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Event Center architects terminated

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Following an executive session teleconference with their legal counsel, Ray Hunkins, the Weston County Commissioners voted to pass a resolution at their regular scheduled meeting on March 18 to terminate the services

of Schutz Foss Architects, the Gillette-based firm responsible for the design of the ill-fated Weston County Event Center.

Later that same day, Commissioner Marty Ertman reported to those in attendance at the Weston County Republican Convention that she believes the county is

making positive progress in addressing what has been an ongoing issue for the past several years.

"We have done some things," she said. "We've hired a lawyer, a very good lawyer ... We've put everything under executive session because it's a litigation concern. We don't

want the other side to find out what we're doing ... I'm very, very confident that a resolution will be soon, and that it will be something that we're all happy with. [Hunkins] is very good. I know it looks like [the issue is] sitting on a back burner but the wheels move very slowly."

In response to a question as to why the issue isn't being handled by County Attorney Don Hansen, Ertman explained that Hansen was not comfortable litigating the case given the areas of law involved, and that Hunkins, as a specialist in construction and contract law, is operating within his area of expertise.

The Weston County Event Center, located at the Weston County Fairgrounds, has stood unused since it was constructed in 2011 at a cost of more than \$1 million, due to structural damage determined to be traceable to a major water leak in the main line into the building.

Resolution for rodeo reached

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

A resolution as to who will run the 2014 Weston County Junior Rodeo was not easily arrived at when a special meeting was convened of the Weston County Fair Board to resolve the dispute on Friday. A decision was finally reached, after much insistence by those in attendance, by the three WCFB members present, WCFB Chairman Curtis Rankin, Vice-Chairman Craig Deveraux and Treasurer Janet Perino.

A motion was made by Perino and accepted — with only her and Deveraux in favor and Rankin against — to have Laurie Farella, Colleen Donaldson, Jill Pischke and Tory Mobley as superintendents of the WCJR following the fair on Saturday and Sunday Aug. 2 and 3. However Mobley was not in attendance to accept the position. If she does not accept, Farella, Donaldson and Pischke will be the superintendents at this time.

A resolution by Deveraux was added, naming Dana Mann-Tavegia and Pischke to form a Junior Rodeo committee to be voted on by Weston County residents in an open

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— Kaprina Jones

meeting. It was suggested by Rankin that this committee come before the Fair Board in June before the budget is set for the next fiscal year. When the motion was made, after an hour of listening to debate on the subject, only half of the dozen people who attended the meeting remained.

Rankin began the meeting by announcing it was only to discuss the Junior Rodeo and read the motion on the table made by WCFB member Zane Marty at the regular fair board meeting on March 11.

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County rebukes feds over grouse

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

The Weston County Commissioners voted March 18 to submit a letter to the Bureau of Land Management — the lead agency on the issue — expressing grievances with the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service for having failed to seek input from Weston County regarding the Wyoming Greater Sage-Grouse Draft Land Use Plan Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (See Legal on Page 12).

The commissioners agreed with the assessment of local rancher Bob Harshbarger, who drafted the letter, that there is no use for the county to

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■ A friendly chat with the senator ...

Todd Bennington/NLJ

U.S. Senator Mike Enzi talks Dogie Burgers with Kela Merchen, co-owner of the Hi-16 Restaurant, while waiting for his order to arrive on Friday. Enzi, who was in town to meet with local campaign organizers, is seeking to retain his seat in the Senate for a fourth consecutive term.

Enzi talks America's future

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

As he prepares to seek a fourth term, U.S. Senator Mike Enzi, R-Wyo, dropped by the offices of the News Letter Journal Friday where he answered questions on a multitude of issues ranging from the future of the GOP to U.S. foreign policy.

NLJ: It seems that conservatives have lost on issues such as abortion, affirmative action, and gay marriage. Is the American conservative movement a failure?

Enzi: Absolutely not. There are a whole lot of issues besides those issues that you mention. I was in Washington, [D.C.], when Clinton vetoed the partial-birth abortion bill that I'd worked on ... I can't tell you how depressed

“The immigrants that we've had in previous years, which make up virtually all of us, came here to assimilate into the American way ... and we're not seeing that in any of this legislation. The English requirement has practically gone by the wayside.”

I was. As I was walking back to my office, it occurred to me that if God wanted that solved He could [solve it]. What He needs is the debate among people on these crucial issues. Laws don't change anybody, but the thought process people have to go through before they do those things is what makes a difference ... One of the things that people have to do is keep putting forward their opinions and the truth and making a case for them. Laws are not the answer to everything.

NLJ: It's been suggested by some people that because of demographic changes there might never be another Republican president, or at least not one of

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Moving in to new digs ■ Workforce Center will share building with Family Services



Denice Piscioti/NLJ

The Wyoming Department of Workforce Services, Newcastle Workforce Center, will be moving to its new location at the corner of U.S. Highways 16 and 85, near Shopko this week. They will be sharing the building with the Department of Family Services, as was the previous arrangement.

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

This week the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services, Newcastle Workforce Center, will be moving to its new location at 22922 U.S. Highway 85 in front of Shopko, from the 2013 West Main Street location it has held for more than a decade.

On March 26 both offices will be closed to move equipment from one location to the other. The next day, the Newcastle Workforce Center will be open for business at the new location.

"With so much of our stuff online, we have to be able to disconnect the research room computers and the phone lines and get all of that stuff reconnected and in the other building. If individuals have questions we certainly try to answer those questions. We just won't have phone or internet

capability," Vermona Peterson, the Newcastle Workforce Center manager, told the News Letter Journal in an interview on Friday morning.

Once again they will be sharing a building with the Department of Family Services, which works well to have both agencies housed in the same facility, she acknowledged.

"As our staffing and program needs change so do our facility needs change. The new facility meets all our staffing and program needs," the manager stated.

The Workforce Center is one of 23 centers in Wyoming that is funded by both the federal and state government, offering services free of charge to the state's employers and job seekers.

As an employment agency they offer help to employers needing to hire workers by

giving them a place to post job orders with them in the office and on their website. The staff at the center is available to help with job descriptions and helpful hints for interviewing techniques as well.

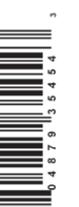
Additionally they aid those looking for employment to create a resumé. The information from both parties is entered into the computer and can be cross-referenced.

"Also, if the job seeker is looking for work they can come in and — we have a computer system — we try to get those individuals' information in the computer. We can [match] the skills the individuals have with the skills the employer is looking for," she explained.

When a job seeker's qualifications are matched with those of an open job listing, a Workforce employee can call

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WEATHER FORECAST	Thursday Mostly Cloudy Hi 42, Lo 27	Friday Mostly Sunny Hi 46 Lo 30	Saturday Sunny Hi 63 Lo 38	Sunday Showers Hi 50, Lo 24	Monday Mostly Cloudy Hi 47, Lo 30	Tuesday Partly Cloudy Hi 50, Lo 30	Wednesday Partly Cloudy Hi 45 Lo 27	INSIDE • FFA, Page 6 • Walk, Page 7 • Republicans, Page 9 • Dinosaurs, Page 10



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Our View

For what it's worth

Nothing in the world is worth having or worth doing unless it means effort, pain, difficulty ... I have never in my life envied a human being who led an easy life. I have envied a great many people who led difficult lives and led them well.

— Theodore Roosevelt

A few weeks ago we congratulated a group of local residents who apparently don't like each other very much, but elected to sit in a room together and hammer out their differences in regard to the Weston County Junior Rodeo, "All's fair," February 27, 2014. A week earlier, we threw our support behind a proposal to merge FOCUS and Northern Wyoming Mental Health, that often provide services to the same clients, "FOCUS on what is best for victims," February 20, 2014.

The decisions made at the public meeting to determine the future of the Junior Rodeo have all been thrown out, and the effort to unite FOCUS and NWMH has been abandoned, and while we're disappointed with those decisions, we still want to tip our hats to those who have participated (battled) in the public processes revolving around both issues. Although it appears that nothing is settled on either front, we firmly believe that when resolution is achieved it will be more meaningful and long-lasting because of the difficulty involved in addressing these problems openly and honestly. The Weston County Fair Board, FOCUS Board, NWMH Board, Weston County Commissioners and Newcastle City Council should all be congratulated for tackling these issues instead of hiding from them, and the countless individuals who have stepped up and offered input publicly deserve our gratitude and respect because it's not always easy to do so when you know a newspaper reporter is in the room.

However, the reporters covering these matters have been instructed by participants in these debates after meetings have concluded to omit specific names or information, or been given additional information that wasn't provided during the public meetings. Unfortunately, such efforts to secretly influence reporting raises red flags for journalists, and we want to remind the people who are involved in these affairs that they are attempting to influence how public resources are used and public dollars are spent. As such, they must accept that this community expects them to do so publicly. If they don't like the way they, or their position, have been portrayed, we urge them to write a Letter to the Editor and share their objection with the community — openly and honestly. We know that's hard too, but we also subscribe to the belief that "if it's worth doing, it's worth doing right." If you care enough to confront these problems, we challenge you to do it the right way.

Do your kids know 9-1-1?

By Genell Rothleutner
NPD Dispatcher

April 1, 2014, begins a month-long campaign to help Americans of all ages recognize the importance of 9-1-1 and the role they play in ensuring effective and efficient emergency response in times of crisis.

Groups including the United States Congress and the National Emergency Number Association (NENA), a leading public safety association, have also recognized April as National 9-1-1 Education Month, and are encouraging the media, the 9-1-1 community, the wireless industry, and public information providers to engage in 9-1-1 awareness and education activities this month.

"For 40 years, 9-1-1 has served as the vital link between the American public and emergency services," said NENA CEO, Brian Fontes. "Public education and awareness initiatives throughout the years have contributed in large measure to the incredible and ongoing success of the emergency communications system as a whole. It is our hope that all groups interested in promoting and enhancing the safety and welfare of the public will help deliver critical 9-1-1 messages this month."

As consumers utilize new communications technologies and devices, 9-1-1 education takes on an increased importance for everyone, but especially for children, teens, and parents.

"With the changing face of technology, children — especially the smaller kids — need to understand how to use all different kinds of phones,"

NPD Dispatcher Kami Erland said. "They might know how to use mom and dad's cell phones, but do they know how to use grandma's cordless? Do they even understand what a dial tone is? If we want our kids to be armed with the best information available to keep themselves and others safe, we have to teach them and often this teaching has to begin at home."

During National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, April 13-19, 2014, Newcastle Police Department dispatchers will be visiting the kindergarten classes in Upton and Newcastle to help teach the students how to call 9-1-1, when to call 9-1-1 and what to do when talking to the dispatchers. NENA has also made a number of public safety educational resources for the media, 9-1-1 professionals, public educators, and citizens available via its National 9-1-1 Education Month webpage, www.nena.org/education/911-education-month,

including an E-brochure entitled "Making 9-1-1 Work for YOU!"

The brochure is designed to provide essential information to the general public, children, teens, and parents about the 9-1-1 system and emergency response. The NPD Communications Center dispatches for the Newcastle Police Department, Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department, Newcastle Ambulance Service, Osage Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Service, Upton Police Department, Upton Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Service, Weston County Sheriff's Office and Weston County Fire District.



Letters to the Editor

Spending has to stop now

Dear Editor,

When is the insanity going to stop? Raise after raise, inflation, look at the history. Remember what happened in 1929. Everything was good. Everybody was happy, and then bang!

Wake up America! America is deep in debt — \$18 trillion and borrowing more. If you can't pay your debt now, how are you going to pay it later — plus interest? We have to deflate now, starting at the top. Greed and more greed, the rich have so much and want more. Maybe they are trying to buy a cooler spot in hell.

And while it is on my mind, I told the PSC that when BHP gets their "raise," and they will, are they going to take that raise back off when the new plant is built? That is the only "fair" thing to do!

And here I know I am treading on "hallowed ground," but why are we sending our children to school? Is it to play basketball, football, soccer, wrestling or baseball, or for the three Rs?

Look at the money the school district blows on gas, oil, motel rooms, food and extra pay for everybody. This is getting ridiculous. We don't need all of the sports costs. Oh, and I forgot tennis, swimming, golf, pool, ping-pong, running, jumping and throwing I guess.

That's my money the school is wasting.

—Cal Huber

Country is going to the birds

Dear Editor,

Ben Franklin thought the wild turkey would be a better national bird than the bald eagle. I don't

agree with that, but also think many other birds would be better.

In Wyoming, I feel the horned lark, which toughs out the winter with us, would be better than the meadow lark that deserts us at the first snowflake.

Back to national — a bald eagle was eating on a road-killed deer. Maybe he is a good symbol — fine with eating meat as long as someone else does the dirty work of killing it, and with the expectation and/or insistence that he not have to work to supply his own needs. That seems to be the direction many in this country are taking nowadays.

—Jean Harshbarger



Patsies for big business and big government

Dear Editor,

It is generally accepted that both the Democratic and Republican parties are populated with a very large number of corrupt Congress Critters.

This has nothing to do with the Liberal/Conservative difference of opinion. As always, it's all, and only, about the money. A seat in the House or Senate is the holder's personal gold mine. The competition for that seat is fierce and costly. It is "Give No Quarter" and "Winner Take All."

Big business has a dog in this fight. Government and Big Business have a competitive but symbiotic relationship.

Both want the money generated by the economy. Harvesting natural resources, making, selling and consuming goods and services is the economy.

To some extent politicians control or at least influence the disposition of this created wealth.

Thus they get the attention of both big business conservatives and the peoples liberals.

In order to give themselves the advantage of a majority in Congress they support "their" candidates for office. Even to the extent of independently funding attack ads on the opposition.

Big business conservatives observed that there existed a number of "nominally" conservative candidates for the coveted offices. There was also an even larger group of relatively aimless citizens. Big business conservatives devised a plan to harvest the allegiance of both groups.

Through the vehicles of at least two Political Action Committee's they invented, funded, scripted and deployed the Tea Party. The liberals were completely blind-sided. The big business strategy was to attack on two fronts.

One front was to stir up the aimless part of the electorate by giving them something to be blindly outraged about. Raw emotion is far easier to peddle than reason and compromise. At the very least, it muddled the conversation at the coffee shop.

The second and perhaps more important front was to threaten candidates that big campaign donations would be going to the most extreme right-wingers in the primaries.

The strategy worked! Candidates began espousing far right wing themes. Hitler had Jews for his whipping boy. The far right wing has our unemployed for their whipping boy.

Unless and until we, the electorate, dig deeper than the tired old philippic offered by the two parties, and do our own investigation into how our government actually works, we will be subjected to relentless advertising devoid of fact, rhyme or reason.

—Jerry Baird

The deadline for insurance enrollment has arrived

As a Certified Navigator for the Affordable Care Act's Marketplace, aka "ObamaCare," I am available to help with questions and/or applications. But time is of the essence — open enrollment ends March 31.

If you have a job or income greater than 100 percent FPL and do not have health insurance, I urge you to check into the Marketplace. Remember, pre-existing conditions make no difference in ObamaCare. Many people are qualifying for very low premiums, deductibles and copays.

Applications can be done three ways:

- Phone, dial 211, 1-307-274-0504 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. for navigators to help with applications.

- Paper application (Takes longer)
- Internet. www.healthcare.gov (Quickest results)

Be sure to use *only* this site. There are other sites trying to mimic the Marketplace, so use only www.healthcare.gov (green lettering under purple-colored main title). You will need an email address before completing a Marketplace application.

Personal data will determine if one qualifies for financial help paying for health insurance. Cost of insurance is primarily determined by a combination of the following:

- Family/household size

- Household incomes
- Having no "affordable" health insurance coverage available
- Must file income taxes

Financial help is available for those between 100 and to 400 percent federal poverty level. (Household of one: \$11,490 to \$45,950.) Financial help is referred to as "tax credits" and/or "cost sharing."

- Tax credits are used to decrease monthly premiums.
- Cost sharing subsidy is used to decrease deductibles and co-pay amounts. (Usually available only with the Silver Plans)

There are two insurance companies offering Marketplace plans in Wyoming: Blue Cross Blue Shield and WinHealth. Both have a selection of four plans labeled Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum. Each plan has different coverage: Bronze is a 60-40 percent plan, meaning you pay 40 percent and the plan pays 60 percent of medical costs. Silver is a 70-30, Gold 80-20 and Platinum a 90-10 plan. Premiums vary. Each plan offers different deductibles and co-pays. You can enroll in the plan that best meets your health care needs and your pocket book. If an application is done today, coverage will start May 1, 2014, after the premium is paid.



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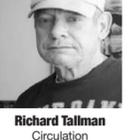
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Opening soon!

Director Shane Sellers gives instructions to Jimmy Long (Argon) in preparation for this week's performances of "The Imaginary Invalid." The Birdcage Theatrics Company will take the stage for five shows Wednesday through Saturday. Tickets are still available for each of the evening performances and for Saturday's matinee, but are going fast. Tickets are available at the News Letter Journal, A1 Agency and Woody's Food Center. (Photo by Denice Piscioti/NLJ)

Rodeo

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He motioned to keep Junior Rodeo under Fair Board control, appoint a superintendent for two years, provide back-up at any point in time, and require the Junior Rodeo to provide open books and bylaws, have a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

The motion was tabled at the previous meeting to be able to get answers from Weston County Attorney Don Hansen, who was not in attendance at the special meeting. After much discussion Friday evening, that original motion failed with Perino being the only board member to vote in favor of it.

