the same agreement that has been used in the past, which pays Charles Martens III \$1,000 per year.
- The Tree Board recently was approved for a \$3,000 grant to be used for educational purposes. The grant will be used to recreate a brochure that shows the types trees that grow throughout the area. "They want to go through and update and make sure they are accurate before they replace them," declared Hartley. The grant comes from Wyoming State Forestry and will require a \$3,000 match. The council approved the decision to accept the grant unanimously.
- The council approved Resolution 1, which is signed every year, that stipulates the City of Newcastle will take care of a portion of Highway 16 that goes through town. The Wyoming Department of Transportation pays the city \$64,000 a year, in two halves, to take care of the road throughout the year. Hartley clarified that this includes snow removal, sweeping and sanding amongst other things.
- Officer Muschick was officially signed in as a Newcastle Police Officer. Chief of Police Jim Owens reported that he will not be able to attend the program at the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy until September due to full rosters. He noted that Muschick officially started working for the department on March 7.

Snow from page 1

"Currently conditions are terribly dry," declared Tysdal, whose observation was supported by the March Snow Survey issued by the Natural Resource Conservation District last week.

According to the report, the Black Hills Snow Course Readings for areas of the hills located nearest to Weston County, Little Bear Run and Mallo, are both sitting well below the 30-year median calculated from results over the years between 1981 and 2010.

According to the report, Mallo currently has a snow depth of 22.4 inches and a snow water equivalent, which is determined by the amount of moisture in the snow pack, of 5 inches. Mallo's 30-year average for snow water equivalent is 6 inches, leaving the area at only 83 percent of the 30-year median.

The conditions at Little Bear Run are even worse, with the snow depth at 9.1 inches and the snow water equivalent sitting at 2.3 inches. The 30-year median for the location is 3.3 inches, meaning Little Bear Run is presently at only 70 percent of that historic figure.

Despite those numbers being less than favorable, both areas have seen a significant increase over the numbers

recorded at both locations in January and February. January's report showed Mallo at only 45 percent of the 30-year median and Little Bear Run at 53 percent. February got slightly better for Mallo, bringing the location up to 61 percent, but Little Bear Run dropped down to 50 percent in the month.

USDA Resource Specialist Jason Nehl, out of Sundance, told the News Letter Journal that Little Bear Run was at these numbers in 2007 while Mallo saw the same numbers in 2010. He noted that the current numbers are low, but are not record breaking.

"Runoff may be below normal, but are not expected to be record breaking," reported Nehl, who suggested that locals should be concerned but not overly worried. He declared that it has been worse, and that reservoirs are in good shape despite the low snow totals.

"If landowners have reservoir storage rights for irrigation, they will probably be okay. It not, they probably should use the water early in the season before it runs low," suggested Nehl, who was quick to admit that he cannot provide forecasting advice because he is not a meteorologist or hydrologist, and can only report on existing data.

"For example, the outlook

during the springs of 2013 and 2015 did not look good at all when considering temperature, snow pack, and precipitation data. But, 2013 and 2015 both turned out to be very favorable years due to the substantial late spring and summer rains," proclaimed Nehl.

Tysdal echoed those thoughts, mentioning that last spring was dry as well but the county saw moisture in April that led to a normal, or even below normal, fire season.

"Right now there is still time to get moisture and still time to see a normal fire season," insisted Tysdal, who admitted that if Weston County "does not get it in the next 30 to 45 days, then we can expect an active or severe fire season."

As for fire bans, Tysdal explained that last year Weston County adopted theirs in mid-April, which is about the time it began to rain, which enabled county officials to lift the ban.

This year might not produce the same results.

"Crook County is going into fire restriction in the next week," Tysdal shared, reasoning that Weston County is shaping up in a similar manner. He predicted that if moisture doesn't grace the area soon, the Fire Board and County Commission would likely discuss a ban in the near future.

Black Hills Area Fire Restrictions

As temperatures begin to rise and fuels dry, fire officials remind the public that open fire is not allowed within the Black Hills Forest Fire Protection District except in established metal fire rings or grills that are in designated sites within a developed campground, recreation area, or picnic ground.

According to a press release from the U.S. Forest Service, South Dakota Statute defines "open fire" as any fire to burn slash, brush, grass, stubble, debris, rubbish, or other inflammable material not enclosed in a stove, spark proof incinerator, or an established fireplace approved or constructed by a public agency in a designated recreation area.

Campfires are allowed in undeveloped areas in the Wyoming portion of the Black Hills.

During periods of extreme wildfire conditions, additional restrictions may be put in place restricting the use of open fire. In the Black Hills area, local, state, and federal agencies have combined fire restriction information on one website at: www.blackhillsfirerestrictions.com.

"Burn permits for slash piles are no longer being issued for this season. These permits are weather dependent and are generally issued starting in November through March," the release indicated.



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Quilts from the Heart

Quilts were delivered to directors Holly and William Pheni of the Our Own Home orphanage on March 12, along with a donation check for \$800. The orphanage in Uganda is for HIV positive children.

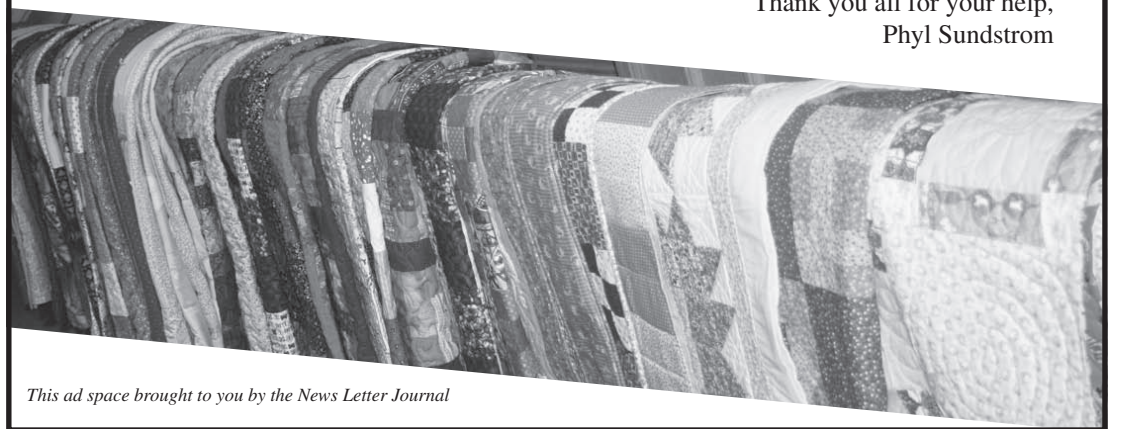
Special thanks to Suzanne Erickson and Gloria Beckner for helping me to get started, to Sharon Fridley for helping me to get finished, to the UMW for their ongoing support, and to Pastor Mark Thurman for the blessing of the quilts during the church service on Feb. 28.

People who made quilts: Sharon Fridley, Barb Lebsack, Lavonne Roberts, Naomi Krogman, Alice Cunningham, Peggy Moller, Chris French, Charlene Beachler, Eunice Beck, and Shelley Reed.

People who tied quilts: Suzanne Erickson, Lavonne Roberts, Myra Shaw, JoAnn Fassbender, Irene Tunnell, Nancy McFarland, Joann Stearns, Jayne Estep, Cathy Dunford, Rhonda Oleson, Barb Crow, Vanita Epperson.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016
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AT KASL IN NEWCASTLE

Obituaries

Ruth Alice Snedeker
Jul. 21, 1922-Feb. 16, 2016
Ruth Alice Snedeker, 93, passed away February 16, 2016 at the Fall River Hospital in Hot Springs, S.D.

She was a long time resident of Mule Creek Jct. and was born on the homestead in Niobrara County to William "Jess" Yeager and Arla Opal Lightwine. Ruth graduated from Newcastle High School and later Grand Island Business College.

Ruth married Darrel Hawthorne on Oct. 13, 1943, and to this union three daughters were born Juanita Schroeder, Jessie Soske and Nancy Jo Hawthorne. Two stepsons, Michael and Tony Hawthorne and a foster daughter, Betty Miller, joined the family during this marriage. She later married Carl Snedeker and a stepson, Jim Snedeker, joined as well.

Ruth was a ranch woman who loved her land and her animals. Little Bo Peep (her CB handle) shows how much she cared for her sheep. She loved helping her neighbors up and down the Cheyenne River Road with various events. Ruth also helped her neighbors when she lived in Dewey. She was a good neighbor. Ruth loved to cook and bake, especially pies.

Ruth is survived by her daughters, Juanita (Veryl) Schroeder of Wall, SD; Jessie Soske of Lisco, NE; and Nancy Jo Hawthorne, Reno, NV; stepson, Tony Hawthorne, Hot Springs, SD; and Jim Snedeker of Hume, MO; 11 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren as well as several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands, Darrel Hawthorne, Carl Snedeker; brother, Harold H. Yeager; stepson, Michael Hawthorne; foster daughter, Betty Miller; grandson, Brad Soske; and granddaughter, Christy Schroeder.

A Celebration of Life picnic will be held at a later date.

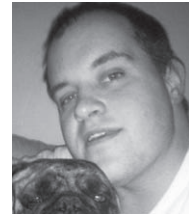
A memorial fund to the Dewey Club House has been established. Funds may be sent to: Jessie Soske, 16180 Hwy. 26, Lisco, NE 69148.

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

Joshua Eugene Toliver
Dec. 21, 1979-Mar. 2, 2016

Joshua died unexpectedly in his home on March 2, 2016. He worked for the Elko County School District in

the technology department. He was a computer engineer and received his degree in computer engineering from The School of Mines in Rapid City, South Dakota. He moved to Nevada in 2005 to be close to his family. He is best remembered for his quick wit and his willingness to help anyone who needed help. He loved his three pugs and shared his love for his puppies with others who loved this comical and affectionate breed. Those who knew him know he was a friend to all and always had a smile for friends and strangers alike. He expressed his desire not to have a formal service in the event he would pass, so the family is honoring this wish and forgoing a service. At a later undetermined date, when our hearts have mended we will have a memorial to share our memories and our love for this incredibly kind, young man. Joshua was born in Newcastle, Wyoming on December 21, 1979. He lived a short 36 years, but left a lasting impression on those who knew him. He is survived by his father Roger Toliver and his step mother Alexis Toliver from Spearfish, S.D. His mother Paula Smith



Joshua Toliver

and his step father Mike Smith. His sister Sarah Pehrson and her husband Wade Pehrson and their sons Dane and Jack. His sister Courtney Smith and his brother Mikey Smith. The family does not have a designated charity and asks that instead of flowers or money, please spend extra time with your family and loved ones in memory of a man who shared so much with his.

Homer M. Berdahl
Jan. 16, 1924-Mar. 6, 2016

Homer M. Berdahl, 92, died Sunday, March 6, 2016 at Rapid Regional Hospital.

He was born January 16, 1924 the son of Henry and Martha Berdahl in Garretson, SD. The family lived in Sioux Falls, SD where he graduated from high school. He loved being in the marching band as a drummer. Following his graduation he enlisted in the U. S. Navy in 1941. He was an ensign in the U.S. Naval Air Force. He served in the Atlantic Fleet as a pilot. Following his discharge he moved with his parents to Newcastle in 1945. He married Naomi "Peggy" Yvonne Kline in 1947.

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UW degrees available here

University of Wyoming representative Linda Day, academic coordinator for the eastern region, will be at the Newcastle High School, in the WEN room, to meet with prospective, new, and continuing UW students from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2016.

Individuals interested in completing a bachelor, master, or doctorate degree are encouraged to make appointments to meet with her.

