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On fire



Casey Hall sings the Alicia Keys song, "Girl on Fire," at the Newcastle High School Annual Variety Show March 19 at the Crouch Auditorium. Hall was accompanied by Carissa Deming on piano. See more photos from the event on Page 10. (Photo by Amy Menerey/NLJ)

Drug bust

Two women charged in drug-related death

By Bob Bonnar of NLJ

A joint investigation over a period that covered several months has resulted in the arrest of two Newcastle women on federal charges for illegally distributing prescription medication. According to an officer involved in the case, the distribution of the drug methadone resulted in the death of another Newcastle resident two years ago.

A press release issued by the Wyoming Department of Criminal Investigation states that the two Newcastle women, 71-year-old Fern Baker and 55-year-old Cathy Lines, were arrested as part of a joint operation conducted by DCI's Northeast

Enforcement Team, the Newcastle Police Department, and deputies with the U.S. Marshals Service.

According to DCI, Lines was placed under arrest in Cheyenne, while Baker's arrest took place in Newcastle. Both women have been charged in federal court with distribution of methadone resulting in death, and distribution of methadone resulting in death and aiding and abetting. Baker also faces an additional federal charge for distribution of methadone.

The press release states that both women, who were recently indicted by a federal grand jury, face a possible sentence of 20 years to life in prison if convicted, and could be fined up to \$100,000. The case is being prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office.

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Grand Old Party getting younger

By Bob Bonnar of NLJ

The retirement of Black Hills Power District Manager Jim Bunch will have plenty of impact on Newcastle, but of all the voids that will have to be filled in the community as the long-time civic leader retreats from public life, the largest may be in local Republican Party politics.

The Weston County Republican Central Committee began the process of moving forward on Wednesday evening when it found itself in the position of electing a new county chairman for the first time in more than a decade, and Jill Pischke was chosen to take over the duties Bunch has performed for years.

The local party is undergoing something of a complete face lift, as Bunch wasn't the only individual to announce that he would be stepping down from a leadership position, and Weston County Republicans found themselves

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Weston County keeps adding to labor force

By Christopher Smith for NLJ

While the nation celebrated a decrease in the unemployment rate of a mere fraction of a percent this month, Weston County can boast a much more substantial decrease through the course of the past year, according to a report from

the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services.

Every month the Research and Planning section of DWS issues a report on the employment picture in the state of Wyoming. The reports also compare the numbers to the same time period in the previous year. While the reports show the numbers for the

entire state, it also reports the numbers for individual counties within the state.

During the colder months in the year, many counties see a decrease in employment rate due to less demand for construction, professional and business services. The leisure and hospitality category drops significantly every year during

this time as well.

While unemployment tends to rise in Wyoming during the winter months, the state fared much better this year than it did a year ago, and the same is true in Weston County.

"Most county unemployment rates decreased from November 2011 to November 2012," the report issued by the department

stated in December.

The winter employment growth over a year ago wasn't apparent early in the season, but by the beginning of this year it was readily apparent.

The number of people statewide employed in November of 2011 was 288,677, as compared to 288,760 people employed last November. For November

of 2011, in Weston County there were 3,173 people employed, and that number grew to 3,212 people employed, according to the report.

That meant 39 of the 83 new jobs in the state during that time period were in this county. Regardless, most

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Governing officials hear from community

Newcastle's youth pose questions

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

When U.S. Senator John Barrasso visited with Newcastle High School students enrolled in Sonja Karp's Government classes on Monday at the Crouch Auditorium, they posed thought-provoking questions. He told the students one of the reasons why he wanted to visit them was because of the great reputation Newcastle's students have, and after hearing the questions they posed, he reported to the News Letter Journal he was very impressed.

In his introduction, Barrasso told the students there was no place better to get an education than Wyoming, especially with the Hathaway Scholarship. He reported that helping to create the scholarship with other politicians was one of the best things he has done while in the state legislature, and the best way to invest in the future of the state.

"I figured with what is happening with the world, our debt, what is happening in Washington in terms of the past election, I thought you might have a bunch of questions," the senator stated. "I will try to answer them as fully and honestly as I can."

The first question, posed by sophomore Jae Marie Whitney, was, when

"I think this administration, with its rules and regulations, is unfortunately so tilted toward the energy environment extremist standpoint that it is hurting our energy security as well as our potential for economic growth."

— Sen. John Barrasso

is the debt too much? He answered that the \$16 trillion debt was too much when it was at \$5 trillion.

"That is the big problem. Do you know where we are borrowing this money from? China. So how do you stay a strong, independent leading force in the world if you owe that kind of money to anybody. If you think about your families, you don't want to owe that kind of money to a bank to anybody because they will come in and say, 'well you have to do this or that.' And we don't want that to ever happen

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Denice Piscioti/NLJ

Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo, speaks to a group of teenagers from Newcastle High School's government classes Monday, where the young adults offered insightful questions to the senator.

Representatives listen to concerns

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

At the Weston County Library in Newcastle, field representatives from the offices of U.S. Sen. Mike Enzi, U.S. Sen. John Barrasso and Congressman Cynthia Lummis — DeAnn Kay, Marci Schlup and Matt Jones — visited with Leonard Nack, Steven Ludwig, Kim Dean and Randy Dirkes on March 20 to learn the issues and concerns of area residents.

Topics discussed at the meeting varied from green energy to health care, but the main concern was the current debt crisis of the United States.

"Basically, I really feel that we need to be focused on the federal budget. We need to cut spending, it needs to balance. I think that needs to be the focus so we don't crumble from within. I would like to see them focus on the federal budget," Dean stated.

Dirkes also stated he is concerned with spending, opining that radio and television advertising paid for by the government on subjects that are obvious — like putting kids in car

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WEATHER FORECAST	Thursday Sunny Hi 56, Lo 33	Friday Partly Cloudy Hi 62, Lo 38	Saturday Some Showers Hi 53, Lo 31	Sunday Mostly Sunny Hi 48, Lo 27	Monday Partly Cloudy Hi 44, Lo 28	Tuesday Sunny Hi 48, Lo 32	Wednesday Cloudy Hi 54, Lo 32	INSIDE: • Egg Hunt, Page 3 • Delivered!, Page 8 • Tables, Page 8 • Sports, Page 9



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Our View

Early returns

People are undoubtedly aware that the continuing drought has made for longer fire seasons, but a release issued by the South Dakota Department of Agriculture early this week should remind us that while dry conditions extend the time when we're at high risk for fires further into the fall, they also create a greater likelihood of wildfire early in the spring.

The South Dakota release proclaimed that all burn permits issued in that state will expire at the end of this month, and it cites instances of fire escapes from the burning of brush piles as justification for the decision. For our neighbors to the east, there will be no more burn permits issued until at least October.

For local authorities, recent conditions have dictated that it is no longer a question of whether or not fire restrictions will be imposed in Weston County, but how soon, and we suggest residents prepare themselves for the likelihood that they could come even earlier than they did a year ago.

We'd like to remind readers that last year's historic fire season began earlier than anybody expected, and it is not unusual for the county's first wildfire to begin as a controlled burn.

We do not suggest that local officials hurry to emulate the actions taken in South Dakota, but we encourage residents to take all necessary precautions to ensure that authorities don't find themselves wishing they had imposed restrictions this early in the season.

In many cases, ensuring that controlled burns don't become out of control in years when fire danger is high involves little more than awareness and extra vigilance. If there is even a chance that the burning of a brush pile or a load of trash could ignite a bigger blaze, don't risk it. In these conditions slim chances become realities in the blink of an eye.

As proud western individualists, most of us bemoan government interference, so let's approach the fire season that is already upon us aware of our own responsibility. Don't put local officials in the position of having to make decisions for us. Exercise all caution, take no chances, and do everything you can to make sure that when fire fighters are called on in 2013, it's because an act of God created the situation that required their services, not an act of carelessness.

Letters to the Editor

Where are the parents?

Dear Editor,
As a retired Deputy Sheriff in charge of Juvenile Investigations from 1972 to 1978 and Social Services Specialist from 1978 to 1989, who also served as a court appointed Juvenile Probation Officer in some cases over that same time period, I read the article pertaining to the truancy problems in our school.

It is a horror!
There are many many forms of child abuse and neglect, and truancy is a red flag that indicates trouble in the child's home. I was taught that when a truancy referral is made, a social worker will make a home visit and have 72 hours to determine if children are being neglected or abused.

If any neglect is happening, DFS is supposed to open a case to determine what kind of supervision a child is receiving. If the situation does not improve, and the child is under 16 years of age, a child in need of a supervision petition should be filed in juvenile court.

This generates a home study. This action allows an in-depth investigation of a child's welfare, which includes ascertaining if a child is receiving medical and dental care, if needed. Is the child's nutritional needs being

met? Do they have proper clothing for Wyoming weather?

Many times in such cases, it has been determined a child is being neglected and abused. Yes, juvenile court petition places a stigma on the child. However, it is the only avenue open to find out what is happening in a home. Good or bad, a child comes first.

If a child will not communicate with anyone in authority, the court will probably order a home study. Then, a child should be given a psychological evaluation. Anyone who has the authority to help a child in need and does not, should not have that authority position. Any type of neglect can be an indicator of very serious problems and that must be ascertained. It is the only chance the child has.

Children deserve the best that can be done for them. Educational neglect is a disgrace, and how will those young people survive in an adult world? Social work is hard and I know. Parents and children hate you, but a good social worker must keep knocking on the door until answers are revealed and the children are partaking in good school attendance and want to learn.

A child is a gift, but keeping that child is a responsibility.

—Carolyn Howell



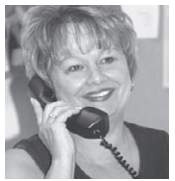
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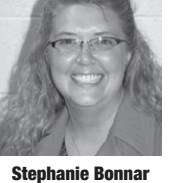
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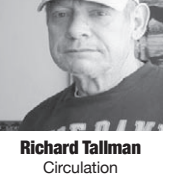
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Student views on gun control and school security

(Ed. note: The students in Debb Proctor's Freshman English Class write persuasive essays that are submitted for publication to the News Letter Journal each year. This year, the assignment was given in the week following the tragic killings at an elementary school in Newtown, Conn., prompting many local students to voice their opinions on guns and school safety. Over the next couple of weeks, the NLJ will publish those letters in this space.)

Is the answer really that easy?

Dear Editor,
Watching the news is something many Americans do on a daily basis. By watching, many citizens have witnessed the exploitation of a person misusing guns in the shooting of Connecticut children and teachers. This situation is now leading the national government, to have an uprise on having better gun control in America. In the eyes of this writer, the national government should do nothing about gun control due to these facts: who really is in control, who is responsible for all this nonsense, and the "15 minutes of fame" phenomena.

"It's not the guns, it is the people" has been said by various people. That makes a lot of sense to a person that has handled a gun in their lifetime. When a gun is being shot, the trigger needs to be pulled. A gun can never just go off by itself. It is loaded and discharged by a person. A person should always have a reason to be loading the gun, so who is in control? The shooter/person is in complete control, whether aiming, pulling the trigger, or loading the gun.

A gun is not just used for shooting people, but if that is how several policy makers want it perceived, then they are assuming there is an easy solution to a very complex problem. If the government were to ban guns, most murderers, if they really had the urge to kill, would just not use a gun. There are numerous objects out there, such as a knife, that kill.

Also the government bans many things, which has done no justice. There are people in the United States that use many illegal things, and the government cannot control it. Their assumption is very clear that the first response is to take gun control as the easy way out, but they should look at several issues surrounding violence and look at all the other variables that were involved with events in Connecticut and other places in the United States.

The definition of blame is the act of holding responsible, making negative statements about an individual or group that their action or actions are socially or morally irresponsible, the opposite of praise. The people who own guns are clearly getting blamed by the government. Most serial killers have sustained head injuries, been an ex-convict, been in a gang, or are considered insane. Clearly they should not be trusted with guns, but what about the good guys? Several government officials want to jump too fast and assume that gun control will control violence, but is that really what is best for America?

Americans could debate all day about who is to blame, but it all comes down to who really did control the gun or who is responsible for their actions. A person that buys a car assumes the responsibility to use it appropriately in the same way a person that purchases a gun assumes the responsibility to use it appropriately. If you think America would stand for more automobile control because it would stop all automobile deaths, then lawmakers may start to understand that the answer for gun violence is not a control issue. It is about people who choose to use them wrong.

Just taking away the gun is something the Constitution says is not possible. The Second Amendment was put in place for a person's own good

against the government. Are we going to let the government take away something our Founding Fathers put in place for our safety?

Have you heard the saying, "that is their 15 minutes" of fame?" Too often in today's world that is a big motive for killers. The "15 minutes of fame" is, in my opinion, a major factor in the manner of which the American media exploits the individual and their accomplishments or lack of success. Some events are good to be televised, but in this case, not so much. In the Connecticut shooting, there were many bad things that come from televising, including that unstable people see how much publicity they receive and want to be copycats. This leads to more and more violence and loss of life because they want to be in control and be remembered more than the killer before them. The killer also usually gets pleased by all these Americans worrying to death about just one person, and know that there are still programs going about what was done. They never stop in today's world. In the first place 15 minutes was too much, and it is more than 15 minutes now. That killer knows he has Americans and their government changing their ways for him.

From the perspective of a normal girl that has shot a gun for more than a decade of her 15 years of life, there is nothing to be done about gun control. The national government needs to find a way to control the crazy people that may use guns inappropriately through proactive behavior programs. Maybe more money needs to be put into targeting young people who are at-risk for committing violent crimes. This is a huge issue, and there is no simple answer to many of the complex issues facing the government today. History will show that in past cases, any time government attempts to control human behavior it has not been very successful. Prohibition is one that comes to mind. Efficient and effective ways to control human behavior is the "hard" answer. The government needs to step up to the challenge.

—Sierra LaCroix

Most people should be able to own and possess firearms

Dear Editor,
My question for Barack Obama is this: In previous years, and even during the years you spent in the White House, who was stopping the people with guns who were looking to harm you or others? The answer is quite simply other people with guns. Gun control in America is not the correct response to the Newtown, Connecticut shooting by any means. The American government should not take away the guns of law-abiding citizens. This will not solve the real problem. This is violating our rights as Americans, and in years prior, this has been a precursor to dictatorships and nationwide genocide.

The real problem here is not the gun itself. Contrary to popular belief, it is the one with his hand on the trigger. Taking guns away from millions of Americans who enjoy them legally and safely for the right reasons is not going to stop those few who will find access to a gun to get their way at all costs. Obviously, if one's intentions are already illegal, he/she is not going to let gun control stop them. Instead of taking guns away, why would the government not consider stricter requirements for those who want to own a gun? By only allowing those who meet the requirements to own a gun, those who do not pass the tests (such as Adam Lanza) will not get their hands on one in the first place. If owning a gun is important to someone, then he/she will take the extra steps necessary, whatever they may be, to have it that way. If not, then he/she will not own a gun.

Furthermore, the right to bear arms is one of our constitutional rights as Americans, and now that

America has run to the government for protection from itself, that right is in danger. I heard a story the other day about a woman in her mid-30s who was arrested for second degree murder. She had just gotten off work with her paycheck in her purse and was waiting for a bus at the bus stop. A man came up and stole her purse and ran off. The woman always carried a gun, so she pulled it out and shot the man running away six times.

