

Fun Day will pay a fee

Alexis Shultz
NLJ Reporter

Earlier this month, the Weston County Fair Board voted unanimously to allow the Wyatt Pille Memorial Fun Day to continue during Fair Week, but the group determined that a use fee should be charged to event organizers after concerns were raised over a "non-fair event" being featured for free during fair week.

The concerns were initially raised at the Fair Board's February meeting, when questions were raised over the fact that fees had not been charged to organizers to use facilities for the non-fair event. An additional issue was raised by Fair Board member Ellen McKenzie, who announced that she intends to bring the Open Class Horse Show back into the Fair Week schedule and wanted to utilize the space being used for the Fun Day -- which had previously been

utilized for the Horse Show.

At the February meeting, McKenzie indicated she was willing to host the Open Class Horse Show in the indoor arena to leave the outdoor arena for other events, but she asserted the belief at the March meeting that the equine event should be allowed to take place in both venues.

"The Open Horse Show will be on Saturday during Fair Week because it is a fair event. I think a fair event should take precedence over a non-fair event," she declared.

McKenzie originally stated that she would only need to utilize indoor arena for the Horse Show, but told the board in March that because of the noon start time of the horse show she would have to request use of the outdoor arena as well for the trail class event. She explained that using both arenas would allow the event to run more smoothly because set-up and tear-down time for the trail event would

create delays in the schedule in the indoor arena.

Newly seated Fair Board member Hale Redding acknowledged that the Fun Day would conflict with McKenzie's desire to utilize the outdoor arena for the event, but David Kline with Friends of the Fair suggested a solution to the issue that would involve setting up the trail class in the grassy area by the race track.

"We used to be superintendents for the Horse Show, and there's lots of times that trail class was set up back behind...kinda back over where the race track is," proclaimed Kline. He noted that there had never been an issue with hosting the event over there.

Kline also spoke favorably of the Wyatt Pille Memorial Fun Day, stating that while he has never attended the event, he has never heard a negative

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Hunger's burn makes it hard to learn

Schools diligent about keeping students fed

Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

A recent \$2,000 donation to WCSD #1 provided by Shopko has been put toward a fund utilized by the district to assist students with outstanding school lunch balances, though most students within the district in need of meal assistance are already served by a program run by the USDA.

"I earmarked that particular money for children that either fall behind on their lunch charges or are simply unable to come up with the money at all," explained Superintendent Brad LaCroix, "so that nobody goes hungry is my belief."

LaCroix said he recognizes that there isn't general agreement within the district regarding the use of the supplementary lunch fund but that he persists in maintaining it for reasons of expediency and practicality.

"I don't think that it's fair for me to expect a teacher to get a child ready to learn when they're hungry," he elaborated, adding that the use of funds from the account is determined on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the relevant school principal.

LaCroix further explained that the district receives donations that it is able to use at its discretion from a number of sources, and that the money is put toward other necessities besides food, such as clothing or even temporary housing for students in some cases.

Reasons for student need vary, according to LaCroix, but is typically most acutely felt around the holidays.

"I've had parents just simply call

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Bundled for the big hunt



A well-bundled Lane Helms casts a mischievous grin at the camera during the first Baptist Church Annual Easter Egg Hunt held last Saturday at the Larry Price Memorial Park. (Pam Penfield/NLJ)

Tie a yellow ribbon...

Council challenged on light pole restrictions

Alexis Shultz
NLJ Reporter

The Newcastle City Council has affirmed their decision to limit the practice of tying ribbons to the decorative light posts on Main Street to

raise awareness of specific social issues, indicating the belief that the displays have lost meaning over time and expressing a willingness to help at least one group construct displays that include more information about chosen topics.

FOCUS employees and board members expressed confusion at the council's March 7 meeting over the city's policy regarding ribbons the group places on light posts in downtown Newcastle, and the Streets

Committee met to discuss the issue further following the council's March 21 meeting.

The committee reached the consensus that the City of Newcastle preferred different awareness approaches, and Councilwoman Kara Sweet indicated during the discussion that she believes informational signs are more effective. She noted that the ribbons become less effective after being displayed on a monthly basis because their meaning is not effec-

tively conveyed.

"Even for me, the one ribbon, unless I know what it means, it's useless. I thought the big sign was even more effective than one month of ribbons because I knew what they were trying to promote and make people think," declared Sweet.

After a short discussion, the committee determined that multiple months of ribbon displays should not

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WICKED BREW

Coffeehouse culture comes to Upton

Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

Co-owners Brandi Lunstra and Kayla Knowlton were looking to provide more than just steaming cups of joe to customers when they opened their Wicked Brew Coffee and Eatery on Ash Street across from the Upton Community Center on Mar. 1.

Instead, the pair told the NLJ it is also an experience or atmosphere they are seeking to bring.

Lunstra, who has been involved in the coffee biz for the past seven years, comes to the new

venture from the Second Home coffee bar that she used to maintain in the back of the Western Bar, but from which she sought to expand.

"It was good," she said. "I was over there for a year, but I wanted something bigger and Kayla was looking for something for a career after college."

In turn, Knowlton recalled that weekend trips to Brothers Coffee in Gillette were something she'd grown up on and missed when her family relocated to Upton. An English Literature major in college, she named Night Heron Books and Coffeehouse in Laramie as topping her list of all-time favorite coffee places at which to peruse

a good novel.

"I have a great passion for literature, and I loved spending my time in coffee shops and having somewhere to go to read and to study ... [Brandi and I] would have conversations and talk about how great we thought it would be for the community to have something like that, a place where there's coffee and food and comfort, a place where open-mic nights could happen, or a place where you could go to read or to study."

Lunstra, who grew up mainly in South Dakota

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Young voice to rep county on Cuyahoga

Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

Kristina Mireles, a 2012 graduate of Newcastle High School, was selected at the Weston County GOP Convention this March as an alternate delegate to the party's National Convention, which will be held in Cleveland July 18-21.

"I will travel and go and I'll get the opportunity to vote if the Crook County delegate isn't present at some of the voting matters, but it's likely that I'll just go and observe mostly," stated Mireles.

Crook and Weston Counties take turns providing the primary delegate each election cycle, explained Mireles, who is paying her own way to Cleveland.

A 21-year-old first-year law student at the University of Wyoming, Mireles indicated she is enthusiastic about the opportunity to be a part of the political process at the national level.

"I really think the people that were there (at the county convention) just realized how much of an opportunity this would be for me," she speculated of why she was selected. "They were really supportive of that. It helps that it's [an] alternate [position] and they weren't deciding on someone who would definitely get to vote."

Mireles' parents and grandparents are also involved with the GOP

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Our view

Firm and Fair

At one point or another, most of us have undoubtedly expressed a desire for one government entity or another (or all of them) to be “run more like a business.” There are probably any number of reasons to explain the ongoing success Donald Trump has enjoyed in his quest to secure the Republican nomination for President, but the primary one may very well lie in that oft-repeated phrase.

Trump says plenty of things that draw applause from one side while generating alarm from the other, but he continues to appeal to voters and will, in all likelihood, be on the ballot in November largely because of the pragmatic and hard-nosed statements he makes in response to issues that are presented to him.

At the end of the day, we want government to operate with some semblance of efficiency, and as voters we tend to support candidates whom we believe when they promise they will not shy away from making hard choices. Of course, we always assume during an election that the negative effects of “hard choices” a candidate will make after he or she is elected will be felt primarily by others because we tend to consider our own interests to be superior to those of others—and candidates have grown adept at identifying the passions and beliefs of the audiences they are facing so they can adjust their message accordingly.

As a result, the hard choices candidates promise to make end up getting watered down considerably after they’re elected and the people who voted for them discover that some of the “hard choices” they clamored for are actually going to cost them in some way. That’s why campaigning is easy, but governing is hard, and we want to commend the Weston County Fair Board for holding the line on responsible governance despite the fact that they have been challenged on their commitment to adhere to their fee schedule at every meeting they’ve held since announcing that new rates were going into effect at the beginning of this year.

The desire we all share for government to operate efficiently (which requires fiscal responsibility above all else) has produced the Trump phenomena. We believe he will follow through on promises to make “hard choices” because the celebrity status he enjoyed long before the current election began allowed us to see the hard-nosed persona he has embraced for a number of years. If Trump is elected, it will be interesting to see how genuine that persona is, as the task of making hard choices grows considerably harder when you are asked to make them for citizens and constituents—as opposed to making them for stock holders, employees or customers.

The Fair Board has passed that test over the course of the past three months, and we salute their ability to do so because it certainly hasn’t been easy. Telling people things they don’t want to hear never is, and we hope our nation’s next leader is willing to make the type of hard choices that require them to do exactly that.

Few of them are anymore, and it is refreshing to see a local group that struggled for so long find strength in adhering to the honesty and integrity such an approach demands.

Freshen up fundraisers

Newcastle is a small community that has that hometown feeling to it.

People in this community are very generous when it comes to donating for fundraisers, but it eventually comes to a point where the fundraising in town gets to be too much to handle. Newcastle is a very supportive town, but there are times when it gets over-fundraised.

There are many different fundraisers in town that seem to offer the same thing each year, but as much as people complain about all of the fundraising happening, the support for them is always evident.

Off the top of my head I can name five different groups around town that are doing fundraisers at any given time. There are always so many fundraisers going on that it is sometimes hard to keep them all straight. Within the school, the sports teams and other activities—FBLA, FFA, FCCLA, etc.—all do fundraisers. Multiple ones start in the fall, others start in the winter, and yet again in the spring. They are not well spread out, so they all seem to go on at once.

I believe the fundraisers would work better if they went throughout the whole year.

As it turns out, there are only so many fundraisers to do, and the fundraisers always seem to repeat themselves. As an example, this fall the middle school student council sold cups. They had a great variety of cups, even offering vessels with sports logos on them to choose from.

Then this November both the boys and girls high school basketball teams sold coffee cups to raise money, and people were hesitant to buy cups a second time.

It would not hurt to find some new fundraisers to earn money, and coming up with some new and different fundraisers

would make a world of difference. A fresh new idea would get the community interested and willing to donate more money.

This year, the junior class came up with the idea of making yard signs with Dogie heads on them, and this was something that had not been done before.

People had made yard signs with footballs, basketballs, and volleyballs on them, but never just Dogie heads. This effort enjoyed a great turnout, and the junior class could not make them as fast as people wanted them.

New fundraisers are great for the community, and this community is great about coming together and helping out when help is needed. That is part of what makes living here so great. The people of Newcastle are hardworking people, but they work long hours for their money, and have bills to pay. Every year you will hear people complain about how many fundraisers are going on, or how much they have spent on them, but this does not mean that the citizens of Newcastle are not donating anymore.

Just look at the Festival of Trees fundraiser that Pinnacle Bank puts on every year. It has been going on for 13 years, and every year it makes more money than the last. People will gripe and complain all they want, but in the end they always end up donating and helping out the community.