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Administration, Criminal Justice, Family and Consumer Sciences, Nursing, Psychology, and Social Science. Master degrees include Business Administration, Education, Kinesiology and Health, Nursing, and Public Administration. UW Outreach also offers doctorate programs in Education Leadership and Nursing Practice.

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correspondence, and hybrid methods (combination of online and one or more other delivery methods).

To schedule an appointment, contact Day at 307-532-8204 or lday3@uwyo.edu. Drop-ins are welcome, and you are encouraged to bring copies of your transcripts. If you are interested in attending UW but are unable to meet on March 22nd, contact Day to arrange a different date and time.

UW summer and fall registration will open March 30, 2016.

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- CAMBRIA COMMUNITY CHURCH:** Pastor Todd Olson, 19 Stampede St. 746-2321. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship 10:30 am; Youth (6-12 grades) Sunday Evening 6-7 pm; Wednesday Night Bible Study 6 pm.
- CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL:** Rev. Sally Boyd, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets, 746-9684. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday, Morning Prayer 10 am; 2nd & 4th Saturday 4 pm, Holy Eucharist. haydishall@hotmail.com
- CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** 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 Mtg 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 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:** Mike Wiles, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service 5 pm; Eita Nova Youth Group Wednesday 6:30 pm Christian Academy.

- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Mark Thurman, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am; Traditional Church Services 10 am; 10:15 a.m. Children's Church and 11:45 am. Contemporary Praise & Worship Service.
- GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am. Call 746-8091.
- KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES:** 5018 US Hwy 16, 746-2319 or 746-4517. Tuesday 7 p.m. Congregation Bible Study, Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting, Sunday Public Talk 10 am; Watchtower 11 am.
- NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sun. Worship 10 am; Wed. Night Prayer.
- NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Wayne Wilson, meets at Haydis Hall (Next to Christ Episcopal Church), 746-5542. Sunday Worship 6 pm.
- OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** 348 Sheridan St. in Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm.
- SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST:** Pastor Gary Force, 78 Old Hwy 85, Pastoral Assistant Matt Dooley 949-0831 and Joe Storey 605-891-9954. Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11:00 am.
- ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Killian Muli, Upton. Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
- VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH:** Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366.
- UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Sharee Johnson, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 9 am; Fellowship 10 a.m.; Adult Study 10:30 a.m.; 1st & 3rd Wed Evenings Prayer and Praise Service 7 pm.

EASTER

Salvation is ours because of Christ's crucifixion upon the cross. He died so that we could be forgiven. Salvation is God's gift to us; in return we can grow in wisdom and in the Spirit and spread God's love to others. In 1 John 4.16-17, we read, "God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. In this way love is made complete among us." This Easter, accept God's gift of love and share it with joy!

Weekly Scripture Reading						
Luke	Luke	Luke	Luke	Luke	Luke	Luke
19:28-48	20:1-26	22:1-38	22:39-71	23:1-25	23:26-49	23:50-56
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Recapture

A PIECE OF HISTORY

March 20, 1891 125 Years Ago
 Frank Allaback has an oil painting of his "bachelor roots" on Beaver Creek on exhibition in his jewelry store, painted a Treseder, the Artist.
 There is an increased flow of oil at the Kilpatrick Well this week. The well

Attorney Metz of Sundance was in the City Saturday, and Sunday on his way to Douglas to attend the District Court, & attending to some matters in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of Weston County.
 Sheriff Rogers of Crook County was in the city on St. Patrick's Day, lending an air of hilarity to the festive occasion.
March 23, 1916 100 Years Ago
 Big Prairie Fire! Last Friday while Rabe Elliott was burning a patch of stubble up on his ranch on Hay Creek, the fire jumped to the grass & got beyond control. Quite a high wind was blowing &

the Wyoming State Federation of Labor was organized in this city by the liquor salesmen & hotel employees. The local starts with seventeen charter members, & a number of applications have been received for membership since the organization was perfected.
 The remains of the late John G. Anderson formerly a resident of this county, & who died at Calgary, Canada, last August, arrived in Upton this morning & will be buried there today, the funeral services being held by the Masonic Order, of which the deceased was a member. Funeral director L.M. Nichols, of this city went up this morning to take charge of the remains. Mrs. Anderson & her son accompanied the remains to Upton from Calgary.
 W.H. Welty was in from his ranch home Saturday. During the winter Mr. Welty gave close attention to his chickens & was rewarded with enough eggs - to buy several head of hogs.
March 20, 1941 75 Years Ago
 Funeral services were conducted at the Jackson Mortuary Chapel at one o'clock Monday afternoon for Hans Tobiasen, a resident of Weston County for the past 46 years.
 County Agricultural Agent W.L. Chapman has received orders from Federal Headquarters, 7th Corps, Omaha, Nebraska to report for extended Military duty effective, March 24, 1941.
 Deputy County Treasurer Leonard Hays has resigned his position in the county office to accept a bookkeeping position at the Consumers Oil & Refining Company here.
 First State Bank of Newcastle announced yesterday that they will give large cash prizes for the best essays written by local high school students as part of a state wide contest sponsored by the Wyoming Bankers Association.



Raise a Glass to St. Patrick's Day

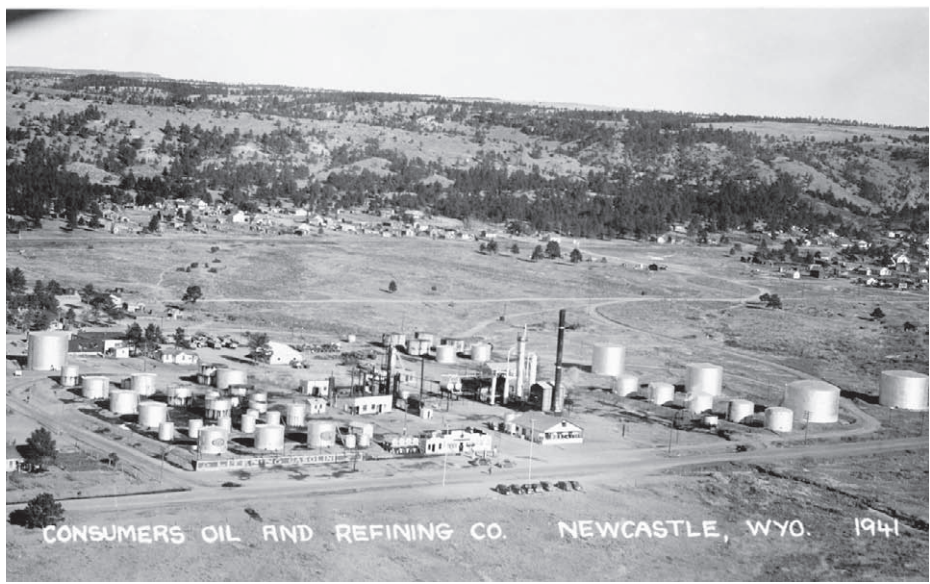
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Consumers Oil & Refining Co. Newcastle, Wyoming 1941. (Photo Courtesy of Anna Miller Museum)

is being reamed out which causes an increased flow of oil. The people are awaiting the development of the well with much interest.

the fire spread rapidly, burning over a strip of country nine miles long & three miles wide in the vicinity of Hay & Deep Creek. Last Sunday evening a local union of

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Preceding him in death were his parents, brothers Erick and Stewart Berdahl, sister Julia Simon and son Larry Berdahl. Surviving him are his wife Naomi, daughters Julia (Darrold) Kerlin, Myra (Terry) Gunnink and Beverly (Dwayne) Steel; sons Michael (Donna) Berdahl, Duane (Susan) Berdahl; fifty three grandchildren and great grandchildren.



Homer Berdahl

Homer was very talented making furniture and carving. He was a man of many talents. He was and is loved deeply by his family and friends. We will miss his whistling, stories and happy loving nature.
 Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 11 at Christ The King Lutheran Church with Rev. Ron Sample officiating. Burial will be Monday, March

14th at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis. Viewing was from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 10 at Worden Chapel.
 Memorial contributions towards Christ The King Church would be appreciated by the family.
Elta Dell Martin Eatherton -Mar. 12, 2016
 Elta Dell Martin Eatherton passed away March 12, 2016 at the age of 78. She died from injuries she received in a fall on March 7. Elta has been

cremated and funeral services will be held at the First Baptist Church in Newcastle at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 19. A coffee/ light lunch will be held immediately following the service.
 A full obituary will follow at a later date.
Mavis Fredella Crinklaw -Mar. 14, 2016
 Mavis Fredella Crinklaw passed away March 14, 2016 with her family by her side. A full obituary will follow at a later date.

Ladies of Adventure 1st Annual
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March 2016

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thurs 17	6:00 p.m.	WC Health Services	Board Room
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
	7:30 p.m.	Masons	Masonic Lodge #13
Fri 18	7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting	Cambria Baptist Church Basement
	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
Sat 19	9:00 a.m.	WC Sportsman Club Gun Show	WC Senior Center
	1:00 p.m.	March Disability Awareness Walk	High School Track
	6:00 p.m.	Newcastle Rodeo Club Fundraiser	WC Fairgrounds
	7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting	Cambria Baptist Church Basement
Sun 20	9:00 a.m.	WC Sportsman Club Gun Show	WC Senior Center
	2:00 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Catholic Church
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Only NA Meeting	Cambria Baptist Church Basement
Mon 21	7:00 p.m.	City Council	City Council Chambers
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
Tues 22	6:30 p.m.	Eastern Star	Eastern Star #30
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Mondell Heights Breakfast Room
Wed 23	1:00 p.m.	Creative Handcrafts Group	WC Senior Center
Thurs 24	8:00 a.m.	Seminar on Jesus	Newcastle SDA Church
	11:45 a.m.	WC Health Services Foundation	Hospital Board Room
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
Fri 25	11:30 a.m.	WC Library Board Meeting	Library
	7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting	Cambria Baptist Church Basement
	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
Sat 26	7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting	Cambria Baptist Church Basement
Sun 27	7:00 p.m.	Women Only NA Meeting	Cambria Baptist Church Basement

For a complete listing of events, for more information on these events, or to list your own event, visit the Chamber website at newcastlewyo.com

The Weston County Commissioners are accepting applications for an open board member for the Weston County Planning Board. The position is a three-year term will expire in January 2018. The position will be opened until filled. Those wishing to apply may send an application to the Weston County Clerk, 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY 82701, Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Or email to wcclerk@rtconnect.net.
Weston County Board of Commissioners

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News Letter Journal

Explorers are Post of the Year again

Post #66 honored by Boy Scouts for third straight year

Alexis Shultz
NLJ Reporter



Teenagers in Newcastle have dedicated a considerable amount of time and effort towards creating an Explorer Post that is capable of achieving the highest recognition possible for an organization of that nature, and for the third year in a row the Boy Scouts of America have recognized Explorer Post #66 as Post of the Year.

"For three years in a row you have worked hard, and you have trained hard. You set high goals for yourself. I am very proud of you, as is every man on the department," volunteer fireman and Explorer Advisor Mark Christensen told the youth after they claimed the Explorer Post of the Year award.

The Post, which works side by side with the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department, is actually part of the Boy Scouts of America organization, and that group acts as the head of the Explorer Association.

The local teens that volunteer as members of Post #66 contributed over 1,000 hours of service, according to Christensen. He believes that level of commitment played a significant role in the group being recognized as Explorer Post of the Year.

"The Boy Scouts of America are the head of our association. We put in our time and such to them. The Boy Scouts go through that, and a lot is judged on that," Explorer Gavin Holmes confirmed, explaining that the youth who are involved with the Explorers mark down the time they volunteer, and those figures are reported.