Sitting in the witness stand on the day of her trial, facing five years in prison, she was asked to tell what had happened, so she told her story.

"He came up behind me, took my purse and ran off. I had just gotten my paycheck and I was thinking, 'Oh no you are not!' I just got that, you are not going to take it away. I had my hand on the gun, I pulled it out and shot him."

The judge asked, "But why six times?" She sat up straight and answered with simple conviction.

"Because when I went to shoot him the seventh time it just went 'click'."

All charges were dropped, and she went home that night. Our Founding Fathers gave us the right to bear arms so as to protect ourselves. Just take a moment to think about what would happen if we did not have that right.

To help with the visualization I will say this- Nazi Germany, 1933-1945. Taking the right to bear arms away from Germans was the last step before Adolf Hitler gained full control of his country and committed huge acts of nationwide genocide. The same can be said for Joseph Stalin of Russia. In the past, gun control has been a precursor to dictators killing millions of their own people. The level of severity between America's situation and Germany and Russia's situation is very different, but taking a constitutional right away can escalate a situation very rapidly.

Whether genocide and chaos would be the end result of losing our Second Amendment right or not, the American people should not have to find out.

There are so many possible solutions to this horrific problem we have here. Any that will bring 20 elementary students and seven teachers back? Unfortunately, not even close. Any that will prevent people like Adam Lanza from having the opportunity to commit such sickening crimes against humanity? Absolutely.

It is understandable after such a crime is committed against innocent people to want to take the easy way out for protection and security. A poster with this saying has been in every classroom of mine I can recall since kindergarten: What is easy is not always right, what is right is not always easy. Practice what you preach! Instead of taking guns away from the general public, requirements, tests, and qualifications to own a gun could become more rigorous. In cases of people like Adam Lanza, mental stability is obviously something that needs to be checked on before one is allowed to own such a weapon. Armed guards and security can be upped at public schools, children centers, etc.

As for individuals, go out and buy a gun. Let us show President Obama that this is not what we want. Let us not take the easy way out on this.

One person's weapon is another person's protection, even in President Barack Obama's case. He was protected from potential assailant's guns by his security guard's gun. The only difference between the two is the intentions of the one holding the firearm.

The American Government should not take away the guns of law abiding citizens. This will not solve the real problem, and it is violating our rights as Americans.

—Abi Deveraux

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It's egg hunting season

By Christopher Smith For NLJ

In an effort to see kids smiling, active and excited for Easter, the Newcastle Lions Club will be hosting its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30, in Dow Park at 10 a.m.

Organizers are hoping for sunshine and warm temperatures, but that hasn't always been the case. Regardless of how the weather has been in years past, all the children in Newcastle know they can attend and join in on some Easter fun, and most take advantage of the chance to win prizes like toys, blowing bubbles, hacky sacks, candy and chalk.

The youth that show up will be split up according to age. Groups will consist of kids ages 5 and under and the other group will be 5 and above.

Prizes will be given out by the eggs the children collect, with 100 eggs, numbered 1 through 100, dispersed for the children to find. When the kids bring their numbered eggs in and show it to

those working the event, they will receive a prize that matches with the number on their egg.

The eggs will be individually wrapped candied eggs, and the event will be free for all the children that wish to participate.

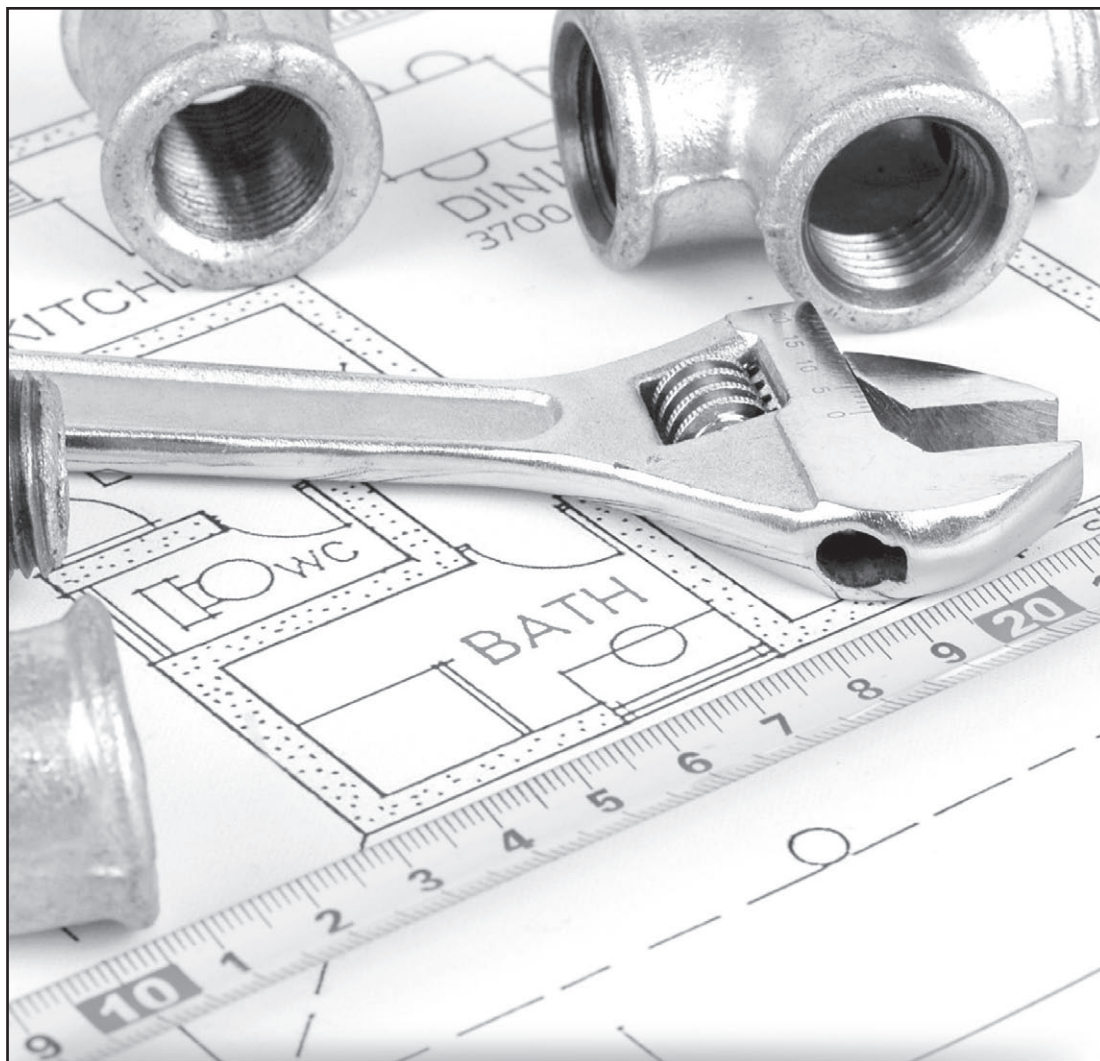
According to Lions Club Member John Ellis, on average 100 to 150 kids show up each year to participate in this event. He also said that the event usually only takes between 15 to 30 minutes to complete.

"It seems like it gets quicker every year," Ellis smiled.

The event has been going on for at least 20 years according to another Lions Club Member, Deb Piana.

"I think it's a good service to our community," Piana said.

Many of the Lions Club members said they agree to host the event for a number of different reasons, but most of them indicate they are motivated simply by a desire to do something nice for the kids in the community.



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New District judge appointed

According to a press release, Gov. Matt Mead has selected Thomas Rumpke as the new Sixth Judicial District Judge for Campbell County and northeast Wyoming. Rumpke will fill the seat vacated by Judge Dan Price II, who is retiring.

Rumpke currently works in the Tort Litigation Division of the Wyoming Attorney General's office. As a senior assistant attorney general in

this division, Rumpke has engaged an active, extensive trial and litigation practice. His first job out of law school was with retired Wyoming Justice Robert Rose. Rumpke also worked for the Wyoming Department of Revenue and was in private practice.

"I had a strong pool of applicants and I am pleased to appoint Tom Rumpke. He has the diversity of legal experience necessary to serve Wyoming

well," Mead said in the release.

"His courtroom experience and his representation of many interests at trial were noteworthy. They stood out."

"I am honored with the trust that Governor Mead has placed in me by appointing me to this position. I look forward to working diligently to ensure that the people of the Sixth Judicial District receive fair and prompt resolutions to their legal matters," Rumpke said.

Arrests

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"The arrests of Lines and Baker were the result of a months long investigation by the Newcastle Police Department and Special Agents from DCI's Northeast Enforcement Team," the release stated.

DCI Special Agent Chris McDonald, who led the investigation, said the identity of the individual who allegedly died as a result of the distribution of the drug has not been released at this time.

According to a newsletter published by the Wyoming State Board of Pharmacy in March of 2010, methadone deaths have increased in recent years in this country.

In the article, PharmD Candidate Amanda Thompson said the drug, which has traditionally been used as an agent for managing other addictions — like heroin and morphine, has been increasingly prescribed for pain relief.

"Methadone's increasing use for pain management has made the medication more available for therapeutic and non-prescribed use. Its increased availability, lack of knowledge amongst providers and patients about methadone's potential hazardous effects, and lack of adequate monitoring all contribute to the rise in methadone related deaths," Thompson wrote in 2010, noting at the time that recorded deaths

from methadone use in Wyoming remained low but indicating that abuse was on the rise in the United States.

She cautioned that potentially fatal respiratory depression, cardiac effects, and a varied range of an elimination and drug interactions all contribute to the risks associated with taking methadone, and indicated that the fact that the drug is cheaper than other pain killers, like OxyContin, has increased its use.

"Most patients are also unaware of the potential risks of methadone," she professed, adding that taking methadone in combination with alcohol or other drugs, like benzodiazepines could be particularly dangerous and possibly fatal.

CORRECTION

In the March 21, 2013, Page 1 story, "Landfill issues not going away," the Central Weston County Waste Disposal District was referred to as the Osage Sanitation District. We regret the error.

Thank you for

caring

I want to thank my family for being there for me throughout all my surgeries, my son Jeff, Pat, Tony and boys, Dennis and family, Andrea and family.

Also thanks to other family members and friends for all the visits, flowers, cards, phone calls, donations and help during my hospital stays. I appreciate everything that everyone has done for me. Thanks to Arlene and Rose for caring so much.

I want to thank everyone who made my benefit a success. It was a good time and I had lots of fun, thank you.

Thanks to Pat, Jeanie, Susie, Rickay, Tabby, Pam, Mindy, Patty, Michelle W., Donna, Nate, Wyatt, Joe, Tony Jr., Jeff, and Michelle L. for organizing the benefit and helped get everything ready.

Thanks to everyone who donated items for the auction, everyone who brought food, helped serve and thanks to everyone who helped clean up afterwards.

A big thank you to all of you who came to my benefit and made it a huge success. I will never forget everyone's kindness. Thanks to the NLJ and KASL Radio for their advertisements.

Hope I haven't forgot anyone, if so I'm very sorry. I love you Aunt Pearl.

Love to all,
Donna Gilkison

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Obituaries

STACEE RABERN
Oct. 8, 1981–March 25, 2013
 Stacee Rabern passed away early Monday morning, March 25, 2013, peacefully in her sleep, at home. She was born Oct. 8, 1981. She lived a full and happy life. She so enjoyed all her friends from BOCES and RENEW. She loved her family and anyone who came to visit her.

Stacee was fortunate to have the most caring people near her all her life. Because of those special people, Miss Stacee got to experience life first-hand. Whether it was boating, fishing, playing in the park, going to dances and movies or just hanging out with friends. She truly loved her life and all those who touched it. She was diagnosed with Retts Syndrome at the age of 5. This proved to be a very big challenge, as it was a very unknown condition at the time. She had quite a magic ability to change a person's life in an instant. She was not a complainer, better described as tough as nails. She was a bright light, had the laughter of a crowd listening to the funniest comedian.

Stacee is survived by her mother and step-dad, Janine Uttenhove and Walter of Moorcroft; her father, Dick Rabern of Newcastle; special friends, Bill and Cindy Graham, and Lori and Kevin Schram of Gillette; her uncle, Clint Fordyce (Gnene, Garet and Jozelle) of Faith, S.D.; her aunt, Jolene Deveraux, (Craig, Abi, Coop and Jake) of Newcastle; and many, many friends.

She was preceded in death by maternal grandparents, John and Glenda Fordyce of Newcastle. Services will be held March 28 at 2 p.m., at the First Baptist Church in Gillette, with a public viewing on Wednesday evening from 4-7 p.m. at Walker Funeral Home. Cremation will follow.

BERNICE A. SCHRODER
Nov. 24, 1919–March 19, 2013
 Bernice A. Schroder, age 93, has gone to be with the Lord in her heavenly home. She died surrounded by her family at the Close to Home Hospice House in Gillette, on March 19, 2013.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on March 25, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Gillette, with Pastor Jared Tucher as officiant. A visitation was held from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the church Monday morning just prior to the service. Burial took place at 3 p.m. at Custer Cemetery in Custer, S.D., following the funeral service.

Bernice was the second child born to Eugene Arthur "Art" and Doretta Mary "Dora" (Halter) Robbenolt near Delmont, S.D., on Nov. 24, 1919. She grew up in and around Delmont and after graduating from high school attended college at Southern State Normal School in Springfield, S.D., to become a teacher. She finished four years of college at Spearfish, S.D., and the Ellsworth Air Force Base College and received a Bachelor of Science in Education. A one-room school teacher, Bernice taught seven years in Douglas County, S.D., one year at the Coleman School south of Hot Springs, S.D., one year at the Junction School north of Custer, 21 years at the Four Mile School west of Custer, and retired after teaching four years at the Pringle School in Pringle, S.D.

Bernice married Gale Schroder on Aug. 19, 1940, and they farmed between Armour and Delmont for 17 years. It was there that their only son, Frank, was born. In 1957 they moved to Hot Springs, then to Custer

in 1958 where they lived until moving to Newcastle in 1986. Gale died April 30, 1996, and Bernice later moved with her family to Gillette, in 2002.

Bernice enjoyed sewing, quilting, embroidery, reading books, Wednesday night Bingo with all her friends in her apartment building, her membership and time volunteering at the Campbell County Senior Center, and watching her great-grandchildren participate in various sporting events through the years. Her hobby in later years was embroidering tea towels and pillow cases, which she gave to many friends and family and donated to Campbell County's Relay for Life to be sold to raise money to fight cancer.

Bernice was very thankful to God for giving her a wonderful family and friends.

Survivors include her son, Frank, and his wife, Lynnda; granddaughters, Penny Schroder and Rosey Barbour, Rosey's husband Seth Barbour; beloved great-grandchildren, Taylor, Josi and Lane Barbour, all of Gillette; sisters, Georgia (Tom) Graves of Glendale, Arizona, Bonnie (Don) Novak of Wagner, S.D., and Clarice Williams of Rapid City, S.D.; numerous nieces and nephews and special adopted family, Mike and Jean Treloar and Kevin Treloar, all of Custer, and Heather (Coop) Cooper and boys of Rapid City.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; and brothers, Joe, Cliff and Bob Robbenolt; sister-in-law, Marie Robbenolt; and brother-in-law, Chester Williams.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in Bernice's name to the Close to Home Hospice of Gillette. Memorials and condolences may be sent in Bernice's name in care of Walker Funeral Home, 410 Medical Arts Court, Gillette WY 82716. Condolences may also be sent via the website, www.walkerfuneralgillette.com.