Newcastle is a close-knit community that goes out of its way to help its citizens. In town though, you will hear about how there are too many fundraisers, and that Newcastle is over fundraised. This is not completely wrong because there are many fundraisers that happen all at the same time, and they are the same ones year after year. The people of Newcastle always help out, though, no matter what.



Shaylee Curren
Curren Events

Deadline for Letters is noon on Friday

Letters to the Editor

Feds use a double standard to enforce their regulations

Dear Editor,

It seems that our federal employees have diplomatic immunity—or something very close to it.

We have been told that it is a federal offense to threaten them, but they can threaten us with impunity. Let’s look at a few basic examples.

Two men in Oregon were heavily fined and jailed for burning about 140 acres of grass on BLM land—grass they had bought and paid for. Federal employees in South Dakota scorched over 10,000 acres of grass, fences, etc., but had no personal liability and the Forest Service says it is not responsible for the damages.

At least two men have been charged with disturbing stream beds that did nothing but improve the streams. The feds caused the release of thousands of gallons of toxic water into the Colorado River—and they are sorry.

In Nevada, feds tried to illegally confiscate hundreds of cattle because they might cause harm to the desert tortoise or its habitat, while at a facility to grow and protect said tortoise, hundreds were euthanized.

A man was shot and killed in Oregon for participating in a peaceful protest. Several others were arrested and at least one was wounded. This was ruled justifiable. Too bad the man who was murdered wasn’t black—then we would have heard a lot more about this.

Our federal government is broke, both monetarily and regulatorily. Get rid of unneeded federal agencies and acts. The ESA and EPA come to mind. Get the feds out of our school systems. Have the states administer and care for federal lands within their borders.

—Jean Harshbarger

Pick up a lapel pin if you’re a Vietnam War veteran

Dear Editor,

I’m sure most all have heard of the Vietnam Commemorative Wall in Washington D.C.—located between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial. The wall was started in 1996 to honor our Vietnam War veterans, and is maintained and kept up by volunteers. There is much on the

internet if you wish to find out more.

In conjunction with the desire to thank and honor all Vietnam veterans on this 50th Anniversary of the War—which was celebrated officially on March 29 with special events everywhere—the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Inyan Kara Chapter of Newcastle-Gillette, Wyoming wish to assist a grateful nation in thanking and honoring all Vietnam veterans—the families of the fallen, the wounded, those who have been prisoners of war, those who were listed as missing or unaccounted for, the home front, the agencies, all organizations who served or supported the Armed forces and all Allies.

We were unable to celebrate with an event, but Inyan Kara Chapter have lapel pins for all Vietnam Veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location. We will be presenting lapel pins on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at the Senior Center just after lunch.

If you cannot come, please feel free to call 746-4605 and give me your name, and we will get you a pin.

—Maxine Kaul
Inyan Kara Chapter

There is profit in striking fear in our hearts

Dear Editor,

Around 100 years ago, H.L. Mencken wrote: “The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed (and hence clamorous to be led to safety) by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary.”

Way before Mencken’s pronouncement, Genghis Khan would send messengers ahead to tell the villagers that he was coming to destroy them. Be afraid. Be very afraid!

They would flee in fright, leaving behind their goods and treasures. Thus, he conquered half of the world known to him with perhaps only half the battles otherwise necessary.

About 85 years ago, Hitler told the German Jews that the Russians were coming. Be afraid, be very afraid!

Let me take you to safety at Treblinka or Auschwitz or Buchenwald on these cattle trains.

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—Jerry Baird



Sheriff Bryan Colvard and Police Chief Jim Owens were happy to receive the quilts, which their officers will use to provide comfort to young children they encounter when responding to reports of crime or violence in their homes or elsewhere. (Pam Penfield/NLJ)

Getting funky with fabric

A group of local women has taken advantage of the existence of a quilt shop in Newcastle to pursue their collective passion for sewing and other creative hobbies, and their talents have recently been tapped into to produce a little comfort for community members in need.

Funky Fiber Artists is a group of women from the community that get together to make quilts, knit, crochet or do any other fiber or needlework that they like to do. The group meets once a month, the second Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Strawberry Patch in downtown Newcastle.

"Anyone is welcome to join us for part of the day or all day to work on their favorite projects, or just stop in to say 'Hi,' and see what we are doing! We are a very informal group - no dues, meetings or rules, only to have fun and interact with a bunch of fun women," Sandra Berge described, indicating that the bunch even gets away periodically to immerse

themselves in the activity that brings them together every month.

"We do have a retreat at Ranch A, once or twice a year, for whoever wants to participate. That is a weekend away to just sew to your heart's content. We have no officers nor structure. Everyone just pitches in to accomplish whatever we are doing," Berge explained.

She said that just prior to the second Saturday of each month, Naomi Krogman sends out an email to all of the women who are listed as "members" reminding them that sewing Saturday is coming up. Berge urged anybody who would like to be on the list to call Krogman at 746-4178 and give her their email address and phone number.

She said the existence of The Strawberry Patch has been instrumental in the group's formation and growth. The business, which is located on Main Street, is owned and operated by Bev Lliteras and her daughter, Robbie.

"Bev is gracious enough to let us meet in the store on those second Saturdays to sew all day. Also, Bev offers classes in quilting, such as making bags and different quilt patterns from time to time. Schedules for the classes are posted in the store for your info.

The store is welcoming and comprised of beautiful quilting fabric, notions and information on quilting. She also has many gift items for sale and even a line of Tastefully Simple food items such as dips and desserts," Berge revealed.

When the group decided to make quilts that were donated to law enforcement to be used in their work when contacting children in stressful situations, Lliteras offered to donate five yards of fabric to each quilter who wanted to make a quilt.

"That gave us a great start, and since January we have made almost 20 finished quilts," Berge beamed before extending an invitation to residents to stop in and see all the fun the group has at the store.

Veterans assistance here

A state of Wyoming veterans service officer from the Wyoming Veterans Commission will conduct community outreach services in Wyoming cities throughout April.

Brian Yeager is available to meet with veterans and their families to discuss state and federal veterans' benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs claims, or VA healthcare. Yeager can also help veterans and their families apply for benefits, file claims or request healthcare.

His office is staffed in Gillette, at 551 Running W. Drive, Suite 100, and he will

also be available in Newcastle on April 7, 14, 21 and 28 at the Department of Workforce Services, 22922 Hwy. 85, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

During periods of inclement weather, please check with the staff at the outreach locations to ensure the veterans service officer will be available.

Yeager, a former U.S. Marine, is available to meet with veterans and their families from Campbell, Crook and Weston counties in addition to the scheduled outreach. Contact him at 307-687-5396 for more information, or to schedule an appointment.

Fun Day

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comment about it.

It is, "a hell of a program we have going," Kline remarked.

McKenzie reluctantly agreed to utilize the grassy area for the trail class event, but maintained that panels would most likely need to be set up to keep the audience safe and that no parking could be allowed in that area.

The amount that would be charged to the hosts of the Wyatt Pille Memorial Fun Day was also discussed, and the board was adamant that a fee would be required.

Susie Pille and Misty Harrington were present at the meeting to speak in favor of the event and discuss their concerns over the amount that would be charged.

"Last year we were in the hole," declared Harrington.

Pille reported that the one-day event cost roughly \$3,500, but said it attracted nearly 600 people to the fairgrounds, from not only Weston County but surrounding communities as well.

"I don't doubt the cause. I think it is a great event, but as a facility we need to maintain integrity. We have to charge," declared Fair Board Secretary Justin Mills. He acknowledged the event is good for the facility and the community, but said that in order to maintain the Weston County Fairgrounds in the future a fee would need to

be established.

Harrington asserted that the organizers of the event could not afford a hefty fee, and Mills asked if the group could afford \$300. He calculated the total charge for such an event, based on the fee schedule, at \$450. That figure included set up fees, however, but Mills indicated the set up costs could be waived to decrease the total to \$300.

Harrington and Pille argued that in previous years the organizers of the event had to do a majority of the set up and cleaning of the facility, and expressed concern that these things would not be done this year in spite the fee the group would now be expected to pay.

Mills maintained that in order for the \$150 set up fee to be waived, organizers of the event would probably still have some set up to do.

"I want to know everything is going to be set up," Harrington demanded.

Fair Board Chairman Zane Marty countered that the \$300 fee was strictly for use of the arena, which includes the pens, tracks and arena, and not set-up as that fee would be waived. McKenzie mentioned there would be a need for Fun Day organizers to supply liability insurance as well.

Harrington and Pille insisted that the facility was not cleaned or prepped to the level that they were told it would

be in previous years, and they were concerned that the issue would not improve this year even though the group would be paying to use the facility.

"Let me just predict what is going to happen here. Something is not going to be done how you guys want it, and you are going to come back and want your money back," Mills challenged.

Harrington said she anticipates they will need to do some set up particular to their event, but insisted that the pen cleaning should not be their responsibility.

"That is why we are knocking off the \$150... because we know there will be some things that may not be quite ready," Mills countered.

Harrington said she understood, but Pille said the Fair Board receives non-monetary compensation from the group because for two days prior to the event, organizers "work their hearts out" to clean the area and make sure it is ready for the Fun Day.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Redding moved to allow the Wyatt Pille Memorial Fun Day to continue on the Saturday kicking off fair week, and for the event to utilize the outdoor arena, track, and Clay Ertman Memorial Building for a total of \$300, and the board unanimously approved the motion.

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Obituaries

Richard McQuin
Feb. 2, 1957-Mar. 24, 2016

Funeral services for Richard (Rick) McQuin will be held 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 31, 2016 at First Assembly of God Church with Pastor Brett Eliason officiating; interment to follow at Mount Pisgah Cemetery. Visitation will take place 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at Gillette Memorial Chapel.

Richard Lee McQuin was born February 2, 1957 in

Pendleton, Oregon to Gary and Mary (Pratt) McQuin. The family moved to Dubois, WY in 1968 where Rick attended grade school until the family moved to Newcastle, WY in 1973, where he graduated from Newcastle High School in 1975. He then attended Casper College. Rick went on to join the National Guard in 1974 and he worked



Richard McQuin

his way up through the ranks until he retired. Rick married Connie Smelser on July 15, 1978. They had four children; Bryan, Barney, Rhonda, and Benjamin. They then adopted 2 boys; Gilbert and Matthew in 1998, and adopted a girl in 2007; Johanna from Nicaragua.

Rick was Chief Umpire for the State of Wyoming Little

League for many years. He was President of Wright Little League and was involved in local and state Little League for several years.

Rick is survived by his parents; Gary and Mary McQuin, his wife; Connie, children; Barney, Gilbert, Matthew, Rhonda and Anna, three sisters; Tammy Bryan of Colorado, Becky Olson of Cheyenne, WY, and Vicky Marlow of Casper,

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Birth



Marshall Joel Behnke

Marshall Joel Behnke was born March 3, 2016 at 9:27 am. He was born in Ft. Collins, CO at Poudre Valley Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs 3.2 oz. and was 20.5" long. His parents are Nic and Jessica Behnke and big brother Porter. Grandparents are Gene and Frieda Adams and Ron and Julia Behnke.