"We put in so much time," Shaylee Curren nodded, and fellow Explorer Hallee McCoy agreed that a large amount of effort is put in by every member of the post.

Holmes asserted that a lot of the time is dedicated to preparing the high schoolers for the day they turn 18 and can join the Newcastle

Volunteer Fire Department, or another force if they move to a different community. He indicated that a lot of the training completed by the determined youth is geared towards structure and wildfire fighting, while also including training for rescue incidents, including car accidents.

Every member of group confirmed that they joined the Explorer Post to prepare them for the future, with 100 percent of the high schoolers affirming that they plan to continue on in the fire fighting field.

"In bigger places, you get paid for it. You don't here. We put in the time and effort, but it is going to look better when moving on. We aren't in it for the money or the fame," asserted McCoy. Holmes agreed that the work put in is something that can aid the teens in the future if they choose to continue on in the field.

"It is a good start when someone looks at your experience down the road, and realizes you have had experience since you were 14. You put a lot of hard work and effort in," he stated, noting that the work is often hard, so it is something that the youngsters have to enjoy or it would be difficult to volunteer the number of hours they dedicate.

"There are a lot of aspects that make it fun and make it enjoyable," Holmes said of the volunteer work, admitting that it can sometimes seem like a job.

"It is actually a lot of fun. It is a lot of work but a lot of fun," Rodney Foote nodded, admitting that the pros far outweigh the cons, which is something the entire group agreed upon.

More than a dozen teenagers beamed with pride while describing the positive feelings that come from the time they dedicated to learning the skill of fire fighting and accident rescue, despite the fact that the time they volunteer could be utilized in the pursuit of other activities.

"People appreciate what you have done, and you know what you have done is right. You get to make sure they are happy and safe... that is what drives me to volunteer," McCoy professed. Holmes added that other teenagers that approach him about joining look up to those already involved, and want to strive to be part of something good.

"When you are trying to get someone to join, you have to encourage them. You have to show them what you enjoy and everything that has affected you positively. You show them what good the group can do," Holmes revealed. Curren noted that a lot of people choose to join because they are attracted to the activities the Explorers participate in.

Christensen reported that currently Explorer Post #66 is full, but there is a waiting list of teens waiting to join the program. He added that the bylaws for the organization allow for 15 members, and once the membership roll is full others are put on a probationary or waiting list.

"You are more than welcome to come to training and meetings and such, but you can



Left photo: Gavin Holmes allows children to familiarize themselves with the gear worn by fire fighters, so they will know that firemen are their friends if they're ever in a situation when the fire department might respond to an incident in their home. Right photo: Tabitha Pillen turns Ashlynn Mills into a smoke detector for a game they used to demonstrate the difference between "good fire" and "bad fire" when the Weston County Children's Center visited the Fire Hall earlier this month. (Alexis Shultz/NLJ)

not go out on fires," Christensen explained of those individuals who find themselves on the waiting list. He noted that at present there are four teens on the waiting list, and about eight to 10 Explorers that are allowed to report to fires.

Explorer Advisor Nathan Butler, who is also Post Committee Chairman, proceeded to share

other requirements of the Explorers, noting that youth can be involved from the time they are freshman up to the age of 22. He mentioned that many follow the path to join the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department at the age of 18, and indicated that two current Explorers are waiting to transfer over at this point.

Accomplishments

Casper College Honor Rolls

Casper College officials have released the names of students who made the President's Honor Roll at college for the 2015 fall semester. To qualify, a student must take at least 12 hours and receive a grade point average of 3.5 or better. Newcastle students who earned the recognition include Hannah Burrough, Jared Court, Drew Coy, and Garrett Liggett.

UW fall graduates

The University of Wyoming accorded degrees upon students from Weston County at the completion of the 2015 fall semester. Newcastle's Dorothy Christensen received a Bachelor of Science and Upton Kayla Knowlton was accorded a Bachelor of Arts.

Trustees consider stakeholder engagement

Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

As part of a wide-ranging discussion at a briefer-than-usual meeting of the WCSD #1 Board of Trustees on Mar. 9, the trustees discussed the need for increasing the board's engagement with community members and teachers.

"One of the things that we do continue to struggle with is that stakeholder piece," said Superintendent Brad LaCroix, adding that while he believes the board is representative of the community, there is a need for more formal means of stakeholder involvement.

The possibility of holding special retreats or regular workshop sessions to which stakeholders would be invited were

discussed, and LaCroix was tasked with coming up with some recommendations to the board before the end of the school year.

Other discussion items at the board's meeting included the following:

- The board voted to allow the rental of a district bus and provision of a driver for one day as part of the annual Wyoming County Treasurer's Association meeting, which is being hosted by Weston County this year during the month of May.
- Student Representative Sierra LaCroix reported on a St. Patrick's Day-themed poster project and mentioned also that Dogie water bottles are being sold for \$15 each.
- District health insurance premium costs

have increased by only slightly more than eight percent over the last 22 years, Trustee Tom Wright noted.

• Superintendent Brad LaCroix reported that there are 16 boys who have turned out for the inaugural season of middle school soccer and about 22 girls, while track numbers are at 73 or 74 in total. 11 soccer games have been scheduled, he added.

• The board voted to advertise for an early start to their Mar. 30 meeting in order to hold a closed door executive session to discuss initial and continuing contract teachers.

• At Trustee Tom Wright's suggestion, it was agreed to make the possibility of changing the board's motto a future agenda item. The current motto is "Our Business is Children."



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provided by the Local Government Liability Pool as part of the town's annual reapplication for insurance. LGLP is a self-insurance pool that provides coverage for the majority of the state's local government entities. Job descriptions and employee evaluations are encouraged but not mandated by LGLP.

Mayor Upton told the council he is in favor of both evaluations and job descriptions, at least for department heads.

Councilmember Mark Mitchell stated his belief that one is dependent on the other, explaining he feels it's impossible to have meaningful evaluations without job descriptions.

"What are you basing it on? It becomes too subjective, and I don't think that's good," he argued. "I think you have in the job description that you have to do 'A', and you're either doing it or you're not."

Mitchell confirmed with the town's attorney,

Mark Hughes, that lack of job descriptions could come into play on a liability issue. Hughes explained that an employee doing work outside a defined job description could have repercussions in terms of workers' compensation for on-the-job injuries and also increases exposure in terms of liability, should a lawsuit be filed.

"I think it's a good thing to have job descriptions for your employees," advised Hughes. "It helps your managers evaluate them better. It's more work. There's no question. They have to develop the job descriptions, and then you have to evaluate based upon the job description. But you have an objective criterion to look at [when] you're evaluating your employee. Otherwise it's just a kind of subjective thing for the department."

The council plans to review job descriptions obtained by Mayor Upton from Sundance and Gillette as a basis for further discussion of the matter at their next meeting.

Best Little Tidbits

Discussion items at the Mar. 8 meeting of the Upton Town Council included the following:

- Neil Schiller, who is a member of a small group that has entered into a lease agreement with the town for the operation of the Cedar Pines Golf Course, reported that a handful of insurance providers have advised him that the town should maintain the property insurance for the course. Schiller explained that though his group, which has formed an LLC, intends to go ahead and purchase its own liability insurance, should his group purchase its own property insurance, the town's ownership of the property means that any property insurance claims would end up being split evenly between the town and the group. Schiller suggested that the town continue to pay the \$500 annual property insurance premium and allow his group to reimburse the town for that amount. The town's attorney, Mark Hughes, said he did not object to Schiller's proposal and the council voted to authorize the arrangement.
- The council voted to authorize a variance in order for resident Joe Creamer to install a carport on his property. The carport structure was described as approximately a foot or so larger in size than what would otherwise be allowed.
- Mayor Dustin Upton noted that the free usage of the Upton Community Center by some local non-profits has resulted in tables being left dirty and restrooms left in a state of disarray. It was resolved to check the building more closely after its use and to provide a letter expressing the council's concern to those who utilize the center.
- An amendment to the current Upton municipal code that would allow the town to take a more aggressive approach to junk or abandoned vehicles passed the second of three readings.
- Upton Police Officer Joe Creamer mentioned to the board that he had held an unnamed 40-year-old Upton man, who refused to show one of his hands, at gunpoint in a residential area during a call on Mar. 4. According to Creamer, the man, who was reportedly intoxicated, turned out not to have a weapon. An initial charge of breach of the peace has been upgraded by the County Attorney's office to interference with a peace officer, Creamer reported, and the man remains in jail on \$5,000 cash bond. The council members indicated that they were not previously aware

of the incident.

• City Superintendent Mark Lindstrom reported that a meeting in Cheyenne with the Wyoming Water Development Commission regarding the town's plan to abort a well project had gone well. The commission voted to suspend the project and relinquish the grant portion, Lindstrom said, meaning the town will only have to pay back the \$17,000 loan portion of the project. Upton officials were previously concerned the town might have to pay more than \$50,000 back to the Water Development Commission.

• Mayor Dustin Upton suggested to the council that a hatchet had likely been used during a recent incident of vandalism against the new playground equipment at Upton City Park. The damage includes dents to a metal post and slices to hard plastic portions of the equipment, Upton stated.

• A grant application for improvements to Upton City Park has been turned down by the Wyoming Business Council, though the town has the option of reapplying in the future, Mayor Upton told the council. It was decided that the possibility of limiting the application to the funding of improved restroom facilities would be pursued before determining whether Mayor Upton and Superintendent Lindstrom should make a trip to a grant application meeting with the Business Council in Torrington. Council member Nathan Todd opined that it may be an inappropriate time to ask for large sums of money given the current economic forecast. Lindstrom reported the entire cost of the project had been estimated at \$772,095, with the grant money to come from both the Business Council and the Upton Economic Development Board.

• Mayor Upton broached the idea of utilizing a large back room at the Upton Senior Center to house the town's police department. Upton reasoned that the town already helps to maintain the senior center and all avenues of potential cost-saving ought to be explored.

• Council member David Watt reported that he and Superintendent Lindstrom will be looking into coming up with a plan to fix and maintain the town's streets, noting that funding to do so won't be forthcoming in the near future. Watt stated his belief that there's much that could be fixed or eliminated despite the lack of money.