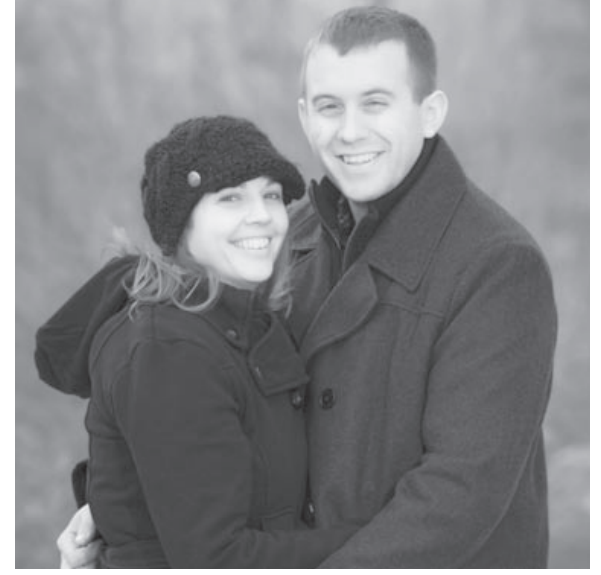
Bernice Schroder

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Engagement

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Tucker, Willey, Aspen and Harley are pleased to announce the engagement of their owners, Heidi Underberg and Cody Herrmann. The wedding ceremony will be held on April 27, 2013, in Custer State Park, S.D. The parents of the couple are Gary and Carol Underberg of Newcastle, and Mark and Carol Herrmann of Gillette.



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Regular Church Attendance



• ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH: Rev. Norm Brotzman, 216 S. Seneca, 746-2249. Call to Worship 9:30 am; Children's Church during Call to Worship; Faith Rally Sunday 6 pm.

• BAHAI FAITH: Firesides (Open to All) 1st & 3rd Fridays 7:30 pm at 15 Skyview Dr; 746-3626.

• CAMBRIA COMMUNITY CHURCH: Pastor Chris Walton, 19 Stampede St. 746-2321. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship 10:30 am; Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm

• CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL: Rev. Sally Boyd, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets, 746-9684. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday, Morning Prayer 10 a.m.; 2nd & 4th Saturday 4 p.m., Holy Eucharist.

• CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH: Pastor John Hopper, 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am.

• CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS: Bishop Greg James, 120 Ash, 746-4131. Sunday Sacrament Meeting 9 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am.

• CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH: Father Killian Muli, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5:45 pm; Weekday Mass 8 am.

• COUNTRY CHURCH: Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley, 746-9712, Worship 10 am.

• FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: Pastor Gary Anderson, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Bible Study 9 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Teaching Service 6 pm; Wednesday Service 6:30 pm.

• FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH: Pastor Lynn Schleicher, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service 5 pm, Christian Academy.

• FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Pastor Paul Holland, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Sunday School 8:45 am; Church Services 8 & 10 am; Nursery care available.

• GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP: Pastor Jon Andersen, Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am. Call 307-746-8091.

• 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. Saturday Mass 4 p.m.

• VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH: Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366.

• UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Rev. Sharee Johnson, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 10:30 am; Children's Church & Nursery are available; 1st & 3rd Wed Evenings Prayer and Praise Service 7 pm.

Symbols of Salvation

Easter is celebrated in the springtime when flowers bloom anew and robins lay their eggs. It is a time we celebrate renewal of life... Jesus rising from the grave... His rebirth and Ascension into Heaven. 1 Peter 1:3 assures us, "By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." This Easter let us praise God for the sacrifice of His Son and dedicate our lives anew in service to the Lord.

Weekly Scripture Reading

Luke 22:1-38	Luke 22:39-71	Luke 23:1-25	Luke 23:26-49	Luke 23:50-56	Luke 24:1-12	Luke 24:13-35
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WHAT'S UP		Meetings & Events Calendar	
DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
March 28	8:30 a.m.	TOPS (weight loss)	W.C. Senior Center
	11:45 a.m.	W.C. Health Services Foundation Mtg.	Board Room
March 29	8:30 a.m.	Way of the Cross	First United Methodist Church
	1 p.m.	Community Good Friday Service	Cambria Comm. Church
	6:30 p.m.	Good Friday Service	Christ the King Church
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
March 30	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
	9 a.m.	Wy. Disabilities Awareness Walk	NHS Practice Gym
	10 a.m.	Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt	Dow Park
	11 a.m.	1st Baptist Church Easter Egg Hunt	Larry Price Park
March 31	6 a.m.	Sunrise Service & Light Breakfast	Gateway Fellowship Church
	6:30 a.m.	FUMC Sunrise Service	Greenwood Cemetery
	6:30 a.m.	Sunrise Service	Christ the King Church
	8 a.m.	Sunrise Breakfast	Assembly of God Church
	9 a.m.	Easter Continental Breakfast	First Baptist Church
	9:30 a.m.	Easter Celebration Service	Assembly of God Church
	10:30 a.m.	Easter Worship Service	First Baptist Church
	2 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Church
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	7 p.m.	Newcastle Blood Drive	W.C. Senior Center
April 1	Noon	Chamber Board Meeting	USDA Building
	7 p.m.	W.C. Friends of Fair Meeting	Fair Office
	7 p.m.	Ciy Council Meeting	Council Chambers
April 2	5 p.m.	W.C. Historic Preservation Board Mtg.	USDA Building
	7 p.m.	W.C. Travel Commission	Upton Community Bldg.
	6:45 p.m.	ALANON (746-9791)	Mondell Heights
April 3	Noon	Lions Club Meeting	W.C. Senior Center
	1 p.m.	Card Making Class	Four Corners Country Inn
April 4	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	6:30 a.m.	W.C. Health Services Blood Draws	Upton Community Center
	8:30 a.m.	TOPS (weight loss)	W.C. Senior Center
	5 p.m.	VFW Post 2516	VFW Hall
April 5	7 p.m.	W.C. Museum District Meeting	Red Onion Museum
	10 a.m.	Chamber Coffee	FOCUS
	7:30 p.m.	Newcastle Tanglefoot Square Dance	Newcastle Elementary
April 5-6	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
April 5-6	6:30 a.m.	W.C. Health Services Blood Draw	W.C. Senior Center

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 28:
Douglas Lynn Wright ✕
Tate Wermers

March 29:
Ryan Harder,
Taylor Crinklaw,
Drew Conzelman

March 30:
Davin Tysdal,
Mildred Owens

March 31:
Katy Soper,
Kerry Escandon

April 1:
Dana Tysdal,
Brice Stanton

April 2:
Lacie Koester,
Taylor Hesper,
Tabitha Pillen,
Brittney Polly

April 3:
Dusty Rhoades,
Minnie Quick

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Saturday, March 30 at 11 a.m.
Annual Easter Egg Hunt
for kids 12 years old and under
at the Larry Price Memorial Park
across from High School
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Sunday, March 31
9 a.m.
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100 YEARS AGO – MARCH 27, 1913

Mr. and Mrs. Fedella Sandretto, of Cambria, are the proud parents of a baby boy that arrived Saturday morning to brighten their little house.

The "Two Harrys," Richards and Rhine, furnished the music for a dance near Red Butte Saturday night.

P.M. McCoy came down from a trip to Lead and went to the YT ranch to move his household effects to his Soldier Creek ranch. He and Mrs. McCoy came out Monday and will reside on the old home ranch after an absence of nearly a year.

Miss Leda Dow, having finished a seven-month term of school at Howard, returned to her home on Oil Creek last Monday.

Julius Bock's infant child is very low with whooping cough. A great many children have the whooping cough in this vicinity.

Mrs. Adkins came out to Horton with the mail Thursday.

The citizens of our neighboring town of Upton are rejoicing over the fact that the Burlington fast trains No. 41 and 42 now make that place a regular stop.

Oscar Linden has bought the Charles Jacobberger ranch southwest of Newcastle, the consideration being about \$3,000.

Mrs. D.W. Fawkes is enjoying a visit from her mother, Mrs. P. N. Hewes, who arrived from Sundance the fore part of the week and will remain during the absence of Mr. Fawkes and daughter Miriam on their trip to California.

Mrs. I.C. Jefferis conducted a story hour at the library last Saturday afternoon at which time she entertained about 75 of the little folks, winding up the afternoon by the serving of a delightful lunch to which the little ones did ample justice. We understand that the idea of a story hour will be a regular weekly feature at the library in the future.

A farewell party was given at the opera

house last Monday evening in honor of Miss Blanch Rose, who in company with her mother left this morning for their home in Vancouver, B.C., after a few weeks' visit at the home of Mrs. Rose's sister, Mrs. John Sedgwick.

A rehearsal in the art of doing those beautiful and highly elevating terpsichorean movements commonly known as the "bear-cat," "bunny-hug," "chicken-reel," "turkey-trot," "Texas Tommy," etc., was indulged in at the city hall last Sunday afternoon, and for fear the program might not run long enough several vocal selections were added for full measure.

75 YEARS AGO – WEEK ENDING MARCH 25, 1938

Four Newcastle boosters plan to leave this morning for Belfield, N.D., where they will attend an outstanding Highway 85 meeting tonight. Those who are leaving from here are Dr. N.E. Wells, Nels H. Smith, Howard DeVol and Walter Schoonmaker.

John Wallace, local pool hall operator, who was found guilty by a jury Wednesday of operating a gambling game at his place of business last September, was fined \$300 by Judge Harry P. Ilsley yesterday.

L.R. Morris and daughter Betty Lou and Mrs. M.W. Elliott motored over to Hot Springs yesterday to visit Mrs. Morris, who is in a hospital there.

C.E. Gallamore and son stopped at the Gold Eagle refinery on their way home from Newcastle.

"Speck" Bell, of the Horton area, visited at the Jim Simonson and Julius Frederickson homes Sunday.

The Newcastle girls basketball team won from Veteran 48 to 23 yesterday morning in their second game of the state tourney being held at Lingle this week. The Dogiettes lost to Carpenter 29 to 24 in their opening game of the tourney.



Mr. and Mrs. R. Hurtt became the proud parents of a seven-and-a-half-pound baby girl at the Acord hospital on Friday night.

M.W. Elliott of Beaver Creek was in Newcastle Saturday on business. Mrs. Elliott and son Jim, and Betty Lou Morris, who stayed in several days last week visiting relatives, returned to the ranch with him.

Donald and Robert Baldwin, of Clifton, came up from Laramie Thursday. They accompanied Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Baldwin and Glenn to Alliance on Friday.

50 YEARS AGO – MARCH 2, 1963

One of Newcastle's outstanding students, Miss Cherie Aimonetto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Aimonetto, has achieved the signal honor of being granted a Fulbright scholarship. Miss Aimonetto has chosen the University of Norway for her advanced work in research chemistry and pharmacy this summer, after graduating from the University of Wyoming. Miss Aimonetto is the only Newcastle High School graduate on record to receive this honor.

Newcastle is again expected to be a top contender in high school track and field competition this spring. Practice began officially this week with some 30 to 40 boys expected to participate this season, including some lettermen.

Mrs. Willis Willadson and children of Osage were luncheon guests at the Joe Bishop home last Friday. That afternoon, Mrs. Bishop and her guests called on Mrs. Ned Branscom and children.

Mrs. May Dow celebrated her 90th birthday in Newcastle. Mrs. Dow is one of the earliest living residents of Newcastle. She came to what is now Newcastle with parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Nelson, in 1888.

The Home Economics II classes in Newcastle High School went on a field trip to the Red Owl Food Store to see a demonstration on meat cutting and meat buying.

Steve Broby and Joe Kirkpatrick, both University of Wyoming students from Newcastle, have been pledged to Alpha Tau Omega.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bayne, Joyce and Gary, of Morrissy, shopped in Rapid City, S.D., Saturday and spent the weekend with friends and relatives there.

Miss Jo Rawhouser, Lauris and Harold Tysdal attended a school dance Friday evening at the junior high school. They were accompanied to the dance by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Tysdal.

Ad: Golden Valley salad dressing for 39 cents a quart at the Jack & Jill Food Market; fig bars at two pounds for 39 cents.

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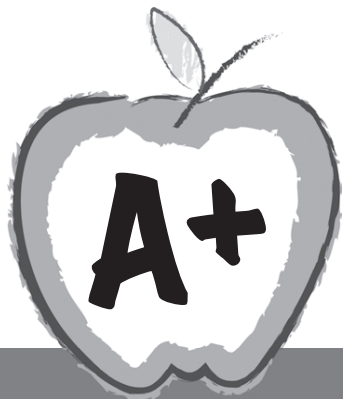
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Merritt S Crabtree
Madison S Crawford
Payton N Crawford
Shaylee J Curren
Alyssa L Dawson
Abigail M Deveraux
Ashlyn E Dollison
Tristin A Dollison
Heather R Earnest

Conrad J Farnsworth
Jeremy J Feist
Madison D Foster
Adam M Gettinger
Abby E Gray
Lynnell L Hanson
Alex L Henkle
Anna M Henkle
Haley M Himrich
Kalyln L Houser
Abigail J Hutchinson
Maccayla B Jordahl
Cooper J Karp
Shenae K LaCroix
Sierra M LaCroix
Derek C Lewis
Megan L Logan

Alec C Martinez
Dakota D McCormack
Nathan M McMahon
Gatlin B Miller
Courtney N Munger
Alondra D Munoz
Cassandra N Munoz
Mykel J Owens
Jenna G Piper
Christina A Rushton
Paige A Smith
Chris C Spain
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Scottlyn C Wiggins
Hannah N Williams
Kelsey D Wood
Kelsey A Zerbst

"B" Honor Roll

Hallee N Adams
Natalie C Artiles
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Curtis Belden
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Alyssa Houser
Jake Lacey
Cade Ostenson
Nolan Turner
Makenzie Wagoner

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Sarah Henkle
Abbigail Nelson
Dennon Parks
Cameron Quigley
Courtney Rainbolt

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Rachel Ehlers
Rachel Henkle
Megan Kenney
Alexis Krogman
Rosemarie McMahon
Taylor Spain

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Reid Holmes
Kassidee Jeppesen
Michelle Lewis
Paige Liggett
Talon Logan
Kolby Piscioti

Isaac Prell
Lauren Steveson
Kaylee Sweet
Lexus Voelker
Brady Wilkes
7th Grade:
Nathaniel Behnke
Abygail Bock
Tyler Ford
Ryan Harder
Bailey Lacey
Alexis Merchen
Tabitha Pillen
Erika Schultz

Madisyn Stalder
Bryson Tidyman
ShayeAnne Walker
8th Grade:
Daytona Bennett
Clayton Colvard
Danika Guse
Morgan Holt
Kaprina Jones
NaKala Liggett
Marshall Rhoades
Alyssa Umphlett
Wyatt Voelker

"B" Honor Roll

6th Grade:
Alaina Boettcher
Kaden Curren
Emily Freytag
MyKenna Howen
Bryson Johnson
Perry Martin
Ely Mitchell
Peyton Purviance
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A dog the mail lady can love

By Christopher Smith
for NLJ

Many people train their dogs to do tricks, but the owner of 7th Avenue Thrift Store trained his dog to do something even better.