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Obituaries

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WY, along with 10 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by two sons; Benjamin McQuin and Bryan McQuin.

Memorials and condolences may be sent in Rick's name in care of Gillette Memorial Chapel 210 West 5th Street, Gillette, WY 82716. Condolences may also be sent via internet at www.gillette-memorialchapel.com

Margaret Murray Huber
Jan. 27, 1921-Mar. 28, 2016

We now celebrate the life of Ina Margaret Murray Huber. She left her earthly ties to be with God and her beloved husband, Bud, Monday, March 28, 2016 at Alliance, Nebraska.

She was born to Charles and Fern Murray, January 27, 1921 on a ranch in Clifton, Wyoming. She was the 5th

of 8 children and was always very close with her siblings – Kathyrn, Angie, Dorothy, Tom, Bob, Bill and Nellie.

She married the love of her life, Estell "Bud" Huber September 16, 1939 in Harden, Montana. To this union 3 children were born – Gary, Bunny and Chuck, 13 grandchildren added love and joy to this beautiful family and 23 great-grandchildren topped it off.

Ina loved camping & fishing with her husband, Bud. They and their dog "Boo" would load up and head for Deerfield Lake whenever possible. She was also a devoted Christian and her church meant everything to her.

She was totally a family

person who would drop everything to be there for family. Bunny had her on speed dial.

Ina was an avid gardener who loved to plant flowers and tend to them. She spent many hours in her flower gardens.

She was truly a beautiful person and will be greatly missed by her children, Chuck (Sally) Huber of Casa Grande, Arizona, Bunny (Mark) Saum of Alliance, Nebraska and daughter-in-law Sharon (Gary) Huber of Newcastle. Grand



Ina Huber

children, Shawn (Natalie) Miller, Kelly Stark, Tracy (Claudia) Stark and Denny (Brandy) Stark all of Alliance, Nebraska. Rod Stark of Knoxville, Tennessee, Jenni (Jeff) Vogel of Gainesville,

Florida, James (Rana) Saum of Seward, Nebraska, Kevin (Jackie) Huber, Casper, Wyoming, Teri (Fred) Pikula, Gillette, Wyoming, Michelle (Kolten) Huber, Queen Creek, Arizona, and Ashley (Johnny) Pobieglo of Syracuse, Utah; 23 great-grandchildren, sister-in-laws Betty Cowles and family, Marge Huber and family and many more nieces, nephews, family and special friends Reta and Colleen from her church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bud, son Gary, granddaughter Andee, grandson Kenny, her parents, siblings and many other family members and friends.

Funeral plans are pending. Memorials to Highland Park Care Center Memory Unit, Alliance, Nebraska, or Your local Alzheimer Unit.

NHS grad is VP at Sheridan College

Alexis Shultz
NLJ Reporter

Leah Sample Barrett, a 1988 Newcastle High School graduate, is returning to her home state this summer and taking on the position of Student Affairs Vice President at Sheridan College. Barrett, who left home after graduation, is excited to return to her home state and be closer to her family than she has in 28 years.

"This is a new opportunity to be a student officer in my home state. The proximity to my family is the closest it will have been since 1988," declared Barrett in an interview with the News Letter Journal. She noted that her children Sean, 11, and Finnian, 8, are very excited to come to Wyoming.

Barrett explained that she saw the position advertised through a national search and a good friend of hers is the Human Relations Director at Sheridan College. A phone call with that friend led her to apply

for the job, which required her to complete an application and interview process before she was chosen to take the position.

"I am very excited to be back in Wyoming...I get to show my kids what I grew up doing. It is a thrill to me, and having them get to do that with my mom and dad is pretty special as well," announced Barrett, who is the daughter of Ron and Bette Sample of Newcastle.

Barrett will begin her job at Sheridan College on July 6. The position of Student Affairs Vice President provides support to all enrollment functions, as well as student life functions, including resident halls and student activities. She explained that she has worked in higher education since 1992, and her career has taken her to Wyoming, Idaho, Arizona, and New York. She is currently working at the State University of New York at Brockport.

Barrett graduated from the University of Wyoming with an MBA and Bachelors in Business, and she also received a doc-



Leah Barrett

torate from Saint John Fisher College.

"I am very excited to come to my home state and serve in this capacity," exclaimed Barrett, who is looking forward to her upcoming move and a future that is bringing her back to Wyoming.

Choice Gas selection period almost here

The 2016 Wyoming Choice Gas selection period begins Friday, April 8, and concludes Thursday, April 28, for residential and commercial natural gas customers of SourceGas, now Black Hills Energy.

During that time, customers will have their annual opportunity to select from one of seven pre-qualified suppliers.

During the three-week selection period, suppliers compete to provide the natural gas commodity to a customer for the upcoming Choice Gas period, which runs from June 1, 2016, through May 31, 2017.

Black Hills Energy will continue to provide the customer's utility distribution and billing services, regardless of

which supplier the customer chooses.

Black Hills Energy customers in Wyoming should receive their selection packets on or before April 8. The participating natural gas suppliers will provide information on various pricing options to customers, either directly or through advertising.

The Wyoming Choice Gas Program, entering its twentieth year, has always experienced high customer participation. For further information on the Wyoming Choice Gas program, contact Black Hills Energy at 877-245-3506 or visit the Choice Gas website at www.sourcegas.com/choice-gas/wyoming.

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Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thurs 31	6:30 a.m.	Wellness Screenings	Upton School Admin Building
	12:00 p.m.	NACOC General Membership Mtg.	Pizza Barn
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
April 2016			
Fri 01	6:30 a.m.	Wellness Screenings	WC Senior Center, Michael's Room
	6:00 p.m.	FOCUS Board Meeting	FOCUS Office
	7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting	Cambria Baptist Church Basement
	7:00 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
Sat 02	8:00 a.m.	Friends of Fair Garage Sale	WC Fairgrounds
	7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting	Cambria Baptist Church Basement
Sun 03	2:00 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Catholic Church
	7:00 p.m.	Women Only NA Meeting	Cambria Baptist Church Basement
Mon 04	7:00 p.m.	City Council	City Council Chambers
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
Tues 05	9:00 a.m.	WC County Commissioners	Court House
	12:30 p.m.	Mobile Vets Center	Family Dollar Parking Lot
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Mondell Heights Breakfast Room
	7:00 p.m.	WC Travel Commission	821 Holly, Upton
Wed 06	12:00 p.m.	National Walking Day	NHS Track
	12:00 p.m.	Lions Club	WC Senior Center
	1:00 p.m.	Creative Handcrafts	WC Senior Center
	5:30 p.m.	WC Friends of the Fair	Fair Office
Thurs 07	12:00 p.m.	Chamber Board Meeting	WC Senior Center
	4:00 p.m.	VFW Auxiliary	WC Senior Center
	7:00 p.m.	Salt Creek Water District	District Office
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
	7:00 p.m.	WC Museum District	Red Onion Museum, Upton
	7:30 p.m.	Masons	Masonic Lodge #13
Fri 08	7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting	Cambria Baptist Church Basement
	7:00 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
Sat 09	4:00 p.m.	Benefit Auction & Chili Supper	WC Senior Center
	7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting	Cambria Baptist Church Basement
Sun 10	2:00 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Catholic Church
	7:00 p.m.	Women Only NA Meeting	Cambria Baptist Church Basement

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The discharge of fireworks and all outdoor fires are prohibited in the unincorporated area of Weston County except as provided below:

- (i) Trash or refuse fires between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., inside containers provided with a spark arrestor and located within a cleared area ten feet in radius and a shovel and fire suppression means are present at site, are permitted.
- (ii) Attended campfires contained within an established fire ring, no larger than three feet in radius, and located within a cleared area ten feet in radius and a shovel and fire suppression means are present at site, are permitted.
- (iii) Charcoal fires within enclosed grills located within a cleared area ten feet in radius and a shovel and fire suppression means are present at site, are permitted.
- (iv) Use of acetylene cutting torches or electric arc welders in cleared areas ten feet in radius, and a shovel and fire suppression means are present at site, are permitted.
- (v) Propane or open fire branding activities, in cleared areas ten feet in radius, and a shovel and fire suppression means are present at site, are permitted.
- (vi) Internal or external combustion engines including chainsaws, ATVs and motorcycles shall have approved spark arrestors.
- (vii) The listed exceptions set forth in Wyoming Statute 35-10-204.
- (viii) By a permit granted by the Weston County Commissioners for public display.
- (ix) These restrictions do not include the areas within incorporated cities and towns in Weston County or federal and state lands, as these entities may impose more or less restrictive regulations.

Any violation of the Open Burning Restrictions may be in violation of W.S. 35-9-304 punishable by up to 30 days in jail and up to a \$100.00 fine or both together with possible restitution for the cost of fire suppression and damages to others. The County Fire Warden may temporarily lift or re-impose these Open Burning Restrictions. For the latest status on the restrictions visit www.facebook.com/westoncountyfire or call 746-2031.

Low iron impacts blood donations

Iron -- it's in your blood. In your hemoglobin, to be exact. Hemoglobin carries oxygen to your body tissues and gives blood its red color. Not having enough hemoglobin can mean that you can't donate blood.

United Blood Services is hoping residents who plan to donate blood in April will take steps to make sure that won't be a problem. There will be a blood drive in Upton on Wednesday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Wrestling Room at the school.

Fortunately, low hemoglobin (or iron-deficiency) is most often temporary. It is developed when too little iron is absorbed from food to replace iron lost from the body due to heavy menstrual flow, gastrointestinal disease, or surgery. It can also be caused by eating or drinking the

wrong combination of foods, beverages, or minerals-- for example, the calcium in milk and other dairy products can block iron absorption, so it's better to drink a glass of orange juice with that hamburger, and have your milk a few hours later.

So when you plan to donate at your next area blood drive make sure you have plenty of iron in your system.

Eating foods high in iron, like meat, fish, poultry, green leafy vegetables, peas, beans, whole grain bread, and even milk chocolate, will help you maintain a healthy level of iron.

People who want more information about the Upton blood drive are encouraged to contact Alan Swenson at aswenson@weston7.org or to go to www.bloodhero.com and enter the code "upton."

Upton schools look at insurance options

Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

WCSD #7 Superintendent Dr. Summer Stephens approached the board of trustees at their Mar. 9 meeting about the possibility of the district offering up to three distinct health insurance plans.

Stephens explained the impetus behind the proposal is a desire to provide employees with options beyond the one plan currently available and also to meet the requirements of the Affordable Care Act, which mandates that the district provide at least one plan option with annual premiums that total less than 9.5 percent of employee income.

"We have a number of employees that it's more than 9.5 percent of their income," Stephens said of the current Blue Cross Blue Shield plan.

She described the current plan as having a \$1,500 deductible for a single person and \$3,000 deductible for a family, with a \$45 copay.

Stephens explained the dis-

trict is able to provide up to three options, and is considering the addition of a \$2,500 deductible plan (\$5,000 for family) with \$50 co-pay, as well as two other options she described as high deductible.

This year the district is benefitting from a zero percent increase in the cost of offering its current insurance plan, but last year absorbed a 13 percent increase.