Deveraux and Rankin spoke with both Hansen and Newcastle City Attorney Jim Peck, however neither attorney attended the meeting.

Deveraux reported to the group Hansen began the conversation with Deveraux by stating he had heard about the disagreements with the WCJR.

"He had no idea who the Weston County Junior Rodeo was because, after all of these years, there have only been people calling themselves Weston County Junior Rodeo. He said, 'I can't find any evidence of any solid group.' At any rate, I asked him the question, if a non-profit corporation could operate under the Fair Board control. He told me, 'the way I interpret it is, no, they cannot operate under the fair board in any way,'" reported Deveraux.

Deveraux further reported that Hansen stated the Fair Board cannot appoint a committee, but if one came to the Fair Board asking to be under their direction it could have a checkbook. After a conversation with Certified Public Accountant Gini Vanderpool that afternoon, Deveraux said he learned they would have to file a tax return.

He would like to see the WCJR run like the Weston County Fair does, which is successful, from Deveraux's point of view. That committee is comprised mainly of superintendents for the different type of livestock at the fair along with a banker, a 4-H advisor and a brand inspector.

"What I asked Don about, there [were] officers elected at this open meeting and he said, 'but there is no corporation.' And so don't kill the messenger, I am just telling you what he told me. He said you have got no corporation, you cannot have a president, so you actually don't have a board of directors," Deveraux stated.

Hansen reportedly also told Deveraux he was not sure if he agreed with the line item donation to an event at fair, but it has been practiced since the beginning so he thought it was probably was just fine.

Rankin had also talked to Peck, who reportedly agreed with what Vanderpool offered about government being able to donate to 501(c)(3). However, he was specific about how the money is restricted in how it can be used.

"Whatever money goes out to those organizations has to benefit every person that is in that organization. What he said, we can't actually legally donate to anyone. We can sponsor events but the money cannot be used for prizes. It could be used for the expense of putting on the rodeo like advertising or paying for the stock. It is not supposed to be used for private," the chairman informed.

A proposal for the WCJR was brought to the meeting by Dana Mann-Tavegia for a committee serving two-year terms. On it were seven suggestions for committee members — including several parents of contestants, two donors, a volunteer from past rodeos, former WCJR superintendent and a current contestant — all with specific qualifications. Each member would serve two-year rotating terms with one-year and two-year terms at the formation of the committee.

"The reason I have people from the past on here is intuitional memory, and memory is very important. That is why all five board members are not replaced at one time, that is why our commissioners are not replaced at one time or our legislator. This also would allow the five folks that would like the 501(c)(3) to be on this committee," announced Mann-Tavegia.

Rules and or bylaws would govern the committee, superintendents and the operation. Four officers would be elected with selection of a superintendent submitted to the WCFB for approval. The proposal also stated the committee will give a financial report, minutes, rule changes, progress and activities, grievances and outcomes along with future plans to the fair board once a year and upon request.

Because it is a county event, she felt strongly county residents should be allowed to make suggestions, she noted. Mann-Tavegia ended her proposal by saying that hers were just suggestions and anything could be changed.

Jerry Mobley asked if he had heard Mann-Tavegia correctly, that Deveraux had asked her to put the proposal together. The WCFB member responded by saying that after he had spoken to Hansen last week he called several people — Barry Hiser, Vanderpool and Mann-Tavegia — with his thoughts on getting a committee formed.

"I have to be honest. This is a little too much for me. I am just about at the end of my rope with the whole Junior Rodeo thing. I think everybody is. We went in and had a meeting and we got a corporation with board members that apparently weren't going to be recognized as the Junior Rodeo. Then we had a mailbox dispute so now we have got fractions — some want this and some want that. I'll be honest with you, I honest really love the rodeo. I have always said there is a lot of fighting over this little rodeo here that I am not sure it is warranted for what it is," Deveraux admitted.

Rankin stepped in and said there was a young lady, Kaprina Jones, who came to the meeting to speak and they gave her the floor. At the WCJR open meeting she had been elected to be the youth representative. Jones stood and told everyone at the meeting that they should be considering what the participants have to say on the subject.

"What they said was the rodeo is for the kids, so we need to do whatever is best for the kids, being that it is the kids' rodeo. And they just want the arguing to stop because otherwise it is just going to ruin the rodeo for everybody," Jones related.

Considering the elected board from the WCJR open meeting had come before the board at the regular meeting held on March 11, Rankin considered that meant they wanted to be a committee and put on the event, and because they brought forth a memorandum of understanding to the Fair Board, the board needed to make a decision to accept it or not.

He asked if there was a motion on the floor, with none given. Vanderpool approached the board giving them the checkbook, records and post office key.

"They did not vote for that motion, so that annual meeting, the membership meeting, is done, so we just turned everything over to them," Vanderpool stated, then left the room along with Mobley, Ann Wehri, Jones and Jennifer Womack.

The only other proposal was the one submitted that night by Mann-Tavegia. However everyone agreed it was preliminary and needs a group of people willing to do it, including bylaws.

"The four people that were elected to be superintendents — providing Tory still wants to — have three and a half months to put a rodeo on. Let us put the rodeo on and keep it the way it has been. You can do all of the open meeting in September like it was planned," Farella said.

Donaldson told the board she, along with Farella, are willing to volunteer to take on the big job of handling the 2014 Junior Rodeo, but it was up to the WCFB to decide if they are going to accept them as volunteer superintendents or not. However, both women made it clear their offer was only on the table for that night. They stated they were finished and no longer willing to help with the rodeo if a decision was not made right there and then.

Discussion continued as to what the next step should be and if another open meeting should be held. David Kline stepped in and spoke up, bringing clarity to what he had been hearing.

"All they are really asking for is that four people run it the way they used to run it this year, and then whatever falls in after that they are going to have a proposal to bring back to you. But they want to be able to construct a rodeo as the four people that [are] willing to do it and run it the way they used to. It has worked for many, many years, [so] let's go one more year with it. I think the proposal for a committee is something they will work on and bring back to you," concluded Kline.

Perino stated she definitely wants the rodeo to continue and the way it has been without all of the bickering and fighting.

"That is what we need — everybody to come together on this, not everybody to fight about it," said Deveraux.

Keep our Community Unique

Where we shop, where we eat and have fun -- all of it makes our community home. Our one-of-a-kind businesses are an integral part of the distinctive character of this place. Our tourism businesses also benefit.

"When people go on vacation they generally seek out destinations that offer them the sense of being someplace, not just anyplace."

~ Richard Moe, President, National Historic Preservation Trust



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For generations, America's farmers, ranchers and growers have helped our nation stay strong. As we celebrate National Ag Week, it is a good time to reflect on all the traditions and advancements that help make the U.S. agriculture industry second to none. Let's use this week to recognize the important work farmers, ranchers and growers do for this country and the world and say, simply, "thank you".



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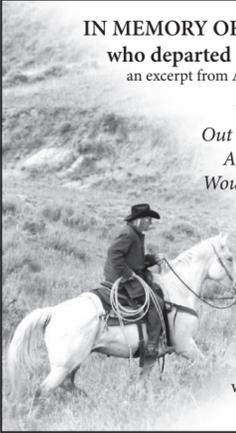
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SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Eastern Wyoming Board of Cooperative Educational Services will be held at 12:30 p.m. on the 1st of April, 2014 at the Eastern Wyoming College Newcastle Outreach Office, 116 Casper Ave., Newcastle, WY 82701.

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Obituaries

THELMA JOSLYN
Sept. 12, 1912–March 17, 2014

Thelma Lorraine Joslyn passed away peacefully of natural causes in the early morning of March 17, 2014, in Anchorage, Alaska.



Thelma was born to Riley and Alice Elliott on Sept. 12, 1912, near Marshall, Ill. In 1915 her family relocated to Gillette where she attended school and graduated high school before the age of 15. Thelma Joslyn She then entered a pilot program for teacher preparation through the University of Wyoming. After completion, due to her young age, she received a special dispensation to begin teaching at 16 years of age. Thelma continued to attend the University of Wyoming during summer sessions where she received a "Class A" certificate, which was the highest certificate given at the time for teachers without a degree. She taught school four years in rural Campbell County.

Back in those days, women teachers were not permitted to be married. So when she and her husband, Francis "Bud" Joslyn were married, they moved to Newcastle where they raised their family and where she lived for many years. She served as the Weston County librarian for over 15 years. She was an active member of the Pythian Sisters and the Rebecca and Oddfellows Lodges, as well as AARP and the Retired Teachers in Newcastle. She also was an active member of the First United Methodist Church. One of her favorite activities was when she volunteered for the Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center in past summers. Thelma lived a long and productive life. She was an avid reader. She also traveled extensively with her family including multiple trips to Sweden, as well as trips to Australia, New Zealand, and the Caribbean, and visits to many of the 50 U.S. states. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, visiting with friends and family, and helping out at the church with folding newsletters and the bazaar.

Thelma was preceded in death by her son, Jim, of Salisbury, Md. She is survived by a son, Al, and daughter-in-law Runa of Gavle, Sweden, daughter Karen and son-in-law John Bard of Laramie, and daughter Karol and son-in-law Tom Benroth of Anchorage. She also is survived by five grandkids, Brooke Bard of Reno, Nev., John Bard of Houston, Texas, Michelle Sheets of Williams Bay, Wisc., Kathy Thomson of San Antonio, Texas, and Greg Joslyn of Pound Ridge, N.Y. Additionally she is survived by 12 great-grandkids. She will be greatly missed by many.

If you wish to honor Thelma, the family is asking, in lieu of flowers, that donations be made in her name to either The First United Methodist Church in Newcastle or to the Weston County Library. Services will be scheduled at a later time.

GEORGETTE MARIE NELSON
Oct. 10, 1958–March 13, 2014



Georgette M. Nelson, 55, died March 13, 2014, at her home on Pass Creek Road, Custer County, South Dakota.

Georgette was born Oct. 10, 1958, the daughter of George and Gladys (Tarr) Nelson in Newcastle. She was a graduate of Newcastle High School and had earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

She married John Bau in 1976. She worked as a professional photographer and drove trucks with John. Georgette also became an emergency medical technician, attended nursing school and worked at Campbell County Memorial Hospital. She later managed Lincare.

She enjoyed painting automobiles, loved building and riding motorcycles and playing her guitars. Georgette also enjoyed playing with her grandchildren and was an avid second amendment supporter.

Georgette is survived by her daughters, Angie (Marc) Holmes of Wasilla, Alaska, and Jennifer (Wayne) Farley of Osage; and their father John Bau of Osage. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Piper and Hunter Holmes and John and Tony Farley; and her two sisters, JoAnn Cunningham and Janice Stevenson.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Joyce Aldridge.

A memorial has been established; the family asks that contributions in lieu of flowers be sent to Worden Funeral Directors, PO Box 627, Newcastle, WY 82701.

Visitation was held March 24 from noon to 2 p.m. at Worden Chapel in Newcastle, followed by services at 2 p.m. at the chapel. Burial will be at Boyd Cemetery near Four Corners.

Worden Funeral Directors of Newcastle is in charge of arrangements.

JUDY MARIE PATZ
July 5, 1953–March 22, 2014



Judy Patz

Funeral Services for Judy Marie Patz will be held at 10 a.m. on March 27 at Gillette Memorial Chapel, with Kenna Rose officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette. Visitation will be held from 4-6 p.m. on March 26 at Gillette Memorial Chapel. Mrs. Patz, age 60, of Gillette, died on March 22, 2014, of cancer at Close to Home Hospice House in Gillette.

Judy Marie Patz was born on July 5, 1953, in Newcastle, the daughter of Earl and

Marjorie (Roberts) Bock. She was raised in the Osage area and graduated from Upton High School. She married Allen C. Patz Sr. on Sept. 19, 1971, in Sundance. Al and Judy made their final home on Daly Livestock Ranch in Gillette, until his passing in 2006, at which time she moved into town and began working to achieve a higher education. She earned her associate's degree from DeVry University and was just a few credit hours shy of her bachelor's degree.

Judy's primary focus was her family but she had a heart of gold for all. She loved to work with youth through the 4-H youth program, church youth activities, Sunday School classes, and her work with the Campbell County School District as substitute teacher and as the Paintbrush Elementary CAT Program director.

Her family said, "Judy was a strong and caring daughter, sister, mother and grandmother to everyone. She and Al served as foster parents for nine youth. Her faith remained strong through her battle with cancer and is an example of God's grace to her friends and family. Our thanks go out to Larry Forster whose love, friendship, and family bond with Judy helped her through after Al's passing."

Judy is survived by her children Allen C. and Bobbie (Smith) Patz of Wright, Angela Sue and Marcus Myers of Omaha, Neb., and Marji Jo Patz of Powell; her sister, Patricia Ann and Mark Farmer of Julesburg, Colo.; her brother, Gary Dale Bock of Wright; sister-in-law, Nancy Bock of Gillette; and her grandchildren, Devon Chase Brogden and Cheyenne Reigh Myers.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Allen C. Patz Sr; her brother, Earl Darrel Bock; parents, Earl Grant Bock and Marjorie Ellen Bock; nephew, Rodney Dale Bock; sister-in-law, Kay Bock; and numerous aunts and uncles.

In lieu of flowers, memorials and condolences can be sent in Judy's name to Gillette Memorial Chapel, 210 West 5th Street, Gillette, WY 82716 or via the internet at www.gilletteremorialchapel.com.

MARGARET CAREY ROLAND
April 6, 1920–March 18, 2014



Margaret Roland

Margaret Carey Roland was born on April 6, 1920, in Rye, N.Y., and passed on March 18, 2014. She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, John Roland, in 2006.

Known as Peggy to her family and friends, she lived a full life that began with a modeling career in New York City. While not working she enjoyed sailing, single-handed, on Long Island

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

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

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

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

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Weekly Scripture Reading

1 Kings 8.1-21	1 Kings 8.22-53	1 Kings 8.54-66	1 Kings 3.1-15	Psalms 11	Psalms 12	Psalms 16
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Sound. Her love of walks by the ocean, and swimming, would be two of her favorite pastimes throughout her life. While working as a buyer in the fashion industry she and John married in 1947, and shortly thereafter began their family, which was to include five children.

While her husband's profession as a civil engineer took the growing family to various cities and towns in America, Peggy showed her strength and dedication by keeping everything running smoothly at home. Perhaps Peggy's biggest challenge was a three-year posting for the entire family in Brazil. While John was off to work Peggy was at home with five children, figuring out the day to day trials and tribulations of living in a different culture with a new language. These travels must have agreed with her, as she and John continued the lifestyle after the children had grown up and moved on. They retired and moved from New York to Florida, and traveled north every summer to their cottage on Prince Edward Island. Peggy particularly enjoyed the trips to her ancestral home in Ireland, and to the Catholic shrine at Medugorje in Yugoslavia. Regardless of where they were living, visits with the children/grandchildren were always special events.

When her husband's health declined and help from family

was needed, she moved to the Black Hills of South Dakota. Peggy embraced this challenge, and she took up residence in Rapid City. Although the ocean was not nearby, Peggy always found a time and a place to swim, and she also found a church that celebrated the mass in Latin. A 90th birthday party was held at her apartment complex, pool-side of course, and was attended by all of her children and her many friends.

Peggy's health convinced her to make the move from Rapid City to the Manor in Newcastle in May of 2010. While living there she charmed many a staff member with that twinkle in her eye, her always ready smile, and her indomitable Irish spirit to carry on. Peggy was a devout Catholic and a prayerful, spiritual person. She will be remembered for her eye for fashion, and love of family.

She is survived by her children, John of Custer, S.D., Paul of Albuquerque, N.M., Anne of Spring Valley, New York, Meg of Portland, Ore., Mary of Custer Highlands, S.D.; 13 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers please make donations in her name to the Weston County Manor in Newcastle. Services will be held at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Newcastle on April 11 at 10 a.m., with interment, next to John, at the Black

Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis following at 2:30 p.m. A rosary service will be held at the church the night before at 7 in the evening.

FRANK A. SLIDER
July 2, 1961 -
March 17, 2014

Frank A. Slider, 52, of Denver, Colo., passed away March 17, 2014.

Frank, the son of Joyce (Baldwin) Slider of Newcastle and Landis Slider of Las Vegas, Nev., was born July 2, 1961. He is the brother of Susan Slider of Newcastle and Mary Slider of Seattle, Wash.

Frank joined the army after graduating from high school in Washington. He worked different jobs until he found a niche in doing carpentry work, taking after his uncle.

He moved to Denver, Colo., and has been there for 19 years with his girlfriend, Kim Hickman, whom he met in 1999. He had loads of friends from all over. Frank loved to ride his Harley and just hang out with friends, go camping, and go to Denver Broncos games. He loved to have barbecues at his house, and enjoyed going to drag races and monster truck shows.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Henry Lester Baldwin; his youngest brother, Jon D. Slider; his grandmothers, Alice Slider and Eloise Baldwin; and his grandfather Lawrence Slider.