On a cold winter day Jackie Bau, the mail carrier, was delivering mail as usual to the 7th Avenue Thrift Store, when she noticed that the owner, Mark Natchke, was walking out to get his mail from her each day.

She suggested to him that he teach his black Labrador retriever, named Lexie, to fetch the mail for him.

Astonishing as it may sound, in only one day, he successfully taught her to fetch the mail for him, and bystanders are always shocked when they see Natchke's four-legged friend go get the mail.

"I have never seen a dog fetch the mail before. That was kind of cool," Kevin Singer stated.

When Natchke first received the dog from the Weston County Humane Society he did not believe she would ever grow into the amazingly intelligent and talented dog that she is today. As a pup, she would fit in the palm of Natchke's hand, and according to him all she did was eat and sleep.

Fetching the mail is not all this 'wonderdog' can do though. Natchke has trained her to follow his hand signals to sit, lay, release, and he even uses the signals to make her back up. At home, she even picks her toys up and puts them away where they go.

"There is not anything I have not been able to teach this dog," Natchke boasted.

Lexie has had extensive training to develop hunting skills as well.

"She does do some pointing, which is rare for a lab," Natchke observed.

It is true that this dog seems to be able to do it all, but Natchke believes there are still a few things left to teach her.

"The only thing I haven't been able to teach my dog is how to wipe her feet when she comes in," he stated.

Chris Smith/For NLJ

Lexie retrieves mail from carrier Jackie Bau to bring to her owner, Mark Natchke.



You don't have to be Italian to make perfect pasta

Today I am going to share tips that I have learned about cooking one of my favorite foods — pasta. I often hear from people that have problems cooking pasta. Whether it is over-cooked, under-cooked, or stuck together, some people struggle with cooking pasta.

First of all, 90 percent of cooking pasta is simply being there! By tending to the pasta, you'll be able to do the only test available to judge its doneness: to taste. These tips will help you when you are craving pasta.

All pasta is not created equal. The best pasta is made of 100 percent semolina (the label will say durum, wheat semolina or semolina). Pasta made from durum wheat retains its shape and firmness while cooking. When cooked properly, it does not get mushy or sticky. Pasta that is not made with semolina produces a softer noodle, so these pastas should be used for casserole-style dishes. Noodles are the only pasta products made with egg solids.

You may substitute for another type of pasta in recipes, but if you want to use another type, remember that as a general rule it is best to substitute one pasta type with another of similar characteristics. It is important to match the shapes of pasta to the sauce. Flat or long pastas are best with thin sauces, while other short shapes have nooks and crannies to catch pieces of chunkier sauces.

Most dried pasta doubles in volume when cooked. The general rule is one pound of dry or fresh pasta serves four as a main course.

Here is a key:

- 4 ounces of uncooked pasta (elbow macaroni, shells, rotini, wheels, penne, or ziti) = 1 cup dried pasta = 2 1/2 cups cooked pasta.

- 4 ounces of uncooked pasta (spaghetti, angel hair, vermicelli, fettuccine or linguine) = a 1-inch diameter bunch of dry pasta = 2 cups cooked pasta.

Use a pot large enough to accommo-

date the pasta without crowding. A too-small pot and too little water encourages the pasta to clump and stick together, thus cooking unevenly. Pasta needs room to move freely as it cooks. For one pound of pasta use nothing smaller than a six-quart pot.

Bring the water to a full, rolling boil before adding pasta. When you add pasta to water that has not reached the boiling point, the starch dissolves, and acts like glue, making the strands stick together.

Salting the water makes pasta taste better by bringing out the natural flavor of the pasta, creating a well-seasoned dish. Do not add your salt until the water has come to a full boil! There are two reasons for this:

1. Unsalted water has a lower boiling point than salted water, so it will come to a boil faster.

2. Salt dissolves faster in hot water. Undissolved salt crystals in cold water can mar the surface of your stainless-steel pots with dots or pits.

Add two to three tablespoons of sea or kosher (coarse) salt per pound of pasta. Most of the salt drains off with the water. Use caution, though — if you are on a sodium restricted diet, please follow your doctor's orders before adding salt.

Never add oil to the pasta cooking water. The oil coats the pasta, and prevents sauce from adhering to it when you put the entire dish together.

Add the pasta, all at once, to the boiling salted water. Stir the pasta until it has become submerged in the water, then cover the pot until the water returns to a boil. When the water boils, uncover the pot and finish cooking. Stir the pasta two or three times throughout the cooking process.

Start timing when the water returns to a boil. Don't rely on the package to give you the correct cooking time, since this is only a guideline. If preparing pasta for baked dishes it should be boiled until just flexible



but still quite firm (about a one-third of the suggested cooking time). Otherwise, cook the pasta to the "al dente" state. The only way to judge this is by tasting. Pasta should be tender but still firm — not soft, overdone, or have a hard center.

Once it reaches al dente, immediately remove the pot from the heat. Add 1 cup of cold water to lower the temperature of hot water and stop the cooking. Remember there will be a small amount of carryover cooking between the time you remove the pasta from the stove and combine with the sauce.

Drain immediately into a large colander standing in the sink and shake it to remove excess water.

Never rinse pasta. When you rinse pasta, you're washing away most of the starches and nutrients that you were seeking to enjoy in the first place. There is an exception, though: Do rinse wide pasta, such as lasagna noodles. If you don't, you will have a hard time separating the noodles without tearing them. Also rinse when making a cold pasta salad. The thin coat of starch on the pasta will be sticky when cold.

Many people drown their pasta in too much sauce. The Italian way is to toss pasta with just enough sauce to coat it without leaving a big pool on the plate.

Pasta should be prepared just before serving. Be attentive. Taste, and learn when pasta has cooked to the consistency that you like. Follow these easy steps, and you'll develop a reputation as a pasta guru. Ciao down!



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Building 'friendly' fences

Landowners who have recently built a fence with assistance from the Natural Resource Conservation Service probably noticed that the fences look a little different than usual. NRCS requires any fence that they assist a landowner with building meet wildlife friendly specifications.

Wildlife friendly fences can be either a three- or four-wire barbed or electric fence. What makes these fences wildlife "friendly" is the spacing between the top two wires, the spacing between the bottom wire and the ground, and the overall height of the fence. The top two wires are spaced between eight or 12 inches apart. The purpose of this spacing is if a deer or elk jumps over a fence and catches the top wire, the second wire is far enough below the top that they will not get their leg tangled in it.

The bottom wire is much higher off the ground than a typical barbed wire fence. The bottom wire is usually 10 to 18 inches off the ground, depending on whether cattle or sheep are residing in the pasture. NRCS also requires that the bottom wire be smooth wire. This allows wildlife that do not jump over fences very easily, such as fawns and pronghorn, to effortlessly go under the fence. The overall fence height from the ground to the top wire is either 32 inches (for sheep) or 42 inches (for cattle), and this is done to make it easier for wildlife to jump over the fence.

These fences look quite unusual and it is easy to be skeptical of them at first.

Quite a few landowners have installed these fences throughout the years with success in containing livestock and providing easy crossing for wildlife. Since wildlife can more easily cross these fences, there is reduced damage to fences, and thus less maintenance is required.

One issue producers have initially with these fences is the ease that calves and lambs have with going under the bottom wire. It is very easy for a calf or lamb to get under the bottom wire and leave the home pasture, but it is easy for the calf or lamb to go back as well. Most landowners do not have problems with calves or lambs getting separated from their mothers, because as soon as the calf or lamb cross under the fence, and momma walks away, they are quick to go back.

Traditional fences can also be deadly for birds too, especially for species like sage grouse and sharp-tailed grouse. Grouse are highly susceptible to fatal collisions with fences near breeding leks and water locations. Typically grouse go to these areas either right before dark or dusk, when fences are the least visible.

An easy way to make fences friendlier to prairie grouse is to attach markers to fences around water sources and breeding leks. Fence markers can easily be made with undersill or trim strips and reflective tape. To make fence markers, simply cut the undersill into three-inch strips and add some reflective tape.

These homemade markers easily snap onto the wires of the fence and make wire highly visible to all wildlife. There are also many retailers who sell pre-manufactured fence markers.

If landowners want assistance to build a new fence, these wildlife friendly specifications are required.

NRCS also has a program that can assist landowners in retrofitting existing fences to wildlife specifications. Fences that are of particular interest to NRCS and the Wyoming Game and Fish Department are old woven wire sheep fences that are still seen today. Many of these fences are not as practical as they once were, since many producers have switched solely to cattle operations. These fences commonly trap and kill wildlife due to their impassable nature.

NRCS and WGF are interested in helping any landowners who are interested in converting old fences to wildlife friendly specifications. There is a great publication available at most NRCS field offices titled, "A Landowner's Guide to Fences and Wildlife," which provides a lot of the information listed above and more about how to make fencing more wildlife friendly. There is also grant money and federal assistance, through NRCS, available to aid landowners in converting these fences.

Any landowner interested in assistance or technical advice about how to convert fences to wildlife friendly specifications can either stop by the local NRCS field office or call Todd Caltrider, WGF/NRCS Sundance Habitat Extension biologist, at 307-283-2870, extension 118.



Todd Caltrider
Into the Wild

NAP deadline approaching

April 1 is the deadline to purchase 2013 NAP policies for spring seeded crops. There are no provisions for late-filed applications, reports JoAnn Stearns of the local Farm Service Agency.

Eligible crops include annual spring seeded crops, such as wheat, oats and barley, for hay or grazing and uninsurable spring seeded crops for grain or seed that are not insurable under tradi-

tional crop insurance. For additional information on NAP or other FSA programs, contact the local FSA Office. In addition to the NAP sign-up deadline, producers who participated in 2012 NAP need to turn in production records for the 2012 year, no later than July 15. Please do not hesitate to contact the county office, for information on this program or other available programs, at 307-746-2701.

Jobs

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county unemployment rates decreased from November 2011 to November 2012.

"In November, Wyoming's unemployment rate was at its lowest level since March 2009," the department stated. At that time, the state's unemployment rate was 5.1 percent.

In December Weston County noticed a considerable drop in the number of employed residents from November, but the unemployment rate remained the same as the number of people in the labor force dropped by virtually the same amount. As has been the trend all year, there was also an increase in the number of employed individuals when compared to December of the previous year, but statewide there was an actual decrease in the number of employed of 2,455 individuals over the same period.

"The highest unemployment rates were found in the western and central parts of the state," the report stated. Weston County was one of only five in the state that actually increased the

number of jobs from December of 2011 to December of 2012.

While the unemployment rate did increase in Weston County from December to January of this year, and the number of employed individuals decreased, Weston County's yearly trend improved even more. The county dropped a full percentage point in its unemployment rate between January of 2012 and this January, from 6.7 percent to 5.7 percent. That decrease far surpassed those shown in yearly comparisons in the two previous months. The unemployment rate in the county decreased by .7 percent from December 2011 to December of 2012, and by only .3 percent from November of 2011 to last November.


The recent gains in employment help offset decreases in earnings by county residents between the second quarter of 2011 and the second quarter of 2012, demonstrated in a separate report issued by the department in February.

That report showed that while employment increased

by 2.3 percent in the county during the time period, the total payroll for Weston County over that span dropped by more than \$1 million. Earners in this county made \$22,556,781 in the second quarter of 2011, but only tallied \$21,336,360 in the second quarter last year. The average weekly wage for the time period dropped from \$764 to \$707, or 7.5 percent. Weston County was one of only four counties that showed a decrease, according to the report.

The more recent reports on overall employment numbers paint a much brighter picture of the state's recovery from the recession that began in 2008 than the more dated figures, as the level of certainty about the employment picture was much less through the first half of last year.

"Despite the recent growth, overall employment remains approximately 6,900 jobs below its second quarter 2008 level. In other words, the state has yet to recoup all the job losses of 2009 and 2010," the report on the job picture in mid-2012 stated.



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Festive tables are a hit in Upton

By **Stephanie Bonnar** of NLJ

The first annual Festival of Tables was held in Upton on Saturday, March 16, at the Upton Community Center. The festival was a fund-raising event hosted by the Upton Chamber of Commerce, geared at purchasing new playground equipment for the city's park.

"We don't have a final total yet, but over \$4,000 was raised that evening through the tables, the silent auction, and the voting," Weston County School District #7 Superintendent Summer Stephens, the event organizer, reported.

There were 12 beautifully decorated tables prepared by a variety of local businesses in both Upton and Newcastle, and she said there was a wide variety of themes represented that night.

Each table had a place setting for eight people, and tickets were purchased for seats at the tables. Dinner was chicken, garlic red-skinned mashed potatoes, green beans, and flourless chocolate cake, and carrot cake was served by the Upton FCCLA students.

As another part of the fund-raising event, the decorated table settings were voted upon by those in attendance, and they put their money where their mouths were by casting their votes with dollars. The favorite tablescape that evening was Garden Tea Party, sponsored by Arrow Service and ADI Insurance Agency. There were also silent auction items available to bid on throughout the evening.

"People had a grand time and people are already thinking about next year's event!" Stephens grinned.



Courtesy of Summer Stephens

Enjoying an 'English Tea Party,' from left, are Jenna Medlen, Debbie Douglas, Jamie Frederick, Nancy Frederick, Shari Frederick, and Molly Medlen. Below, at the 'Hawaiian Holiday' table, are Devlin Shell, Brian Helwig, Deb Helwig, Mary Bickett, Margaret Holmes, Sandy Upton, Colleen Helwig, and June Shell.



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Cheers!
 Gavin Lamb, above, cheers for his fellow students as their names are called as Good Citizens for the month of March, at Newcastle Elementary School Thursday. At right, grandmother Betty Petranek takes a photo of Zade Orsborn and his mother, Piper, after Zade was selected as Good Citizen in Mary Ragland's third grade class. See the rest of the Good Citizen selections on Page 12. (Photos by Denice Piscioti/NLJ)

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anointing a new vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer and state committeeman at the meeting held in the Michael's Room of the Weston County Senior Services center.

State Representative Hans Hunt agreed to step into the vice-chair position, and Kay Gettinger will take over from Bunch's wife, Donna, as the organization's secretary, while Bob Bonnar stepped in to fill the vacancy left by Doug Jorrey when he declared that he too was going to relinquish his leadership position.

Michele Smith agreed to stay on as Weston County's state committeewoman, and is the only member of leadership who remained in her position. Former Weston County Public Defender William Curley will take over the position of state committeeman, marking the end of a five-year run in the post by Barry Peterson.

Jim and Donna Bunch, Jorrey and Peterson all announced their intent to retire from their positions when the Central Committee met after the November election, and when the outgoing county party chair appointed Bonnar to head a nominating committee in preparation for last week's meeting, he urged that younger party members be encouraged to participate in leadership.

"We really need to get some new blood — some people who can use this social media and the other things available and generate some excitement," he suggested.

Bonnar's response was to offer the 33-year-old Pischke's name for the chair, and back that up with a nomination of Hunt, 25, as vice-chair.

"I tried to follow Jim's advice on finding younger people to be involved, and both immediately came to mind," Bonnar announced.