Stephens presented the board with a couple of different scenarios in terms of plan offerings, with the total estimated cost to the district ranging from \$679,740 to \$697,908, a roughly \$18,000 spread.

The district's goal, according to Stephens, is to keep costs manageable for both the district and employees while offering choices and providing at least one option that meets the 9.5 percent mandate.

"We have to offer another plan. They don't have to take the plan. That's their business. But we have to offer something that's affordable," she explained, adding that the dis-

trict could potentially face a monetary penalty in the future if it fails to meet the Affordable Care Act mandate.

Statewide, school districts tend to offer a variety of different combinations of plans, Stephens observed, noting also that high-deductible plans might be enticing to certain employees, such as those in general good health.

Vice Chair Lori Olson spoke in favor of offering options to employees. She said that based on her experience high-deductible plans, which typically feature lower premiums, can actually save families money depending on their particular healthcare needs.

There was some confusion and debate among the board about how health reimbursement and health savings accounts might factor into the possible change in offered health insurance plans.

No action on the matter was taken, though it will apparently be a topic of discussion at a board work session scheduled for Mar. 30.


Upton School Notes

Discussion items at the Mar. 9 meeting of the Weston County School District #7 Board of Trustees included the following:




Nick Johnson

- Dr. Stephens shared the results of a recent custodial audit performed by Bruco, Inc. Though the company praised the efforts of the district's janitorial staff, Dr. Stephens reported, the audit revealed some areas where changes and improvements could be made, including training, equipment, and cleaning and maintenance schedules. Dr. Stephens listed several large items of cleaning equipment that she said need to be purchased and mentioned the possibility of moving to a chemical-free aqueous ozone system that kills germs by means of charged water, which is now becoming standard.
- Debbie Douglas announced that after 21 years she and her husband will no longer be organizing the Inyan Kara National Enduro for off-road motorcyclists. She presented the district with a plaque in honor of the district's support of the event over the years. Scott Gerber, who is one of those slated to take over the event's organization, reported that it will be held June 26 this year.
- High School Senior and aspiring valedictorian Kalynn Collins read a prepared statement criticizing the board's recent decision to enforce a policy requiring the valedictorian to have been a student in the district for the two semesters prior to their graduation and basing GPA on core classes only. Collins said the senior class had not been informed of the policy until Feb. 19 and noted the policy has not been closely followed historically. She said the policy punishes students based on when and where their parents choose to move and asked that it be revised or rescinded. Chair Gene Knapp said the board will further review the policy and provide a decision accordingly. It was later determined that the matter would be discussed as one of the items at an upcoming workshop meeting.
- Dr. Stephens reported that the possibility of hiring for four positions for the 2016-17 school year had come out of brainstorming sessions among administrators. These positions are an instructional facilitator to replace retiring Randy Ludeman, a full-time K-12 counselor, an additional mental health therapist, and an elementary classroom teacher.
- It was reported by Dr. Stephens that she has spoken with the Wyoming School Boards Association and the WSBA has agreed to provide assistance with the development of a leadership governance plan for the district at the discounted rate of \$5,000 over a total of three days spread across May and June.



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With special interests in diesel performance and computer diagnostics, Lamar Beachler (foreground) and his father, Scott, say they are ready to take on most gas, diesel and small engine repairs. (Todd Bennington/NLJ)

Auto repair a family affair for Beachlers



Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

About seven miles or so up the graveled length of Upton Fairview Road, the father and son team of Scott and Lamar Beachler can be found most days indulging their shared interest in automotive repair, as they poke about under the hoods in their truck-filled garage.

Originally from Indiana, the Beachler family spent about 11 years in Wisconsin before moving to Wyoming, where they've now been for about eight-and-a-half years, initially moving to the area to work in ranch management, Scott, the elder Beachler, recalled.

Car repair isn't anything new to the family, however, as Scott said he previously ran NAPA stores in Indiana and Wisconsin, which his son, Lamar, had the chance to grow up around.

Though Lamar has himself been in business for about five years, operating in a part-time

capacity as Wyoming Dirty Diesels, things are currently in a transitional phase. Their doors are now open full time, and they will be doing business from now on primarily as SCB Sales and Service, with Lamar and his diesel performance specialty business functioning in an advisory or consultant role.

SCB will take on most forms of work, the pair said, both gas and diesel vehicles, as well as small engines, such as four-wheelers and motorcycles, and also trailers.

"What we tell people is if it's not wood working, we'll pretty much be able to do it," joked Lamar.

In addition to work on diesels, Lamar stated he also does a fair bit of metal fabrication, such as building bumpers.

As for his particular fascination with diesel engines, Lamar explained that "you can make an immense amount of power out of them so easily. With gas, you've got to spend a bunch of money."

Lamar also cited good fuel mileage and the popularity of diesel trucks in the area for those engaged in ranch work or those who just need to pull heavy trailers.

In turn, his father Scott's passion runs more toward the technological side of things.

"My specialty in the past has been automotive computer diagnostics," Scott explained. "I just enjoy that, and I think it's where a lot of other shops may have a challenge ... That's something you have to have a passion for to be good at. You have to be willing to dig. And you have to be willing to spend some time that you can't necessarily bill for. We want the vehicle to be right and running when it leaves here."

The elder Beachler said he doesn't get too awfully nostalgic for the old days when cars had carburetors rather than computers, describing work on older cars as a niche market that doesn't constitute the majority of work available.

While dealers, Scott went on to say, are able to maintain the latest and greatest computer diagnostic equipment on hand, from personal experience he knows that doing so can prove a challenge for private shops.

For those unable to keep up, there's less and less that can be done beyond very basic work, according to Scott, and the pair said they believe the point has already been passed where it's no longer productive for the average person to do any serious work on their own

vehicle.

"A lot of times it ends up costing them," reasoned Scott. "If they would take it to a professional in the first place, it may save them some money. Because you can throw a lot of stuff at [a vehicle] and be completely off, and then we have to start over to diagnose it anyhow. So sometimes it's just better if you take it to the people who have the equipment."

The same goes for themselves, the pair indicated. They said they're completely against the notion of guessing at a potential fix by throwing parts at a vehicle and will gladly refer customers elsewhere in those cases where they feel they're unqualified to perform work.

"If there's something in there that's over our head, we're not going to mess up your vehicle trying to fix it," stated Scott.

Work is billed according to industry standard time manuals, they stated, unless it's specialty work, in which case they have to bill for actual time and materials.

"Wherever there's a book time, that's what we use," said Scott. "That makes it fair to every customer."

The Beachlers state that they are eager to be given a shot at diagnosing and repairing your vehicle or small engine, and are willing to do service calls if necessary. SCB Sales and Service can be reached at 746-5610 and 949-0216.

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at the county level, and Mireles said she was keen to get involved herself as soon as she could.

"It's actually how I celebrated my 18th birthday," she said. "I went to the courthouse to register as a Republican ... I was very excited about it."

Despite that background, Mireles said her political views developed largely independently, that the GOP's stance on fiscal and foreign policy issues, in particular, resonate with her, and that the party is the best fit for her politically.

"I think growing up in a Republican state definitely has a big impact on that," she elaborated. "But also, just as I have grown and lived on my own, I think that fiscal conservatism really makes sense to me. Why should we spend money when we don't have to, especially when we don't have it?"

"Lots of people who identify with the Republican Party tend to believe that if I put in my hard work, I deserve what comes out of that," she continued of why she thinks the Democratic Party has lost traction in the state. "We really want to see our hard work is for ourselves and for our family, and the good will that comes out of that hard work is given from our own hearts and not demanded by the govern-

ment."

As for how Wyoming Republicans might be distinct from the party nationally, Mireles cited what she said is a more definite emphasis on the interests of the "smaller players in the economy," such as ranchers, farmers, and small businesses.

As a young adult with a strong interest in politics, Mireles insisted she isn't actually a rarity.

"I think we live in an age where it's very easy to get information and develop an opinion that is not simply an opinion [but] is pretty well-informed," she reasoned ... I think that young people, especially people my age who are in college and who have lots or debt, or who are looking to go into an economy where there's not lots of jobs available for them, they are getting really involved in the political scene, because it's a way for them to change their future and to take a hold of it ..."

In terms of her own future career, Mireles said that she hopes to specialize in criminal law and intends to stay in Wyoming or at least the Rocky Mountain region following graduation. But despite her interest in law and undergrad studies in the politically relevant fields of Communications and Marketing, Mireles isn't sure she's ready to embark upon a

political career just yet.


"It's definitely something I've thought about," she reflected. "I don't know if I'll be a politician myself, but I'll definitely be involved in politics."

Support for a particular candidate was not declared at the Weston County GOP Convention, and Mireles, too, is withholding voicing her personal endorsement for the time being.

"They're really pretty contested as it stands, and there is a very real possibility that we might go to a brokered convention," she predicted. "I think at this point we need to vote strategically, and not only on who has strong policy for the Republican platform, but also someone who will stand and be a good contestant against the Democratic candidate, who is likely to be Hillary Clinton at this point."

Mireles, who will also attend the State Convention April 14-16 in Casper along with nine other delegates from the county, said that people within the community have always shown support and interest in her endeavors.

"I guess it's really important to say that I'm really thankful that I come from a community that's willing to put someone so young in such a position," she concluded.



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Young scientists make strong showing

Abby Gray
NLJ Student Reporter

On March 7 and 8, young scientists made their way down to Laramie to strut their stuff with hopes of bringing home a first place prize at the State Science Fair, and the students were more than satisfied with their results, with many of them enjoying a considerable amount of success.

Both the high school and middle school had a great showing, with the high school bringing 14 students to represent Newcastle, and the middle school chipping in with 12 more.

"My students were Chloe Smith, Shelby Stith, Markie Whitney, Lauren Lacey, Owen Cox, Jacob Elliott, Carolina Anderson, Hailey Wehri, Alaina Laurence, Sierra Checketts, Kale Corley, and Slade Roberson," middle school science teacher Jody McCormack noted, indicating that the middle school brought a very diverse group of kids and projects, with students representing all three grades in the school.

The high school students proved to have the same level of interest as their younger counterparts, as there was also at least one student from each class representing the Dogies at the fair.

"We had Talon Logan, Flint Hossfeld, Zachary Benshoof, Aaron Fullerton, Logan Hejduk, Kaden Curren, Betty Terry, Shaylee Curren, Laura Chord, Megan Kenney, Megan Logan, Emily Sandoval, Courtney Rainbolt, and Bailey Lacey; so we had a pretty good group of kids there competing," high

school science educator Zach Beam professed.

A majority of the students who went to compete found some measure of success, with a few standouts bringing home multiple awards.

"Hailey Wehri won first place in her category, computer and math sciences, and she also won two special awards. Chloe Smith won third place in her category, biomedical sciences. She also received word that she has been nominated to attend the Broadcom MASTERS, which is the national competition and only about seven students throughout the whole state in the junior division were nominated," McCormack nodded.

Although she had a couple students see a great deal of success at the state level, she admitted she expected even more students to enjoy the feeling of bringing home hardware from Laramie, and was disappointed it couldn't happen for all of them.