A memorial will be held in Fort Lupton, Colo., on Friday, March 28, at 1 p.m. There will also be one in Newcastle at a later date.

RUTH ANN VINEYARD
May 9, 1944 -
March 17, 2014

Ruth Ann Vineyard, 69, of Sundance and formerly of Newcastle, died March 17, 2014, at Crook County Long Term Care in Sundance.

Ruth is survived by her sons, Mark Vineyard of Sheridan and Shawn (Nancy) Vineyard of Oshkosh, Neb.; her daughters, Kim (Corey) Middleton of Sundance and Jill (Harold) Sallee of Newcastle; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eddie Dean "Cobby" Vineyard; and her brother, Jerry Ash.

Upon request, cremation has taken place and services may be held at a later date.

Family and friends may sign an online guestbook for Ruth Ann at www.blackhills-funeralhome.com.

CORRECTION

In the obituary published March 20 in the News Letter Journal for Robert Dale McVay, July 2, 1945-March 6, 2014, it should have read that he was preceded in death by his sister, Millie Scott.

100 YEARS AGO - MARCH 26, 1914

J.B. Hicks, who recently came from Iowa, has purchased the Newcastle Garage from Pete Kinney and will continue to do general automobile repair work and will also enter into the auto livery business.

Last Thursday morning the sad news of the death of Harry G. Ackley, of the Prairie, reached this city. The news coming as a shock to our citizens, as it was not generally known that he was so desperately ill, though he had been under a physician's care for the past three weeks. Mr. Ackley was 45 years, 6 months and 12 days at time of death. He is survived by his wife and three children, Cora, Calvin and Harry.

H.M. Richards and family, Paul Kipping and Arthur Rhine, of the Boyd area, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. I.L. Shellhart, of the North Timber.

Elliott Minick is on his father's ranch in the Fairview area doing considerable work preparatory to putting in his spring crops.

George Stanton and his son, Huston, took a load of butter and eggs to Lead City and brought back goods for the store at Buckhorn.

Beaver Creek is having plenty of March weather which is not at all lamb like.

Beaver Creek Club met at the home of Mrs. Ralph Maris Thursday. After the business of the meeting was attended to and a short time spent in an interesting talk on China, the rest of the afternoon was pleasantly spent in music, singing and speaking. There were 33 ladies present at this meeting.

Last Monday evening the stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warwick Bond of this city and left two baby girls.

"Molly's Way" is the title of a very brilliant comedy which will be given at the City Hall on April 14, for the benefit of the public library.

Joe Lissolo came in last Sunday from his ranch to visit with his family, who have been sojourning in Cambria during the school term.

75 YEARS AGO - MARCH 23, 1939

Officers of the First State Bank announced this week that Fred J. Mason, well-known Gillette builder and contractor, has been awarded the contract for the construction of the one-story brick building to the rear of the present bank.

Presidential approval of a WPA allotment of over \$10,000 for the improvement of the county fair grounds in Newcastle was announced.

Opening of the new Royal Café and Cocktail Lounge, in Newcastle, one of the best in the Hills, was announced this week by Jimmy Russell, famous restaurateur of Casper.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rawhouser and son, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Brown and daughter and Hilda Raudsep visited at the Dave Rawhouser home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hurtt and son Marvin are spending a few days at the Wm. Carter ranch in the Skull Creek area.

Cheyenne River community was well represented at the dance at Spencer Saturday night. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gibbs, the Bayne families, Katherine Gibbs, Esther Whitman, Florence Bedell, Clyde Gibbs, Lee Norman, Walter Gibbs, Jim Zerst and Bud Black.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mann, Bob Peltz, Frank Schultz, Ernie Young and Tom Plummer, all of Boles Canyon area, were shopping in the county seat Saturday.

Pythian Sisters met in regular session on Tuesday night at the Masonic hall with more than 35 members present. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Miller were initiated into the order by the impressive ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ross became the proud parents of a 5-pound, 12-ounce baby girl on Wednesday morning at the Acord hospital.

Mrs. Ross Allen and children, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Allen and family and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Watson and sons, all of the Prairie area, were shopping in



Newcastle Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hurd of the Cold Creek area became the parents of an 8-pound, 3-ounce baby boy Wednesday. He has been named Carroll Dean.

Vernon Hurd motored to Deadwood Saturday evening to visit his wife at St. Joseph's hospital, and while there attended a show.

Joe Borgiagli, of the Fairview area, brought his wife and infant son home on Saturday from her mother's, Mrs. Weaver of Newcastle.

Red Owl Ad: Two-pound can Hills Bros. coffee for 52 cents.

50 YEARS AGO - MARCH 26, 1964

The traditional three-hour Good Friday union service sponsored by the Newcastle Ministerial Association will be held at the First Methodist Church, starting at noon.

Elmer Mohl, president of the First State Bank of Newcastle and Mrs. Helen Hornby, president of the Schnitzler Corporation, have purchased William Nefsy's interest in the Newcastle bank. Mrs. Hornby's husband, W.H. Hornby, is managing editor of the Denver Post.

Graveside rites were held Thursday at the Greenwood Cemetery in Newcastle for the infant twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Humphrey of Gillette.

Copies of the Newcastle News, Newcastle Journal and Newcastle News-Journal from November 1890 through 1900 have been received by the Weston County Library. The files have been termed "a 75th anniversary gift to Newcastle and Weston County." The files were given to the library by the Crook County Library at Sundance.

Mr. and Mrs. O.K. Thornberg of Kirkland, Wash., are visiting for a few weeks with their daughter, Mrs. E.A. Willadson of Osage. The Thornbergs spent most of the winter in McDermott, Nev.

The annual meeting of the Newcastle Woman's Bowling Association was held in the hospitality room of the National Bank of Newcastle Tuesday, with 38 members present.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fuller of Graham's Motel, were hosts at the monthly dinner meeting of the Newcastle Motel association on Saturday evening. Those attending the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Strong, Mr. Benner, Elaine Lake, Alice Slider and Rae Goodwyn.

From the Vault of the Anna Miller Museum:

The Washburn Bettis Company, circa 1930, on Main Street in Newcastle. Next door is Fishbach Cleaners and a beauty shop.



PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Weston County Natural Resource District will move its regular monthly board meeting from April 9th to April 8th. The meeting will be held at 3 p.m. at the USDA Service Center Building.

DVS Community Visit at FOCUS, Inc.

**Tuesday, March 25
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Director Cara Chamber and Deputy Director Steve Gilmore from the Division of Victim Services will be at FOCUS, Inc. office, 719-C Washington Blvd. Stop by, enjoy scrumptious treats from Kaffee Klatsch and meet the DVS leadership.

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Newcastle FFA members head to state competition

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

Excitement is in the air for the Newcastle High School Future Farmers of America chapter because several members have already earned awards as they prepare to attend the Wyoming FFA Convention in Cheyenne April 7-10. Eight seniors — Wade Gordon, Ashten Marchant, Jerry Whitney, Trace Buckert, Garrett Liggett, Robert Neat, Rhye Rhoades and Lynell Hanson — will be receiving the state FFA degree.

“This is the highest number I have ever had getting this degree!” announced Ed Merrill, the Newcastle High School Agricultural instructor of 39 years.

They have to submit an application, then each of the state FFA officers visits with them during their chapter visit. Each student must be in a Supervised Agricultural Experience FFA program, where they are involved in a project related to agriculture, entrepreneur, breeding sheep or cattle, or work in an agricultural related area.

“The officers go through criteria to see that they know everything there is about their SAE program, management and giving shots, keeping their animals healthy,” reported Merrill.

To receive the degree, first the FFA members must earn the Green Hand and Chapter degrees. The teacher said doing so is not difficult, because they must show progress in the SAE, earn or invest money. The final degree — obtained after earning the first three degrees — is the American degree, after which they go to the national convention.



Denice Piscioti/NLJ

Laura Chord is a regional co-winner of the FFA Creed who will be competing in Cheyenne April 7-10.

FFA members can be in the program until they are 21 years of age, explained Merrill.

In Cheyenne the Newcastle students will compete in Career Development events with five teams, horse judging, meats evaluation, poultry, agronomy and an environmental natural resource.

“The things the kids learn at these judging contests are lifetime career-building skills,” Merrill noted.

Aside from the judging contests, the students keep busy learning in leadership workshops and listening to keynote speakers. Most everything takes place inside, but the livestock contests are in the arena at Laramie County Community College, he explained.

On March 5 the FFA Regional Speech contest was held in Newcastle, with chapters from Upton, Buffalo, Gillette, Dayton, Sundance, Moorcroft, Clearmont, Hulett and Sheridan. There were three speaking categories: the FFA Creed, Prepared and Extemporaneous. The students had to be co-winners of their chapter contest and then be co-winners of the district contest to advance to the regional contest. Ten contestants from the regional contest will compete at the state level next month.

“The co-winners from our region will compete against the co-winners from the other four regions at the state FFA convention. Laura Chord and Sara Rankin from Upton are co-winners from our region and will both compete at state in the FFA Creed. This contest is for first-year FFA members only,” explained the FFA advisor.

Marchant earns Regional Star award

Each year the Wyoming FFA also recognizes outstanding young agriculturalists with the Regional Star Awards: State Star Farmer, State Star in Agribusiness and State Star in Agriculture Placement, with a winner in each region. This year Ashten Marchant was named Regional Star in Agribusiness for Region 3.

Merrill stated the regional agriculture teachers meet to discuss which students that achieved the state degree will be named a regional star for each division, a high honor.

Marchant’s SAE is goat production. She raises them for show, contracts them out for use in rodeos and sells them to others to practice goat tying or for use in rodeos. Beginning with three, her goat population has increased in the four years she has been breeding them to more than 60 head.

However, she told the News Letter Journal, this year is when she began to buy a lot of goats and attend sales, making a business out of what started as a hobby. Now, in her daily routine, she checks Craig’s List to see if there



are any goats available. Facebook is another avenue she uses to learn about goats.

Figuring out their different personalities is one of the best things she likes about spending time with them. She can tell them apart and names each one.

“I feel good about the award — at least I am able to do something good with my love for goats,” smiled the self-professed “crazy goat lady”.

I did it!

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History lovers

Newcastle High School students displayed Local Research History Projects for the public to view at the school Commons on March 17. Guests were invited to check out the writing and research skills of 13 students, who were on hand to discuss their projects, which included subjects such as cowboy and coal-mining lifestyles, and notorious characters Bill Miller, John Owens and Diamond L. Slim.

At left, history buff Marlene Dixon and Drew Coy look at his display for “Cambria Coal.” Above, Paul Lambert visits with Mary and Tracy Ragland about his local history paper entitled “Blood, Sweat and Tears.” He wrote about Private Thomas Garlinghouse who died as a result of the Bataan death march and was given full military rights during his funeral when he was buried in Newcastle. (Photos by Amy Menerey/NLJ)

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At the March 16 meeting of the Borderline Bandits 4-H Club, members gathered at the Dairy Barn for a carry-in dinner of green food in celebration of St. Patrick’s Day. Along with learning how to fill cupcakes and decorating them with different frosting tips, meeting presentations were given on the areas of visual arts, robotics and archery. (Photo by Denice Piscioti/NLJ)

Douglas places second in contest

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

The American Legion Post No. 3 in Newcastle proudly presented the American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program local contest on Feb. 12, at Newcastle High School.

Senior Sid Douglas placed first in both the local and regional contests making it to the state competition with three other contestants from Wyoming. At the state competition in Douglas, he was given second place with a medal and \$400.

"It was an honor because the girls were really smart and nice. We spent a lot of time together and I think second was a good effort on my part," Douglas told the News Letter Journal.

In the local contest sophomore Megan Logan placed third with a cash award of \$10; freshman Laura Chord placed second, with a cash award of \$25; and as the winner of the Post No. 3 Oratorical Contest, Douglas was given a cash award of \$50 and the opportunity to advance to the state and national levels.

On Feb. 24 in Moorcroft, Douglas won \$200 and was certified as the district winner representing District 5 of The American Legion, meaning he represented Newcastle at the department — or state — championship held in Douglas on March 9.



Sierra LaCroix/For NLJ
Sid Douglas, at the Newcastle Speech Meet in January, was recently awarded second place in the American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program's state competition.

"The local post of The American Legion was very pleased to have Mr. Sid Douglas represent Newcastle at the Department Championship," said Barry Peterson, adjutant. "This was all done with a very short time for all the contestants to prepare a memorized eight- to 10-minute speech on the U.S. Constitution along with an extemporaneous presentation of three to five minutes

on an amendment to the Constitution. The cooperation of the staff at the Newcastle High School was greatly appreciated in the conducting of this oratorical contest."

At each event, Douglas explained, he was given Amendments 1, 4, 13 or 21 to randomly speak on. However, he chose not to prepare something beforehand.

"I mulled it over in my head and thought about them, but I didn't write anything down. It would have been hard to gauge the audience if I pre-wrote it all," he added.

Each department of The American Legion may certify one contestant into the national contest, and if for any reason that person can't compete, the runner-up may be substituted, according to information from the Post. The scholarship contest is open to students under the age of 20 enrolled in a high school or junior high in which the curriculum of the school is considered to be of the high school level, from grades nine to 12.

The main purpose of The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of high school students. For more information, visit www.legion.org.

"It was a cool learning experience," concluded Douglas.



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Afternoon stroll

With a bit of a chill in the air, a large crowd gathered at the Weston County Children's Center on Sunday afternoon for the Eva Marie Bock Walk/Run. Runners left for the 5k shortly after 1 p.m. followed by joggers, then a third group of walkers began their venture through Newcastle. There were 130 participants in the event, who raised \$4,217 for the Eva Marie Bock Scholarship fund to give children the opportunity to attend preschool.

Photos by Denice Piscioti/NLJ

At left, a crowd leaves the children's center, showing their support for the annual walk/run that benefits children, in honor of the late Eva Marie Bock, who worked for WCCC.

Christy, Cody and Ty Stith point the way for Brenda Clarke, Bryce, Davyn, Brooklyn and Amy Hoffman at the top of Main Street.



Hattie Conley and Lara Lopez pose for the camera as they walk by.

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Meetings & Events Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	
March 27	8:30 a.m.	Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)	W.C. Senior Center Board Room	
	11:45 a.m.	W.C. Health Services Foundation Mtg.	Board Room	
	5:30 p.m.	Bird Cage Theatrics	1st United Methodist Church	
March 28	11:30 a.m.	W.C. Library Board Meeting	Newcastle Library	
	5:30 p.m.	Bird Cage Theatrics	1st United Methodist Church	
	7 p.m.	Dance Music by Western Ramblers	W.C. Senior Center	
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church	
	7 p.m.	Square Dancing	Newcastle Elementary	
March 29	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall	
	1 p.m.	Bird Cage Theatrics	1st United Methodist Church	
March 30	7 p.m.	W.C. Concert Assoc.-Trio Voronezh	Crouch Auditorium	
	2 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Church	
March 31	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church	
	7 p.m.	Square Dance Lessons	Newcastle Elementary	
April 1	9 a.m.	W.C. Commissioners Meeting	W.C. Courthouse	
	11:45 a.m.	Newcastle Roundtable	Newcastle Country Club	
	4:45 p.m.	Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)	United Methodist Church	
April 2	6:45 p.m.	ALANON (746-9791)	Mondell Heights	
	7 p.m.	W.C. Travel Commission Meeting	KASL	
	Noon	Newcastle Lions Club Meeting	W.C. Senior Center	
	1 p.m.	Card Making Class	Four Corners Country Inn	
	7 p.m.	Ladies Firearms Safety & Self Defense	Indoor Range	
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church	
	April 3	6:30 a.m.	W.C. Health Services Blood Draw	Upton Community Center
		8:30 a.m.	Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)	W.C. Senior Center
		9 a.m.	All Day Open House	CLT
	April 4	4 p.m.	VFW Auxiliary	W.C. Senior Center
7 p.m.		Salt Creek Water District Meeting	District Office	
7 p.m.		W.C. Museum District Meeting	Anna Miller Museum	
7:30 p.m.		Newcastle Masons Meeting	Masonic Lodge	
6:30 a.m.		W.C. Health Services Blood Draw	W.C. Senior Center	
11:30 a.m.		Helping Hands Benefit Luncheon	1st United Methodist Church	
7 p.m.		AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church	
7:30 p.m.	Bingo	Newcastle Elementary		

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Heart Doctors:	Dr. D'Urso.....	April 2
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VA Mental Health:		April 11
VA Clinic:		April 7 & 21
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MRI:	Every Wednesday (except if on holiday)	
Speech Therapy:	Every Monday & Thursday 4-6 pm	
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Enzi

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a conservative orientation. Is there validity to that argument?

Enzi: No there's not. We'll have Republican and conservative Republican presidents again. There is always a pendulum that swings, and it swings about [every] eight years ... One of the things that Republicans have to quit doing is beating up on their own to the point where people don't trust them. We hammer on just a few issues and the general American public isn't interested in our views on those few issues ... They want to know what we're going to do about jobs and the economy and energy and taxes, everything else out there. There's this huge independent bloc ... They have problems and they want them solved. One of their problems right now is jobs. They don't see the president working on it. They don't see Congress working on it. We're working on it. We just can't bring it up. Harry Reid gets to control all of the debate on the Senate floor."