He also presented Gettinger's name for the secretary position, and offered to serve as state committeeman himself. Curley volunteered from the floor to accept a nomination for treasurer, but was later nominated by another individual at the meeting for the state committeeman position. Bonnar then asked if Curley preferred that spot, and volunteered to remove himself from nomination and accept the treasurer's position. Gettinger was nominated from the floor for the state committeewoman spot, but turned that down and indicated she would be more comfortable serving as secretary.

That meant all of the positions were uncontested, except for the chairman's, after Dan Fouch was nominated from the floor. Pischke won a majority of the votes from the six precinct committee men and women who were eligible to select the county's party leadership, however, and Bunch immediately turned control of the meeting over to her.

The new chair, who described herself as a moderate Republican, said she appreciates the confidence shown in her by the group, and immediately began to assign committees and make plans for party activities in the months to come.

At Curley's suggestion, she and the two state committee persons will be conducting a review of the Weston County Central Committee's bylaws, and she also formed a fund-raising committee, naming Bonnar and County Commissioner Marty Ertman as co-chairs.

She, Curley and Smith are also making plans to attend a state Republican party meeting in Buffalo on April 5-6, and the other order of business for local Republicans will be to fill four open precinct committeeman and woman slots.

The most obvious need for volunteers is in Upton, where only David Parsons currently sits as a member of the county central committee as the committeeman from Precinct 4-1. There is no precinct committeeman from 3-1, which is outside of Upton, and the community lacks a committeewoman from either precinct. There is also a vacancy for committeewoman in precinct 5-2 in Newcastle after Kathy Hepker submitted her resignation from the spot to Bunch shortly after last year's election.



Denice Pisciotti/NLJ

Field representatives for U.S. Sen. Mike Enzi, U.S. Sen. John Barrasso and Congresswoman Cynthia Lummis were available last week to visit with Newcastle and Upton residents. On March 20, field reps DeAnna Kay, Marci Schlup and Matt Jones met with Randy Dirkes, Leonard Nack, Steven Ludwig and Kim Dean at the Weston County Library, above, to discuss issues of concern to be relayed to their senators and congressman.

Representatives

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seats or eating the right foods — is a waste of money.

Health care, and the Affordable Care Act, is an issue that was on the mind of Ludwig, because he works for a small business that doesn't provide insurance. He said he understands he is responsible for his own health care and bills, but the cost of insurance is more than he can afford.

"I don't know that I would be able to afford health care. I looked into State Farm health care — they wanted \$1,000 a month just for health care. But isn't there some kind of a health care program that doesn't have to be so drastic and cost a \$1,000 a month?" Ludwig

asked. "Maybe Blue Cross and Blue Shield can come up with something for \$150 a month that helps to defray the cost."

His frustration, he said, is that if he cannot find health coverage he can afford, the Act, in a sense, makes him a criminal.

Nack inquired as to issues Lummis is working on, and her stance. Jones, her field representative, replied that the congresswoman is frustrated with the federal government not being able to pay its bills, and with President Barack Obama, because he received his tax increases, but is not cutting spending. Jones said money brought in by the federal gov-

ernment does not even cover mandatory spending — Social Security and Medicare, for instance — which is a concern for Lummis.

"The State Treasurer's Office, and understanding the fiscal responsibility that Wyoming practices every year — that, to her, is the issue without a doubt. The federal government doesn't even cover its mandatory spending programs, let alone everything else that it takes in. Everything else above that is borrowed. The amount, to her, that is borrowed is just a wreck waiting to happen," stated Jones. "The bottom line is we just spend more than we take in."

Barrasso

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to us," Barrasso replied.

A balanced budget is the way to go, which is how it is done in Wyoming, he explained. The budget is balanced every year, and if it were not, there would not be a Hathaway Scholarship, because that money would go to paying off the debt — which is the beauty of Wyoming, living within the state's means, and why Washington has it wrong, the senator explained.

Adam Gettinger asked Barrasso what his stance is on the current gun legislation in Washington. The senator said he will continue to protect the Second Amendment rights — the freedom to own and bear arms — which is written to protect citizens from the government.

"There have been a number of different proposals that have been introduced — an assault weapon ban, magazine size, a gun show loophole which has to do with private sales, background checks, which includes a federal registry of all of the guns. I am against everything I have seen and will continue to fight against those," he professed.

NHS English teacher Michael Alexander asked the senator's thoughts on universal background checks. That morning, Barrasso had seen a poll where 88 percent of the public favored them, and only 10 percent did not. As a physician, he said, he would not be in favor of the checks because there are a lot of issues that go beyond what is really needed to own a gun. What would be entailed in a background check would have to be specified in a law. Then the question would have to be answered, if a grandfather chooses to give a grandchild a gun, does he have to go to a dealer to get it approved.

"But with each one of those back ground checks in the plan I have seen initially, is all those transactions would then go into a universal gun registry so that over time the government would know where guns are," the senator added.

A question was posed to the senator as to whether or not he views the presidency as becoming more of a dictatorship role, to which Barrasso said he refers to President Barack Obama's term as President as an "Imperial Presidency," because he is going along with executive orders, such as gun issues, wealth and affordable energy. He believes the Clean Air Act is being misused, by going beyond how it was originally intended.

"I step in on a regular basis and say something to the director of the department about it. With President Obama in the White House, anything I can possibly get passed, he is likely to veto — which is why elections have consequences, and why it is so important. Every vote matters, every vote counts," smiled the senator.

His opinion on health care was asked by senior Shene LaCroix. Again, speaking as a physician who helped, 20 years ago, to institute the health fair which now takes place every spring in Newcastle and all around the state so Wyoming residents can stay healthy at a lower cost of care, Barrasso spoke passionately. The biggest complaint about health care, he said, is that it is too expensive, which is why many congressman wanted health care reform. Initially, he told the students, the President said the insurance premiums would drop \$2,500 per family and they could keep what they had as well. Not only did it not drop under the Affordable Care Act, he said, but it went up.

"But they have mucked up the system so badly it is actually not working that way. It is turning out it is actually bad for patients, nurses and doctors.

And there is a trillion dollars in new taxes into the health care law to try to pay for it. It failed on the issue of cost," the senator declared. "It is taking more of your rights away over time because of the intricacies in the way it was put together."

Barrasso was pleased to answer what he called a good question about whether the United States should start to reduce the global military effect in other countries. He visited four bases of troops from Wyoming in Afghanistan in January, he reported, and has been to Iraq six times to keep current on what is happening overseas. He questions, with the debt crisis in the United States, if it is wise to spend as much as the country does in staffing the military abroad.

"If you had all the money in the world, you would try to do different things. But you need to say, what is in the vital interest of the United States? What do we have to do to protect our freedoms here at home? Part of that is overseas. But what is important — but not vital — for us to survive? None of these issues are really easy," Barrasso reasoned.

The students brought up other subjects as well, such as cyber warfare, the possibility of attack from China, and bills about protecting the internet. Barrasso said he voted against the bill on government regulation of the internet because they are still working on issues of protecting us as a nation and the general public. He reported that about 50 percent of cyber attacks are coming from China, but added they are also coming from all over the world. The question is, he posed, how to write a law to protect Americans without infringing on the rights of the public.

The senator confirmed that North Korea has nuclear weapons and pose a real threat to the United States. The answer to that threat, he proposed, is to put up missiles in Alaska to shoot down anything North Korea might send this way.

"The world continues to be a dangerous, dangerous place and North Korea is one of those areas," he admitted.

In regards to renewable energy, Barrasso advised that this country needs it all — oil, gas, coal, uranium, wind, solar and hydro. He categorized energy into what he called the three Es, energy security, economic growth and environmental stewardship.

"I think this administration, with its rules and regulations, is unfortunately so tilted toward the energy environment extremist standpoint that it is hurting our energy security as well as our potential for economic growth," the senator told the students.

The last question of the informative session posed to Barrasso was in the form of a prediction. Where does he think the country will be after President Obama's term? Much will depend on the election in 2014, he replied. If the Democrats gain control of both the House and the Senate it will be similar to the first two years Obama was in office, when he passed the Affordable Care Act and passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 — commonly referred to as the Stimulus — putting the country further into debt.

"I think we are going to continue to see a time where there is going to be a lot of stalemate. Hopefully we can work on things we can agree on. I am going to work together with the other side on things that are important for our states, for the Rocky Mountain West and for our country," Barrasso concluded.

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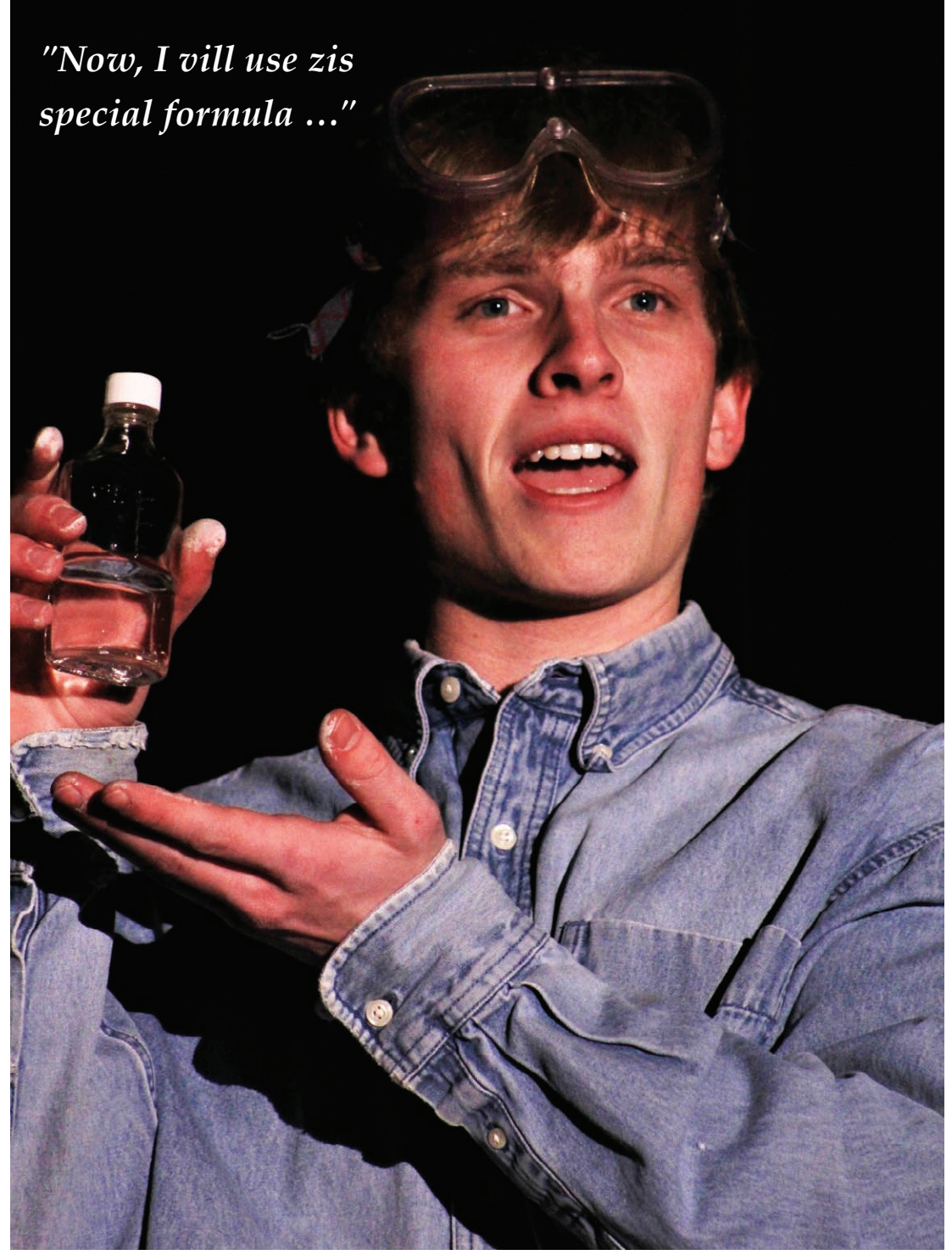
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A little variety ... and fireworks

Emcees Gideon Baldwin and Conrad Farnsworth, both seniors at Newcastle High School and self-designated "choir-slash-science geeks," offered up laughs, terrible accents and a few fire-powered displays during the NHS Annual Variety Show March 19 at Crouch Auditorium.

At right, the duo light off a homemade rocket while making a massacre of Russian accents. The rocket progressed about a foot across the stage before fizzling out. They also celebrated the birthday of their music mentor, Janelle Ellis, by exploding balloons on stage.

In addition to the antics of the emcees, the Variety Show celebrated "Music In Our Schools Month" with music, vocal and dance performances.



At left, Trevor Ross dances to Flux Pavilion's "I Can't Stop." Natalie Artilles, below, showed her dance moves as well, performing to "Unstoppable."



Photos by Amy Meneroy/NLJ

At right, Carissa Deming plays a piano medley, "River Flows In You/Song for Sienna." Other performances included Bailey Roberson (below) and Nate Smith performing Gary Allan's "Every Stream Runs Out of Rain," and Roberson and Taylor Tavegia's performance of "Jackson," by June Carter Cash and Johnny Cash. Tavegia also sang "Long Black Train" to close the show.



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03/28 V Newcastle Speedgoat Classic H 9 AM
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04/11 HS Track @ Race to the Ball Newcastle 1 pm

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03/25 First practice

A run-through

■ Officials will use this week's track meet as a warm-up for Regionals

By Bob Bonnar of NLJ

With the 3A Regional Track Meet slated to be held at Schoonmaker Field on May 10 and 11, the annual Speedgoat Classic hosted by the Dogies this Thursday takes on a little added importance as local officials plan to use the event as a warm-up for the much more important competition to be held later this spring.

"It will give us a chance to make sure our people are trained and comfortable with what they'll be doing at Regionals. We have a number of volunteers who have worked these types of events for years, but we'll be adding some new bodies because of the extra work that is always a part of a culminating event. We're always interested in getting new people involved, and taking part in some way in a Regional event is really pretty neat. I encourage people to contact me at the high school, especially if they can be available this Thursday to help out, and we can start getting them comfortable with the duties they can perform in May," NHS Activity Director Todd Quigley told the News Letter Journal.

Newcastle has established a pretty good track record when it comes to hosting culminating events, and the last one held here — the 2012 3A East Regional Basketball Tournament — was widely acknowledged as one of the most professional and entertaining in recent memory. Quigley said that sort of success is a source of pride for the schools, and indicated that it is the result of a high level of involvement from the community as well.

"We really do a nice job with these, and a lot of that is because of the help we get from all corners of the community. That's a reputation we want to build on with Regional Track this year, and if we can get volunteers to come out this week, we'll be that much more prepared going into the big one at the end of the year," Quigley reported.

The opportunity to host the Regional Track Meet couldn't have come at a better time, as the number of Newcastle students participating in the sport grew substantially this year, and the Dogies should be very competitive when the end of the season rolls around.

"Coach Hayman is really pleased with the numbers, and thinks the team has a chance to be pretty good," Quigley confirmed.

The squad hasn't had much chance to test the coach's theory, however, as this week will mark the first time they've been able to compete outdoors. Their only other competition at this early point in the season took place a week and a half ago at an indoor meet in Chadron, Neb., as both events on last week's schedule were scratched due to weather.