"I did expect to have more students place at the state level after we did so well at the regional competition, so I was a bit disappointed. One factor might have been that at the state level they did not always give first, second and third place awards in every category, and I'm not really sure why they didn't," she confessed.

Although the middle school students did not have as many award winners as everyone had hoped, the students in the high school competed exceptionally well at State, and many brought home awards.

"Zachary Benshoof, Emily Sandoval, Flint Hossfeld, Logan Hejduk, Laura Chord, and

Bailey Lacey were all special award winners. Megan Logan won second place in the chemistry category, and Courtney Rainbolt received first place in the same category. Bailey Lacey earned third place in her category, which was Earth and Environmental Sciences. Logan Hejduk won third place in physics, and Emily Sandoval placed second in Robotics/Computer/Mathematical sciences. All of the students who participated worked hard and were complimented several times on their politeness and behavior," Beam smiled.

The experience proves to be a great one each year, and the science teachers throughout the district are pleased with the number of students who are taking advantage of the opportunities offered by the competition.


"The experience as a whole is positive for every participant because they get a chance to communicate their scientific learning numerous times. Once students attend, I have found that they are highly motivated to go again the following year, hoping to do better. In 2014, I think only three middle schoolers won at Regionals and were able to attend State. This year, 19 of our 28 NMS students won at Regionals, and 14 of those were eligible to compete at the state level," McCormack professed.

All of the students who participated in the event learned valuable lessons that will travel with them as they move forward in science, and some students will even have the opportunity to expand upon their project in years to come—perhaps even in national events.

GOOD CITIZENS Good Citizens

Newcastle Elementary School Good Citizen Awards

GOOD CITIZENS Good Citizens




Chloe White - 5th Grade, Mrs. Ostenson


The person chosen for this month's Good Citizen meets all the criteria to hold this honor. This person is honest, helpful, and kind to others. This person is also an excellent student. This month's Good Citizen is a good friend to all of her classmates. She always has an encouraging word or something nice to say. She is trustworthy and can be depended on to accomplish the task at hand. This young lady is willing to help out in the classroom. She does the little things without even being asked. She is also helpful at home. She can be depended on to help with the cooking, cleaning, and even caring for her younger siblings. As mentioned before, our Good Citizen is a dedicated student. She takes her school work seriously, and works hard to earn superior grades. The qualities possessed by this young lady will help her to accomplish whatever she chooses to do in life. Congratulations, Chloe White, for our 5th grade Good Citizen Award!

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and say, 'Hey, this happened in the family. Is there any way we could get a little help and we'll pay you back?' Again, our number one goal is just to take care of our children, whether they're K-12," stated LaCroix.

Typically, students within the district in need of assistance in paying for meals are able to receive free or reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program, a federal program administered by the state which allows for such free or discounted rates dependent on family income.

District Business Manager Deb Sylte explained that the district is reimbursed at different rates for the free, reduced, and full-price meals it provides.

For lunch at all three schools, according to figures she provided, the district receives \$3.07 for each free meal, \$2.67 for those at the reduced rate, and \$0.29 for those students paying the full amount. Reimbursement rates for breakfast are somewhat lower, and the district receives an additional six cents per meal for following federal nutrition guidelines, Sylte further noted.

Aside from the reimbursements, the money directly collected from students paying full price helps to maintain the program in combination with money from the district's general fund.

Sylte reported that \$70,000 has been budgeted this fiscal year out of the general fund, and annual supplementation from the general fund has ranged between \$50,000 and \$70,000 within recent memory.

Also noted by Sylte, is that the account to which the Shopko money has been dedicated tends to be utilized for those students not participating in free or reduced-price meals.

"If parents fill out the free and reduced [program application] and qualify, then they don't need a lot of help. I don't see that side of it, but what I think it's used for is maybe someone who falls between. They don't qualify, but maybe they have some things happen in their life ...," she speculated, citing medical bills as one possible example.

Sylte continued, observing that there's a balance to be struck between serving the interests of students and maintaining the integrity of the system. She indicated she hopes that people won't seek to abuse the district's good will, even though she said she shares the superintendent's concern that all students are properly fed.

"I always have a different viewpoint than people that are in the trenches because I'm over here worried about a budget and the money," she acknowledged.

Denise Anderson, who handles much of the financials surrounding the food program for the district, explained that applications for the National School Lunch Program's free and reduced rates are sent home with students at the beginning of the year and are available year round from the district.

The district is required to do a random audit on three percent of participants, she said, and those unable to produce evidence that they meet income guidelines have to go back to paying for full-price meals.

Anderson suggested that sometimes being audited works in the favor of applicants, because they've signed up at the reduced level but find out their child actually qualifies for free meals.

Sylte added that while district officials do their best to encourage those who qualify to sign up, they can't force people to do so. Some parents who might qualify also decline out of a strongly held sense of personal pride or independence, she also acknowledged.

District Food Service Director Sue Kettley said that it's in the district's interest to get those who qualify for the National School Lunch Program's free or reduced-rate meals to sign up because of the reimbursements available, and that's the approach she favors. The more money reimbursed to the program means the less the district has to supplement from its own general fund to make the lunch program viable, she reasoned.

As for those students whose families may only be on the edge of qualifying, Kettley said the district does have some flexibility.

"We can step in as a district and qualify them if we know that there's a hardship case, and I believe it has been done at the elementary," she recalled, adding that such a move is dependent on the parents' willingness to work with the district and make school officials aware of their need.

As for how student lunch accounts are tracked, a fingerprint reader system is in place at the middle and high schools, Kettley confirmed, though such a system does not work for elementary students due to issues of fingerprint quality.

The lunch participation rate at the high school is about 37 percent, she reported, characterizing that number as very good in comparison to similar schools, especially since the high school maintains an open campus environment.

"I'd love to have more but I don't think it's the food or quality of food," she stated. "We serve anywhere between 70 and 80 high school students a day. Usually 40 of those are full-pay students ... They want to eat there."

Lunch participation at the elementary and middle schools is lower at about 20 percent, she said, with the preponderance of students bringing lunch from home. Kettley mentioned what she sees as the tendency of some middle schoolers to insist on eating lunches that are perhaps not as nutritionally balanced as they could be.

In addition to the federal reimbursements mentioned by Sylte, Kettley also stated that additional reimbursement funds are available on a per-meal-provided basis, which are in turn put back toward the district's wholesale purchase of food.

"We also get this entitlement program which gives you so many pennies [per meal served] toward food purchase," she explained. "We pay the shipping on it or we pay the processing. Say, if we want chicken that the USDA has bought, and we want a chicken nugget instead of the whole chicken, then we have to pay that processing. It saves the district quite a bit of money, but it also gives us a product that is totally compliant (in terms of federal health guidelines)."

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be allowed, but suggested the City of Newcastle would aid FOCUS in erecting a sturdy structure on which the group could place large informational banners. City officials felt that was a more effective avenue to use in awareness campaigns.

When the issue was broached to the council on March 7, FOCUS Board Chair Pat Morgan declared that the ribbons are part of projects that are meant to create community awareness surrounding different issues for which awareness months have been designated.

FOCUS Director Donna Howard, in an email to the News Letter Journal, clarified that the specific campaigns for which FOCUS intended to use ribbons to raise awareness address stalking, teen dating, sexual assault, elder abuse and domestic violence. She noted that the organization also helps to raise awareness about child abuse.

"It is our role to provide awareness for all of these campaigns," Howard told the NLJ, noting that the awareness projects have been evaluated and those campaigns that did not yield good results were eliminated. She said the ribbons have proven to be a useful awareness tool, and she reported that belief to the city council.

Morgan suggested that the ribbons open doors and encourage people to ask questions regarding what the ribbons represent. They may also remind those who need FOCUS that they are always there with an open door.

"They are a more attractive reminder for some than posters," announced Morgan, who explained that other campaigns have used posters or table top ads to generate awareness. He therefore requested that the council consider allowing the group to put up ribbons for five different awareness months, but city officials were hesitant to allow additional months, which prompted the presentation to the council.

"They came in and asked us. My understanding, was the feeling was, if we did one every month it begins to lose affect...My understanding was that FOCUS would pick one, but not all five," City Engineer Bob Hartley reported

to the council, indicating that was the direction he had given to FOCUS representatives when they contacted him regarding the subject prior to the meeting.

Mayor Greg James recalled that the council had previously come to the consensus that FOCUS would be allowed to use the light poles downtown for their ribbons for only one awareness month because "it became too confusing with too many." He noted that people may have not known what each colored ribbon represents, which could have contributed to confusion on the part of some in the community.

"It encourages people to ask questions," Howard countered. She noted that the colored ribbons prompt people to ask others what the ribbons represent, which opens doors that allow sensitive subjects to be discussed.

Howard argued that FOCUS has heard no negative feedback concerning the ribbons lining Newcastle's Main Street, and that business owners had actually expressed greater concern over a proposal to use posters instead of ribbons for the purpose of raising awareness.

Councilman Roger Hespe questioned Howard to whether or not the ribbons aid the clients they are charged to serve, or if they increased the number of clients contacting the organization. He also questioned if it would be possible to label the ribbons so the awareness topic would be present as well.

"I wouldn't say that it has increased the number of people we see, but it encourages people to ask questions," Howard professed. She added that the ribbons allow FOCUS to reach out to more people and has created an avenue for more people to talk about the awareness topics. She also said that labeling the ribbons would not be a problem, if that is what the council preferred.

The council voiced various opinions on the subject on March 7 before agreeing that it was most appropriate to allow the committee to discuss it in depth at a later date and present a recommendation to the council.



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Kayla Knowlton, left, and Brandi Lunstra say they hope to do more than just serve good coffee at their Wicked Brew coffeehouse and eatery. The pair are also serving fresh food and intend to host open mic nights. (Todd Bennington/NLJ)

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Saturday of the month, starting in April, to probably begin at 6 p.m. or 7 p.m. They want to stagger the open mics, she said, against those that are now being held in Moorcroft, so as not to be in direct competition.

Current hours are 4 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Saturday in an effort to provide that morning pick-me-up to those on their way to work. That's under review though, Lunstra said, as business hasn't been as brisk in the wee hours as they had hoped, and she and Knowles are trying to gauge what's best for their customer base as far as hours, food, and events through a Facebook survey.

Something unique about Wicked Brew is the chalkboard-lined restroom, where visitors and passers-thru from a handful of states near and far have already chalked-up messages in pastel colors.

There's also several bookshelves that Knowles said she hopes to develop into a book exchange. The eventual construction of a patio seating area for the summer months is another plan.

Asked about the name Wicked Brew, Lunstra said it just happened to be the one to stick out of a number of names they came up with as potential replacements for that of her former coffee bar.

"I was originally Second Home, and my husband came up with that name, but had a lot of people calling it Second Hand. I don't know why and it drove me insane. And we wanted something fresh for

Kayla and I to start out with," she elaborated.