NLJ: What is the motive behind Obamacare, [the Affordable Care Act]? Is it wrong to think that it's about power and the centralization of government and only incidentally about health care?

Enzi: You're right. When I first got to the Senate Phil Gramm, R-Texas, (1985-2002) was one of my mentors ... He sat me down and he said, 'look, the Democrats want to have universal, single pay, government-run health care. They don't care who runs the train of health care as long as it wrecks, so watch out for them setting up wrecks.' That's exactly what Obamacare is ... It's a designed train wreck. The only thing that's keeping us from having this huge national push now for government-run health insurance is the way that the health exchange came out ... It didn't work. You couldn't even get on it when it first started and 700 [fraudulent] websites came out to try to steal your information ... It's a train wreck and it's still a train wreck, but the President is delaying the train wreck until after the next election."

We should have had a system that encouraged more competition, not drove the competition away. By specifying exactly what had to be in a policy ... and mandating that everybody had to buy them, that actually put hospitals, doctors, and insurance companies out of the market.

NLJ: You've been an opponent of amnesty measures. Given we no longer have an assimilation model but instead have multi-culturalism as a kind of state religion, doesn't amnesty for illegals mean the fundamental cultural and linguistic transformation of America? What is, in your opinion, the motivation behind these efforts?

Enzi: The Democrats figure if they get legalization for all of these people they'll all vote Democrat. They say there [are] 12 million illegal aliens in the country but that's not counting all the families and it's not counting all of the people they'd be able to bring in if they were legalized ... That's not my main concern. My main concern is why you would let people who came in illegally get ahead of people who are trying to come in legally. We put huge road blocks in front of everybody trying to come in legally. In 1986 we passed a bill that kind of gave amnesty to people who were already in the country. Then we were surprised that it encouraged a whole bunch of people to [enter the country illegally] hoping it would be done again. If we do it again, there'll be another huge influx of people who want to be in line in case we do it [a third time]. By then there will be

enough of them that they can go ahead and insist that politicians provide amnesty.

A lot of the people that are in the country [illegally] aren't here because they want to be Americans. A lot of them are here because they like the jobs and the economy. Most of them plan on going back to their own country. They're not interested in the legalization anyway, but we apparently want to force that on them.

[Yet] we won't do anything to improve the guest worker program. We train a whole lot of PhDs and really unique talents, and as soon as they get [their degree], we kick them out of the country because their visa's expired. Then they go to another country and they're in competition with us. For some of them we probably ought to ... make an arrangement so [that] when they get their diploma they get their green card and [we] keep them working here, but we're not willing to do that ... That's what killed the immigration bill six years ago. They didn't want any guest workers of any kind coming into the United States. The person who led the charge on that was Barack Obama. He's the one who killed the immigration bill last time, but he doesn't get the blame for it ...

NLJ: Doesn't the issue have to be understood in terms of what's happening internationally? Massive immigration from areas such as South Asia and North Africa has caused a number of economic and social problems throughout Western Europe. The European political class denies there's a problem for the most part. Aren't America's immigration issues related to what's happening throughout the Western world?

Enzi: That's what they're trying to do [here] ... The immigrants that we've had in previous years, which make up virtually all of us, came here to assimilate into the American way. My grandparents came and they spoke German. My dad wasn't allowed to speak German [outside the home]. [My grandparents] wanted him to be easily able to speak English and thought that was an important part of being a part of this country ... They encouraged him to become a full-fledged American, and we're not seeing that in any of this legislation. The English requirement has practically gone by the wayside.

NLJ: Is assimilation possible for every ethnic and religious group? For the better part of its history, most immigrants to the United States came from Europe and adhered to some form of Christianity. Is it possible for large numbers of immigrants from, say, the Islamic world to be absorbed into the United States?

Enzi: I don't know. I see that as some of the problem in Europe. [Where] they're ... trying to change the culture of the country [to which they've immigrated]. The further West you come, the less that's appreciated.

NLJ: You've obviously had occasion to meet with President Barack Obama. What sort of man is he in your assessment?

Enzi: He's a good public speaker who likes publicity but doesn't listen well. You've probably heard him say lots of times, 'if you have any ideas, give them to me.' I'm waiting to see him accept some idea that somebody gives him.

During the health care [debate] I gave them to him in person. I gave them to him by email. Any way I could think of, I gave him ideas on health care. After the bill passed, he even decided he'd have a listening session on the bill, and

he invited 12 of us Republicans and 12 Democrats to the Blair House for a day of listening. He had us talk about what we saw as problems ... As each of us put out an idea he chopped that idea to bits immediately. He was ready. He just beat them to a pulp ... At the end of the day the speech he gave was obviously written the day before, because it didn't incorporate anything that we talked about during that eight hours. When it was over, he came over to me — I was the ranking member on [the Senate Committee on] Health, Education, Labor and Pensions — and asked me how the day went. I said, 'It was a total waste of time ... You threw every [idea] out immediately. You wasted my day.' He spun around on his heels and left, which wasn't a surprise to me ...

NLJ: America has two major geopolitical enemies in China and Russia. Do you have any thoughts on the future of our relations with those two countries?

Enzi: We're all concerned about Russia right now and what they're doing, and we should be. We knew they were going to preserve their warm-water ports at any cost, but the United States has no plan for dealing with [either country] and the one I'm most concerned about is China. In my travels I've seen what they're doing around the world. They have a 20-year plan [and that's] to get all of the energy that they possibly can and all of the farmland that they possibly can. They'll buy a farm anywhere in the world, and then they'll send some Chinese there to run the farm. They don't use the local talent to do it.

I was in Ghana. This was several years ago. I noticed [the Ghanaians] had this beautiful parliamentary building. I asked them how they were ever able to afford that. They said, 'the Chinese built that for us ... in exchange for our future oil, but it's ok because we don't have any oil.' Six months later off the coast of Ghana, they discovered oil ... I see them doing that all over the world. They bought a coal mine in Australia for eight billion dollars. They didn't contract for the coal. They bought the coal mine, so when they need the coal they'll have the coal ... They're doing productive stuff.

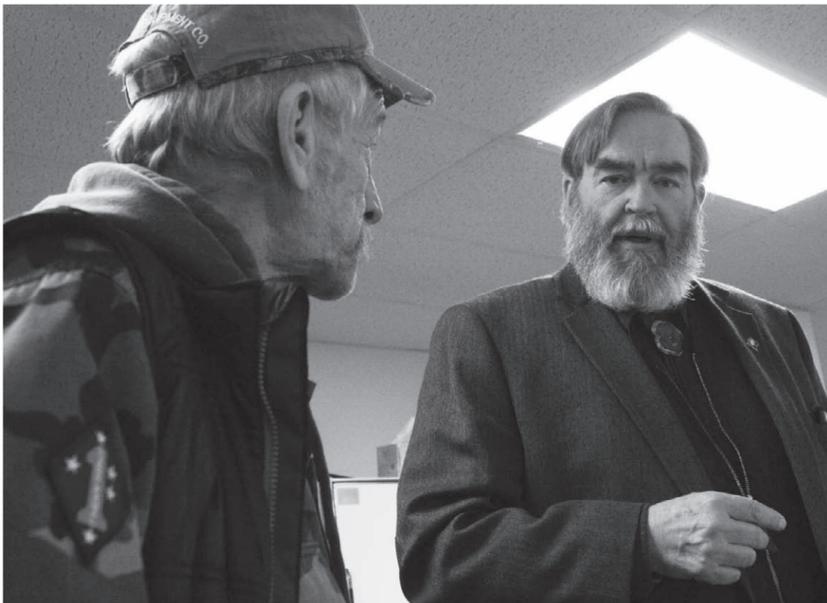
NLJ: How about the Russians? Ironically there is a kind of ultraconservatism that has emerged in Russia as exemplified by the resurgence of the Russian Orthodox Church and the recent anti-gay legislation there. Isn't some of the antagonism due to the fact that Russia simply refuses to be part of the liberal international order?

Enzi: No, I haven't thought about that, but what I see with Russia is them being able to [gain influence], partly because of the background ... of these countries that used to be part of the Soviet Union. [These former Eastern Bloc countries] know they don't want to be [under Russian dominance again] but still have some people who appreciated the stability they had ... both with their currency and their jobs. They've forgotten that they had to stand in line for anything that they wanted ... They've forgotten that part of being part of the Soviet Union. There are some people willing to go back to that kind of control ... and the Russians, [Russian President Vladimir] Putin particularly, are very good at bringing them out of the wood work and claiming that everybody is that way. They're talking about taking over Estonia now ... They're trying to put their empire back together again.

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Todd Bennington/NLJ

Precinct Committeemen Joe Wood, left, and William Curley talk party strategy just prior to the Weston County Republican Party Convention held in the Michael's Room of the Weston County Senior Citizens Center on March 18.

Republicans prep for convention

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

At the Weston County Republican Convention, held March 18 at the Weston County Senior Services center, precinct committee members elected state delegates and passed several resolutions in preparation for the GOP's 2014 State Convention to be held in Evanston in early May.

Attendees were however first treated to brief updates provided by local elected officials, most notably House District 2 Rep. Hans Hunt, who described the 2014 Budget Session that ended earlier this month as less contentious than he had expected.

Hunt couldn't say the same, though, about the ongoing dispute over Senate File 104, which was declared unconstitutional by the Wyoming Supreme Court in January. According to Hunt, it's an ordeal with no discernible end in sight.

"[Today] Judge [Thomas] Campbell, down in Cheyenne at the District Court level, issued his current stance on the unconstitutionality of the bill," Hunt explained to those gathered. "He said that what they now want is a three-week period for lawyers on both sides of the issue ... to come up specifically with what parts of the bill are unconstitutional. The Supreme Court, just across the board, said it was unconstitutional. Now [Judge Campbell] wants a specific listing of what is and what isn't [constitutional]. Where that goes ... I'm not sure. I think that it may be simply a [stalling tactic] moving toward the filing deadline [for state offices] which is at the end of May."

Hunt went on to express resentment that in lieu of failed Senate File 106, which would have created a special committee to review SF 104, the Education Committee on which Hunt sits has now been tasked by legislative leadership with fixing 104.

"The way it sounds ... is they are going to have three different plans," Hunt said of the process as he understands it. "It sounds a little contrived to me. One of them is going to be a layout of the current No Child Left Behind standards. One of them is going to be one of our choosing. The third is, I'm not exactly sure what ...

The 2014 Republican State Convention is scheduled to be held in Evanston on May 3 and 4.

[We'll] take these plans and go back to the Management Council ... and say, 'here's our three ideas and leadership will pick [the best one]. You can ... see why I think that is a contrived, rigged setup. [This] is Management Council hiding behind the Education Committee, so they don't have to make the tough decisions.' The Education Committee, Hunt went on, will meet in Cheyenne on April 23-24, where they'll discuss the three options. He predicted a special session to address SF 104 will occur in either May or June, which has implications given the May 30 deadline for filing to run for office at the state level.

The debacle surrounding SF 104 aside, Hunt said the state budget was passed without too much conflict. He noted also the addition of an amendment to the budget that blocks the State Board of Education from implementing any revised science standards that deal with the teaching of evolution or that present man-made global warming as an indisputable fact. The amendment, Hunt said, passed with little notice but is now beginning to gain attention.

Having heard from their elected representatives, precinct committee members went on to pass the following to be presented for consideration at the state convention:

• A proposed change to the bylaws of the Wyoming Republican Party was adopted. Introduced by Barry Peterson of Precinct 1-1, it would limit the executive committee of the State Central Committee to the officers of the State Central Committee and seven district representatives. As they currently stand, bylaws allow the state chairman to select an unspecified number of additional appointees. On a related note, a five-person

committee was selected from among those in attendance to conduct a comprehensive review of existing bylaws.

• A 2012 resolution mandating random drug testing for all recipients of federal and state social assistance was confirmed for reintroduction. In addition, a similar proposed resolution put forward by Terri Newman of Precinct 5-3 specifically addressing the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program was shelved for the time being while a committee to perfect its language was appointed. The committee is scheduled to present their suggestions at the next meeting of the county central committee in July.

• A resolution in support of constitutional redistricting brought by William Curley of Precinct 5-1 was passed. The resolution calls for legislative representation in accord with Section 3 of Article 3 of the state constitution, which states each county "shall constitute a senatorial and representative district" and that each "county shall have at least one senator and one representative."

• A resolution, also introduced by Curley, was passed regarding the Common Core State Standards of Education. The resolution rejects the standards as "inappropriate federal overreach" and seeks to prohibit the collection and sharing of personal student data for non-educational purposes without written parental consent.

• A third and final resolution brought by Curley was passed in support of the transfer of public lands from the federal government to western states — where the federal government maintains vast land holdings — in accordance with pre-1976 federal policy and promises made at the initial time of statehood. The resolution cites financial and other benefits to both individual states and the nation as a whole should such transfers take place.

The evening concluded with the delegates to the state convention being chosen. Chairman Jill Pischke and State Committeemen William Curley and Michelle Smith were selected automatically by virtue of their offices held, while Allen Slagle, Hans Hunt and Alaina Liggett were chosen by vote, with Linda Curley to serve as the alternate.

Workforce

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the person and notify them to look in the system, hopefully resulting in an interview and a job.

Also, she noted, if an individual needs to have an insurance policy and they can't through a prospective employer, they can apply for those through the Workforce agency.

WDWS has a Workforce Development Training Fund for employers who want to send people to training or bring training to their facility. They can apply for dollars to help offset the cost of education.

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

works in partnership with consumers and other stakeholders to offer services and support for individuals with disabilities to help them obtain jobs and live independently. They visit the facility in Newcastle on a regular basis.

There are also several other programs the Workforce staff works with, and they bring on new programs when the need arises.

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HAPPY GO LUCKY as she is, our standout citizen has shown a perseverance that exceeds her years. You witness this in her ability to deal with obstacles that get in her way. During difficult times, people often look at their circumstances and feel that they have no power to change things. Usually we complain, or simply do nothing. Not our classmate. She is the light that illuminates the darkness, the individual who chooses to do something to change things or push through. It takes courage and stamina to persevere.

WE'RE IN LUCK because we have such an awesome LUCKY DUCK among us! Congratulations to our very own LUCKY CHARM, Avery Sleeman for being selected our Citizen of the Month for March.

4TH GRADE: CAYLEE SOARES



As I look around our busy classroom of fourth grade students, I ask myself, "Who is deserving of this honor?" Quickly my eyes move to this very polite, quiet, and friendly young lady, she is always doing as she is asked, even when it is something that may be difficult or challenging. As rules and guidelines are put in place, she is the one who follows them consistently, and never runs to point out the rule breakers! She pairs easily with all students when working in groups alongside her fellow classmates. I have often observed her in the lunchroom, on the playground, and in the hallways, trying to include others, even though, she may not know them. She speaks kindly to adults and her peers, and listens when someone is speaking. I have often witnessed her being a wonderful big sister, taking loving care of her younger brother! Being a Good Citizen comes easily to this student, she has a fantastic work ethic, and responsibility plays a big part of her everyday life! Because of all the fine qualities she displays, I look forward to watching her grow into an outstanding and fine young citizen within our community. I am so very proud of you and all that you have accomplished so far! My heartfelt congratulations go out to Caylee Soares! We are lucky to have you in our room.

5TH GRADE: KACY JONES



Dear Mom and Dad,
It is with great honor that I write this letter to you. I just really want you to know how special your son is. You see, I have carefully been watching him since the beginning of school as he goes about his every-day activities. And let me tell you, he is a really outstanding young man! You have so much to celebrate and be proud of.

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Despite all of this however this is not the part of your son that melts my heart the most. It is the way he treats and cares for the others around him that makes him shine with the power of a thousand suns. He always speaks kind words; even when others are not showing the same respect. His smile, though it may be mischievous at times, is contagious. His eyes twinkle like the stars on a clear night and he knows no stranger. Everyone is a friend to him, and he shows it through loving acts and deeds.

I guess in the end, what I am really trying to say is...Thank You! thank you for raising such a stupendous young man, and thank you for sharing him with our family in Room 149 this year. It has been an honor! Congratulations for Being a Good Citizen, Kacy Jones!