"In track, early in the year, there is an unwritten rule that if you break below 40 degrees, you don't compete, so the cancellation in Upton last Friday was because it was too cold. We also had a meet Thursday in Hot Springs that was cancelled due to forecasted weather, but for that one it was because of snow," Quigley reported.

Although the Dogies haven't had a chance to spread their wings

— See Meet, Page 12

Weather provides a challenge

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

The illusion on the morning of the first home soccer game of the season for the Newcastle High School Girl's Soccer team on March 21 was that it was going to be a beautiful day. However as soon as the Junior Varsity game against the Gering Bulldogs began, so did the snow, continuing through both soccer games. The following day, snow was not the weather element that provided challenges as the Dogies played against the Douglas Bearcats (0-0-1 3A Northeast) — it was the wind.

Although the Dogies lost the non-conference game against the experienced Nebraska team, and tied in the first conference game of the season in Douglas, experience was gained — and they did not get a loss counted against them either.

The Bulldogs field a good team, returning 10 out of 11 starters this year, Coach Bryce Hoffman reported, which proved to be a challenging game for the Dogies.

"Gering beat us 10 to zero, which shows how impressive of a team they are. They just do a very good job



Denice Piscioti/NLJ

— See Soccer, Page 12 Goalie Paige Smith booms a kick down the field to help put her team on the offensive after making a save.

A desire to succeed on the next level

“It's not just wrestling . . . The reason people are starting these is because they want to see [the kids] succeed, they want to see them get to the next level.”

— Joe Corley

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

Success from the bottom up is a goal of several parents who approached the Weston County School District #1 Board of Trustees at their March 13 meeting. Joe Corley, president of the Newcastle Fall Guys wrestling program, addressed the trustees about concerns of parents of club members regarding the wrestling program, and where their children go from there. After some discussion, he was directed by Chairman of the Board Bill Lambert to make up a list of recommendations and expectations that the parents feel would give the program continuity into the higher grades, to give to Todd Quigley, Newcastle High School's athletic director, for consideration by the coaches.

"With the addition of Sean (Crabtree) this year coming in as head coach, I think that was a step in the right direction, and a lot of us support him in that. We don't think Sean is the cure for what we feel has been a lackluster effort to see that these kids succeed," stated Corley. "I hope you can understand our frustration. We are building these kids to be part of the high school, to achieve a level we have not accomplished in a long time."

Even with the addition of the new coach at the high school varsity level, a need for more coaches in the system that are invested in the final outcome for the district was emphasized by Corley. Three of the coaches, he indicated, have shown no extra effort, even after they were personally asked, however, Michael Patterson tried to help with the club but was not able to beyond two weeks because it was hard on him.

Corley said his goal, and that of the concerned parents, is for the students to progress with their skills when they get to the higher levels. He directly asked the board what they could do to ensure the students get to that point, admitting that parent involvement — in any sport — is a major factor in that success.

"It's not just wrestling, I am using wrestling because that is what I am familiar with. But I foresee it with all of the basketball clubs that are starting up. The reason people are starting these is because they want to see [the kids] succeed, they want to see them get to the next level," Corley told the board.

As the club has traveled around to different tournaments, they see coaches from every level — youth, middle and high school — attending to cheer and observe the athletes at almost every event. In the 20 tournaments he has been to this year, he expressed, he has seen the same successful coaches at every level, offering the continuity the Fall Guys are lacking, but would like to see in Newcastle.

"That is what I feel we need to make sure this is successful. I am disappointed in some of the hirings of the past. It's like it's just been hired to fill a position — there is no drive for those people. They are not held responsible to perform. If teachers are hired and they are not being productive, I am sure there are procedures for them. They are required to do their job. I feel sometimes, at the wrestling part of it, we are not seeing that. They are just there for a position," professed Corley, who also has a child in the Fall Guys program.

During a student's membership in Fall Guys, the coaches and parents dedicate a lot of time in preparing them to be athletes and to be successful, not only at their level but as they continue on to Newcastle



Benny Dial/For NLJ

Nathan White looks for instruction from one of the volunteers that helps coach young wrestlers during the annual Fall Guys tournament earlier this year.

Middle School and NHS. Corley continued by saying they would like to see effort from the trustees and coaches as well, to help ensure the students can accomplish their goals in the upper levels.

"My son is a seventh-grader and has been in the program nine years. We do a long season — we push these kids. We spend the extra effort to ensure these kids are successful. And it shows. It shows with the middle school program, too. You look at that middle school program and they would not be where they are at without those kids, without our program," he added.

Corley acknowledged that the parents affiliated with the Fall Guys want to see Newcastle have a successful high school team. He pointed out it has been 10 years since NHS has had a wrestler win a Wyoming State Champion, in 2003.

WCSD#1 Superintendent Brad LaCroix told Corley the athletic directors at both schools are responsible for making sure the coaches do their job.

But Corley said he is unclear as to why the athletic directors don't push their coaches to wrestle more than a two-month season, when the rest of the athletes wrestle four months.

NMS Principal Scott Shoop interjected his opinion in the conversation, stating he understood what the youth coach was saying, that dedication is needed to build the program.

"I think you make an excellent point. We have struggled with this for a long time. A lot of the years that I have been here, Duke [Ottoma] and Doug [Sankey] have been the continuity. That is the dedication of community members and parents, because it is so difficult to find a coach from within. I think we are on the right track. I would like Sean to have more of a say in my program at the middle school, in your fall program at the Fall Guys. That is who should take the lead on this," acknowledged Shoop.

Lambert agreed with Shoop, saying a coach has not yet been found that fulfills all those needs, and reiterating that the board encourages and supports all of the school activities.

"But I think what we have to find is the right person, and apparently the right person has not come along yet. With Sean's leadership, hopefully he can be that person, and hopefully it will feed on itself. Whatever we can put into that, hopefully we can take your lead and work on the program," the chairman of the board stated.

Shoop, along with the NMS Athletic Director Robert Munger, said they have envisioned for a long time an NHS head coach that would have a say in everything that feeds that program. He welcomes working together with the varsity coaches to encourage the program from the bottom up.

Crabtree's response to the conversation was that, now that his first year of getting his feet wet is over, he is prepared to work down to help build the program. He does not want to step on any toes in the lower programs, but as long as he is welcomed, he is more than willing to work together with the NMS program and the Fall Guys.

Trustee Bob Bonnar pointed out that NMS has four sports, making the season shorter. But he encouraged them to try to get students to wrestle with the Fall Guys program outside of their season, adding that if the Fall Guys program stays strong with support from the varsity coach, they can influence the students to want to stay in the wrestling program.

"You guys, as parents, as the leaders of this group, stay passionate about it with your kids, and your kids' friends. Kids stay passionate about that when their parents support them. You guys have a strong group, it will get contagious and gain momentum with middle school coaches. Just keep doing what your doing and I think we are on the right track," Bonnar smiled.

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Soccer from page 11.

of moving the ball, keeping it away from you and taking advantage of their opportunities," confirmed the coach.

Controlling the ball in the middle field while keeping the spacing better was a good lesson learned in the game against the Bulldogs. Without proper spacing, the Dogies had to run more on the field, tiring out sooner than necessary. It was a good lesson early on in a non-conference game which only counts in their overall record.

It was also good experience for new goal keeper Paige Smith, who had 19 saves in the game against Gering. It was the first time the team from Nebraska had traveled to Newcastle to play since the Dogies began competing with them.

"Unfortunately we had two injuries in that game, with the field getting slippery and wet, it contributes to some things. Nathina Crabtree and Savannah Davis were unable to play when we went to Douglas the next day," Hoffman admitted.

Despite the players that were missed due to injury or participating with the Newcastle High School choir in New York, N.Y., the Dogies were able to tie with the Bearcats 1-1, even after overtime.

A few missed opportunities in the first half of the March 22 game Hoffman attributed to the players getting accustomed to the turf field in Douglas. The learning experience will hopefully be used again when the players travel to the Wyoming State Tournament at the end of the season, he reasoned.

"They actually got out on us pretty quick. We had the ball for the first couple of minutes. Then, on their first possession down we had a handball in the box, so they got a penalty kick opportunity. Those are pretty high conversion rates and their player did a good job of stepping in and knocking it in," he recalled.

The penalty score for the Bearcats proved to be their only score of the game, which was answered by the Dogies 12 minutes later when Kellie Umphlett scored a goal. Umphlett was able to foul the goal keeper in a one-on-one situation to make the tying



Denice Piscioti/NLJ

Shenae LaCroix controls the ball in blustery conditions during last week's home opener.

goal of the game.

Defense was the name of the game on both sides of the field in the second half, with neither team able to score, ending the regular game at 1-1. The game went into a two 10-minute overtime sessions. In the shortened halves the Dogies had some opportunities to score, but going against the wind prevented them from converting them into points.

The defensive efforts were lead by Maddee Foster and Kendra Back in the mid-field. Hoffman complimented them for doing a good job of filling in while Davis was out due to an injury. Shenae LaCroix's job was to mark the Bearcats' toughest player defensively, making a good contribution to the game.

"She did a very good job on her. She actually recognized and made the switch herself. So it was very good that she knows where we want her on the field. It's nice because in soccer it's hard to coach when they are 70 yards away on the opposite end," the coach commented.

Smith had a good save, keeping the Bearcats out of the goal at the top of the 18-yard box, close to the goal. Hoffman explained she was able to get her hand on the ball, tipping so the high shot couldn't go in, then was able to gather it before it went into the goal.

"That was a huge save because that would have put them in a situation to be up two to one right near the end of the game — so I was very proud of

how she played with some of the saves she came up with," acknowledged Hoffman.

With a total of 22 saves in the game in Douglas, Smith contributed to the opponents not being able to score against the Dogies except for on the penalty kick in the first half. Although the coach was proud of the keeper, he was concerned with the team not scoring anymore points against the Bearcats.

"We weren't able to finish, so we learned from that we are going to work on our one-on-one break-away finishing. That will help us. We have good speed up front so we can get into those situations, so the more we can practice that to our strength it will help us down the road," he said.

With the Easter holiday this weekend, the girls will have a chance to gear up for their next conference game against Torrington at home on April 5. The JV game will begin at 4 p.m., with the Varsity immediately following.

The Torrington Trailblazers had several soccer players graduate last year including an All-State goalie. Newcastle's coach intends to take advantage of the young keeper. In practice the Dogies will concentrate on using the outside mid-fielders, getting them ready to attack the edges, where they had the best advantage last year.

"This will be the first game where we have our full squad. I am excited about that opportunity, to see the whole fit together," Hoffman professed.

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outdoors, they aren't the only team in the region that has been hampered early in the season, and the Speedgoat Classic will provide the first opportunity for a number of athletes to compete outside.

"I know some of the teams did get some work in outdoors. The week we went to the Chadron Indoor some of them went to an Early Bird Invite in Casper, but this really may be the majority of the kids' first outdoor meet," Quigley professed.

Fortunately, it doesn't look like weather will be a hindrance when the teams arrive in Newcastle on Thursday, as the forecast currently calls for partly cloudy skies and temperatures in the mid-50s with a negligible chance of scattered precipitation.

Regardless of the promising forecast, however, Quigley said the school is going to wait to begin setting up for the meet until they are certain that the weather is favorable, and last weekend's cold snap has moved all of the way through.

"We're not going to set up any timing stuff until Wednesday morning. It looks like most of the snow is gone already, but they will let everything warm up a bit too," the Dogie AD indicated Monday.

Everything will be in place and ready to go when athletes start arriving at the venue early Thursday morning, though, and Quigley said that once things begin at 9 a.m., the plan is to move the meet along quickly.

"The first thing is field events, and at 9:15 we'll start running events," he said. The first field events — boys' pole vault, long jump and discus,

and girls' triple jump, high jump and shot put — will start simultaneously at various locations around the facility. The first event on the track itself will be the two-mile run, which should be completed by 10:30, when the 100 meter hurdles will be the first in a string of shorter races held until lunch, after which the sprinters will largely give way to distance runners again.

Quigley hopes that holding the Speedgoat Classic on the Thursday before Easter may make it easier for people to volunteer to help, as some of them will already be taking off work for the holiday weekend.

"We're always looking for people who want to help time and do things like that," he said.

Unfortunately, holding the meet when a number of schools have already begun their holiday may keep some of the teams who attended a year ago from participating this year.

"Right now we're looking at about a dozen teams. Last year we had more of our conference schools in attendance, but many of them are on Easter break, and may not be coming. It won't be as many teams as last year, but it still looks like it will be a quality meet," Quigley predicted.

While the majority of 3A East teams may be passing up on their opportunity to preview the facility where their Regional Meet will be held in a month and a half, a number of other schools have already committed to attending, including Custer, Hot Springs, Hulett, Hill City, Edgemont, Guernsey, Lusk, Midwest, Oelrichs, Sundance and NSI.

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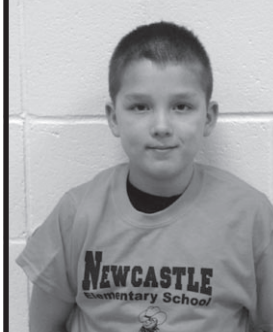
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3RD GRADE: JOSH WOMACK



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3RD GRADE: ZADE ORSBORN



Throughout life, people participate on teams. For any type of team to be successful it is critical for someone to be the leader — someone who is committed, trustworthy, a good communicator, and possesses a positive attitude. Amazingly, some students possess these qualities at a very young age. We have such a leader. Our leader is committed. He understands strong leaders care about their work, and their team's work. No excuses. No debate. No whining about how hard something is. No worrying about what others might think. No delays. Commitment is action! He sees a challenging situation as an opportunity to learn and explore, not just for himself, but for the team. Peers trust him and know that he lives his life with honesty and integrity. Our leader is a good communicator. Although quiet spoken, when he speaks, others listen. His ability in knowing that it's not only what you say, but also how you say it, demonstrates his desire to lead with compassion. This young man also realizes that you have to be silent to listen. Our leader is positive. He is a source of inspiration and motivation for his team. He appears to understand that attitude is a choice and determines your actions. No matter what is going on, he chooses to focus on what is right and positive. He handles difficult situations with grace and courage. Standing in front of my class on the very first day of school, I knew I had a great team. Many of the qualities we as teachers seek to cultivate within our classrooms were already present and ready to begin practice for the big game. Thank you, Zade Orsborn, for leading us in the "Game of Life."

4TH GRADE: CARSON QUIGLEY



It is with great pleasure to select the Fourth Grade Good Citizen for March. To thoroughly honor an outstanding citizen, we must recognize what defines an exceptional citizen. It is one who does good deeds silently, without the expectation of reward or honor. They demonstrate a dedication to their responsibilities; they are active participants within the classroom and the community in which they live, as well as respectful and considerate of others. A first-rate citizen displays these qualities often, without prompting. This young lady exhibits all of these characteristics on a regular basis. She works well within a group, and she wants the best for everyone. As a quiet and soft-spoken student, she is respectable to her fellow classmates, she worries about others' feelings being hurt, and she is a good listener. Utilizing her time wisely, she is very aware of the fact that working hard pays off, and her work ethic and commitment to doing well in class is second to none. She is polite, using 'please' and 'thank you', and most of all, she is a kind, tender and warm-hearted individual we all enjoy having in our classroom. We are fortunate to have her as a classmate in our room! She is a true asset to the Newcastle Elementary School. Congratulations to Carson Quigley!