Knowlton said the goal is to make Wicked Brew an inviting place where people will want to sit and stay awhile, and the pair indicated they already have students coming in on a regular basis to do their homework, moms coming in to read after dropping the kids off at school, and even professionals who come in to get some work accomplished.

Part of establishing that sort of atmosphere means catering to customer needs, and Lunstra and Knowlton said they try to work around food allergies and different dietary restrictions by carrying choices like soy, almond, and lactose-free milks.

"We try to make sure we can accommodate whoever walks through the door," said Lunstra.

It's that sense of community and welcoming that can be found at places like Wicked Brew that really distinguishes independent coffee shops from chains, Knowlton opined.

"I've never walked into a Starbucks and had somebody know my name or even felt like the same people were going to be working there," she recollected. "From my experience people don't like to stay long."

As for whether Wicked Brew will be the place around which a subculture of coffee aficionados will evolve in Upton, Knowlton was upbeat about the possibility.

"I think it could happen," she said. "I think people want something new."

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Grassland gripes aired



Rancher Tom Wright makes a point during the second of three scheduled collaborative learning workshops on the Thunder Basin Grassland. The aim of the workshops, which are being moderated by the UW's Ruckelshaus Institute, is the formation of a multi-stakeholder working group. The third meeting in the series is scheduled for May 19 in Gillette. (Todd Bennington/NLJ)

Grasslands History Project Comes to Thunder Basin

If you have stories about homesteading you would like to share, the National Grasslands Visitor Center (NGVC) and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) are interested in documenting your family's story for a national research project called the Grasslands Oral History Project (GOHP).

A press release from the U.S. Forest Service announced that on Saturday and Sunday, April 9-10, Dr. Matthew Douglass of the Center of Great Plains Studies at UNL and the NGVC Park Rangers will be in this area conducting interviews for the project. According to the release, the primary goal of the GOHP is to document homesteading history that occurred in this region before the creation of Thunder Basin National Grassland.

"We encourage individuals who can share information about homesteading in the local area, the relationship homesteaders had with the land, what they used the land for, and the conditions that have to do with the formation of the National Grasslands," Dr. Matthew Douglass said. "Of particular interest are those who have documents and photographs about local homesteading history, or whose family has passed down information about life during the homestead era."

If interested persons are willing to participate and share their story, interviews can be set up by calling the NGVC at 605-279-2125. If interested persons are unable to be interviewed at this time, the NGVC Park Rangers and Dr. Douglass will be happy to set up a later time and location to meet, according to the press release.

For more information or to set up an interview, contact the National Grasslands Visitor Center in Wall, SD at 605-279-2125 between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily or Dr. Matthew Douglass at 402-270-7220 or mdouglass3@unl.edu.

tion on the workshop series, as well as the Thunder Basin Grassland in general, are available on the Ruckelshaus Institute's website at uwyo.edu/haub/ruckelshaus-institute/collaborative-solutions.

The third workshop meeting, which was originally to be held on May 18, has been rescheduled for May 19. An exact venue has not yet been determined, though it will be held in Gillette.

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Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

The second of a scheduled three Thunder Basin Collaborative Learning Workshops was held at the Weston County Senior Center on Mar. 16. There, participants drawn from throughout the local area heard from representatives of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Thunder Basin Grassland Prairie Ecosystem Association, a non-profit that represents property owners in five Wyoming counties, on current research work being conducted on the grasslands. A previous workshop held in Douglas focused on the Thunder Basin National Grassland's history.

Dr. Jessica Clement of the UW's Ruckelshaus Institute, the entity that is organizing the workshop series on the behalf of the U.S. Forest Service, described the workshops as an initial step toward the formation of a collaborative body.

"The ultimate objective of the workshops is to provide information from communities ... to inform a long-term, place-based, multi-stakeholder working group to resolve complex issues on the Thunder Basin, including prairie dog management among many issues," she explained to those present.

"The point of these sessions," Clement continued, "is that if we get our diverse stakeholders together, and we talk about issues regarding the Thunder Basin National Grassland, what kind of infor-

mation will we get from you that we can give to the Forest Service?"

The Forest Service, Clement further stated, had failed to gain approval to set up a federal advisory committee from the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, as it had sought to do, but does not want to give up on collaborative efforts. Therefore, the Ruckelshaus Institute was asked to function as a kind of neutral broker in helping to convene the working group.

Those present were divided into a handful of discussion groups and asked by Clement to address two main questions:

(1) What are issues that the working group should focus on regarding the Thunder Basin National Grassland?

(2) What are gaps in the knowledge that you think need to be filled in order to be able to make good decisions, in your opinion, on the Thunder Basin National Grassland?

A non-exhaustive list of participant responses to the questions includes the following:

- Need for data on prairie dogs and methods of control. What works and doesn't work? Need for evidence of what works.
- What are the economic consequences of Endangered Species Act listing? Need for improved channels of communication for affected stakeholders.
- Greater accountability for how federal decisions affect private land ownership and use.
- Better map representation of private lands. Maps often don't show or take into account private land interspersed within large blocks of public land.
- Improved communications between special interest groups and landowners.
- Need for greater consistency between agencies and increased sharing of knowledge.
- What are the diverse uses of national grasslands and does the public have knowledge of those uses?
- Increased transparency in regard to the black-footed ferret. Will it be introduced or not?
- Need to raise awareness of the grassland's economic benefits and uses, especially in light of the downturn in the energy

sector.

- More respect for private property rights, especially in terms of prairie dog control.
- How does the Wyoming law preventing trespass for data collection affect research going forward?
- Need for use of sound science in decision making.
- Will there be more emphasis on public-private land exchanges in the future?
- Need to bridge the knowledge gap between those living on and using the land vs. those who read about it and study it.
- Increased accuracy in media coverage of the grassland.
- Need for more local input on energy development.
- Maintaining public access for multiple use opportunities.
- Identifying so-called decision space where the Forest Service and other agencies actually have flexibility in terms of decision making.
- The problem of lack of workshop involvement from NGOs, since they are guaranteed to be involved in the working group.
- Need for more state agency and state legislature involvement with the grassland.
- Questions of grazing patterns and usage given the number of grazing permittees on the grassland.
- The potential for severe infestations of invasive plant species (e.g. cheat grass).
- Damage from off-road vehicles.
- Data gaps on sage-grouse predators.
- What is the length of time for vegetative recovery on prairie dog mounds/towns?
- Quality of reclamation land vs. undisturbed areas.
- What is the interaction of prairie dogs with sagebrush?
- What are the effects of dusting for flees to prevent bubonic plague among prairie dogs on mountain plovers and other wildlife?
- Impacts of recreation on grasslands.
- Economic contributions of recreationists.

The exact membership composition of the working group has not yet been determined, Clemens indicated.

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03/31	V Rawlins Outlaws	A 2 PM
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High School Girls Soccer		
03/31	V Rawlins Outlaws	A 12 PM
04/05	VJ Buffalo Bison	H 4 PM

Once in a lifetime



Sonja Karp Karpe Dogie

"I wanna wake up in the city that never sleeps!" That song has been running over and over in my head the

last couple of weeks because I got the chance to do just that a week and a half ago.

Going to New York City has always been on my bucket list, but to go to the Big Apple and watch my son sing in Carnegie Hall, one of the greatest stages of all time, was never even a thought until last May when we signed up for the trip of a lifetime.

Words cannot fully express the feelings I had as I watched not only my son, but 13 of my students, file onto the stage at Carnegie Hall to perform in a once in a lifetime concert. As the lights dimmed, I whispered to Melissa Cade – also there to watch her daughter perform – that I was feeling a little verklempt.

Within seconds, the first of many tears of joy that night rolled down my cheek.

As the first a cappella notes were sung and the hall was filled with the magnificent voices of 410 high school students from across the country, I was overcome with the most amazing emotions (that I would count as second only to the birth of my children.)

Deke Sharon, conductor and arranger of the a cappella masterpiece, stated that music is meant to be shared and felt and celebrated, and that's just what I and 3,000 other lucky audience members had the amazing opportunity to do over the course of two very short hours.

The finale of the concert had all of the audience up on our feet, singing and dancing along with performers on stage and in the aisles, and after the show I couldn't help but give Sharon a huge bear hug when I saw him at the post-concert reception—and thank him profusely for providing such an amazing experience for my son and my students.

As I hugged him, I also told him that I laughed, I cried, I sang, I danced, I cheered, and his response was exactly what I expected when he smiled and said, "That's how music is supposed to be enjoyed."

The concert was the

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For the long haul



Wyatt Corley and Jacob Hobbs take a break from the throwing rings to get a little work in on the track on Monday, as Coach Beau Gregory keeps time. The Dogie track squads hoped to get their outdoor season underway in Rapid City last week, but a bit of winter weather forced the cancellation of that meet. Newcastle is now set to host what will be the first meet of the year for many Black Hills teams when the Speedgoat Classic is held this Thursday, but another winter storm could ruin those plans as well, and keep the Dogies from competing until they make a trip to Buffalo on Saturday. (Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

Top seed is in reach

Lady Dogies set their sights on the Bison

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The end of basketball and the beginning of spring signals the start of the Newcastle Lady Dogies' 2016 soccer season, and head coach Bryce Hoffman is looking forward to welcoming back a strong, but small, core of experience and skill to the field.

Returning for the Lady Dogies are

seniors Katara Cade, Katelyn Spain, Abby Gray, Nathina Crabtree, Megan Logan, and Kelsey Wood. Juniors include Alyssa Umphlett, Grace Peterson, Heather Michaelis, Tania Bau, Daytona Bennett and Madee Frazee, while only one sophomore, Emily Pearson, will be on the roster as Taylor Cobb – a starter from last year – suffered an ACL injury which will keep her sidelined for the 2016 season.

Three freshmen, Cassidy Jeppesen, Brenna Watkins and Bianca Torres, will be joining the Lady Dogies this season as well.

Though the squad is down two starters in Cobb and senior Kendra Back—who transitioned to track for her final season as a Dogie—Hoffman

has much to look forward to with those suiting up.

Cade is a two time All-Conference player who, according to Hoffman, had a great season last year as a junior on her way to breaking the school assist record. He is looking for her to expand on that record again this season, and carry a little more weight in goal scoring as well.

Spain was also All-Conference last season and did some very good things defensively. Hoffman anticipates that she will be in a little different role this year on the defensive end of things and thinks she'll be successful in that role.

Wood has played goal-keeper for the Lady Dogies for the last three years, and was All-Conference as a

sophomore, so she brings a great deal of experience as a defender of the goal.

Gray had a really good start to last season and performed very well in the first six or seven games, but then suffered a season ending injury. Hoffman is really excited to have her back on the defensive end where he thinks she will really shore some things up for his team.

Umphlett was Honorable Mention All-Conference last season and had a nice year as a defender, but this season Hoffman sees her in more of an attacking role, which he anticipates will be a great fit for her.

Peterson was also All-Conference

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Soccer doubles their numbers

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

After struggling all last spring to fill a roster for their competitions, coaches and players of the Newcastle Dogie Soccer team are feeling a little more comfortable, and a lot more excited, to see numbers nearly double for the 2016 season.