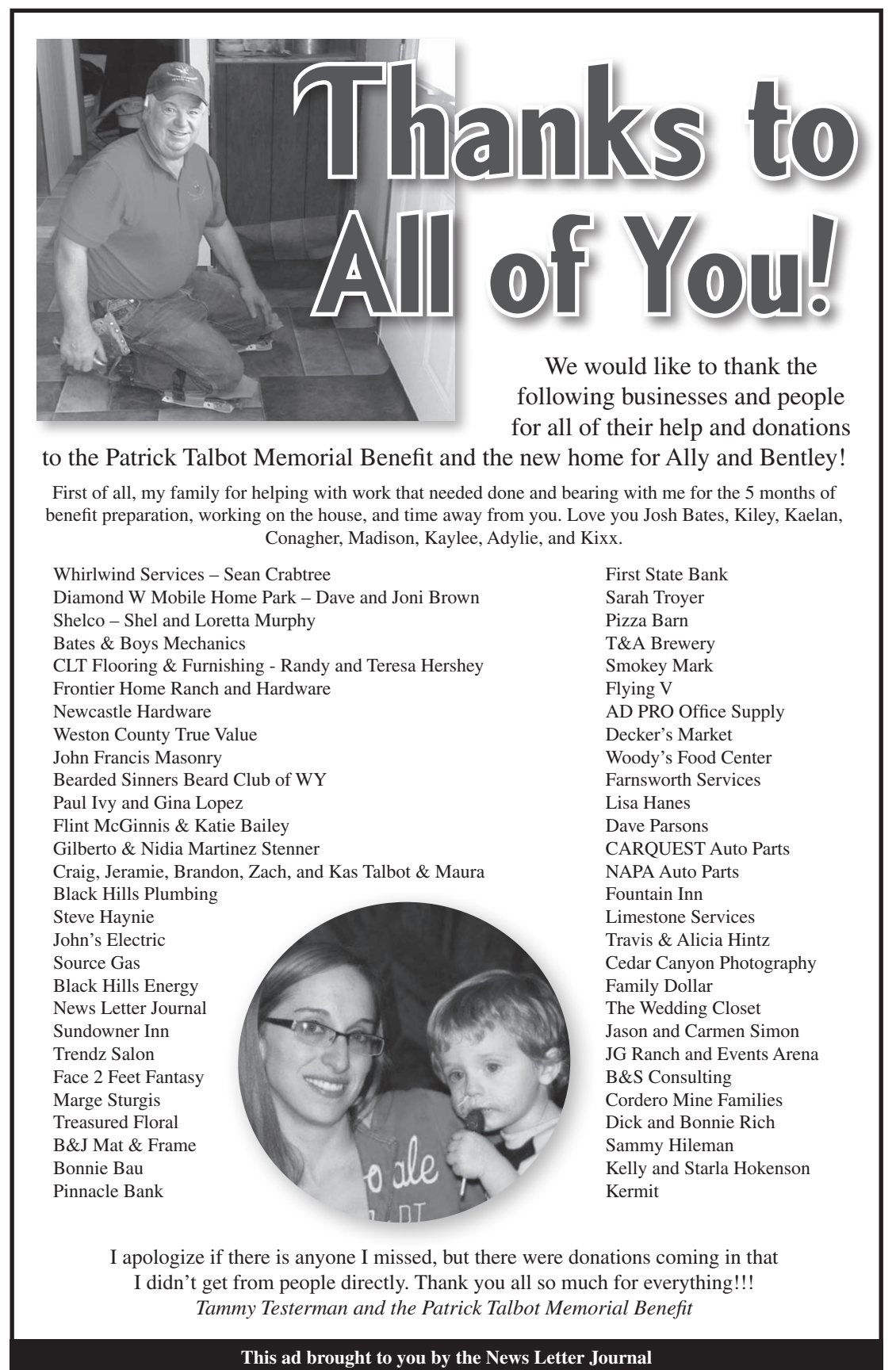


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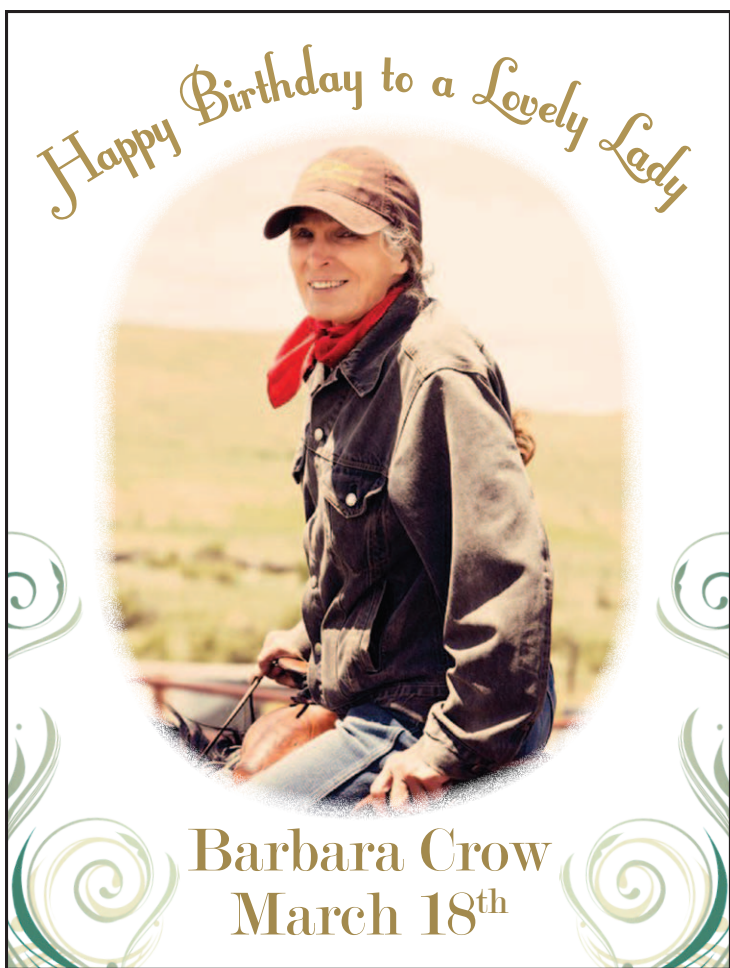
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UNDECLARED Local GOP fails to choose candidate

Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

The Wyoming Republican Party held its county conventions across the state on Saturday, with Ted Cruz winning the vast majority of delegates with nine. Marco Rubio and Donald Trump earned one delegate apiece, while a single undeclared delegate will also go to the Republican National Convention in Cleveland on July 19-21.

At Weston County's GOP

Convention seven votes were cast for Cruz. However, the county did not declare support for a particular candidate, as nine votes went for the category of undeclared. In Crook County, 27 votes were earned by Cruz, but again the majority went undeclared with 31.

Statewide, a total of 997 votes were cast for Cruz at county conventions. In turn, Marco Rubio earned 231 and Donald Trump took 112. In the undeclared category, 75 votes were cast, while John Kasich earned

five votes and two votes were classified "other."

Weston and Crook Counties alternate sending a delegate to the national convention. While Crook County will provide the primary this election cycle, Kristina Mireless was selected as the alternate, Weston County Republican Jill Pischke reported to the NLJ.

Weston County will also provide ten delegates to the 2016 State Convention scheduled for April 14-16 in Casper. Wyoming is able to field to a

total of 29 national delegates, and the balance of determinable delegates (three delegates are automatically chosen from party leadership) will be selected at the state-level convention.

The Weston County Convention results seem to contradict the findings of a straw poll conducted by the NLJ at the county's precinct caucuses several weeks ago that suggested roughly even support for Cruz and Trump among local Republicans.

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vote, raising of hands, or head count.

"Registered voters get together in an open meeting and nominate, on the floor, various candidates they would like to support...in this case the president," Fuller explained.

He said that the group will then vote for two delegates to go to the Wyoming Democratic Caucus to represent Weston County. He noted that those delegates can be chosen for a number of reasons, and can either support the same candidate, different candidates, or no specific candidate at all.

"From those groups we elect delegates to attend the state level convention, and basically the same procedure is followed," reported Fuller, noting that at the state convention two delegates are selected to represent the State of Wyoming at the Democratic National Convention.

Fuller indicated that at any time during a convention or caucus, delegates are allowed to change the candidate they will support.

"The one thing about the caucus... everyone in the room has the option of talking about their selected candidate and encouraging those in attendance to change their mind," Dorothy asserted. While the couple is excited about the prospect of getting more Weston County democrats involved through this year's caucus, they both stressed the importance of expressing opinions to those who are elected to represent you, in addition to simply casting a ballot in election years.

"In our system of government we are able to have a say-so in the people that we allow to operate the county, and if I am going to be under their leadership I want a say in who occupies those seats," proclaimed Fuller, who recalled his childhood and how impatient he was to turn 21,

which was the voting age back then, so he could cast a ballot in elections.

"For whatever reason, my high school and college teachers stressed the importance of voting. Seeing my teachers and parents participate...I just grew up feeling voting was something that should be done. I mean, supposedly we have a representative democracy, and if each of us does not speak our minds then we may not like who represents us. It is a right, a privilege, a duty—and enjoyable. I like speaking my mind, and casting a ballot is speaking your mind," Fuller reasoned.

Dorothy shared that her parents always voted as well, "from the county dog catcher to the president," and from a young age she had accompanied them to the polls. She acknowledged that she always understood while growing up that voting was both a privilege and an opportunity.

The couple proudly announced that neither of them had ever missed a local or national election, and if they could not be present to vote, an absentee ballot was submitted. Dorothy admitted that she even cast an absentee ballot when their first child was due because her due date fell on November 2, and she did not want child birth to be the reason she missed voting.

"I don't see myself as highly political. I have never run for an office over homeowner's board of director's chairman, but everyone can cast a ballot. Everyone can become informed on the issues. Everyone can research a candidate's opinions, and find out what they support," professed Fuller.

He stressed the importance of voters becoming informed on the candidates prior to voting, and urged voters to take the time to research candidates. He said people seek more information than what the media reports, and find out what a

candidate really represents.

"It is not difficult to educate oneself on what they really support, and off of that knowledge cast a vote. Whether you are voting democratic, republican or independent, if it is an informed vote, why leave the decision up to strangers or people that may have something personal to gain off of who runs the country?" Fuller maintained.

Fuller encourages all Weston County democrats to use their voice and become active in the election process when the 2016 Weston County Democratic Caucus takes place on April 9 at the Weston County Library.

On-site registration for the event will begin at 10:00 a.m. and all participants will need to register by the time the caucus kicks off at 11:00 a.m. Early registration is available online, and is strongly recommended. Those who wish to register early may do so at www.wyodems.org.

Participants will also need to be registered to vote as a democrat, and have until March 25 to do so with the Weston County Clerk. Democrats who are 17, but will turn 18 before the November election, are also able to register to vote and participate.

Convention Count

The primary delegates to the Wyoming Republican State Convention that were chosen during last weekend's County Convention, according to Weston County Republican Party Secretary Alaina Liggett.

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Goodbye to the Beautiful Game



Abby Gray
No Gray Areas

They say all good things must come to an end, and unfortunately, one of the best chapters of my life came to a close

Saturday afternoon at Casper College.

Since the time I was in fifth grade I have been breaking down huddles with the word “ship,” and my fellow seniors and I worked year after year to try to obtain a long awaited state title.

While we never got the chance to stand on the podium, hoist that trophy in the air, and cut down the nets, I have absolutely no regrets for my basketball career.

Not many people can say they had the amazing opportunity to play with mostly the same group of girls, from the time they were 10 years old to when they are 18 and just months from graduation. I was fortunate enough to have the chance to go into battle each weekend with some of my best friends, and a few of the best athletes in the state. Not only are my senior teammates stupendous basketball players, but each one of them found success in other facets of life, whether it be rodeo, volleyball, track or school. I was entirely blessed to have the opportunity to play with the well-rounded group of girls that I did throughout my high school career.

Although our season and journey as Dogie basketball players did not end the way we had all hoped, I have nothing but positives to say about the ride. Being a part of this program taught me hundreds of lessons that go well beyond the basketball court.

The coaching staff taught me the value of hard work, and what it takes to become not only a good basketball player, but also just a good person. All of my teammates, senior through freshman, taught me the value of friendship and how wonderful it feels to know that someone will always have my back, no matter what the situation may be.

Since I was in fifth grade, I wanted nothing more than to say that I won a Wyoming State Championship in basketball my senior year of high school. However, after spending four years as a Lady Dogie, I can say that I am more than happy to be walking away from the program with the lessons that the beautiful game and my team

— See **Gray**, Page 16



Head coach Tyler Bartlett works hard to keep the girls' spirits up during the tough games over the weekend. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

Lady Dogies stumble in semis

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The Lady Dogies had their sights set on putting a banner on the wall and bringing Newcastle its first state championship in girls' basketball since 1979, when they set out for Casper last Thursday morning as the second seed from the East Region, but a disappointing semi-final performance shattered those dreams and the squad was unable to bounce back on the final day to claim a trophy at the State Tournament.