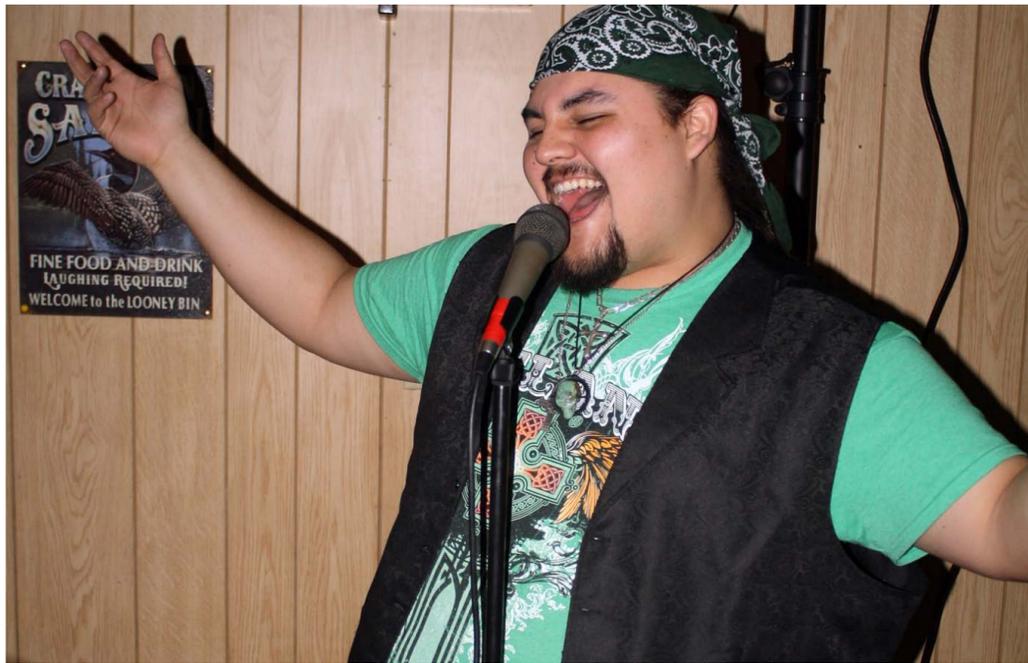
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Alex Solis belts out a faithful rendition of Blue Oyster Cult's "(Don't Fear) The Reaper" at VFW Post 2516 in Newcastle on Saturday evening. The karaoke event was organized by Tim and Jessica Lorenz as a means of benefiting the Wounded Warrior Project. (Photo by Todd Bennington/NLJ)

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Local fossils on display in Georgia

By **Todd Bennington of NLJ**

The fossilized remains of a triceratops, the greater part of which was discovered on private land in Weston County, recently went on permanent display at the Da Vinci Academy in Gainesville, Ga.

The academy is an interactive museum for students attached to Gainesville's South Hall Middle School.

Steve Niklas, the University of North Georgia anthropology professor responsible for the find and its preparation for display, acknowledged that the specimen is actually a composite, as is normally the case.

"You never find a complete dinosaur," he explained. "The missing pieces are usually cast or from a different animal ... [But] the majority of this animal came from [Weston] County, indeed."

The fossil skeleton, which is around 60 percent original, features a cast of a skull also discovered by Niklas — though in Harding County, S.D.

"The skull, was one of my first finds, and that would be from about 16 years ago ... that was from South Dakota. We never found the skull [of the] Wyoming [specimen].

Obviously if we had found an entire animal we would have used all the original bones. [The Wyoming triceratops] was mostly there, less the skull."

Asked if Wyoming residents should be at all concerned that such specimens often end up on display outside the state, Niklas said such provincial notions were a pet peeve of his.

"No, because it's a triceratops and you have hundreds of triceratops in Wyoming and the skull, like I say, is from a different state. We do live in a country where land owners have rights and the government doesn't control everything ... I think most people in Wyoming would appreciate [the concept of] land owner's rights."

"I would never ever advocate," Niklas continued, "that if there was some amazing specimen, that it leave the state of Wyoming, and certainly never leave the United States."

He added that he hopes, however, to see the greatest number of Americans have access to such finds.

Niklas, who makes annual visits to Weston County in pursuit of fossil discoveries, expects to again be in the area in June before moving on to do

further work in South Dakota.

The Gainesville triceratops, whose sex is actually indeterminate, has been nicknamed "Darla," after Darla Roberts,

a Washington, D.C., resident who donated the fossils to the Da Vinci Academy, according to Gainesville Times reporter Carly Sharec.

Dino dig resumes soon

By **Denice Piscioti**

Last year one of the most complete sets of triceratops bones found in one site was found in Weston County, on the ranch owned by Donley and Nancy Darnell. Pete Larson of the Black Hills Institute of Geological Research in Hill City, S.D., and his partners from the Naturalis Biodiversity Center of the Netherlands discovered four triceratops when digging on the site last year.

"We are going to be back digging this next season — our season runs from May to October," Larson told the News Letter Journal in a telephone interview on Monday. "We look forward to coming back again. It is a pretty exciting site. It is the only time that there are this many triceratops in one place — even more than one."

Larson explained that there is another site, in Montana, which has produced parts of three individual triceratops, but they were clearly washed in and were not whole dinosaurs that did not live together and die together, like he speculates the ones in Weston County did.

He noted he is looking forward to finding more pieces of the puzzle in the land south of Newcastle.

"It will be fun to get back and see what else is going to be there. I am still looking for the person that was biting those big bones apart. So we might find a T-Rex tooth or two in there. That is what I am looking for this summer," he acknowledged.

Dinner and dance benefit scheduled

There will be a benefit Prime Rib Dinner and Dance on April 19 at the Moorcroft Public Safety Building, 111 W. Converse Street in Moorcroft to benefit Al Machtan, who was involved in a ranch accident in January.

Social hour will begin at 4 p.m., with dinner served at 6 p.m. during which the live and silent auctions will ensue. The evening will be capped off with a dance at 8:30 featuring Chancey Williams and the Younger Brothers Band.

Advance ticket sales will be \$25 for the dinner/dance; if purchased at the door the night of the event it will be \$35. Tickets can be purchased at Diehl's Supermarket, Quality Hardware, Hub Café and Dewey's in Moorcroft; Joe's Supermarket in Upton; Paradise Foods in Pine Haven; Ruff's Bar in Rozet; and Crescent

Electric and Bernadette's Barber Shop in Gillette.

Machtan, owner of Al's Electric, has just been released from the University of Colorado Hospital in Aurora. He is at home recovering but will need surgery in the future. Many people over the years have benefited from Al's hard work and support for the many groups and organizations in Crook, Weston and Campbell County.

An account has been set up at Pinnacle Bank in Moorcroft to help defray expenses and travel for Al and Rosalie on his long road to recovery.

Donations may be dropped off at the bank or mailed to Pinnacle Bank, Al Machtan Benefit, P. O. Box 100, Moorcroft, WY 82721.

If there are any questions or other event ideas, contact Jerry Fischbach at 756-2316 or Jeff Holberg at 756-2292.

Grouse

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cite individual issues they may have with the Draft EIS at this time, given what both claimed is the failure of the federal agencies involved to work with the county.

"The Draft EIS is fully lacking of any evidence of Coordination or Cooperation occurring with Weston County as is required by Federal Laws that protect the "Community Stability" of Weston County," the letter reads in part.

"The list of failures of the agencies to fully follow the law goes on and on," the letter continues. "Until both the BLM and the Forest Service rectify their shortcomings of the [National Environmental Policy Act] Process, Weston County feels it is fruitless to

waste time on any in-depth comments at this time."

Though the executive summary of the Draft EIS does not list Weston County as among the cooperating agencies involved, both County Clerk Mamie Krank and Commission Chairman Lenard Seeley said that county records indicate that both Seeley and former Chairman Tom Bruce submitted letters requesting federal agencies take the county's concerns into consideration during the plan's initial scoping period.

Harshbarger characterized the Draft EIS, of which the thick tome he had on hand is only the first of three volumes, as an intimidating read.

"There's no way in the world the five of you can go through this thing," Harshbarger told the commissioners, claiming also that the proposed amendment will have vast negative economic impacts on the state.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife service designated the status of the grouse as "warranted but precluded" in March of 2010, meaning that it could potentially qualify for protection under the Endangered Species Act but that other, more threatened species presently have priority.

The Greater Sage-Grouse Land Use Plan Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement is available online at the BLM's website at <http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/programs/Planning/amendments/sage-grouse.html>.

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Schedule

Newcastle

NHS MS/HS Track			
3/28	V	Jerry Campbell Invitational @ Buffalo	A 9AM
4/03	V	Newcastle Speedgoat Classic	H 9AM
Girls Soccer			
3/28	VJ	*Douglas Bearcats	A 4PM
3/29	VJ	*Buffalo Bison	H Noon
4/4	VJ	Torrington Trailblazers	H 4PM
Boys Soccer			
3/28	VJ	*Douglas Bearcats	H 4PM
3/29	VJ	*Buffalo Bison	A Noon
4/4	VJ	Torrington Trailblazers	A 4PM

Ladies begin season with win

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

After what proved to be a disappointing season last year, with Newcastle picking up only a single win, Head Coach Bryce Hoffman said he hopes experience will be the critical factor for the Lady Dogies soccer team this time around, as they field five seniors and a handful of other seasoned players.

"This year we have quite a few returning players," Hoffman told the News Letter Journal. "Last year we were pretty young and inexperienced ... We have nine returning letter winners from last year, so we have a lot of players who have quite a bit of Varsity experience. That's going to be helpful for us ... There's less of that learning curve."

So far, so good, as the Lady Dogies started the season on Friday by besting Gillette's Junior Varsity squad 3-1, although, disappointingly, a scheduled home game against Rawlins on Saturday had to be cancelled due to inclement weather.

Hoffman admitted that, despite the win, it took Newcastle the first part of last week's game to find their rhythm.

"The game on Friday started off pretty slow. It was [Gillette's] first game of the season as well as ours, so the first 15 minutes both teams weren't very clean with their play. After that, we moved some players around into some different spots... and really got the ball moving up the right side of the field. [Senior] Bethany McVay was really getting some things going ... Offensively, we started getting a lot of opportunities."

The Lady Dogies were able to not just create but to capitalize on those opportunities as well. By the 21st minute, sophomore striker Katara Cade had given Newcastle their first goal of the game off of an assist by senior Savannah Davis.

"She's a defensive player," said Hoffman of Davis, "but she was able to push the ball near [midfield] and was able to send a through ball to Katara."

The momentum would continue to swing in the Dogies' favor

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Dogies quick off the block

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Newcastle track began their season on a positive note — that is to say warm and dry — at the Chadron State Invitational last Saturday.

"All the other track meets around the state that I know of were not held [due to weather]. I'm glad we got down there," said Head Coach Pat Hayman, speaking of the advantage of such indoor meets.

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Photo courtesy of Chadron state College
Newcastle High School sophomore Calbi Ausmann was one of the standouts at the Chadron State College High School Indoor Track and Field Meet on Saturday.



Boys' soccer off to slow start

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Following a disappointing season last year in which they only won one game, Newcastle High School boys' soccer failed to get out to the confidence-boosting start they had hoped for, as they dropped a game Friday to Gillette's Junior Varsity before seeing a home game against Rawlins scheduled for Saturday cancelled due to snow.

Even so, Kris Will, who is in his second year as head coach and fifth overall with the program, said he was happy with Friday's performance at Gillette, especially considering his team's lack of experience.

Though ultimately a 4-1 loss, Newcastle beat the Camels to the punch as freshman Uziel Hogue scored the game's initial goal within the first minute of play.

"We scored and held them [scoreless] for quite a while," recalled Will, "and then our midfield kind of let loose, so they started to get a few more attacking plays in ... When they were up in our penalty area we [were called for] handballs by two of our greener players. [Gillette] got penalty kicks and scored two goals off of that."

Will went on to say that the loss revealed a crucial weakness on the part of Newcastle



Stats

Gillette JV 4, Newcastle 1
 Goals: Uziel Hogue 1

that he'll address in practice this week, namely transitioning through the midfield.

"We defended well," he told the News Letter Journal. "We lost the game in our midfield. Between defense, to midfield, to attack, we lost it in the middle. We need to work on our midfield play ... We have to recover defensively and then develop the attack, that's where we're lacking."

Will went on to admit that his team, which he characterized as very green, is lacking even in some of the fundamentals of the game. Mostly composed of seniors and freshmen, many of the Dogies aren't seasoned soccer players and are just now coming to the sport. Only two of his seniors, Will said, have been with the program all four years of high school.

"They all need way more technique," Will admitted,

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Todd Bennington/NLJ
On a team of relatively green soccer players, returning senior Kolton Epperson will be among those expected to lead the team this year.

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City Council Minutes

**NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014**

Mayor Greg James called the regular meeting of Monday March 17, 2014 to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were: Roger Hesse, Donnie Steveson, Linda Hunt, Mayor Greg James, Archie Callander, Iva Carter and Todd Quigley. Absent: None. Also present Department Heads: City Attorney Jim Peck, City Clerk/Treasurer Brunner, Police Chief Jim Owens and City Engineer Hartley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Iva Carter requested a moment under Mayor/Council Reports. Roger Hesse moved and Archie Callander seconded to approve the Agenda for Monday, March 17, 2014 as amended. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Linda Hunt moved and Roger Hesse seconded to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 3, 2014 and the Executive Session of March 3, 2014. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION: None. **CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION:** Mayor James gave a Certificate of Appreciation to Jillian Armstrong for the purchase of The Antlers Restaurant and Lounge and to Jessica Lorenz for the purchase of Roundup Feed and Ranch Supply.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS – IN WRITING: 1. Mayor James read a letter from Weston County Children's Center requesting summer sewer averaging for the summer of 2014 and a letter from the Weston County Museum District requesting summer sewer averaging for the summer of 2014. Linda Hunt moved and Roger Hesse seconded to approve both requests as read. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS – VERBAL –None. **MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS:** - 1. Mayor James read RESOLUTION #3, SERIES 2014, a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A FEDERAL MINERAL ROYALTY CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE LOAN AND INVESTMENT BOARD ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY FOR THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF

REPAINTING AND REPAIRS TO WATER TANK #1. Roger Hesse moved and Archie Callander seconded to approve RESOLUTION #3, SERIES 2014 as read. **MOTION CARRIED.** 2. Mayor James read RESOLUTION #4, SERIES 2014 a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A JOINT POWERS ACT LOAN APPLICATION TO THE STATE LOAN AND INVESTMENT BOARD ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY FOR THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF WATER TANK REPAINTING AND REPAIRS. Roger Hesse moved and Linda Hunt seconded to approve RESOLUTION #4, SERIES 2014 as read. **MOTION CARRIED.** 3. Mayor James reviewed the Committee of the Whole meeting that was held at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Council meeting regarding the re-subdividing and re-platting of the City property in Washington Park Subdivision. Roger Hesse moved and Linda Hunt seconded to approve the City Attorney and the City Engineer to begin the process of the re-platting of the City property in Washington Park Subdivision. **MOTION CARRIED.** 4. Iva Carter presented Mayor James a plaque. 5. Mayor James read an invitation from WAM to appoint teen delegates to the WAM Convention in June in Casper.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: **City Engineer Bob Hartley.** 1. reviewed the additional funding requests (provided by the application to SLIB by Resolutions #3 and #4 passed previously). This funding will be the additional needed (to be added to last year's loan/grant funds already received) to cover anticipated bids to repair water tank #1; 2. he reviewed the work of the City crews; 3. he anticipates adding a new garbage truck to the FY 2014-15 budget for the garbage fund. He requested approval to advertise for the new truck and be able to open bids before the end of Fiscal Year 2013-14 with the actual "purchase" of the truck in FY 2014-15. It takes a year to actually receive a new truck after the order is placed. Mayor James asked for consensus of the Council – it was agreed to have the engineer proceed.

Police Chief Jim Owens - 1. reviewed the March 2014 Activity Report; 2. Detective Williams was injured early Saturday morning during his shift; at this time his return time is unknown; 3. On March 25, 2014 from 9-11 a.m. the Director

and Deputy Director of the State Division of Victim Services will be at the FOCUS office. 4. the meeting with Cassidian concerning E911 has been rescheduled to March 26, 2014 Gillette.

City Clerk/Treasurer Charita Brunner – 1. reported that the WEBT Health insurance premium renewal for FY 2014-15 will include a 2% increase in the dental portion and a 0% increase in the health portion. 2. reminded Council of the liquor license hearing for the Antler's Restaurant and Lounge transfer to be heard at 7:30 p.m. on April 7, 2014 at the regularly scheduled Council meeting; she reported that the Iron Horse Saloon still has not paid their license renewal fee for the licensing year from 4/1/2014 through 3/31/2015. If that remains unpaid by April 1, 2014 the Iron Horse Saloon will forfeit its liquor license back to the City. 3. She reviewed a financial report she had given at the March meeting of the AARP at the Weston County Senior Center on Monday, March 10, 2014; 4. She reviewed the February Municipal Court Report. 5. she informed Council that Deputy Tracy Gibbs quit unexpectedly on March 7, 2014; she has begun advertising for the open position and receiving resumes and applications. The position closes on Friday, March 21, 2014.

City Attorney Jim Peck - 1. he related that he will work on the petitions and easements on the work in Gray Addition. He is still waiting on the signed documents approved at the March 3, 2014 meeting and sent to the interested parties. Councilman Hesse left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Attorney Peck (continued) 2. he related that it is becoming a matter of practice that software providers are requesting "confidentiality" agreements in their contracts. This puts the City in a "Catch 22" situation regarding the public records laws. He has requested that all City department heads contact him prior to bringing a contract, especially for software, to the City Council for approval. There were no STANDING COMMITTEE, NEW BUSINESS, or OLD BUSINESS reports.