"Numbers are great this year," exclaimed returning head coach Josh Peterson. "We have 22 boys out, so we will be looking at filling both a Varsity and a JV squad this year."

The team is returning only one senior in Cooper Karp, but several juniors will be on the field, including Marshall Rhoades, Uzi Holguin, Brandon Benson, Colin Heaton, Zach Schuessler, Holden Schultz, and Gabe McCoy (both of whom are returning after a one year hiatus).

Also a junior, Flint Hossfeld is new to the sport this year, as is sophomore Murray Hebbing. In addition, there are 11 freshmen who will be joining the team, though Peterson is not sure exactly what to expect from the youngsters as their experience on the field is still an unknown.

Given the Dogies often found themselves playing one or even two men down last season, these higher numbers are a great relief as they prepare for their first contest.

"There is a lot less stress already this season because we don't have to worry about whether we'll have enough guys to play 11 on 11 from game to game," Peterson admitted.

With the pressure of numbers off his back, Peterson is looking forward to seeing how his team will match up against conference opponents this year.

"I'm optimistic about our chances this season

because it's got to be better than last year," he laughed. "I think the guys will be surprised how much better it is not to have to play down a man, and not having to play every second of every game because we will have subs. It will make a huge difference."

Low numbers resulted in some unfortunate end-game scores last season for the Dogies, but the team consistently played competitively in the first half of their games despite playing down. Unfortunately, in the second half of those games, Peterson's guys would simply run out of gas against opponents who were much fresher.

A positive that can be drawn from the adversity the squad faced last season is that returning players gained a great deal of field experience, which Peterson anticipates should translate into some good

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Senior Nathina Crabtree will return to captain the team once again this year, but she hopes that with the help of her fellow seniors the Dogies can knock off Buffalo for the first time and claim the top spot in the Northeast Quadrant. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

then there's not a lot of young people. We have a lot of experience up on top, however, so that's where you want your larger numbers," Hoffman explained.

Low numbers are a change for the Lady Dogies from the last couple of years, but Hoffman knows his girls now have a lot of experience and have played a lot of soccer, which should bode well for the squad as they enter into conference matchups.

"I really expect us to push to be the number one seed out of our quadrant. We'll know more when we play Buffalo in a couple of weeks, but I think we have the ability and skill on this team to do that, especially if we stay healthy," he nodded, acknowledging that his squad will have to go through the Bison to earn that top seed.

"Knowing what they are returning and not returning compared to us makes me feel pretty confident that we can push Buffalo. They have won it every year since I've been coaching, but I like our chances against them based on our experience and skill," the coach reasoned.

The other quadrant opponent, Douglas, graduated their two all-conference players from last year, so Hoffman admits they present a bit of a mystery as to what to expect from them.

The Lady Dogies are scheduled to open up their season in Rawlins against the Lady Outlaws on Thursday. The competition was originally supposed to take place on Saturday, but Rawlins is hosting a track meet that day so cannot support both events. However, with the forecasted winter storm that is supposed to ravage much of Wyoming on Wednesday, the possibility of having to cancel the contest is very real.

If the storm doesn't live up to predictions and the squad is able to make the trek, the Lady Dogies will open their 2016 season at 2:00 on Thursday, followed by the boys' game.

"I'm not really sure what to expect from Rawlins," Hoffman admitted. "They have a new coaching staff, but last year we were very successful against them. They are pretty young, so will be returning some players whom I expect to have played a lot of soccer, but if we take care of the things we can control we should come out on top."

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Honorable Mention and she scored eight goals for the squad last season, putting her in second for goals scored on the team. As such, Hoffman says he wants to see her expand in that scoring role.

"She's gotten faster and stronger, and did a nice job during the indoor season to prepare herself for this season."

Crabtree was a captain of the team last year, and Hoffman stated she will be again this season.

"She is a great vocal leader and the positive leadership she provides is very beneficial to the team," he nodded. "She also did a lot in the off-season to improve herself, coming to all of the weight sessions and open field opportunities. She has really improved as an athlete and as a soccer player, so I am happy to have her back."

Michaelis is a returning letter winner and will play a mixed role as a back-up keeper, and then as a utility sub anywhere in the mid-field and in the defensive line. Bau, also a returning letter winner, will be put into a larger role this year as a defensive mid-fielder, so fans will see a lot of her on the field.

Logan is another returning letter winner. Last season she played as a utility sub and this season she will be looking at a more stable spot in the midfield.

Bennett played a lot of minutes for the Lady Dogies last season after Gray went out of the lineup.

"She stepped up and played that role and gained a great deal of experience that I think will transfer into what we have planned for her this year, and I think she is ready for that role. She also did off-season indoor soccer, which really improved her skills," Hoffman declared.

Pearson was new to soccer last season, but is returning this year and is expected to play a big role as a substitute, coming in late in games to fill some very important roles.

"She is very athletic and can just go. She is smart and coachable on the fly," Hoffman began.

"Last season against Scottsbluff in the JV game, she did something I didn't want her to, so I explained what I wanted as she was coming back down the field and the next time she executed just as I asked and they scored a goal," he smiled.

As a starter last year, the loss of Cobb is unfortunate for the squad and Hoffman is looking for someone else to step up to fill her shoes, as well as the defensive switch-ups he is making that originated from the loss of Back. Fortunately, Hoffman stated the freshmen newcomers are developing in their roles right now and should be doing some good things by the end of the season.

Hoffman is disappointed that numbers are down a little bit, with only 17 girls out for the team. Given that, the squad will not be able to play full JV games and will plan to play half JV games with the schools who are willing to do that.

Because numbers are low, maintaining good health is definitely a concern for Hoffman.

"It is imperative that we stay healthy. We need to make sure we take care of our warmups each day, and make sure that we are in good condition so those injuries don't pile up on us. We have a really good core in our juniors and senior classes, but

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things this year as they play contests with a full roster.

"We really are returning players with a ton of experience in our senior and juniors, so our goal will be to get some of the freshmen to fill some holes to help out our older guys," Peterson analyzed.

Though Peterson is not very familiar with the incoming freshmen's experience, he noted that at least two of them - Talon Logan and David Holguin - played indoor soccer so he knows that they've been gaining some valuable experience already this year.

In looking at conference opponents, Peterson identified Buffalo as the team to beat. Douglas, the Dogies' other Northeast Quadrant opponent, lost a couple of their top players from last year, so Peterson is hoping to be competitive with everyone as the season progresses.

The Dogies are scheduled to kick off their season in Rawlins at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday if weather permits. Given that Rawlins is in the Southeast Quadrant, this will not be a conference matchup, so will not count for Regional seeding later in the year.



Cooper Karp and the rest of the Dogies are eager to flash their skills in Rawlins this week. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

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epitome of my trip to NYC, but we had some other amazing experiences as well that were made all the more special because I shared them with my son.

We were able to enjoy music in another way when we attended the Broadway musical "Aladdin" in the historic Amsterdam Theater on 42nd street. This was our first show and it was nothing short of amazing. The stage and the lights and the colors and the music kept me mesmerized throughout the show, and I cannot wait to return and see

another.

We took selfies from the top of Rockefeller Center and I had a carriage ride through Central Park. I "shopped" on 5th Avenue in Louis Vuitton, Dolce and Gabbana and Prada (Really I just looked and tried on \$800 sunglasses), and we were amazed by the lights and activity of Time Square.

We rode a ferry to Liberty Island to see the lady herself, and then went on to Ellis Island. As we did this, I may have felt just an inkling of what immigrants coming to this country must have felt as

they took that journey.

Finally, we experienced the 9/11 Memorial and Museum. I know that we all can remember where we were and what we were doing on the fateful day nearly 15 years ago, but visiting the museum brought each moment back with such somber clarity that once again I was drawn to tears. For the adults on the trip, it was a walk down memory lane, but for the students I think it really brought the reality of that day home to them who were so small when it happened.


This trip was truly a once in a lifetime opportunity, and I am so grateful to Newcastle Choir Director Jan Ellis for making this incredible journey a possibility and a reality for me, my son, and everyone else who attended.

Though I will go again with both of my kids - after all I didn't get to see the Bull of Wall Street or the Flatiron Building (yeah, I'm a history nerd) - this trip will go down as one of the best, and I will never forget the feeling of seeing my son sing in Carnegie Hall.

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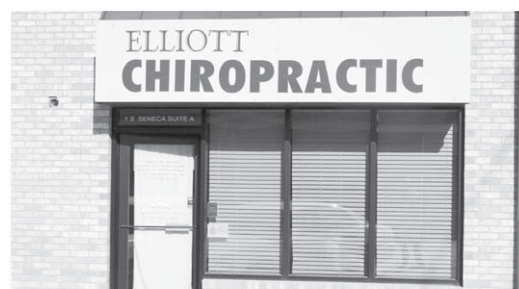
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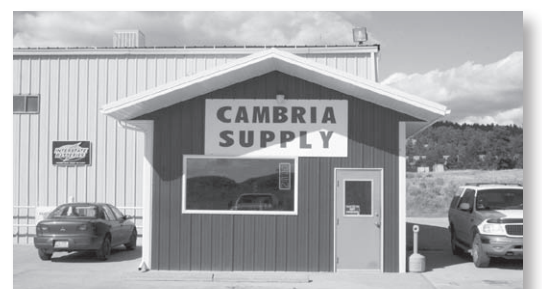
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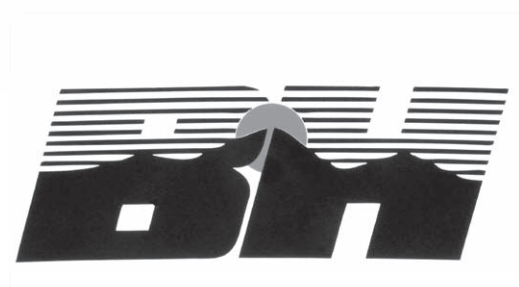



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NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016

Mayor James called the regular meeting of Monday, March 21, 2016 to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were: Todd Quigley, Kara Sweet, Steve Ladwig, Mayor Greg James, and Roger Hespe. Absent: Don Steveson. Also present Department Heads: City Clerk/Treasurer Brunner, Police Chief Owens, Engineer Hartley and City Attorney Jim Peck.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor James deleted Item #4 under Citizen's Business in Writing, catering permit approval for Crossroads Cantina. Roger Hespe moved and Todd Quigley seconded to approve the Agenda for Monday, March 21, 2016. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Kara Sweet moved and Steve Ladwig seconded to approve the Minutes for the March 7, 2016 Regular Meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION: None. CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION: None.

Mayor James commented that it was permissible under statute to enter Executive Session to consider candidates for the open Council position. Those candidates had earlier interviewed with the Council Committee of the Whole at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regular council meeting. Mayor James also stated that if the Council preferred to make a motion to appoint a certain candidate immediately then that was permissible as well. Roger Hespe moved to offer the empty City Council seat to Lynn Moller; second by Steve Ladwig. Mr. Hespe commented that his reason for nominating Mr. Moller was that Mr. Moller had a great deal of experience in business practices. Steve Ladwig echoed that sentiment. Mayor James thanked and congratulated all the candidates and encouraged those who expressed interest but may not get appointed at this time to consider strongly about running in the fall election as there will be several Council, as well as the mayoral, positions open. Roger Hespe called for the question. Quigley, Ladwig, James and Hespe - Aye. Sweet - nay; MOTION CARRIED.