Coming in with a 19-4 record, which included a win over the number one-ranked Worland Lady Warriors during the regular season, the idea of clinching the title was beyond the realm of possibility for this senior-laden and experienced bunch, but to get to the Saturday final contest, the squad would have to overcome tough competition from the west side of the state.

First out of the chute on Thursday were the Lady Panthers from Powell, and while the Dogies dominated their first round opponent, it was the last time things would go as planned for Dogies.

When Newcastle met Powell in the first game of the season, the Lady Dogies got the better of the Panthers, but their opponent had improved over the course of the season, so head coach Tyler Bartlett knew that his team could not overlook them.

“We went down there with a goal of taking home a state title, and we knew that in order to achieve that goal, we had to take it one game at a

time,” Bartlett began. “Against Powell I thought we did a nice job that whole game, and it felt really in control the whole way, so it was a great way to start out the tournament.”

The Lady Dogies held a commanding 21-10 lead with just a couple of minutes to go in the first half when they relaxed a little and let the Lady Panthers cut the lead to only six going into halftime. During the break, Bartlett was able to refocus his team and when the game resumed, Newcastle was able to extend their lead back to a comfortable margin and ultimately take the victory, 44-30.

Abby Gray led her team with 11 points and seven rebounds and was followed closely by Hannah Cass with 10 points, five rebounds and seven blocks. Alyssa Dawson returned to the court following an injury suffered during the Regional Tournament a week before and dropped in eight points and pulled down three rebounds, and Abi Deveraux contributed seven points and three boards. Rachel Henkle tallied four points, while Kendra Back and Alyssa Umphlett each added two to the final score.

“To get a first round win is awesome, especially since Powell is a really good team,” Bartlett smiled. “They are disciplined and well coached, but I think we just controlled the game the whole way.”

“I was also really proud of Alyssa. She got eight points in around 10 minutes, in like four shots. She was obviously limited, but it wasn't for lack of trying. She definitely contributed in all three games, and she played her

butt off in every contest,” he said of his injured post player.

The win against Powell put the Lady Dogies one step closer to their goal, as they advanced to the semi-finals against the Star Valley Lady Braves. The number one seed from the West, however, proved to be a much more daunting adversary than their first round matchup.

“I didn't say it before the game, but Chad [Ostenson] and I knew that they would be a tougher matchup than Worland has been, just because of their balance and their athleticism—even when they sub,” Bartlett admitted. “They are all just a little bit taller than Kendra (Back). They are tall and athletic, they can run, and especially with the injuries that we had, we knew we were going to have a hard time matching up with them.”

Unfortunately, the coaches' trepidations regarding the contest revealed themselves from the onset, as Star Valley jumped out to a pretty commanding lead in the first half.

“We just didn't play very well, and they shot the lights out,” Bartlett sighed.

Unfortunately, that initial onslaught took some of the wind out of Newcastle's sails.

“Their shooters were on, and ours weren't. We had some uncharacteristic turnovers, and looking back I think that in the first half it was about the first time all year long that I saw our kids have some doubts in themselves. As we went through the season, regardless of the situation, there was never any doubt that we would come out on top. But, in

that game in the first half, you could see it, our kids had doubts,” Bartlett acknowledged.

When the ladies came out of the locker room it looked as though the break had done the squad some good, as they went on a run to close the gap to single figures. The Dogies continued to play the Lady Braves pretty even throughout the second half, but the hole they had dug for themselves was too deep to climb out of against a team of that caliber.

With a 41-62 loss, the Lady Dogies' dream of a state title slipped away.

“Obviously, it was disappointing. We're not going to pretend that our goal was not to win a state title. That was our goal when we set out, and that was hard for the kids,” Bartlett frowned. “But sometimes - like that night - things are beyond our control. When a kid is going to go 6 for 6 from three and shoot the ball that well, and then not so much the next night, it just goes to show that those things happen.”

Gray once again led her team with 15 points and eight rebounds, followed by Cass with nine points and seven rebounds. Dawson, Deveraux, Umphlett and Rachel Ehlers each contributed four points and Back chipped in one.

With a championship berth out of reach, the Lady Dogies' challenge was to get up for the third-place game against Rawlins on Saturday morning, and is a challenge Newcastle just hasn't been able to overcome in recent years.

“There was a lot of disappointment

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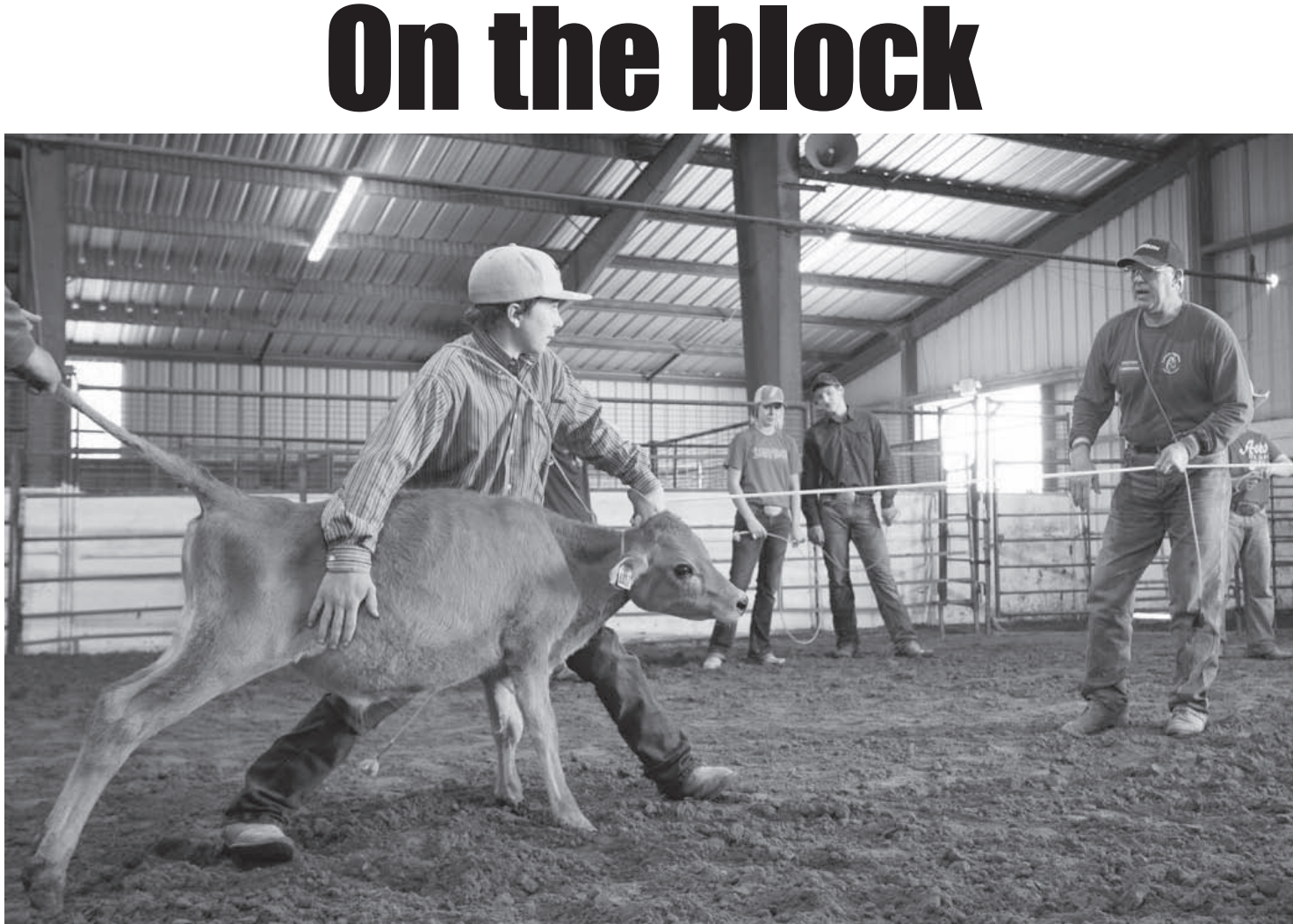
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Multiple time NFR qualifier in tie down roping, Mile Johnson, and his wife Sherrylynn (also a NFR qualifier, in barrel racing) came and did a two day clinic last June that covered barrel racing, goat tying, tie down roping and breakaway roping. Pictured is Billy Soderberg learning Mike's method of flanking calves while Kaprina Jones and Teigen Marchant observe in the background. The club sponsored the clinic for club members and some other kids were invited to join. We had about 15 participants total for all four events. Some of our fundraising efforts go towards clinics such as this. As long as the club members participate by selling raffle tickets, helping with the dinner and helping at the rodeo then they get rewarded with clinic opportunities, whether it is one we host or an outside one they choose to go to. These are professional clinicians that have developed amazing teaching strategies that really make sense to the kids and really help them to develop their skills. (Submitted Photo)

Wyoming work ethic on sale at annual auction

Abby Gray
NLJ Reporter

There's more to high school rodeo than just saddling up and riding into the arena, and the local athletes that make up Newcastle's team will be offering the work ethic they tend to develop as participants in their year-round endeavor on Saturday, March 19.

That's when the Newcastle High School Rodeo Club will be holding their annual dinner and slave auction at the fairgrounds. "Admission is by donation at the door. We'll have homemade pulled pork, salads, dessert, and we have a lot of nice auction items that have been donated from various people and businesses throughout the community," leader of the rodeo club, Emily Hartinger, professed.

The slave auction is an annual event, put on to help raise funds for their annual rodeo, the clinics they participate in, and the dinner they put on.

"The slave auction is when we auction off the rodeo club members for a day's work. This year we have 15 club members, including the junior high kids, which makes this club one of, if not the biggest, club we've ever had. Along with the dinner and slave auction, we also have a gun raffle going on," Hartinger expressed.

The kids in the program, both high school and middle school aged, put forth a great deal of effort towards the club in

order to make it successful.

"We probably put in about 56 hours a year doing various activities for the rodeo club," high school rodeo club member Kaprina Jones noted. "We go to meetings and then we put on our rodeo in May, and we have our rodeo dinner. We will also attend clinics, which are classes put on by great rodeo athletes, and they give us tips and tricks on how to be better at the events in which we participate."

"The kids put in a tremendous amount of work the whole year. They gather up auction items, sell raffle tickets, and help set up and clean up for the dinner. Then the really hard work comes the weekend of the rodeo, which is April 29 through May 1. We host a three day rodeo, with the junior high happening on Friday April 29, and the high school rodeo on April 30 and May 1. The kids and their parents help with every aspect of hosting the rodeo, from sorting cattle to setting barrels and poles, around 250 contestants from across the state compete in Newcastle that weekend so it's a lot of work, but it is rewarding," Hartinger acknowledged.

The students and adults in the club put forth all of the effort that kids in school sponsored sports do, but they are content with the club status they enjoy—as opposed to a being a recognized varsity program in the school.

"As much as I would like to say yes, I'd like it to be a school sponsored sport, it just really doesn't work that way. The kids pay entry fees and in turn have the chance to win part of the jackpot money each weekend. It would be hard to actually still have rodeos the way they are and be a school sanctioned event," Hartinger declared.

"I don't think that rodeo should become

a school sport because if it was a school sport then we wouldn't be able to get paid for what we do," Jones confirmed.

Although the local rodeo squad believes it is beneficial to all involved to remain a club, they would like to be treated as a school sport in some respects.

"I do think these kids deserve to be recognized as student-athletes. They have to have their grades up in order to enter, their transcripts must be sent into the state rodeo association, and they work extremely hard all year around. They have two seasons, in the fall and spring, but those points are cumulative for trying to qualify for the national rodeo. So while it would be tough to call it a sanctioned sport, I think it's great when the competitors get recognized for their hard work and achievements in the yearbook and throughout the school," Hartinger nodded.