5TH GRADE: DYLON TIDYMAN



When looking for a good citizen, one needs to carefully consider many qualifications. It is important to ask oneself, is the student respectful, proficient, hard-working, responsible, honest, kind, fair and generous? How does he/she act around others and toward others? Does he/she make right choices when he or she doesn't think anyone is watching? With all of these high expectations, it is hard to imagine any individual that can fit the bill. Lucky for our family in Room 149, we have such an outstanding young man as this. He not only meets these expectations, but he surpasses them. This particular student is constantly striving to do his best. He enjoys being challenged and doesn't back down when tasks appear overwhelming. He is dependable and takes responsibility for his learning and actions. Although he is academically gifted, he is very humble and willing to share what he knows with those around him. When it comes to being liked, his peers are drawn to him like a magnet. Everyone enjoys being around him because he is friendly and always smiling. He has the gift of making others laugh and just plain makes anyone feel good. As the poster in our room says, "A Day Without Laughter Is A Day Wasted." I truly believe this individual lives up to that saying. In the end, it is easy to see why this young man deserves the title of Good Citizen. With this said, it is my honor to celebrate Dylon Tidyman as Room 149's Good Citizen for the month of March. Congratulations, Dylon — never change who you are!

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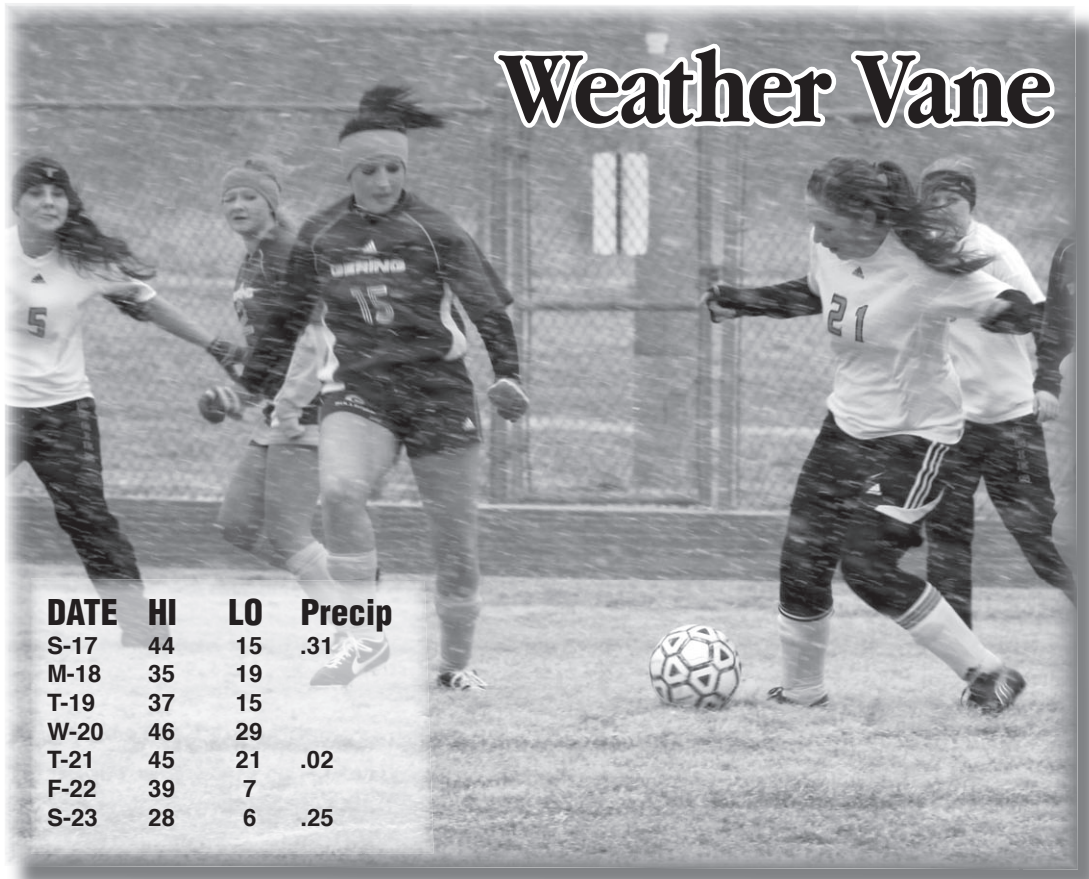
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Foreclosure Notice

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

WHEREAS, the Mortgage has been duly assigned for value by Mortgagee as follows:

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

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

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale, pursuant to the terms of the Mortgage, has been served upon the record owner and party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to first publication of the notice of sale;

The property covered by said Mortgage is described as follows:

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

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

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

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;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Wyoming Statutes Section 34-4-109 (2003) that the foreclosure sale of the above Mortgage, scheduled for March 5, 2013 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY, Weston County, State of Wyoming, has been postponed to 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on April 16, 2013 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY, Weston County, State of Wyoming.

JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.
 By: The Castle Law Group, LLC
 330 S. Walsh Drive, Ste. 202
 Casper, WY 82609-0000
 3073335379

(Publish March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4 and 11, 2013)

Deadline for Legals noon on Friday

Budget Notice

NOTICE OF BUDGET AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the board of Weston County Commissioners proposes to amend the county budget for the fiscal year 2013 in the following particulars:

Transfer revenues in the amount of \$4,080.50 from account number 100.00.20.0099000.00000 financial administration to the Coroner's Budget line item 100.00.09.0042000.0000 to cover costs incurred between 2006-2010 for autopsy services rendered.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that these matters will be considered and acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting on April 16, 2013 at 11:15 a.m. DATED this 19th day of March, 2013.

Board of County Commissioners
 Weston County, Wyoming

(Publish March 28, 2013)

Foreclosure Notice

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note ("Note") and real estate mortgage ("Mortgage"). The Mortgage dated December 10, 2007, was executed and delivered by George W. Cork ("Mortgagor(s)") to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Horizon Home Loans, a division of First Tennessee Bank N.A., its successors and assigns, as security for the Note of the same date, and said Mortgage was recorded on December 17, 2007, at Reception No. 699892 in Book 302 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: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

Assignment dated: December 17, 2012
 Assignment recorded: January 7, 2013
 Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 740767 in Book 342 at Page 302

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 Mortgage 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 \$189,402.56 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$184,715.04 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$4,027.80, plus other costs in the amount of \$ 659.72, 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 April 2, 2013 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY, Weston County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 2, PONDEROSA ADDITION, TOWN OF UPTON, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING, LESS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED SOUTHERLY PORTION OF LOT 2: COMMENCING AT SE CORNER OF LOT 2, PONDEROSA ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF UPTON, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING AND IS THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N00°24'23" E ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF LOT 2 FOR A DISTANCE OF 208.55 FEET TO AN ALUMINUM CAPPED RE-BAR; THENCE N88°36'21" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 208.36 FEET TO INTERSECT THE WEST BOUNDARY OF LOT 2, BEING MARKED BY AN ALUMINUM CAPPED RE-BAR; THENCE S00°23'38" W ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF LOT 2 FOR A DISTANCE OF 203.75 FEET TO A FOUND RE-BAR; THENCE S48°37'08" E ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAGE DRIVE FOR A DISTANCE OF 8.15 FEET TO INTERSECT THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF A 20 FOOT WIDE ALLEY, BEING MARKED BY A FOUND RE-BAR; THENCE S88°43'47" E ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF LOT 2 FOR A DISTANCE OF 202.15 FEET TO THE SE CORNER OF LOT 2, BEING MARKED BY A FOUND RE-BAR AND IS THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

with an address of 1920 Ponderosa Road, Upton, WY 82730.

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

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
 By: The Castle Law Group, LLC
 330 S. Walsh Drive, Ste. 202
 Casper, WY 82609-0000
 (307) 333 5379

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

Fun and Games

THE TWENTIES

ACROSS

- Property held by one party for the benefit of another
- Band booking
- Mary's pet
- Blood circulation organ
- Under the weather
- Last test
- Beech tree fiber textile
- Jersey call
- 2:3, e.g.
- Conceited
- *Common Twenties description
- Relations
- Update, as in iPod
- Read-Only Memory
- Light beige
- Mother?
- "_____ to it!"
- Space above
- Respected Hindu
- Bride screen
- Suggestive of an elf
- *7-Up was one such drink created in the twenties
- Betty Page, e.g.
- Italian money
- Commoner
- Type of advice
- Cecum, pl.
- "But I heard him exclaim, _____ he drove out of sight"
- Fiber used for making rope
- "For _____ a jolly..."
- *a.k.a. _____
- *Speakeasy serving
- Accepted truth
- Earned at Wharton or Kellogg
- Infested with lice
- As opposed to down feather
- *Woodrow Wilson, e.g.
- Relating to the ulna
- Boundary of surface
- _____-Wan Kenobi
- Smooth transition

DOWN

- Woolen caps of Scottish origin
- _____ canal
- Pakistani language
- Library storage
- "The Jazz Singer," e.g.
- Long John Silver's gait
- International workers' group
- Civil War movie starring Washington and Freeman
- One with burning pants
- Prefix often preceding #1
- Across
- "_____ Street" by Sinclair Lewis
- It features postings
- Bar brawl, e.g.
- Cry of surrender
- The loneliest number?
- Be sufficient or adequate
- Please get back to me
- WWE's Titus _____
- Easternmost state
- *1920's Jazz great, Jelly _____ Morton
- Coarse file
- Oar pin
- Opposite of seeker
- It fits in a socket
- Cars have a spare one
- *1927 was his hit season
- Popular ball game snack
- Slumber party wear
- Carry a suitcase?
- God of the winds
- Moderato, e.g.
- *What "Pretty Boy" Floyd did in the 1920s
- Humorous anecdote

- What Lizzie Borden did
- Move like a bullet
- Z in DMZ
- Island near Java

- Black _____
- Brother of Jacob
- Swirling vortex
- *Hairstyle

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Utility Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, the Commission hereby gives notice of the application of SourceGas Distribution LLC, (SourceGas or the Company) for authority to adjust the Choice Gas Service Provisions of its Wyoming gas tariff, as more fully described below.

SourceGas is a public utility as defined by W.S. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(D), subject to the Commission's jurisdiction under W.S. § 37-2-112.

On February 28, 2013, SourceGas filed its application requesting approval to revise its Rate Schedule RCT, RCG-1, RCG-3 and CGS, the form of Choice Gas Service Supplier Participation Agreement used with respect to the Choice Gas Program service provides in its Casper, Gillette and Torrington, Wyoming service territories as described in the Company's Wyo. P.S.C. Tariff No. 5. The proposed tariff revisions are intended to, inter alia, [i] provide additional detail and clarification regarding the balloting process; [ii] allow suppliers to agree to either permit a current Choice Gas customer to be served by a different supplier or to change supply options in the middle of the Choice Gas Program year; [iii] add a new Section 6.12 to the rate schedule to address the terms under which SourceGas makes available to participating suppliers lists of its Wyoming customers with contact information; [iv] add a new Section 7.3, sheet 7.3 to state the propriety of fixed bill offerings; [v] add language to Section 14.B.1, Sheet No. 37 authorizing SourceGas to offset payment to suppliers by any Supply Scheduling Penalties imposed pursuant to this section; [vi] add language to increase transparency of the selection process; and [vii] update addresses and provide a number that customers can call regarding tariffs. SourceGas requests an effective date for the increases on and after June 1, 2013.

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

Anyone wishing to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so in writing filed with the Commission on or before April 15, 2013. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please be sure to mention Docket No. 30022-206-GT-13 in all correspondence with the Commission.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing which you will attend, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or write to the Commission, 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711. Dated: March 15, 2013.

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Blotter

March 14

Traffic stop, DUI arrest. Dead pigeon reported. Vandalism reported. Report of a dog at large. VIN inspection. Reckless driver reported. 911 hang up. Assist other agency. VIN inspection. Injured deer reported. Traffic stop, Verbal Warning issued. Barking dog complaint. Disturbance reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. No Trespass Order requested. Traffic stop, DUI arrest.

March 15

Four VIN inspections. Minor accident reported. Civil standby requested. Motorist assist. 911 hang up. Reckless driver reported. Traffic stop, Verbal

Warning. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, DUI arrest.

March 16

Traffic stop, Verbal Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. 911 hang up. Assault reported. 911 hang up. Theft reported. Lost property reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Drag racing, two Citations issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning.

March 17

Fight reported, one arrest. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Welfare check requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Parking complaint. Report of a dog at large. Found dog reported. Suspicious activity reported. Suspicious activity reported. Drunk driver reported. Violation of protection order reported.

March 18

Suicide reported. Gas drive off reported.

Report of a dog at large. Warrant arrest. Five VIN inspections. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Hit and Run accident reported. Report of a dog at large, Citation issued. Harassment reported. Minor accident reported. Harassment reported.

Extra patrol requested. Civil complaint. Protection Order violation, one arrest. Probation violation reported.

March 19

Suicide threatened. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Motorist assist. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. VIN inspection. Dog found. Barking dog complaint.

March 20

Traffic stop, one arrest for DUI. Parking complaint. Report of a dog

at large. Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Two dogs at large reported. Two VIN inspections. Report of a dog at large. Minor accident reported. Missing dog reported. Missing cat reported. Injured deer reported. Cat at large reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

March 21

Open door discovered. Parking complaint. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Verbal Warning issued. Lost property reported. Traffic stop Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Civil standby requested. 911 hang up. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued.

March 22

Drunk pedestrian reported. Motorist assist. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Four VIN inspections. Funeral escort. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Minor accident reported. Motorist assist. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Barking dog complaint. Traffic stop Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, two Citations issued.

Utility Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, the Commission hereby gives notice of the application of SourceGas Distribution LLC, (SourceGas or the Company) for authority to pass on increases in its distribution charges for Small General Service customers and Medium General Service customers, as more fully described below.

SourceGas is a public utility as defined by W.S. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(D), subject to the Commission's jurisdiction under W.S. § 37-2-112.

On February 28, 2013, SourceGas filed its application requesting approval to pass on an increase in the distribution charge of \$0.0071 per therm for Small General Service customers and an increase in the distribution charge of \$0.0027 per therm for Medium General Service customers. SourceGas' requested increase will affect all of the Company's Wyoming Service Territory Small and Medium General Service customers. SourceGas requests an effective date for the increases on and after June 1, 2013.

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

Anyone wishing to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so in writing filed with the Commission on or before April 11, 2013. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please be sure to mention Docket No. 30022-205-GA-13 in all correspondence with the Commission.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing which you will attend, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or write to the Commission, 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711. Dated: March 11, 2013.

(Publish March 21 and 28, 2013)

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION NEW LIQUOR LICENSE 2013-2014

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of March, 2013 the following Club Licensee, filed an application for a New Liquor License. Protests, if there be any, against the issuance of this license, will be heard at the hour of 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2013, in the Newcastle City Council Chambers at City Hall, Newcastle, Wyoming.