Linda Hunt moved and Iva Carter seconded to pay claims dated March 17, 2014. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Archie Callander moved and Linda Hunt seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Claims: Ad-Pro Office Supply; Office Supplies \$202.58; Alpha Communications, Fire

base repair, \$90.00; Andersen Contracting & Plumbing, Remove and hard pipe water meter, \$78.00; AT & T Cell Phone, \$95.25; Black Hills Auto Salvage, Impound Fees, \$205.40; Black Hills Power, electricity purchased, \$1427.94; Cambria Supply Supplies, \$450.92; Casper Star Tribune, Subscription, \$139.88; Centurylink, E-911 monthly charge, \$953.64; Chief Law Enforcement, Batteries, litebox, \$380.35; Collins Communications, Offsite Storage, \$45.00; Culligan Water, Bottled Water, \$31.25; Deckers Food Center, Supplies, \$13.95; Energy Laboratories, Water Samples, \$60.00; Frontier Home Ranch and Hardware, Supplies, \$282.36; Gateway Auto Supply, Paper towels, rags, Vehicle supplies, \$ 172.53; Desert Mountain, Ice Slicer, \$5255.00; Hallie Bell, city hall cleaning, \$360.50; John Reid & Associates, Inc, officer training, \$1100.00; John's Electric, electric work/various, \$125.00; MES Rocky Mountain, Aluminum tags, \$149.73; National Animal Control, Membership, \$125.00; Neve's Uniforms, glock, shirts, \$210.27; Newcastle Hardware, Supplies, \$537.77; Newcastle Motors, Vehicle repairs, \$2496.48; Newcastle Police Dept, Postage, notary, fuel, \$52.54; Newcastle Volunteer Fire Dept, Automop, \$950.00, Newsletter Journal, Supplies, minutes, \$2589.60; Norco, cylinder rental, \$22.63; Northwest Pipe, touch reader insulation pads, \$6987.12; Office Shop Leasing, Copier lease, \$106.81; Rapid Delivery, Delivery charges, \$63.60; RT Communications, Trunk line, \$ 318.31; RT Communications, E-911 Equipment, \$1517.67; Shopko, Supplies, \$ 180.91; The Radar Shop Recertified Radar Equip, \$ 563.50; Tracy L Tupa, Supplies, \$9.29; Tri Star Surveying, Hwy 16 Lighting project, \$1283.20; Two Way Radio, Charging board, Batteries, \$738.00, WCS Telecom, Long Distance Feb 2014, \$133.72; WEBT, Employee Life Insurance, \$103.25; Wesco Gas, propane, \$259.61; Weston Co Health Services, Drug Testing, \$175.00; Weston Co Road and Bridge, Fuel Feb 2014, \$ 10554.40; Weston Co Treasurer, Airport, Handling Charge, \$1250.46; Weston County Clerk, Youth Services, \$935.65; Weston County True Value, Pine Board, \$9.50; Wyoming Automotive, supplies, \$147.43; **WATER DEPOSIT REFUND:** Judy Heidel, \$80.96;

Greg James, Mayor
ATTEST: City Clerk/Treasurer, Charita Brunner

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Unofficial County Commission Minutes

MARCH 20, 2014

The special tri-county meeting of the Weston, Crook and Campbell County Commissioners convened at 11:10 a.m. with Chairman Seeley presiding. Present for the meeting were: **Weston County:** Commissioners: Lenard D. Seeley, Chairman, Randy Rossman and Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk.

Crook County: Commissioners: J.W. Hadley, Chairman, Kelly Dennis, Vice-Chairman and Jeanne Whalen; Joe Baron, Attorney and Linda Fritz, Deputy Clerk.

Campbell County: Commissioners: Micky Shober, Matt Avery, Garry Becker and Mark Christensen; Bob Palmer, Commissioner Admin. Director; Carol Seeger, Deputy Attorney and Susan Saunders, County Clerk.

Thunder Basin Grassland Prairie Ecosystem Association (TBGPEA): Laurel Vicklund, Vice-President; Dave Pellatz, Executive Director and Frank Eathorne, Board Chair.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss County Governments dealing with Federal Agencies.

**Sage Grouse Management Plan
Thunder Basin Grassland Prairie Ecosystem
Association (TBGPEA)**

Dave Pellatz, TBGPEA Executive Director, gave a power point presentation on the TBGPEA conservation strategy. Mr. Pellatz presented a land management strategy for an area comprised of the five North Eastern Wyoming Counties; including: Campbell, Crook, Converse, Weston and Niobrara. The five county region is approximately 10.8 million acres and is comprised of 90 percent rangelands. Mr. Pellatz discussed collaborative efforts for the conservation of sage and short grass habitats and

enhanced nesting for Sage Grouse core areas. Three agreements through TBGPEA were discussed: Candidate Conservation Agreement Assurance (CCAA) for private lands, Candidate Conservation Agreement (CCA) for Federal lands and Conservation Agreement (CA) which addresses future mineral/coal or oil and gas development. These agreements are specifically for species that are not currently listed as an endangered species. Chairman Seeley, Weston County, discussed Federal Government policies and the difference between coordination and cooperation. Chairman Seeley gave copies of two documents entitled: "Public Lands Council, A Beginner's Guide to Cooperating Agency Status" and "Public Lands Council, A Beginner's Guide to Coordination" to each County and the TBGPEA. Chairman Christensen, Campbell County, discussed County Land Use Plans; stating that a well written plan can be a tool to gain standing when challenging the US Forest Service or the Bureau of Land Management. Chairman Christensen reported that Gregory Cowen, WY County Commissioners Association (WCCA), is in the process of drafting a Land Use Plan that could be customized by any county wishing to update their existing plan. The science behind many government studies was discussed as well as the disappointment that only one page of the existing Sage Grouse Management Plan is devoted to predation. No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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

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WCSD #1 Salaries

**WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
PUBLICATION OF GROSS SALARIES 2014
PURSUANT TO WYOMING STATUTE 21-3-110**

Categories/Number of Personnel	Total Annual Gross Salaries	
ADMINISTRATION		First Grade (4) 49,050, 49,750, 42,750, 44,150; 185,700.00
Superintendent (1)	117,000.00	Second Grade (4) 59,300, 44,150, 50,500, 42,750; 196,700.00
High School Principal (1)	90,000.00	Third Grade (4) 45,550, 56,900, 56,900, 52,100; 211,450.00
Asst. High School Principal (5)	38,750.00	Fourth Grade (3) 55,300, 56,900, 49,050; 161,250.00
Middle School Principal (1)	89,766.00	Fifth Grade (3) 42,750, 46,950, 56,900; 146,600.00
Elementary Principal (1)	82,000.00	Science (1) 56,900.00
Asst. Elementary Principal (1)	46,250.00	Vocal / Band (1) 44,150.00
Special Education Director (1)	88,000.00	Counselor (1) 56,900.00
Business Manager (1)	85,000.00	Physical Education (1.33) 55,300, 17,967; 73,267.00
Curriculum Coordinator (.75)	56,250.00	Resource Room (3) 46,950, 44,150, 44,150; 135,250.00
Administration Total	\$693,016.00	Remedial Room (4) 56,900, 53,900, 56,900, 59,300; 227,000.00
SECONDARY		Computer (1) 56,900.00
Business (1)	44,150.00	Elementary Total \$1,750,767.00
Agriculture (1)	59,300.00	ELEMENTARY EXTRA-DUTY
Home Economics (1)	49,050.00	Head Coaches 3 @ 800; 2,400.00
Industrial Arts (1)	44,150.00	Asst. Coaches 3 @ 600; 1,800.00
Foreign Language (1)	50,450.00	Elementary Extra-Duty Total \$4,200.00
Science (5) 47,300, 50,500, 43,450, 55,300, 44,150; 240,700.00		DISTRICT-WIDE SERVICES
English (6) 44,150, 46,950, 44,150, 60,100, 56,900, 43,450; 295,700.00		Speech Therapist(1) 75,450.00
Mathematics (5) 46,250, 46,950, 44,150, 43,450, 44,850; 225,650.00		School Nurse (1) 43,066.00
Social Studies (4) 56,900, 46,950, 46,950, 46,950; 197,750.00		Community Education Director (1) 55,257.00
Vocal Music (1) 53,900.00		Secretary/Bookkeeper (.80) 25,710.00
Instrumental Music (1) 45,550.00		Data Coordinator (1) 41,179.00
Art (1) 52,900.00		Instructional Facilitators (2.25) 51,300, 52,900, 18,750; 122,950.00
Physical Education (3.33) 40,425, 46,950, 17,967, 46,950; 152,292.00		Special Ed Clerk (1) 18,475.00
Counselors (2) 56,900, 60,100; 117,000.00		Double Aaces Director (1) 60,550.00
Librarians (1) 45,700.00		Technology (1) 71,000.00
School Within A School (1) 58,500.00		Induction/Mentor Specialist (1) 60,100.00
Computer (1) 50,500.00		School Psychologist (1) 69,850.00
Resource Room (6) 50,450, 50,150, 43,450, 52,900, 56,900, 56,900; 310,750.00		Adaptive PE (1) 42,750.00
Health (.33) 17,967.00		District-Wide Total \$686,337.00
At-Risk (1) 60,100.00		SUPPORT STAFF
Secondary Total \$2,172,059.00		Resource Room Teachers Asst. (20) 18,144, 21,105, 19,598, 16,731, 16,695, 20,664, 16,439, 16,848, 19,598, 22,113, 19,598, 10,010, 18,369, 24,768, 19,341, 19,026, 17,703, 16,439, 22,113, 22,113; 377,415.00
SECONDARY EXTRA-DUTY		Remedial Teacher Asst. (1) 9,799, 7,243; 17,042.00
Activities Director (1) 5,500, 38,750; 44,250		Classroom Teacher Asst (9) 9,799, 9,423, 16,731, 17,960, 18,077, 23,760, 18,968, 29,598, 18,840, 9,594; 172,750.00
High School Head Coaches 11 @ 4,750; 52,250.00		Library (2) 23,254, 18,968; 42,222.00
High School Head Coaches 1 @ 189.99; 189.99		Secretarial
High School Asst. Coaches 17 @ 3,690; 62,730.00		Superintendent (1) 38,376.00
High School Coaches Aide (1) 1,000.00		High School (2) 30,379, 27,829; 58,208.00
Weight Room		Middle School (1) 30,379.00
Administrator 1 @ 2,000, Head 1 @ 4,750, Asst. 1 @ 3,690; 10,440.00		Elementary (1) 30,379.00
High School Student Council (1) 2,150.00		Community Education (1) 18,213.00
Future Business Leaders of America (1) 2,150.00		Transportation (1) 29,673.00
Future Famers of America (1) 8,878.00		Maintenance
High School Class Sponsors 2 @ 300 4 @ 150; 1,200.00		Director (1) 60,000.00
High School Guidance (1) 3,600.00		Maintenance Personnel (3) 35,880, 38,792, 36,608; 111,280.00
Middle School Head Coaches 4 @ 2,220; 8,880.00		Food Service
Middle School Asst. Coaches 5 @ 1,915; 9,575.00		Food Service Director (1) 32,000.00
Middle School Student Council (2) 1,500.00		Cafeteria Manager (1) 21,672.00
Middle School Guidance Counselor (1) 3,600.00		Cooks (5) 9,317, 15,949, 18,518, 13,554, 11,979; 69,317.00
Speech (1) 4,750.00		Custodial
ELL Coordinator (1) 1,000.00		Manager (1) 39,375.00
NCA (4) 2 @ 500, 3 @ 1,000; 4,000.00		Lead (2) 35,007, 34,383; 69,390.00
Induction/Mentor Specialist 9,500.00		Custodians (7) 30,639, 29,391, 35,007, 33,135, 36,255, 29,391, 30,639; 224,457.00
Substitute Training Class Coordinator 3,690.00		Business Office (3.2) 29,856, 34,653, 39,645, 6,569; 110,723.00
SPED File Review (5) 5 @ 1500; 7,500.00		Technology Assistant (1) 40,128.00
Special Olympics (2) 3,000.00		Transportation
Title I Coordinator (1) 5,000.00		Director (1) 49,000.00
Title II (2) 3,500.00		Mechanic (1) 45,656.00
Perkins (1) 675.00		Assistant (1) 30,264.00
National Board Certified (3) 12,000.00		Bus Drivers (12) 9,945, 6,899, 7,337, 6,568, 16,513, 12,915, 14,115, 12,122, 10,240, 6,667, 6,899, 11,378; 121,598.00
Power School (2) 5,000.00		Support Staff Total \$1,839,517.00
WYCTA (4) 840.00		GRAND TOTAL \$7,434,832.99
Bridges Grant 3 @ 1,500, 2 @ 750; 6,000.00		
Pool Manager (1) 10,169.00		
Secondary Extra-Duty Total \$288,936.99		
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Kindergarten (4) 58,500, 42,750, 50,500, 46,950; 198,700.00		

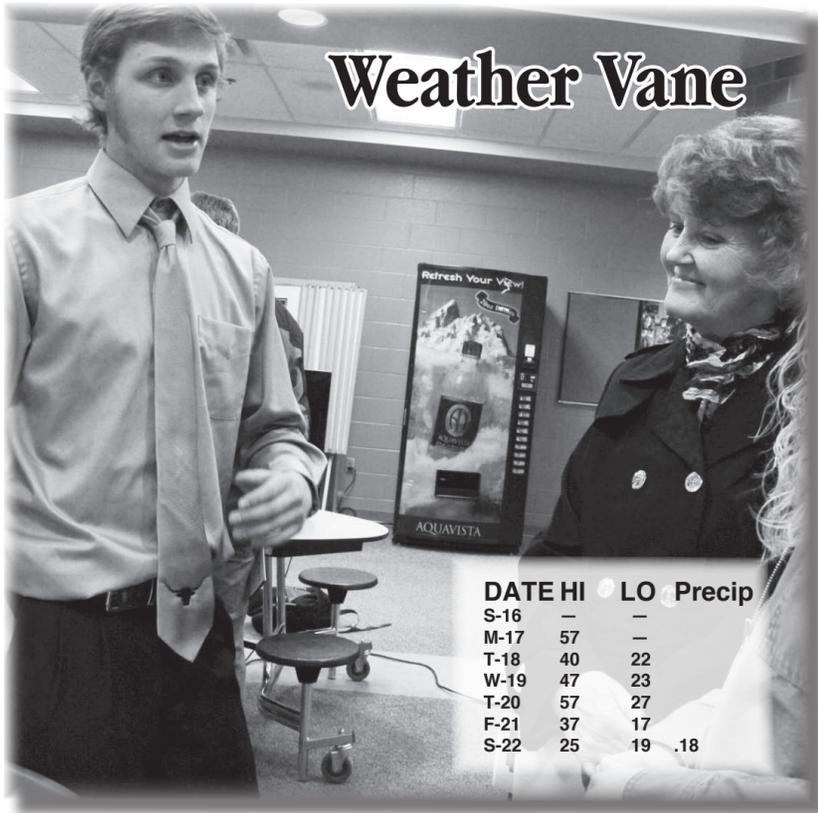
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Probate Notice

STATE OF WYOMING
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF WESTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MARILYN L. ARNOLD,
Deceased.
Probate Case No. PR-7963

NOTICE OF PROBATE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that on the 27th day of February, 2014, the Last Will and Testament of the decedent was admitted to probate by the above named Court, and that THOMAS L. ARNOLD was appointed personal representative thereof. Any action to set aside the Will shall be filed in the Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or to her estate are requested to make immediate payment to THOMAS L. ARNOLD, at P.O. Box 98, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701.

Creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to file them in duplicate with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of said Court, on or before three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, and if such claims are not so filed, unless otherwise allowed or paid, they will be forever barred.

DATED this 10th day of March, 2014.

BENNETT, MAIN & GUBBRUD, P.C.
Attorneys for the Estate
By: Max Main
Max Main
618 State Street
Belle Fourche, SD 57717
Telephone 605.892.2011

Clerk of the District Court
6th Judicial District
One West Main
Newcastle, WY 82701

(Publish March 13, 20 and 27, 2014)

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Meeting Notice

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETINGS
WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

The Weston County Board of Commissioners will hold Special Budget Meetings on the following dates:

- Tuesday March 25, 2014 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday April 8, 2014 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday May 13, 2014 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday May 27, 2014 9:00 a.m.

All meetings will take place at the Weston County Courthouse, Commissioners Room, 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY 82701.