The leader of the Rodeo Club loves what she does, and the kids involved clearly make her proud to be head of this great organization.

"I like getting to watch these kids grow, both in their abilities in the arena, and in their relationships with the people around them. The one thing I really want to accomplish during my time as the leader of this group of kids is that rodeo, and life in general, is all about relationships and how you treat other people. I really just love being around all of the kids. They keep me young," she smiled.

A lot of the hard work the club members have put in throughout the year will be shown on March 19 at 6:00 at the fairgrounds, and community members are encouraged to attend for a night of entertainment—and later, a day of help from friendly high school and middle school students.

Ladies from page 9.....

in losing the semi-final game, but not a lot of disappointment in the season. Obviously, we were really pleased with what we did throughout the year, but that game was just really disappointing, and I think you could see that on Saturday," Bartlett sighed. "As a coach, I just have never really figured out how to get my girls to bounce back from that situation for the third/fourth game. We've been down there (the State tournament) three times, and each time we've lost the semifinal game and then went on to lose the third/fourth game."

Bartlett was hoping for a different outcome this time, but it took three quarters for the Lady Dogies to fully engage in the contest. Though Newcastle made a run in the fourth period, the Lady Outlaws hung on to win the third place trophy 50-53.

"Settling for fourth was not what we wanted, but I can kind of get why it happened," Bartlett began. "That's not the place we wanted to be, that's

not the game we wanted to be playing in. We can lie to ourselves all we want, but that's the reality of the situation."

Gray went three for three from beyond the arc in leading her team by racking up a double-double with 22 points and 10 rebounds. Cass added 13 points and five rebounds, Deveraux had seven points, Dawson five, Umphlett two and Back one.

With the final loss, the Lady Dogies closed out their 2015-2016 season, and the five seniors played the final game of their career wearing the orange and black.

"When I look at those five girls, I'm not just proud of the year they have had, I'm proud of their careers. I don't think we've ever had a group do everything right for so long, and who was so committed and has put in so much work over the years," Bartlett smiled. "From day one, they came in as freshmen and contributed to the program. We've had kids who were a big part of some state

tournament runs and they've obviously battled through some injuries over the years, but they are just a great group of kids that I think have raised the bar for the program. We're going to miss them a lot and we're really proud of them."

The five seniors will certainly be missed in the Lady Dogies program, and over the course of their career they have racked up some impressive numbers.

They were 58-48 in varsity competition over the past four years. They made the state tournament three of their four years and made it to the state semifinals and earned 4th place each time. Deveraux accumulated 201 points and 68 steals, Back had 105 points and 215 rebounds, Gray dropped in 832 points and had 223 assists and 182 steals, Dawson scored 751 points, grabbed 453 rebounds and 135 steals, while Cass racked up 1,003 points, 618 rebounds, 146 assists, 146 blocks and 218 steals in just three years of participation.

Lady Basketball

3A State Tournament: 4th Place
Newcastle v. Powell 3-10-16
44-30

Alyssa Dawson: 8 points, 3 rebounds
Abby Gray: 11 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals
Hannah Cass: 10 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, 7 blocks
Abi Deveraux: 7 points, 3 rebounds
Kendra Back: 2 points, 3 rebounds
Rachel Henkle: 4 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal
Kaprina Jones: 3 rebounds
Alyssa Umphlett: 2 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal

Newcastle v. Star Valley
Semi-finals 3-11-16: 41-62

Alyssa Dawson: 4 points, 3 rebounds
Abby Gray: 15 points, 8 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal
Hannah Cass: 9 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 block
Abi Deveraux: 4 points, 2 rebounds
Kendra Back: 1 point, 6 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 block
Rachel Henkle: 4 rebounds
Kaprina Jones: 2 rebounds, 1 steal
Alyssa Umphlett: 4 points
Rachel Ehlers: 4 points


Newcastle v. Rawlins
3rd/4th Place game 3-12-16: 50-53


Alyssa Dawson: 5 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal
Abby Gray: 22 points, 10 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals
Hannah Cass: 13 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 2 blocks
Abi Deveraux: 7 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal
Kendra Back: 1 point, 3 rebounds
Rachel Henkle: 2 rebounds, 1 steal
Kaprina Jones: 7 rebounds
Alyssa Umphlett: 2 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 block

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The Weston County Library Board of Trustees have moved their regularly scheduled meeting of March 25, 2016 to April 1, 2016.

LADY DOOGIE BASKETBALL



Back row from left: Coach Chad Ostenson, Bailey Lacey, Mikenna Waggener, Head Coach Tyler Bartlett. Second row: Hannah Cass, Kaprina Jones, Kendra Back, Rachel Henkle, Courtney Rainbolt. Front row: Alyssa Dawson, Abby Gray, Abi Deveraux, Alyssa Umphlett, Sarah Henkle, Rachel Ehlers. (Photo courtesy of LifeTouch)



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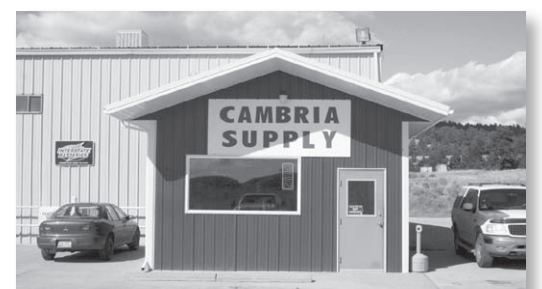
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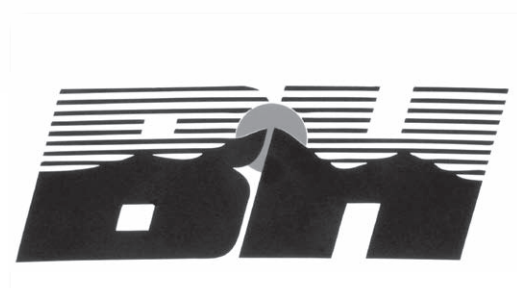

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Newcastle City Council Minutes

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016

Mayor James called the regular meeting of Monday, March 7, 2016 to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were: Mayor Greg James, Roger Hesse, Steve Ladwig, Don Steveson, and Todd Quigley. Absent: Kara Sweet. Also present Department Heads: City Clerk/Treasurer Brunner, Police Chief Owens, Engineer Hartley and City Attorney Jim Peck.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor James added Item #3 under Citizens Business Verbal, a proclamation declaring March as Girl Scout Month. He also added under Mayor/Council reports: 2. a letter from the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy; 3. Committee of the Whole reference landfill; 4. a garbage can at the fishing pond. Roger Hesse moved and Don Steveson seconded to approve the Agenda for Monday, March 7, 2016. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Don Steveson moved and Steve Ladwig seconded to approve the Minutes for the February 16, 2016 Regular Meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION: Steve Ladwig read a personal statement of appreciation for the Newcastle Ambulance Service.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION: Mayor James read Certificate of Appreciation to Wyoming Refining for the new electronic "reader board" on Stampede Street at the High School. No one was in attendance to receive the certificate.

Clerk/Treasurer Brunner led new police officer Robert Muschick in the Oath of Office.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS – IN WRITING:

1. Mayor James read a request from the Weston County Museum District for summer sewer averaging. Roger Hesse moved and Steve Ladwig seconded to approve the request as read. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. He read a request from Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp for summer sewer averaging. Steve Ladwig moved and Roger Hesse seconded to approve the request as read. **MOTION CARRIED.** The record reflected that Mayor James abstained from the vote due to employment.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS – VERBAL –

1. Chairman of the FOCUS Board addressed the

the Council to request approval for the 5 events that FOCUS has during the year and to allow FOCUS to attach different colored ribbons to the City light poles on Main Street (a different color ribbon for each event). Engineer Hartley related his understanding of the "ribbon campaign". Mayor James addressed this as well and asked for thoughts from the Council. Roger Hesse stated his concerns. FOCUS Director Donna Howard addressed the concerns of the Council members. Mayor James referred the FOCUS requests to the Community Appearance Committee for further review. 2. Mayor James read a proclamation for RENEW for March as Disabilities Awareness Month. Mayor James read and signed the proclamation. 3. Mayor James read a proclamation for Girl Scout Week 2016 and signed the proclamation.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS: - 1. Mayor James noted that the City had received several submissions for the open Council seat. He requested a Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regular City Council meeting on March 21, 2016 to interview the candidates. Clerk/Treasurer Brunner will send each candidate a questionnaire and invite them to attend that meeting. He read the list of names who submitted letters of interest: Karl Lacey; Dr. Seth Rhoades; Pam Gualtieri; Lynn Moeller; Don Taylor; and Lyra Qualheim. 2. Mayor James read a thank you letter from the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy for the donation of the fully equipped police vehicle from the City to the academy. 3. He reminded Council that he requested a Committee of the Whole Meeting after the regular meeting this evening to consider the status of the City's Landfill and the Weston County Landfill District. 4. He stated that he had a phone call from Mr. Keith Culver who was instrumental in the establishment of the "fishing pond" at the golf course. Mr. Culver requested garbage containers at that site; Mayor James and Engineer Hartley had looked at the location and requested putting two 90 gallon garbage cans at the site. Councilman Hesse asked about type of garbage and Councilman Ladwig asked about the location and security. Roger Hesse moved and Don Steveson seconded to approve putting two 90-gallon garbage cans at the new fishing pond on the golf course at the City's expense. **MOTION CARRIED.** 5. Steve Ladwig asked about the speed limit on Summit Avenue. He

mentioned concerns regarding no speed limit signage going in one direction. Engineer Hartley will look into the signage and make necessary corrections.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:
City Attorney Jim Peck – 1. Reminded Council that he had sent them an e-mail about the new well and the property involved with that; 2. He has been going through the new State statutes that were passed with the 2016 legislature to see what effects those may have on the City. 3. The Newcastle Planning Commission has been re-addressing the subdivision rules considering the pending retirement of Engineer Hartley. Mr. Hartley's knowledge has been considerable and beneficial regarding subdivisions.

City Engineer Robert Hartley – 1. John Singer has been with the City one year; Mr. Hartley requested taking John Singer off probation and changing him to permanent, full-time status with a \$.50/hr. raise effective March 3, 2016. Todd Quigley moved and Roger Hesse seconded to approve the raise as requested. **MOTION CARRIED.** 2. He reported about the loan from the State Revolving Fund for the 2015 Water Improvement Projects. The loan is for \$303,600 and at the completion of the project there would be 50% "principal" forgiveness with \$151,800 then turning in to a "grant". He also requested approval of a \$1018.00 "loan origination" fee which was part of the evening's check run approval. Steve Ladwig moved and Todd Quigley seconded to authorize Mayor James to sign the loan paperwork for the 2015 Water System Improvements. **MOTION CARRIED.** 3. Engineer Hartley related the annual lease agreement with Charles Martens III for the composite pile for \$1000/year. Roger Hesse moved and Steve Ladwig seconded to authorize Mayor James to sign the agreement for lease of the composite pile site from Mr. Martens III. **MOTION CARRIED.** 4. The Newcastle Tree Board applied for a grant in the amount of \$3000 from the Wyoming State Forestry for an educational grant. In the past the tree board has used grant funds to put together booklets about planting and raising appropriate trees in Weston County. He requested using the new grant funds for updated booklets since all the previous booklets have been given away. Roger Hesse moved and Steve Ladwig seconded to authorize Mayor James to sign the grant agreement with the WY State Forestry. **MOTION CARRIED.** 5. Engineer Hartley read Resolution #1, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAINTENANCE OF HIGHWAY 16 THROUGH NEWCASTLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH W.S. 24-2-111, SPECIFICALLY MAIN STREET FROM HIGHWAY 16 BYPASS EAST WEST TO SOUTH SUMMIT AND THEN SOUTH SUMMIT WEST TO THE HIGHWAY 16 BYPASS with the Wyoming Department of Transportation. Roger Hesse

moved and Don Steveson seconded to approve RESOLUTION #1, SERIES 2016 for maintenance of Highway 16. **MOTION CARRIED.** 6. Crews have finished the sprinkler systems on the legion field; drainage system has been moved which will facilitate more parking. 7. Meter pits are being installed on Cambria Street as part of preparation for the water project work this summer.