Club License #1: NEWCASTLE COUNTRY CLUB - d/b/a Newcastle Country Club; One Story, framed structure containing approximately 4,000 square feet of space. NE1/2, SW1/2 Sect. 20, T45N, Range 61W of 6th PM.

Dated This 12th Day of March 2013

Charita Brunner, City Clerk/Treasurer

(Publish March 21, 28, April 4 and 11, 2013)

Hearing Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OSAGE IMPROVEMENT & SERVICE DISTRICT & OSAGE WATER DISTRICT

The OISD and OWD shall have a budget and rates public hearing April 15, 2013 at 6 p.m. in the Kitty Moats Complex, 551 Metz Street, Osage, WY 82723.

Joe Wood Jr.-Chairperson OISD & OWD

(Publish March 28, April 4 and 11, 2013)

Public Notice

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NELDA B. BARTON, Deceased. Docket No. PR-7920

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL CREDITORS, HEIRS AND DEVISEES AND ALL OTHER PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE PROCEEDINGS that a Petition to Determine Heirship of Nelda B. Barton has been filed by Mariah Lee Walker, Shane Thomas Sweet and Kara Anne Sweet, Successor Co-Trustees of the N.B. "Bunni" Barton Revocable Trust pursuant to W.S. 2-9-201 et seq., to obtain a determination of heirs and right of descent of real property belonging to the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that upon Order duly entered, a hearing on the Petition to Determine Heirship is set for the 25th day of April, 2013 at 9 o'clock a.m., before a Judge of the District Court, Sixth Judicial District Court, Weston County, Wyoming and that in the even no answer is filed or objection thereto taken, the Court may enter its Order and determine the heirs of Nelda B. Barton, the right of descent of the real property belonging to Nelda B. Barton herein after described.

NOTICE IF FURTHER GIVEN that the date of the death of the deceased was October 6, 2000 and at the time of her death she was a resident of Weston County, Wyoming. She died owning real property located in Weston County, Wyoming described as follows:

Township 44 North, Range 64 West, Weston County, Wyoming
Section 25: NW1/4NW1/4
Dated this 26th day of February 2013

Hathaway & Kunz, PC
2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 500
PO Box 1208
Cheyenne, WY 82001
(307) 634-7723

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

Public Notice

WESTON COUNTY NOTICE TO APPROPRIATORS OF WATER


Public notice is hereby given that the following listed water users have completed the requirements of proof of appropriation PRIVATE and beneficial use of ground water for the following wells approved by the State Engineer. Pursuant to Section 41-4-511, Wyoming Statutes, 1977, the below listed proofs of appropriation will be held open for public inspection from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. during April 15 through April 19, 2013, at the following location(s): 1. State Engineer's Office, Herschler Building, Cheyenne, Wyoming. 2. Office of the Division Superintendent, 1833 South Sheridan Ave., Sheridan, Wyoming. As allowed by Section 41-4-312, any person claiming a water right interest in the same sources of supply to which the below advertised proofs refer may inform the Water Division Superintendent of his desire to contest the rights of the person or persons seeking adjudication. The statement of contest shall be presented within fifteen days after the closing of the public inspection and shall state with reasonable certainty the grounds of the contest. The statement must be verified by the sworn affidavit of the contestant, his agent or attorney. If no contest is initiated, the advertised proofs will be submitted to the State Board of Control for consideration during its meeting beginning on May 6, 2013, with the Division Superintendent's recommendation that certificates of appropriation be issued.

CLAIMANT	U.W. PERMIT/W.R. OR S.C. NUMBER	NAME OF WELL	PRIORITY DATE	WELL LOCATION			AMOUNT OF ACREAGE	GAL. PER MINUTE	USE
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Triple T Enterprises, Inc.	Permit No. U.W. 141731	TTT #1	Jan. 4, 2002	14	47N	61W	0 ac.	15 gpm	Dom,Stk
Triple T Enterprises, Inc.	Permit No. U.W. 166910	Enl. TTT #1	April 20, 2005	14	47N	61W	0 ac.	0 gpm	Misc.
Triple T Land & Livestock									
Triple T Enterprises, Inc.	Permit No. U.W. 197444	2nd Enl. TTT #1	Febr. 8, 2012	14	47N	61W	0 ac.	0 gpm	Misc.


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County Commission Minutes

MARCH 19, 2013

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, Tracy Hunt and County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank. Not present for the meeting: Commissioner Jerry Shepperson.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 5, 2013, as advertised. **Carried.**

Wyoming Educators Benefit Trust (WEBT)

Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk, explained that she had met with Frank Urman of the Wyoming Educators Benefit Trust (WEBT). Mr. Urman had explained that there were no increases to Weston County's WEBT renewal contract for the Fiscal Year 2014. A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to renew in the WEBT Medical Plan for Fiscal Year 2014 with no plan changes. **Carried.** A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on the WEBT renewal paperwork. **Carried.**

The meeting recessed at 9:45 a.m. and reconvened at 9:55 a.m. with all present.

Board Appointment

Jill Pischke, Weed & Pest Board applicant met with the Commissioners to discuss her application for the open position. The Commissioners and Mrs. Pischke discussed management of weeds, prairie dogs, pests and pine beetles.

Weed & Pest Control Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to appoint Jill Pischke to the open position on the Weed & Pest Board. This is a four year term which expires in January of 2017. **Carried.**

2013 Legislative Session

Representative Hans Hunt, House District 2, met with the Commissioners and discussed the 2013 Legislative Session. Representative Hunt stated that the Legislature had passed the smallest budget in ten years, while keeping local funding intact. Legislation was passed which will allow Wyoming to participate in the lottery. This legislation will be effective July 1, 2013; although it may take up to one year thereafter to implement. The revenue from the lottery will benefit cities, counties and schools in Wyoming. Representative Hunt was thanked for the information and update. No action was taken.

Forest Service/Prairie Dogs/Sage Grouse

Bob Harshbarger, resident expert on prairie dog management, met with the Commissioners to discuss issues with the Forest Service and prairie dog management. Mr. Harshbarger stated that he and the Board of Commissioners had sent letters to Mr. Whitford, Regional Forester, in mid February, 2013, with no response. Mr. Harshbarger briefed the Commissioners on a group called "National Blue Waters" who are in the process of gaining control of the head waters in the Yellowstone Basin. Mr. Harshbarger discussed the Sage Grouse Management Plan and

the Executive Order issued by Governor Mead, which was the basis of a Resolution adopted by the Commissioners for Weston County. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to amend this plan, and should be coordinating with the Weston County Board of Commissioners. Chairman Seeley stated that he would contact the Forest Service and BLM regarding this issue. Mr. Harshbarger was thanked for the update. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened at 11:29 a.m. with all present.

The meeting recessed at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m. with all present.

Weston County Event Center

The Commissioners discussed the Weston County Event Center. On March 4, 2013, during a site visit to the Weston County Event Center, Dr. Basham, Engineer for KB Engineering, LLC, requested information from Kyle Gillette, Schutz Foss Architects. The Commissioners decided to allow time for Mr. Gillette to contact Dr. Basham. No action was taken, this issue will be re-visited.

Contract Engineer

Jerry Hunt, Contract Engineer, met with the Commissioners and gave an update on the progress of bid packets for the Road & Bridge Old Shop Roof and Road & Bridge Foundation Projects. These bid packets will be completed and reviewed by the Commissioners before advertising. Mr. Hunt is also working on the County Lighting Project, which will replace obsolete light fixtures in various county buildings. Mr. Hunt discussed the Weston County Event Center progress and volunteered to contact Mr. Gillette on behalf of Weston County regarding the information to be sent to Dr. Basham. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 1:52 p.m. and reconvened at 1:58 p.m. with all present.

Work Session / Board Member Removal

The Commissioners entered a work session to promulgate rules for removal of County Board Members.

The meeting recessed at 3:00 p.m. and reconvened at 3:11 p.m. with all present.

The work session continued. No action was taken.

Road & Bridge Department

The hour being 3:30 p.m., Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman, met with the Commissioners and discussed equipment. Mr. Williams discussed some older County equipment that could be placed in an auction or advertised for sealed bids. Mr. Williams will contact other County entities to inquire if they are interested in participating in an auction. No action was taken.

Buffalo Creek Road

George Byers and Mike Finn of Rare Element Resources (RER); Tom Littman, Belle Fourche Pipeline; Tom Barritt, Upton Logistics Center; and Don Bartels, private land owner; met with the Commissioners to discuss a proposed oil pipeline easement on the Buffalo Creek Road. Mr. Byers began by stating that the oil pipeline would need to be on the North side of the Buffalo Creek Road in order to avoid engineering and permitting issues on the Rare Element Resources Project site. Mr. Byers requested a letter from the Board of Commissioners to Belle Fourche Pipeline requesting the oil pipeline remain to the North of the Buffalo Creek Road beyond the RER tailing site. Tom Littman, Belle Fourche Pipeline, stated that moving the proposed oil pipeline to

the North side of the Buffalo Creek Road should not pose a problem and agreed to draft a letter stating that fact. Mr. Bartels stated that currently all easements are within his private property and do not affect Weston County. Mr. Bartels stated he would be willing to discuss granting Weston County an easement on a portion of the Buffalo Creek Road once the Traffic Study had been completed. After lengthy discussion, Chairman Seeley recommended that the parties involved in the process should meet and discuss the details, stating that the discussion did not involve Weston County at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

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Dated this 15th day of March, 2013

Sandra Walford
Clerk of District Court

(Publish March 21, 28, April 4 and 11, 2013)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, the Commission hereby gives notice of the application of SourceGas Distribution LLC, (SourceGas or the Company) for authority to revise the Fuel, Lost and Unaccounted for Gas Percentages (FL&U) in all of its divisions, as more fully described below.

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

On March 1, 2012, SourceGas filed an annual application requesting approval to revise its FL&U gas percentages as directed by the Commission. The Company seeks to [i] decrease the percentage to mainline customers in its Casper Division; [ii] increase the percentage to the distribution transportation customers in its Casper Division; [iii] increase the percentage to the Choice Gas Program in its Casper Division; [iv] decrease the percentage to the distribution transportation customers in the Gillette Division; [v] decrease the percentage for reconciliation for the Choice Gas Program suppliers in the Gillette Division; [vi] decrease the percentage to the distribution transportation customers in the Torrington Division; and [vii] decrease the percentage for reconciliation for the Choice Gas Program suppliers in the Torrington Division. Each increased or decreased FL&U percentage would apply to SourceGas' Casper, Gillette or Torrington Divisions for the current Choice Gas program year, June 1, 2013, through May 31, 2014.

The Company's proposed FL&U percentages are: Casper .526% for mainline customers and 2.684% for all other customers; Gillette .577% for Choice Gas Program suppliers and 1.094% for all distribution end users; and Torrington 0.0% for choice Gas Program suppliers and .68% for all distribution end users. These figures would replace the current FL&U percentages approved in Docket No. 30022-187-GA-12.

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

Anyone wishing to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so in writing filed with the Commission on or before April 19, 2013. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please be sure to mention Docket No. 30022-207-GA-13 in all correspondence with the Commission.

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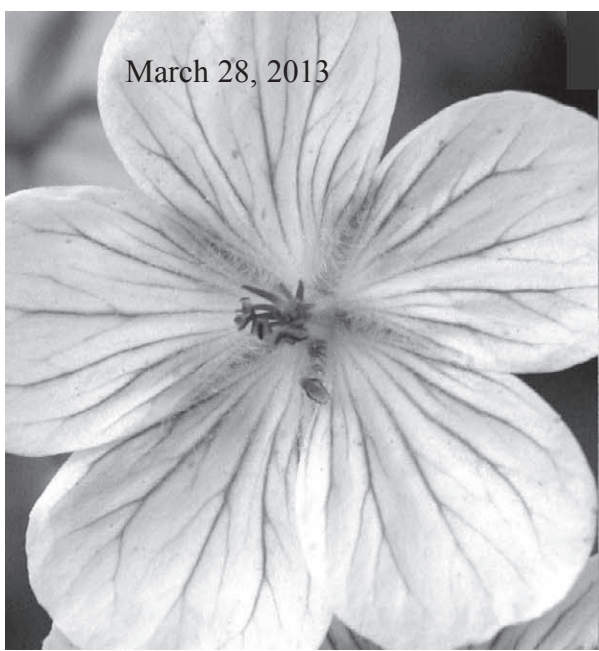
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FFA team competes

On March 6th, the Newcastle FFA ENR team traveled to Sheridan to compete in the Border Wars, a practice CDE event. Members on the team were Billie Gordon, Ashten Marchant, Joseph Danens and Lynnell Hanson. They began by taking a 50-question exam, followed by two practicums (Animal ID and GPS), as well as one team activity. The team placed third out of 12 teams from the region.

The regional speech meet was hosted by Newcastle on the 13th of March. After placing at the district speech meet, six chapters sent FFA members to the regional event in three categories: Creed, Extemporaneous, and Prepared Speaking. Marchant was the co-winner in Extemporaneous and Josie Podio tied for third in Prepared.

The Poultry and Agronomy teams went to Torrington on the 15th to participate in more practice CDEs. FFA members participating in poultry were Kelsey Zerst, Garrett Liggett, Trace Buckert, Rhyse Rhoades and Robert Neate. On the Agronomy team was Gordon, Trace Buckert, Marchant, and Hanson. Both teams participated in practicums such as ID, and took question exams. The poultry team placed sixth out of 11 teams and the Agronomy team placed third out of nine teams.

4-Hers judge in Rapid City

By Asia Graham
4-H reporter

Early Saturday, Jan. 26, at 6:45 a.m., 4-H members Paige Deyo, Peyton Crinklaw and Asia Graham met in the 4-H office parking lot.

"We were driving to Rapid City to livestock judge at 9 a.m. Saturday morning," Graham said.

It was the first time she and Deyo had participated in a judging activity, so leaders Krystal Crinklaw and Jordyn Holmes gave them a quick lesson on how to judge. Crinklaw also stepped in and drove them to Rapid City.

When the group got there, they signed in and learned how to use their score cards. First they split up into five groups: A, B, C, D and E/F. The groups had to judge five things, which were heifers, bulls, guilts, market hogs and goats. The rules were "keep it simple, silly." The also used the five Ls — long, loose, level, lean and large.

After they judged all five groups had two checked type questions as well. Checked type questions are questions about the animals. Newcastle's group took top honors among the beginning judges from four states. The other kids out of Weston County that participated were Davin Tysdal, Hailey Wehri, Sara Rankin, Mackenzie Grubbs and Thomas Davis.



ALADDIN

The Double AACES Afterschool Program's second- and third-graders presented "Aladdin" Thursday at the Crouch Auditorium. Above, Quartney Bickford, Lilliana Kerns and Elizabeth Rushton, as the Storytellers, act as statues in the palace. At left, Travis Harrington, who played a Sultan, is under a spell cast by Prince Omar to make him allow his marriage to his daughter, Ginger. Below, Hayden Overman, as Aladdin, is captured under water by a fish net. Bottom of page, Yestin Davis, as Yogi, an eligible prince, reads a not-so-good love poem to Cadence Larson, playing Ginger, the princess, while Summer Bonnar, as a Sultan, and Mia Peterson, as Heidi, listen. Bottom left, Heath Henkle, as the Genie, Leah Hadlock as Persia, Aladdin's cat, and Overman discuss ways to marry the princess.



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