(Publish March 27, 2014)

**Deadline for Legals
noon on Friday**

Foreclosure Notice

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE 2

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note ("Note") and real estate mortgage ("Mortgage"). The Mortgage dated September 10, 2012, was executed and delivered by Nhoun Pheak and Kasie M Pheak ("Mortgagor(s)") to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Premier Home Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns, as security for the Note of the same date, and said Mortgage was recorded on September 11, 2012, at Reception No. 738195 in Book 339 at Page 861 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: Wells Fargo Bank, NA.
Assignment dated: October 14, 2013
Assignment recorded: October 18, 2013
Assignment recording information: in Book 348 at Page 211

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

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

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$235,831.18 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$228,660.89 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$6,133.27, plus other costs in the amount of \$1,037.02, plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale;

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

NOW, THEREFORE Wells Fargo Bank, NA., as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on April 15, 2014 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY, Weston County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

A TRACT OF LAND LYING IN THE SE1/4SW1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 47 NORTH, RANGE 66 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WYOMING HIGHWAY 116, WITH THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WESTON COUNTY ROAD NO. 18, WHICH POINT LIES S 89°27'W, 2874.73 FEET FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 13; THENCE S 88°51'W, 550 FEET ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID COUNTY ROAD NO. 18; THENCE N 1°09'W, 342.02 FEET; THENCE N 88°51'E, 724.26 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SAID HIGHWAY NO. 116; THENCE S 25°51'W 383.85 FEET ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

with an address of 5 Soda Butte Rd, Upton, WY 82730.

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

Wells Fargo Bank, NA.
By: The Castle Law Group, LLC
123 West 1st Street, Ste. 400
Casper, WY 82601-0000
(307) 333-5379

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58. Like West Wing's office
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Court Report

**CIRCUIT COURT
JUDGE FRED R. DOLLISON**

Kaleb Christopher Clark, Exceed 65 MPH On Prmry/Scndry (6+ MPH Over) Hwy, Total Fine Paid, \$82.
 Carl W. Hansen, RR Crossing Stop At Signal, Total Fine Paid, \$70.
 Brandi Diane Dowdy, Drive While Lic Cancelled, Suspended, Or Revoked If Not Suspended, Total Fine Paid, \$410.
 Brandi Diane Dowdy, Compulsory Auto Insurance-1st Offense, Total Fine Paid, \$290.
 Christopher A. Hollingsworth, Drive Vehicle W/I Single Lane, Total Fine Paid, \$60.
 Brandi L. Wolfe, Drive While Lic Cancelled, Suspended, Or Revoked If Not Suspended, Total Fine Paid, \$420.
 Mark L. Schuessler, Sr., Vehicle Registration Required, Total Fine Paid, \$120.
 Clayton Douglas Mills, Jr., Exceed 65 MPH On Prmry/Scndry (6+ MPH Over) Hwy, Total Fine Paid, \$81.
 Michael J. Heberling, Operate A CMV, W/O a CDL, Total Fine Paid, \$170.
 James Frederick Runyan, Exceed 65 MPH On Prmry/Scndry (6+ MPH Over) Hwy, Total Fine Paid, \$81.
 Troy D. Peterson, Exceed 65 MPH On Prmry/Scndry (6+ MPH Over) Hwy, Total Fine Paid, \$67.
 Loren G. Whetham, Drive W/I single Lane, Total Fine Paid, \$70.
 Matthew R. Schuessler, Breach of Peace, Jail Term, 7 Days, Days Suspended, 5 Days, Days Credited, 2 Days, Total Fine Due, \$290.
 Suzanne Erickson, Seat Belt Driver, Total Fine Paid, \$25.
 Jody J. Piechura, DUI, Alcohol-1st Offense W/In 10 Yrs, Jail Term, 30 Days, Days Suspended, 27 Days, Days Credited, 3 Days, Total Fine Due, \$590.
 Hayden E. Kitch, Reckless Endangering, Jail Term, 15 Days, Days Suspended 13 Days, Days Credited, 2 Days, Total Fine Due, \$540.
 Curtis Alan Bujarski, Upton, Exceed 65 MPH On Prmry/Scndry (6+ MPH Over) Hwy, Total Fine Paid, \$70.
 Donna Burns, Speed Too Fast For Conditions, Total Fine Due, \$70.
 David Allen Hoss, Exceed 65 MPH On Prmry/Scndry (6+ MPH Over) Hwy, Total Fine Paid, \$102.
 Corbin D. Sweet, Upton, Hunt, Trap Or Fish On Private Land W/O Permission, Total fine Paid, \$220.
 David H. Minzel, Interfere W/Peace Officer, Jail Term, 7 Days, Days Suspended, 6 Days, Days Credited, 1 Day, Total Fine Paid, \$240.
 Melissa L. Houser, Exceed 65 MPH On Prmry/Scndry (6+ MPH Over) Hwy, Total Fine Paid, \$88.
 Mason T. Kaiser, RR Crossing, Stop At Signal, Total Fine Paid, \$70.
 Fermin Jake Villanueva, Vehicle Registration Required, Total Fine Paid, \$90.
 Fermin Jake Villanueva, Vehicle Registration Required, Total Fine Paid, \$120.

Donald Seven Dorn, Exceed 65 MPH On Prmry/Scndry (6+ MPH Over) Hwy, Total Fine Paid, \$99.
 Cody W. Schraeder, Carry and Exhibit Driver's License On Demand, Total Fine Paid, \$60.
 Trace Q. Buckert, Exceed 65 MPH On Prmry/Scndry (6+ MPH Over) Hwy, Total Fine Paid, \$76.
 Amber K. Knight, Speed Too Fast For Conditions, Total Fine Paid, \$60.
 Jason H. Sinner, DUI Alcohol To .08%-3rd Off W/In 10 Yrs., Jail Term, 180 Days, Days Suspended, 150 Days, Days Credited, 2 Days, Total Fine Due, \$1090.
 Michael J. Heberling, Cargo Not Immobilized Or Secured, Total Fine Paid, \$170.
 Michael J. Heberling, Flat Tire Or Fabric Exposed, Total Fine Paid, \$170.
 Michael J. Heberling, Inspect, Repair and Maintain Parts and Accessories, Total Fine Paid, \$170.
 Donny Bau, Osage, Exceed 65 MPH On Prmry/Scndry (6+ MPH Over) Hwy, Total Fine Paid, \$78.
 Donny Bau, Osage, Exceed 65 MPH On Prmry/Scndry (6+ MPH Over) Hwy, Total Fine Paid, \$100.
 Donny Bau, Osage, Seat Belt/Driver, Total Fine Paid, \$30.
 Barry L. Johnson, Exceed 65 MPH On Prmry/Scndry (6+ MPH Over) Hwy, Total Fine Paid, \$75.
 Jeffrey N. Schiller, Upton, Driver Fail To Retain Previous 7 Days Logs, Total Fine Paid, \$160.
 Peter G. Wilson, Upton, Vehicle Registration Required, Total Fine Paid, \$115.
 Peter G. Wilson, Upton, Compulsory Auto Insurance-1st Offense, Total Fine Paid, \$415.
 Peter G. Wilson, Upton, Exceed 65 MPH On Prmry/Scndry (6+ MPH Over) Hwy, Total Fine Paid, \$90.
 Rudy L. Wineteer, Child Safety Restraint System-1st Offense, Total Fine Paid, \$50.
 Patrick Smith, Exhibit Acceleration, Total Fine Paid, \$120.
 Derek M. Schaff, Drive While License Cancelled, Suspended, Or Revoked, If Not Suspended, Total Fine Paid, \$420.
 Tonya T. Christensen, Exceed 65 MPH On Prmry/Scndry (6+ MPH Over) Hwy, Total Fine Paid, \$88.
 Ryan A. Parks, Vehicle Registration Required, Total Fine Paid, \$120.
 Leslie D. Townsend, Exceed 65 MPH On Prmry/Scndry (6+ MPH Over) Hwy, Total Fine Paid, \$106.
 Jeffrey N. Schiller, Upton, Stop Sign, Total Fine Paid, \$110.
 Mary J. Dunder, Seat Belt Driver, Total Fine Paid, \$25.
 Teresa K. King, Collide W/Unattended Vehicle/Duty, Total Fine Paid, \$220.
 Teresa K. King, Speed Too Fast For Conditions, Total Fine Paid, \$70.
 Heather N. Dame, Drive While License Cancelled, Suspended, Or Revoked If Not Suspended, Total Fine Due, \$420.

Heather N. Dame, Criminal Contempt, Total fine Paid, \$100.
 Stevie D. Bradford, Use of Controlled Substance-SCH 1, II or III, Total Fine Due, \$290.
 Emiliano H. Holguin, Valid Driver's License, Total Fine Paid, \$120.
 David A. Garrison, Exceed 65 MPH On Prmry/Scndry (6+ MPH Over) Hwy, Total Fine Paid, \$76.
 Joseph S. Sadler, Upton, Exceed 65 MPH On Prmry/Scndry (6+ MPH Over) Hwy, Total Fine Paid, \$84.
 Shane Reve Lorenz, Exceed 65 MPH On Prmry/Scndry (6+ MPH Over) Hwy, Total Fine Paid, \$102.
 Robert Dale Bock, Osage, Vehicle Registration Required, Total Fine Paid, \$120.
 Brandon O. Talbot, Exceed 65 MPH On Prmry/Scndry (6+ MPH Over) Hwy, Total Fine Paid, \$61.
 Keri A. Phillips, Seat Belt Driver, Total Fine Paid, \$25.
 Jeff Materi, Upton, Exceed 65 MPH On Prmry/Scndry (6+ MPH Over) Hwy, Total Fine Paid, \$67.
 Norma Holguin, Valid Driver's License, Total Fine Paid, \$120.
 Kiersten R. Crabtree, Vehicle Registration Required, Total Fine Paid, \$110.
 Nathan L. Schraeder, Under 18 Possess/Use Tobacco-1st Offense, Total Due, \$90.
 James F. Hampton, Drive While License Suspended, 2nd Offense, Jail Term, 30 Days, Days Suspended, 15 Days, Days Credited, 4 Days, Total Fine Due, \$590.
 Ronald W. Sandness, Apply Pressure On Throat Or Neck (2 Felonious Restraint: Expose Victim To Risk/Battery, Jail Term, 180 Days, Days Suspended, 176 Days, Days Credited, 4 Days, Total Fine Due, \$390.
 Roger A. Miller, Upton, DUI: Alcohol 0.08% Or More, Jail Term, 60 Days, Days Suspended, 52 Days, Days Credited, 8 Days, Total Fine Due, \$490.
 Roger A. Miller, Upton, Compulsory Auto Insurance-1st Offense, Total Fine Due, \$290.
 Roger A. Miller, Upton, Property Destruction: Under \$1,000, Total Fine Due, \$440.
 Joshua E. Smejkal, TKS/VEH, Exceed 65 MPH Prmry/Scndry (6+MPH) Hwy, Total Fine Paid, \$40, Total Fine Due, \$327.
 Jayne C. Estep, Seat Belt Driver, Total Fine Paid, \$25.

**MUNICIPAL COURT
JUDGE PATRICK F. CROW**
 Hal Perino, Dog At Large (1st Offense), Total Fine Paid, \$45.

Eric Allison, Dog License (1st Offense), Total Fine Paid, \$45.
 Loren G. Whetham, Yield When Entering From Private Road, Total Fine Paid, \$50.
 Joseph W. LaFlamme, Stop Sign, Total Fine Paid, \$100.
 Jade Ashley Haggerty, Stop Sign, Total Fine Paid, \$90.
 Susan G. Burke, Superintendent's Speed Zone, Total Fine Paid, \$90.
 Rita Kay Fullerton, Back Safely & W/O Interfering W/Traffic, Total Fine Paid, \$70.
 Jack R. Dempsey, Dog At Large, 1st Offense, Total Fine Paid, \$45.
 Shane J. Hartinger, Speed Too Fast For Conditions, Total Fine Paid, \$50.
 Austin B. Small, Speed Too Fast For Conditions, Total Fine Paid \$50.
 Hal Perino, Harboring A Vicious Barking Dog, Total Fine Paid, \$120.
 Donna M. Burns, Back Safely & W/O Interfering W/Traffic, Total Fine Paid, \$60.

Foreclosure Notice

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note ("Note") and real estate mortgage ("Mortgage"). The Mortgage dated May 26, 2009, was executed and delivered by Aaron D. Lines ("Mortgagor(s)") to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for MetLife Home Loans, a Division of MetLife Bank, N.A. its successors and assigns, as security for the Note of the same date, and said Mortgage was recorded on June 1, 2009, at Reception No. 712297 in Book 315 at Page 286 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming; and
 WHEREAS, the mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
 Assignment dated: June 25, 2013
 Assignment recorded: July 11, 2013
 Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 744908 in Book 346 at Page 369

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

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

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$83,922.92 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$78,354.03 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$2,059.60, plus other costs in the amount of \$3,509.29, plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale;

WHEREAS, the property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale. Any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid;
 NOW, THEREFORE JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on May 6, 2014 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY, Weston County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

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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 \$0.15775 per therm, effective March 1, 2014. The proposed increase is attributed to [i] a projected wholesale gas cost increase of \$0.03384 per therm for the period of March 1, 2014, through May 31, 2014; and [ii] an increase of \$0.12391 per therm in the CBA surcharge. The Company estimates that this application will increase revenues by approximately \$166,365 through May 31, 2014. 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 approximately 100 therms per month may expect a monthly gas bill increase, before taxes, of approximately \$15.77 or about 20.39%. 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 17, 2014. Please mention Docket No. 30022-223-GP-13 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 18, 2014.

(Publish March 27 and April 3, 2014)

(Publish March 27, April 3, 10 and 17, 2014)

Blotter

March 16, 2014
 Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Welfare check requested. Bicycle registration requested. Traffic hazard reported. Civil standby requested. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Missing dog reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Civil complaint. Civil assist. Vandalism reported.
March 17
 Traffic complaint. Minor accident reported. Lost property reported. 911 hang up. VIN inspection requested. Assist other agency. Civil problem reported. 911 hang up. Report of a dog at large. Report of a dog at large. Assist other agency. Suspicious phone calls reported. Domestic problem reported. Civil standby requested.
March 18
 Civil standby requested. Assist other agency. Suspicious vehicle reported. Parking complaint. 911 hang up. Report of a dog at large. Suspicious phone call reported. Report of a dog at large. Four VIN inspections requested. Threats reported. Threats reported. Report of a dog at large. Report of a dog at large. Impounded. Threats reported. Ministerial assistance requested. Animal abuse reported. Traffic

stop, Written Warning issued.
March 19
 Civil standby requested. Four VIN inspections requested. Injured deer reported. 911 hang up. 911 hang up. Injured deer reported. Minor accident reported. 911 hang up. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.
March 20
 Traffic stop, Citation issued. Trapped cat reported, Impounded. Three VIN inspections requested. Missing dog reported. Ministerial assistance requested. Assist other agency. Assist other agency. Civil standby requested. Traffic stop, no action taken. Arrest Warrant issued. Threats reported. Dog fight reported. Arrest Warrant issued. Parking complaint. Injured deer reported. Welfare check requested.
March 21
 Traffic stop, One arrest. Four VIN inspections requested. 911 hang up. Commercial alarm reported. Extra patrol requested. Hazard reported. Suspicious activity reported. Message delivery requested. Domestic reported. Suspicious activity reported.
March 22
 Fight reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Ministerial assistance requested. Traffic stop, One arrest. Threats reported. 911 hang up. Motorist assist. Motorist assist.



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Unofficial County Commission Minutes

MARCH 18, 2014

The regular meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Seeley presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners: Lenard D. Seeley, Randy Rossman, Marty Ertman and County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank. Not present for the meeting were Commissioners: Jerry Shepperson and Tracy Hunt.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 4, 2014 as published. Motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Wyoming Educators Benefit Trust (WEBT)

Dorothy Kouba, WEBT Insurance, met with the Commissioners and discussed updates to Health Care Reform. Mandates for employers with fifty or more Full-Time Equivalents as well as penalties for Pay-or-Play have been delayed until 2016. Ms. Kouba discussed changes to the definition of seasonal employees; stating that employees working six months or less are no longer considered full-time and do not have to be tracked. Ms. Kouba went over Weston County's current rates and renewal information. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:30 a.m. and reconvened at 9:36 a.m. with all present.

Weston County Event Center

Ray Hunkins, Hunkins Newton Law Firm, joined the meeting via conference call. Mr. Hunkins stated that some matters to be discussed may fall under the executive session laws and asked the Board their pleasure. A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to enter executive session under Wyoming Statute 16-4-405(a) (iii) for matters concerning litigation to which the governing body is a party or proposed litigation to which the governing body may be a party.

Carried.

Executive Session

The meeting entered executive session at 9:50 a.m. Present were: Commissioners: Lenard D. Seeley, Randy Rossman and Marty Ertman; Ray Hunkins, Attorney-Hunkins and Newton Law Firm (via conference call); Jerry Hunt, Contract Engineer and Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk.

The meeting returned to open session at 10:15 a.m. with all present.

Weston County Event Center

A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to terminate services with Schutz Foss Architects for the Weston County Event Center. **Carried.**

The meeting recessed at 10:16 a.m. and reconvened at 10:22 a.m. with all present.

Skull Creek Road

Fran Lehman, GIS, met with the Commissioners and discussed a quote received from Darrell Schlup, Tri-Star Surveying, for the Skull Creek Road. Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk, explained that a meets and bounds description of the centerline of the road is needed to complete the Mylar survey of the Skull Creek Road. Mrs. Lehman related that the miscommunication between her and Mr. Schlup would be addressed and a quote for the needed description would be requested. No action was taken.