Police Chief Jim Owens - 1. Reported on the Feb. 2016 calls for service – YTD 2016 – 602; YTD – 2015 – 699; although the call numbers have decreased the complexity of the calls has become more in depth. 2. CSO Whicher has completed training and received state certification; he requested a \$.50/hour wage increase effective 3/6/16; Roger Hesse moved and Don Steveson seconded to approve the raise as requested. **MOTION CARRIED.** 3. Officer Robert Muschick started employment with the City today, 3/7/16; he will attend the full training time at the academy, scheduled for September. 4. WASCOP has started distributing the marijuana education pamphlets; 5. Chief Owens will be attending a marijuana update sponsored by the Colorado Chiefs of Police on March 16-18, 2016.

City Clerk/Treasurer – 1. Requested that the Council schedule a budget work night for 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 2016 to work through the financials for the FY 2016-17 budget. By that time she should have all department head requests submitted and all revenue projections completed. 2. She asked Council if they had any questions regarding the January 2016 financial report that they had in front of them and that had been previously e-mailed to them. 3. She reported that the State Energy Office approved the \$20,000 energy retrofit grant that she applied for to update the lighting throughout the City buildings and replace ballasts and bulbs (with LED bulbs) in the Main Street decorative lights. 4. She also reported on the State Legislature unrestricted supplemental funding approved in this year's legislature. The funding formula finally approved gave Newcastle a slightly higher payment than in the past. 5. She reported that she has received bids from two accounting firms for the FY 2015-16 audit. The two firms are Ketel, Thorstensen of Rapid City, SD and Bennett, Weber and Hermstad LLP of Gillette, WY. She needs to look into the detail of both bids and compare them to each other. She also wants to take into account the expertise of Mark Sylte. It appears the bids will be "in line" with previous year's audit expenses.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT: None.

Don Steveson moved and Steve Ladwig seconded to pay claims dated March 7, 2016. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Roger Hesse moved and Todd Quigley seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CLAIMS: 21 Electric, move heaters, \$367.00; Anderson Contracting, meter/exp. Tank, \$474.00; AT&T Mobility, cell phones, \$843.84; B&K Cleaning, city hall, \$360.50; BH Power, electricity, \$11,674.76; BCBS of WY, employee health insurance, \$35,435.85; Bryand Streeter, airport wages, \$1158.75; Centurylink, telephone/PD, \$959.12; City of Newcastle, WA/SW/GA, \$351.91; Don Steveson, mileage/WAM, \$259.20; Energy Labs, testing, \$60.00; James Peck, attorney retainer, \$2800.00; Lighthouse Uniform, Fire department dress uniforms, \$16,092.70; MasterCard, travel, training, fuel, etc., \$2458.09; MES Rocky Mtn., annual flow test, \$1749.40; Newcastle Ambulance, ambulance services, \$8333.33; Newcastle Fire Suppression, PD squads, \$90.00; Newcastle PD, petty cash, \$142.73; News Letter Journal, supplies, publishing, \$2265.03; Office of State land and Investment, loan origination fees, \$1518.00; Postmaster, postage/Utility bills, \$1000.00; Powder River Energy, elect., \$1322.25; Projex, January/IT, \$112.50; R. Douglas Dumbrell, judge services, \$1075.60; Regional Health, work exam, \$100.00; RT Communications, tele, \$2915.43; Sourcegas, natural gas, \$1837.73; TOP office, PD copy charge, \$81.83; Two-Way radio, pager repair, \$280.00; Voelkers, mount tires/flat rpr/install decals, \$450.00; WCS telecom, l/d tele, \$161.64; Wesco gas, propane, \$325.46; Weston Co. Peace officers, membership (15), \$225.00; Weston Co. Treasurer, tax handling/airport expense/LEC share, \$1271.76; Weston Co. Clerk, 6 months youth services, \$5543.39; Weston Co. Humane, food fee, \$18.00; WCS#1, rec director share, \$2531.67; WY Conf. Bldg. Officials, conference registration, \$250.00; WY Law Enforcement, Hillhouse FTO training, \$300.00; SUPPLIES: Ad-Pro, \$100.39; BH Chemical, \$108.99; Butler Machinery, \$2964.60; Cambria Supply, \$414.00; Chief Law Enforcement, \$784.88; Croell Redi-Mix, \$286.00; Cummins Rocky Mtn., \$219.35; Family Dollar, \$140.60; Frontier Home, \$210.93; Galls, \$2550.28; Hart's Auto, \$528.69; Instrument Supply, \$5119.48; Newcastle Equip., \$70.72; Norco, \$36.58; Northwest Pipe, \$3545.38; Oil City, \$35.31; Renegade Paint & Pipes, \$905.00; Respond First Aid, \$80.73; Sheehan Mack, \$7962.95; USA Bluebook, \$991.31; WY Auto, \$2519.67; WATER DEPOSIT REFUNDS: Allen Friesen, \$98.84; Carlos De la Rosa, \$196.51; Eric Holmes, \$72.98; Jeremy/Danielle Russell, \$56.92; John Olenyik, \$58.43; Keith/Jana Metcalf, \$179.45; Klinette Brandon, \$100.00; Matt Dooley, \$75.41;

Utility Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) has authorized SourceGas Distribution LLC (SourceGas) to pass on to its Pass-On Rate [Regulated Rate] customers in the Gillette Division an increase of \$0.0400 per therm, effective March 1, 2016. The proposed increase is attributed to a projected wholesale commodity cost decrease of \$0.0095 per therm and an increase of \$0.0495 per therm in the Commodity Balancing Account (CBA) surcharge. The Commission estimates that this Application will increase revenues by approximately \$52,253 for the period March 2016 through May 2016. This approval is subject to notice, protest, investigation, opportunity for hearing, change, refund and such other orders as the Commission may deem appropriate.

The average Pass-On Rate [Regulated Rate] residential customer in the Gillette Division using an average of 84 therms per month, for the period of March 2016 through May 2016, may expect a monthly gas bill increase, before taxes, of approximately \$3.14, or about 6.11%. Actual bills will vary with usage.

Sections 249 and 250 of the Commission's Rules allow a utility to pass on to its customers known or prospective wholesale commodity cost increases or decreases, subject to public notice, opportunity for hearing and refund.

SourceGas' Application is available for inspection by any interested person during regular business hours at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne and in the Company's office in Gillette, Wyoming.

Anyone who wants to file an intervention petition, request for a hearing, or a statement, protest, or public comment in this matter must file in writing with the Commission on or before April 8, 2016. Please mention Docket No. 30022-263-GP-16 when you call or write. Intervention petitions and requests for a hearing must state the position and interest of the person so filing.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing that you will attend, or want to make a statement, a protest or a public comment, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711.

Dated: March 8, 2016.

(Publish March 17 and 24, 2016)

Public Notice

STATE OF WYOMING IN THE DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF NATRONA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE WRONGFUL DEATH OF EMMETT OLSON, DECEASED CIVIL ACTION NO.: 100954

PUBLIC NOTICE

Petitioner, Hazel Olson, by and through her attorney R. Michael Shickich, hereby gives notice that an action to appoint her as the wrongful death representative of Emmett Olson, deceased, has been instituted in the Seventh Judicial District for Natrona County, Civil No. 100954. Any person claiming to qualify as a wrongful death representative under Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 1-38-104(a) may intervene as a matter of right pursuant to Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 1-38-103. Dated this 17th day of March, 2016.

By: R. Michael Shickich
Wyoming Bar #6-3015
Law Office of R. Michael Shickich, L.L.C.
111 West 2nd Street, Suite 500
Casper, WY 82601
PH: (307) 266-5297

(Publish March 17, 24 and 31, 2016)



Deadline for Legals is noon on Friday

Bid Notice

INVITATION TO BID WESTON COUNTY BRUCE ROAD DUST CONTROL PROJECT 2016

The Board of County Commissioners, Weston County, will be accepting bids for road repair and supplying and applying dust suppression on Bruce Road in Weston County, Wyoming. Bids are due by 3:00 p.m. on April 1, 2016 and bids will be evaluated at that time. Bids will be evaluated at the April 5, 2016, Commissioners meeting at 10:00 a.m. Each bid shall be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked on the outside with the name of the bidder and the words:

"Bid for Weston County Bruce Road Dust Control Project"

Bids must be submitted to:
Weston County Clerk
1 West Main Street,
Newcastle, WY 82701

Bid must be received on or before the date specified above. Bids received after the time and date above will not be considered. Weston County reserves the right to reject any or all bids or waive any formality or technicality in its interest.

Award of this contract will be based on the Base Bid.

Bid Bond, Performance and Bond Payments are required.

Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of Thirty (30) days after opening. It is to be understood that the OWNER may reject any all bids, make substitutions and waive any informalities and technicalities as will be in their best interest.

The Weston County Government is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nation origin, sex, religion, age and handicapped status in employment or the provision of services.

Please contact Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Supervisor at (307)746-5555 for additional information.

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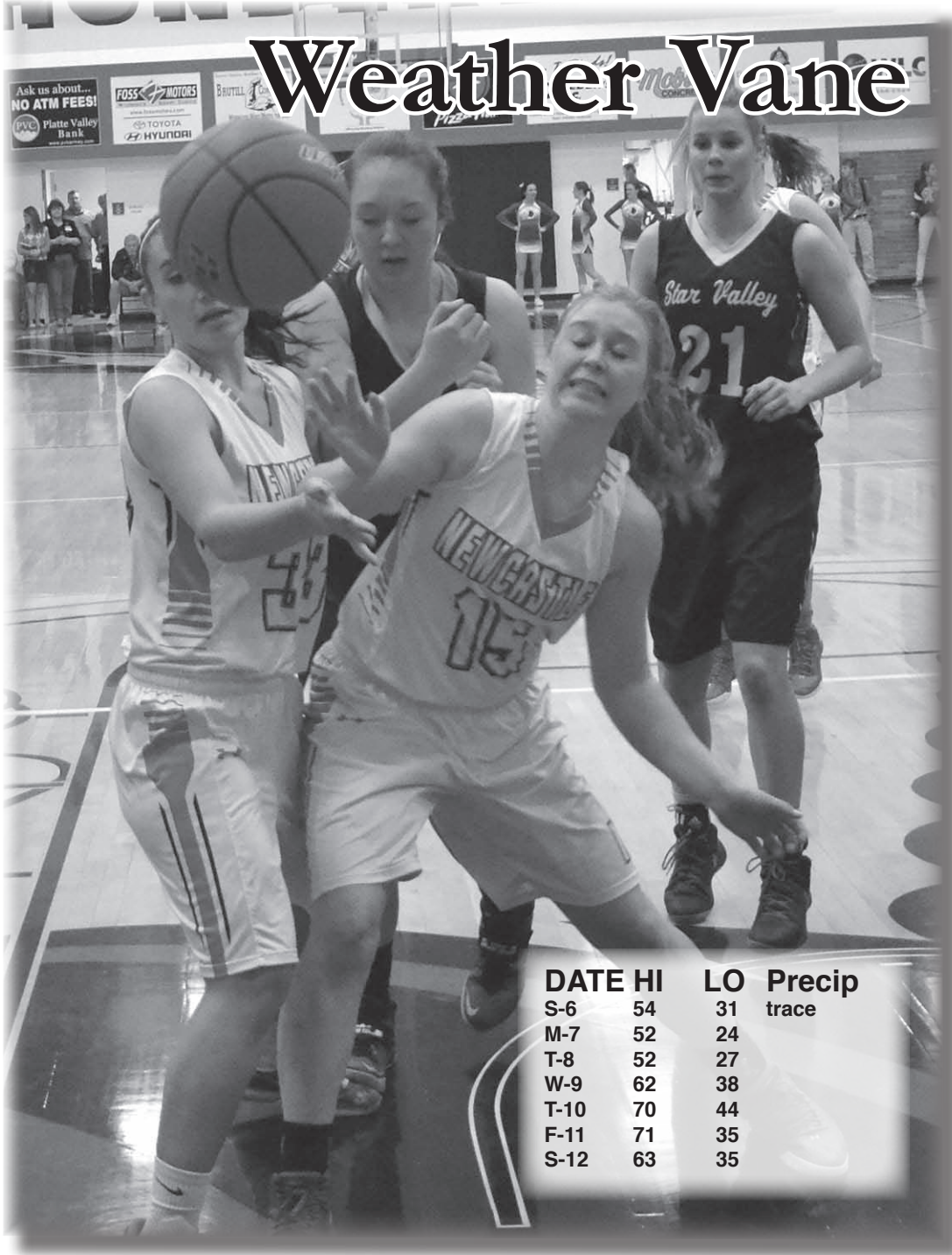
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Utility Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, the Commission hereby gives notice of the application of Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHE or the Company) f/k/a SourceGas Distribution LLC, for authority to revise the Fuel, Lost and Unaccounted for Gas Percentages (FL&U) in all of its Divisions, as more fully described below.