Prairie Dogs/IDT Meeting

Chairman Seeley briefed the Board on an IDT Meeting with the US Forest Service he attended in Laramie, WY on March 12, 2014. Chairman Seeley recommended signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the USFS and Weston County for Cooperating Agency status. Commissioner Ertman shared informational documents titled "Public Lands Council, A Beginner's Guide to Cooperating Agency Status" and "Public Lands Council, A Beginner's Guide to Coordination" and requested revisions to the proposed MOU with the USFS. The Board agreed to revise the MOU and reconsider signing it at

the April 1, 2014 meeting. No action was taken.

Public Health

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the WY Department of Health/Public Health Division and Weston County, to delineate the responsibilities of the Public Health Division and Weston County pursuant to W.S. 35-1-240(a)(xx). **Carried.**

The meeting recessed at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 11:33 a.m. with all present.

Sheriff's Department

Bryan Colvard, Sheriff, met with the Commissioners and discussed bids for the Law Enforcement IT Room remodel. The quote for electrical work is estimated at approximately \$5,000.00 bringing the entire project to approximately \$18,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to approve the cost of the building repairs. **Carried.**

The meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 1:32 p.m. with all present.

Contract Engineer

Jerry Hunt, Contract Engineer, met with the Commissioners and discussed the possibility of Weston County piggy backing on a gravel purchase with Crook County at a reduced rate. Mr. Hunt discussed the Weston County Energy Efficient Lighting Project stating that he is working on the bid package and the project could be advertised soon. Mr. Hunt discussed cash bonds versus surety bonds and explained to the Commission that cash bonds may be held for up to one year after final completion of the project at the Commissioners discretion. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Hunt for the information, no action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 1:50 p.m. and reconvened at 1:56 p.m. with all present, including Jerry Hunt, Contract Engineer.

Courthouse Air Conditioning Replacement Project

The hour being 2:00 p.m. the Board opened and reviewed three sealed bids for the Courthouse Air Conditioning Replacement Project. Bids were received from Powder River Heating and Air Conditioning, Black Hills Plumbing and Heating and Johnson Controls. All bids met the bid requirements although differences were noted on brands of equipment and installation procedures. Mr. Hunt stated that he would contact the bidders to request more information for the comparison of bids.

The meeting recessed at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened at 2:34 p.m. with all present.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to table the decision on the Courthouse Air Conditioning Replacement Project, until more information can be collected. **Carried.**

The meeting recessed at 2:58 p.m. and reconvened at 3:06 p.m. with all present.

Sage Grouse

Bob & Jean Harshbarger, resident experts, met with the Commissioners and discussed the Sage Grouse Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Mr. Harshbarger stated that the comment period deadline for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is March 24, 2014, and the comment period for the US Forest Service (USFS) Amendment to the Sage Grouse Land Use Plan is March 27, 2014. The Commissioners discussed letters written by the Board requesting coordination for Sage Grouse Management in Weston County, which have gone unanswered. Mr. Harshbarger expressed concerns regarding impacts to livestock grazing and mineral and oil and gas exploration in Weston County. Mr. Harshbarger discussed split-estate lands and concerns that surface rights may be lost because the Federal Government owns the mineral rights. Mr. Harshbarger reminded the Board that the Draft Sage Grouse EIS only has one page which mentions predation as an impact to Sage Grouse and it speaks to raptors with no mention of coyotes and other predators. The Board thanked the Harshbargers' for their continued research and information. A motion was

made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on a letter drafted by Mr. Harshbarger for the Sage Grouse Nine Plan comment period addressed to the BLM WY State Office. **Carried.** The letter was signed and copies were sent to the following: US Senator Mike Enzi, US Senator John Barrasso, US Congresswoman Cynthia Lummis, WY Governor Matt Mead, WCCA, USFS (Douglas and Newcastle Offices) and Newcastle BLM Office.

Approve Minutes

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

The meeting recessed at 3:51 p.m. and reconvened at 3:58 p.m. with all present.

Schutz Foss Architects/Notice of Termination

Chairman Seeley read aloud a Resolution of Notice of Termination of services to Schutz Foss Architects with respect to the Weston County Events Center. A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to approve and authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on a Resolution to terminate services with Schutz Foss Architects for the Weston County Event Center. **Carried.** The Resolution was signed and numbered 14-02.

City Officials

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to WY State Statute 15-1-110, the following is a list of Chief Administrative Officials, Assistant Administrative Officials, Elected Officials, Department Heads, and full time employees of the City of Newcastle specified by name and position, excluding salaries;

Mayor	Greg James
Council President	Todd Quigley
Councilwoman	Linda Hunt
Councilman	Roger Hespe
Councilman	Don Steveson
Councilman	Archie Callander
Councilwoman	Iva Carter
DEPARTMENT HEADS:	
City Clerk/Treasurer	Charita Brunner
City Engineer	Bob Hartley
City Police Chief	James Owens
Municipal Judge	Patrick Crow
CITY OFFICE:	
Senior Deputy Clerk/Treasurer	Debora Mills
POLICE DEPARTMENT:	
Police Officer, Sergeant	Greg Locke
Police Officer, Corporal	Eric Dudzinski
Police Officer, Detective	Jared Williams
Police Officer	Peggy Miles
Police Officer	Levi Tacy
Police Officer	Richard Hillhouse
Police Officer	Jeremy Herrberg
Communications Supervisor	Mary Robertson
Dispatcher	Melissa Stubbs
Dispatcher	Kami Erland
Dispatcher	Cathy McMeekin
Dispatcher	Tonia Mills
Dispatcher	Sherie Hilgenkamp
Community Service Officer	Genell Rothleutner
CITY SHOP:	Trinity Douglas
Superintendent	Doug Sankey
Shop Foreman	Greg Stumpff
Mechanic	Lester Butts
Garbage Truck Driver	Tim Stith
General Labor	Taylor Hespe
General Labor/Meter Reader	Rob Schlup
General Labor/Arborist	Travis Peterson
General Labor	Emmet Daunt
General Labor	Greg Stumpff
General Labor	Robin Gray
General Labor	Tyrel Owens
General Labor	Gary Newman
General Labor	Tracy Tupa

Charita Brunner, City Clerk/Treasurer

(Publish March 27, 2014)

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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

(Publish March 27, 2014)

Public Notice

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

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

Charita Brunner
Clerk/Treasurer City of Newcastle

(Publish March 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2014)

Election Notice

NOTICE OF ABSENTEE BALLOTING FOR THE WESTON COUNTY MUSEUM DISTRICT TRUSTEE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 6, 2014

Absentee ballots for the Weston County Museum District Trustee Election to be held on May 6, 2014 are now available at the Weston County Museum District Administrative Office located at 401 Delaware Ave., Newcastle Wyoming, to all qualified electors.

Requests for absentee ballots may be made through the administrative office of the Weston County Museum District by furnishing the information required by law in person, in writing, or by telephone (307) 746-4188. Qualified registered electors may also vote absentee in the administrative office of the Weston County Museum District through May 5, 2014.

(Publish March 27, 2014)

Election Notice

NOTICE OF ABSENTEE BALLOTING FOR WESTON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT DBA/WESTON COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MAY 6TH, 2014

Absentee ballots for Weston County Health Services Board of Trustees Election to be held on May 6, 2014, are now available at Weston County Health Services Administrative Office located at 1124 Washington Blvd., Newcastle, Wyoming, to all qualified electors.

Requests for absentee ballots may be made through the administrative office of Weston County Health Services by furnishing the information required by law in person, in writing, or by telephone (307) 746.4491, extension 258. Qualified registered electors may also vote absentee in the administrative office of Weston County Health Services through May 5, 2014.

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Men

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assessing his team candidly. "They don't have it when they come to us. If they've only played one year of soccer or they've never played, [there's a steep learning curve]. You use your hands every day, so you know how to use them. You don't use your feet every day, so you have to learn completely, like a child, how to kick and trap the ball."

Such skills are crucial, asserted Will, because the game is one of finesse, and players can't expect to depend on raw athleticism alone.

"You have to be technically sound," he continued. "You can't just go out there and play a physical game and win.

You have to know how to play with the ball with your feet and body."

Will, who said he is in the process of slowly rebuilding the Newcastle program along with Assistant Coach Josh Peterson, said he was thrilled, however, to have more players to work with this year, as the current turnout of 20 is up from last year's 12.

As for this season's immediate goals, Will said he hopes to see his team topple Buffalo, the dominant school in the quadrant.

"Buffalo always destroys all the teams in our [quadrant] and goes to State," he explained of the powerhouse Bison, who

went 12-2-2 overall last season. "We usually play them well but they tend to get ahead [in the end]. Our goal this year is to play right with them. I want to beat them at least once this year [even though] we have such a green team."

The Dogies will get that chance on Saturday, when they face Buffalo on the road, but first they'll have the opportunity to pick up a win against Douglas at home on Friday.

Will indicated both games are very important in terms of the possibility of going to State this year, as both teams fall within Newcastle's quadrant.

The Bearcats, who struggled themselves last year with

a record of 3-10 overall, were described by Will as the less formidable of the weekend's two opponents.

"Buffalo is very technically sound and that's what makes them a great team, because they know how to use the ball and how to move. Douglas is not ... technical like Buffalo is."

It will be the first time we can really gauge where we are compared to last year," added Assistant Coach Josh Peterson of the game against Douglas.

Friday's home game against the Bearcats will begin with JV action at 4 p.m. Newcastle will take on Buffalo in Bison country at noon on Saturday.

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Track

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Though overall team scores for the event weren't immediately available, and Newcastle didn't participate in relays owing to the fact that not all their athletes were able to make the trip, Newcastle turned in some impressive individual performances. Sophomore Calbi Ausmann took first place in the 800 and 1600 meter runs and second place in the 400 meter for the girls. For the boys, Tristan Mitchell displayed similar dominance, taking first in the 800 and 1600, while finishing third in the 400. Other top placers included Anna Henkle, who took fifth in the 55-meter dash, and Jacob Esposito and Andy Nelson, who placed fourth in the triple jump and 3200-meter run respectively.

Newcastle was the only Wyoming school to make the trip to Chadron, with the rest of the field of 15 teams composed of Nebraska and South Dakota schools.

Hayman reasoned that the most important thing was simply to get the first meet of the season under their belts.

"The first meet is tough," said Hayman, "because you've got the first competition jitters.

Stats	
Boys	
200 Meter	10..Phillip Jagelski 25.6
400 Meter	3. Tristan Mitchell 56.4; 7. Ethan Schuessler 58.4; 9. Jake Villanueva 58.8
800 Meter	1. Tristan Mitchell 2:07.7; 10. Trenton Parsons 2:23.90
1600 Meter	2. Tristan Mitchell 4:50.1
3200 Meter	4. Andy Nelson 11:05.2
High Jump	9. Taylor Allen 5-06.0
Triple Jump	4. Jacob Esposito 37-03.0
Girls	
55 Meter	5. Anna Henkle 7.8
200 Meter	8. Laura Chord 29.9
400 Meter	2. Calbi Ausmann 1:05.9; 7. Sadie Payne 1:20.8; 9. GoEun Ha 1:30.0
800 Meter	1. Calbi Ausmann; 9. Mikenna Waggener 3:06.4
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55 Meter Hurdles	7. Laura Chord 10.0
Long Jump	9. Anna Henkle 14-04.0

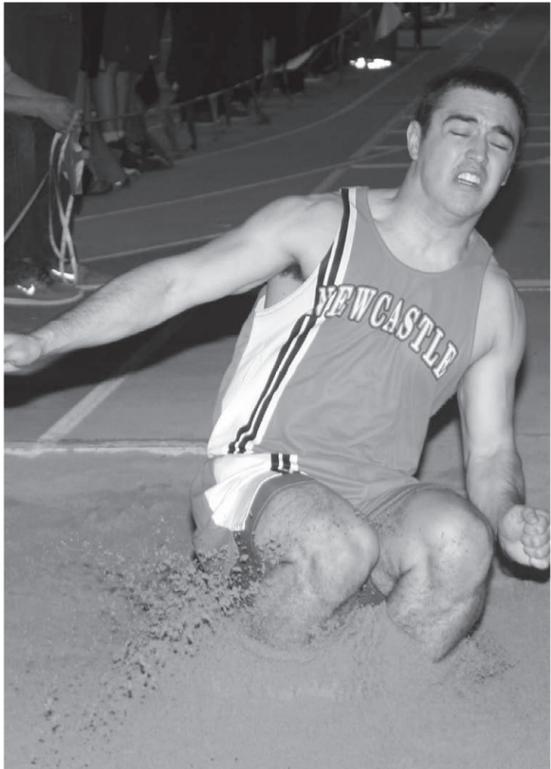


Photo courtesy of Chadron State College
Newcastle High School senior Phil Jagelski grimaces as he lands hard during the Long Jump event at a meet in Chadron, Neb., on Saturday. Jagelski finished 17th in a field of more than 50 competitors, with a leap of 17 feet, 4 inches.

It's good to get those out of the way. A lot of the freshmen, this is their first high school meet, obviously, and it's good to get that out of the way ... It's just a good wake-up call because it shows how much work needs to be done if you want to be successful at the high school level."

"The kids who have done well," Hayman continued, "they know they have to keep working hard. The kids who haven't done so great know they have to get after it. It's just good all the way around."

The same holds true for specific events, Hayman said, especially those that require a little more know-how when it comes to technique.

"We have a whole bunch of kids who are doing pole vault for the first time and got over opening height and got to find out what it's going to be like to compete in that event, and get the nervousness out of their system a little bit."

Despite the obvious advantages of the Chadron meet's indoor setting, Hayman said the small 160-meter track meant that times, with the exception of the 55-meter dash which is run on a straightway,

are slower than they would otherwise be.

"You're always fighting the curve ... You're using a lot of energy to stay inside. Usually times indoors are slower than what's going to happen outdoors because of that factor."

As for what's up next for the Dogies, Hayman said the Southern Hills Developmental Meet, which Newcastle takes turns hosting with Hot Springs and Custer, has been cancelled this year due to a scheduling conflict. That's unfortunate, Hayman said, because such meets give the opportunity for younger athletes to try their hand at a broader range of events.

"They call them developmental meets because they don't limit entries. When you have a big team and you have a lot of young kids on it you

want to get them in as many events as you can get them in. When you go to some of these meets with restricted entries, some of them only allow you to enter four kids in an event."

The Dogies will, however, have the opportunity to head to Buffalo later this week for the Jerry Campbell Invitational, which is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Friday. That is of course conditional on the weather holding up, but Hayman said he isn't losing any sleep over it.

"This time of season — in fact usually all season — it's kind of a crap shoot about what's going to happen [weather wise]. If we could just have a day in the 40s and no rain, I think we'd be all right. We'll see what happens. I quit worrying about it a couple of years ago," he said, laughing.

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Ladies

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throughout the rest of the first half of play as Cade added a second goal just four minutes later, assisted this time by mid-fielder Scottlyn Wiggins, and Wiggins contributed a goal of her own at the 35-minute mark off an assist, in turn, from Cade.

Sophomore goal keeper Kelsey Wood, who started the second half of the season for Newcastle last year, helped keep the Camels scoreless with five saves until the 60-minute mark, and Gillette was unable to generate any other effective offense beyond that single goal.

Having gotten off to an auspicious start this season, Newcastle will next test themselves on the road against Douglas on Friday before hosting Buffalo the next day at home. Both teams fall within Newcastle's quadrant, meaning this weekend's games are comparable to conference games in other sports.

Hoffman, noting that the match will be Douglas' first of the season, said he hopes to have the competitive advantage based on that fact alone.

"We do have a game under our belts as opposed to them," Hoffman reasoned. "It's their first game of the season, so hopefully that will work in our favor. We took that first 15 minutes of [our] first game to really get over pre-game jitters and realize that we're playing against another team. Hopefully Douglas will have a little bit of

Stats	
March 21 @ Gillette Newcastle 3, Gillette JV 1	
Goals:	Katara Cade 2; Scottlyn Wiggins 1
Assists:	Savannah Davis 1; Scottlyn Wiggins 1; Katara Cade 1
Saves:	Kelsey Wood 5

that in the first half, and hopefully what we learned in the first game we can carry over into this week against Douglas."

"They have three pretty good returning players," the Dogie coach continued, assessing the Bearcats. "One's a defender. One's an outside mid-fielder. The

other's a striker. [They] are pretty good contributors from last year, so I expect them to have improved over the off-season."

But Douglas, having graduated their starting all-conference goal keeper, will have someone new holding up their final line of defense this year, someone Hoffman says he hopes to see his team put to the test in Friday's game.

"Last year I really felt like [their goalie] was a very big key in them beating us in our second game, because she made so many phenomenal saves."

Douglas, however, struggled much like the Dogies did last year, going 2-11-1, and probably a bigger test for Newcastle will come on Saturday at home against Buffalo, a team that finished last season 12-4 overall and 4-0 in the 3A East Conference. Which is all the more reason for Dogie fans to turnout in mass in order to cheer on their favorite team.

Friday's games at Douglas are scheduled to commence at 4 p.m., while Saturday's home games against Buffalo will begin with JV play at noon.