BHE is a natural gas public utility as defined by W.S. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(D) and, as such, is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to W.S. § 37-2-112.

On March 1, 2016, BHE filed an annual application requesting approval to revise its FL&U gas percentages as directed by the Commission. The Company seeks to [i] increase the percentage to mainline customers in its Casper Division; [ii] decrease the percentage to the distribution transportation customers in its Casper Division; [iii] decrease the percentage to the Choice Gas Program in its Casper Division; [iv] decrease the percentage to storage injection in its Casper Division; [v] increase the percentage to the distribution transportation customers in the Gillette Division; [vi] increase the percentage for reconciliation for the Choice Gas Program suppliers in the Gillette Division; [vii] decrease the percentage to the distribution transportation customers in the Torrington Division; and [viii] increase the percentage for reconciliation for the Choice Gas Program suppliers in the Torrington Division. Each increased or decreased FL&U percentage would apply to BHE's Casper, Gillette or Torrington Divisions for the current Choice Gas program year, June 1, 2016, through May 31, 2017.

The Company's proposed FL&U percentages for the Casper Division are 1.164%, Choice Gas Program Supplier FL&U Reconciliation Process. The Company's proposed FL&U percentages for the Gillette Division are 5.209%, Choice Gas Program Supplier FL&U Reconciliation Process. The Company's proposed FL&U percentages for the Torrington Division are 0.713%, Choice Gas Program Supplier FL&U Reconciliation Process. These figures would replace the current FL&U percentages approved in Docket No. 30022-244-GA-15.

This is not a complete description of the application. Interested persons may inspect the application at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and at any BHE office located in Casper, Gillette or Torrington, Wyoming.

Anyone wishing to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so in writing filed with the Commission on or before March 31, 2016. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please be sure to mention Docket No. 30022-264-GA-16 in all correspondence with the Commission.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing which you will attend, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or write to the Commission, 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711. DATED: March 3, 2016.

(Publish March 10 and 17, 2016)

Meeting Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Weston County School District #1 Board of Trustees will have a 5:00 p.m. early start on Wednesday, March 30, 2016, for an executive session to discuss initial/continuing contract teachers under Wyoming Statute 16-4-405(ii).

(Publish March 17, 2016)

Foreclosure Notice

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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BY: Greg B. Asay
Associated Legal Group, LLC
1807 Capitol Ave Suite 203
Cheyenne, WY 82001
(307) 632-2888
Attorney for Ditech Financial LLC f/k/a Green Tree Servicing LLC

(Publish February 25, March 3, 10 and 17, 2016)

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Lighting project requires funding

Todd Bennington
 NLJ Reporter

Organizers of an effort to improve the condition of Newcastle's Babe Ruth baseball field are currently seeking funding in order to pay for lighting as part of the first phase of the project.

Pinnacle Bank President Justin Tystad, who is helping to coordinate the effort, noted that the area's Babe Ruth baseball team of 13 to 15 years olds hasn't played a home game on the field in three years because of the field's poor condition.

Despite this, the team has found some success, losing last year in the championship game to Riverton by three runs.

At a total price tag of \$296,400, an initial plan to light and refurbish the Babe Ruth field, while also lighting the nearby little league field, was found to be cost prohibitive, Tystad explained, and so the project has been divided into two phases.

As part of the first phase, work has already been accomplished to move the Babe Ruth field's backstop, level the previously sloping field, bring in infield-quality dirt from the



Roy Domina and Chad Ostenson wrestle rolls of sod into place at the Newcastle Baseball Complex in October. Babe Ruth players and parents lent their efforts to laying new sod on the field in the fall, and they hope to raise enough money to install new lights before the season begins this summer. (Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

Sheridan area, and lay sod. A new sprinkler system was also installed, courtesy of the city.

In addition to the planned lighting, future phase-one work will include moving fencing and creating a t-ball field in the area of the outfield.

Tystad said that providing lighting for the field is important so that late games and doubleheaders can take place. Though existing light poles will be utilized, the lighting improvements are projected to cost \$84,603.

Total phase-one improvements are estimated at \$176,003, and so far \$79,400 in cash and in-kind contri-

butions has been raised from a number of local businesses and individuals. Several grants have been applied for as well, Tystad mentioned, though are not guaranteed.

"I guess we're swinging for the fences a little bit by saying, 'Let's get the field done. Let's get lights on here so that the kids can play,' Tystad remarked. "The other thing is that this will be multi-dimensional, multi-use. If we do have lights on here, we can have t-ball games. The older kids can practice later. We can have softball games ... under the lights."

Tystad noted that a number

of individuals have contributed to the project so far on a volunteer basis, mentioning in particular Tom Farnsworth, whom he said has been indispensable in getting the project off the ground.

Asked what interested persons might be able to contribute to the project, Tystad said that at this juncture funding the lighting component is the main priority.

"At this point in time we're just looking for financial resources to get lights," he stated, adding that the present goal is to have the lights up by June in order that teams can begin using the field.

Dogies garner post-season honors

Sonja Karp
 NLJ Sports Reporter

With the State Basketball Tournament in the books, the winter sports' seasons have all officially come to a close. Though a couple of seasons didn't end the way the teams had hoped, some individual athletes represented Newcastle High School well when it came to claiming post-season honors.

The swimmers and wrestlers wrapped up their seasons at the end of February, and each had a young member of their team bring home All-Conference and All-State Honors. Freshman Eythan Riley was given All-Conference recognition, and Jacob Yeatman, also a freshman, received All-Conference Honorable Mention in swimming, while sophomore Teigen Marchant claimed All-State honors in wrestling.

With each still having several more years of competition ahead of them, coaches are looking forward to the strength these two athletes will bring to their programs.

The Dogie basketball squad was the next squad to close out the year, and two members of the team claimed post-season recognition.

Senior Taylor Allen was named not only to the All-Conference team for 3A East, but also received All-State honors, while sophomore Cam Quigley nabbed an All-Conference Honorable Mention.

"This is the first time ever that we have gotten a considerable swing from the east side for All-State, which was well-deserved," head coach Allen Von Eye stated. "This is the fourth time in 10 years that it was an all east side semi-finals that was loaded with quality athletes, and we ended up with nine kids named to the 14 person list."

According to Von Eye, Allen was in the upper echelon of those chosen to that list, and he noted that the honor was well-deserved given the numbers he put up all year and the way he finished out his season so strong.

"It was neat to get to see Taylor get that recognition, especially because it's a worry when your team doesn't make the state tournament. However, he was a unanimous selection at the All-Conference level, which went a long way toward helping him earn the All-State honor," Von Eye nodded.

"I was pleased to see Cam get some mentions as well. We asked him to do a lot for such a young age and thrust him into some situations we probably wouldn't usually, given his youth, and he responded very well. With Cam you know you will always get his maximum. You know he's going to work hard and give it the best he's got, so it was great to see him get some recognition and honor for his hard work as well," the coach continued.

While happy for the two squad members who received awards, Von Eye was quick to note that without a quality team surrounding them, those honors would not have happened.

"The biggest thing that goes into those awards, even though they are individual, is the team," he explained. "You don't get the individual awards without team success. Without good players around you, helping you out in all sorts of capacities, no one wins that recognition, and those two will be the first to say that as well."

Von Eye gave a great deal of credit to the senior class for contributing to the success of the two honored individuals, and the team as a whole, by making key contributions throughout the years.

"When you have a kid of Taylor's

star power, he will be the one that focus gravitates toward. But this senior class has done some extraordinary things," he declared. "We have several versatile guys who have been asked to play every position imaginable, from being asked to score and to rebound and to fill in a lot of different roles. Though they weren't the ones going out scoring 30 a game, without them getting the rebounds and the assists that allow him to score, he wouldn't get those points."

The Lady Dogies brought home several post-season honors, which is reflective of the successful 20-6 season and 4th place state finish the squad just completed.

Not surprising to anyone who follows the team, there were three individuals who brought home top honors. Alyssa Dawson and Hannah Cass each were named to both the All-Conference and All-State squads, while Abby Gray received All-Conference honors.

Abi Deveraux, Kendra Back and Kaprina Jones each received All-Conference Honorable Mentions.

In addition, Cass and Gray were named to the roster for the All-Star game this summer and Dawson was named as a first alternate. Head coach Tyler Bartlett stated that he would not be surprised to see all three on the floor for that game.

Like Von Eye, Bartlett was quick to note that Cass, Dawson and Gray would not have had nearly the success they have enjoyed without quality players around them who made it possible for them to put up the stats they did throughout the season.

The fact that three players also received honorable mentions at the All-Conference selection speaks volumes about the role all members of the Lady Dogies' squad played.

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taught me along the way. Everyone knows that a fourth place finish at the State Tournament was not quite the storybook ending that we all had in mind when we began our basketball careers, but I could not be more proud of my team, regardless of the outcome. I can confidently say that during my time as a Dogie, I got to play with the most selfless team in this entire state.

Whether it be in the weight room over the summer, in the practices that just never seemed to end, in the suburban blaring

Spice Girls, or in the big-time games, every member of my team did what needed to be done for the success of the team. There is not a girl on my team who believes she is greater than the team, and nobody put their success above the success of the program.

That is what makes this group of girls so special. No matter the final score of the game, there is not another group of girls I would like to call my teammates.

As I move forward with my life, high school basketball will always be something

that I can look back on and smile. I will miss putting on the black and orange, and stepping onto the hardwood with my best friends, but I am so grateful that the time I spent playing basketball was spent as a Dogie. After watching all of the hard work the underclassmen have put into the sport, and after getting to know the deep passion that each and every one of them has for this game, I am confident that this program will be a strong one for years to come.

I can't wait to see what the Lady Dogie basketball team accomplishes in the future.



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