After a brief recess Clerk/Treasurer Brunner swore in Lynn Moller as the new council person. He then took his appointed seat.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS - IN WRITING: 1. Mayor James read a request from Weston County Children's Center for summer sewer averaging. Roger Hespe moved and Kara Sweet seconded to approve the request as read. MOTION CARRIED. 2. He read a request from Rhonda Gordon of the West End Bar & Grill to cater the NRA Banquet from 4pm on April 2nd, 2016 through 4 pm on April 3, 2016 at the Weston Co. Senior Center. The West End is a county liquor license holder but the City received a letter from Weston County stating that the West End was in "good standing" regarding their county liquor license. Steve Ladwig moved and Kara Sweet seconded to approve the request as read. MOTION CARRIED. 3. He read a request for approval of a plumbing contractor license for 2016, Clearwater X-Spurts, Inc. Master Plumber, Clay Massie. Proof of insurance and bonding were provided. Roger Hespe moved and Kara Sweet seconded to approve the plumbing contractor license for 2016 as requested. MOTION CARRIED.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS - VERBAL - 1. None. MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS: - 1. None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

City Engineer Robert Hartley - 1. Crews have completed meter pit installations on Cambria. They will be moving over to work on Sumner and then Wentworth next. 2. He reported on the status of the 2015 Water Improvements Project which is funded through the Wyoming Water Development Commission. There will be a meeting next week regarding final approval of that project. He is anticipating going out to bid for that project the first part of May. That project will replace water line on Stampede Street and install new control stations. There will also be a new pump in Well #3 and bring that well onto the water system as well as install newer telemetry for the water system. 3. Well #5 project is moving ahead; he has notified WWDCC that the ownership logistics are a bit complicated; they are waiting on the DEQ and after the ownership issues are resolved he anticipates drilling that well sometime in July. 4. Lighting Upgrade Project specs went out to two electrical contractors with bids due in on April 4th and to be opened at the regular Council meeting on April 4th. 5. He requested a Street Committee meeting tonight after the Council meeting ended this evening.

Police Chief Jim Owens - 1. Department Activity is 245 calls for service so far in March; that is nearly the same as last year for March; total YTD calls is down from last year. 2. CSO Whicher so far in March has sent out 17 notices of abatement for junk; 3. He spent Tuesday through Friday of last week at a conference in Denver called "Denver 2 Years Later". The conference related all the problems Colorado has experienced since the legalization of marijuana use in the State of Colorado. The conference alerted attendees from other states to things to be prepared for if passage of marijuana sales becomes legal in their state.

City Clerk/Treasurer- 1. She thanked Engineer Hartley for his work on the State Energy Lighting Upgrade Project regarding the drafting of the specifications and preparation of bid advertising. She reminded Council that those grant monies must be expended prior to the end of the June 30, 2016 fiscal year. 2. She stated that she has not received any financial information from WAM yet regarding FY 2016-17 State revenues. She will begin working on the expense side of the budget next week. 3. Stated that after review and reference checking with provided sources she recommended hiring Ketel Thorstensen, LLC as the City's new audit firm for the FY 2015-16 fiscal year. The firm requested that the City consider a three year "commitment" which would save the City from \$1500-2000/year over the next 3 years. Ketel Thorstensen also provided a one-year quote for the audit of \$20,000 if the City wanted to only engage them for one year. Both the one-year and the three-year quotes includes the auditor's preparation of the City's financial statements. Attorney Peck stated that since this was for "specialized services" and was below the bid threshold, that there was no need to advertise for bids. Mayor James stated that though the City may make "intent" to engage with this company for an extended period there was no "legal" obligation for more than one year at a time. Todd Quigley moved and Steve Ladwig seconded to approve the recommendation from Treasurer Brunner regarding the hiring of Ketel, Thorstensen as the City's new audit firm. MOTION CARRIED. Treasurer Brunner will contact both audit firms who provided quotes. At 7:30 p.m. Mayor James stopped the regular meeting to hold a public hearing on approval

of a bar & grill license for Isabella's LLC dba Isabella's Bar & Grill for the licensing period of April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017. Mayor James asked twice for comment from the public. Karl Lacey asked whether this would be an "additional" license for Isabella's. Treasurer Brunner explained that the current restaurant license would be effective until March 31, 2016 and, if approved, the bar and grill license would become effective April 1, 2016 and the restaurant license would expire at that point. Comments were made regarding the "location" of the bar area within the establishment. Roger Hespe moved and Kara Sweet seconded to approve the Bar and Grill License #1 dba as Isabella's Bar and Grill as requested. All paperwork has been filed and license and publication fees are paid. MOTION CARRIED. Mayor James returned the meeting to regular session at 7:38 p.m.

City Attorney Jim Peck - 1. Commented on the proposed Water Well #5 negotiations; he took the State agreement and modified it substantially to get agreement from the property owners. He later learned that one of the property owners is deceased which has complicated the matter. He is waiting for the family to take care of the ownership issues; dependent upon how that turns out will extend the time of approval. 2. He commented on the Newcastle Planning Commission's recommendations regarding the sandwich sign ordinance. He stated that if the Council wants to take into consideration the Planning Commission's recommendations there would need to be a public hearing for comment on the sandwich signs. He answered questions from Councilman Ladwig regarding "traffic or pedestrian hazard". Roger Hespe stated that since the Planning Commission had done their part he moved to schedule a public hearing on this matter; seconded by Kara Sweet to schedule a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on April 18, 2016. MOTION CARRIED.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT: None. Kara Sweet moved and Todd Quigley seconded to pay claims dated March 21, 2016. MOTION CARRIED. Todd Quigley moved and Steve Ladwig seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

CLAIMS: Alpha Comm., tower rent, \$95.00; American solutions for Business, laser checks, \$358.50; AT&T Mobility, cell phones, \$828.02; B&K Cleaning, city hall, \$360.50; BH Power, electricity, \$1656.14; Camp Creek Engineering, 2015 water project/engineering, \$10,750.00; Centurylink, fill database extract, \$650.00; Charles Martens, compost pile lease, \$1000.00; Children's Home Society, interviews, \$250.00; Energy Labs, water tests, \$135.00; John's Electric, replace light/PD, \$476.95; NENA, membership, \$50.00; Newcastle Vol. Fire Dept., supplies, pension, \$4257.72; Office Shop Leasing, copier lease, \$106.81; One Call of WY, locate tickets, \$28.50; Public Safety Ctr, extrication suits/FD, \$599.98; Valli Info, credit card maintenance, \$150.00; WEBT, life insurance, \$105.25; Weston Co. Public Health, hepatitis shots, \$1323.00; Weston Co. Road & Bridge, fuel, \$4664.31; Weston Co. Treasurer, airport billing, Draw #7, tax handling, \$1654.08; Weston Co. Clerk, Feb youth services, \$951.50; WY Fire Chiefs, 2016 members/dues, \$240.00; SUPPLIES: Ad-Pro, \$92.63; Butler Machinery, \$3252.03; Cambria Supply, \$10.34; Campbell Memorial Hospital, \$450.00; CDW-Government, \$593.49; Charita Brunner, \$70.55; Chief Law

Enforcement, \$354.00; Collins Comm., \$4509.00; Culligan Water, \$45.50; Dana Kepner, \$6036.92; Deckers, \$172.51; Environmental Products, \$383.61; Fisher Sand & Gravel, \$2151.13; Fossil Creek Designs, \$430.00; Frontier Ranch, \$29.44; Gemplers, \$45.80; Hillyard, \$28.39; Instrument & Supply, \$134.31; Kois Bros., \$122.86; Municipal Emergency, \$4668.00; Newcastle Hardware, \$128.94; Newcastle Mtrs., \$935.53; News Letter Journal, \$80.98; Oil City Supply, \$106.39; Respond First Aid, \$210.14; Russell Industries, \$5459.00; Weston Co. True Value, \$271.68; WY Machinery, \$147.92;

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

(Publish March 31, 2015)

Foreclosure Notice

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the "Note") dated 03/31/2010 executed and delivered by Kam H. Larson, ("Mortgagor") to Guild Mortgage Company and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by said Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Guild Mortgage Company, and which Mortgage was recorded on 04/05/2010, as Reception No. 718373 Book 321 Page 0266 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: Guild Mortgage Company Assignment dated: 01/15/2016 Assignment recorded: 02/10/2016 Assignment recording information: Reception No. 760860, Book 365 Page 84 All in the records of the County clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, Wyoming.

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

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$153,435.42 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$146,150.07 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$5,328.62 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 Guild Mortgage Company, 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 05/03/2016 at the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, Wyoming, Weston County for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

LOTS ONE (1) AND TWO (2), BLOCK EIGHTEEN (18), FOREST HILL PARK ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

With an address of : 138 3rd Avenue Newcastle, WY 82701.

Together with all improvements thereon situate and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto. Dated March 18, 2016.

Brian G. Sayer Klatt, Augustine, Sayer, Treinen & Rastede, P.C. 925 E. 4th St. Waterloo, Iowa 50703 319-234-2530 319-232-6341

(Publish March 31, April 7, 14 and 21, 2016)

Public Notice

AVAILABLE RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE PERMIT-WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

Weston County, Wyoming has one (1) available Liquor License. Weston County will accept applications available Retail Liquor License. The license will end June 30, 2017.

Applications must be filed with the Weston County Clerk's Office by April 4, 2016 by 4:30 p.m.

A Public Hearing to consider applications received for the Retail Liquor License will be held on April 5, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room at 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY .

Board of County Commissioners

(Publish March 24 and 31, 2016)

WCSD #1 Salaries

WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 PUBLICATION OF GROSS SALARIES 2016 PURSUANT TO WYOMING STATUTE 21-3-110

Table with 2 columns: Categories/Number of Personnel and Total Annual Gross Salaries. Lists various administrative and secondary roles with their respective salaries.

Table with 2 columns: Position and Salary. Lists various elementary and secondary school positions such as coaches, administrators, and teachers with their salaries.

Table with 2 columns: Position and Salary. Lists various elementary extra-duty and support staff positions with their salaries.

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Probate Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF WYOMING, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WESTON SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JANET W. JANSA, DECEASED. PROBATE NO. PR-8039

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION

You are hereby notified that Claiming Distributees, Scott A. Jansa, Guy J. P. Jansa, Nancy L. Alexander, and Barbara L. Jaloszynski, by and through their attorney Andrew A. Irvine of Andrew A. Irvine, P.C., filed an Application for Decree of Distribution of decedent Janet W. Jansa's interest in the following described property (the "property"), consisting of a total of 40.00 net mineral acres for a combined 12.50% net mineral interest in the following lands situated in the State of Wyoming, County of Weston:

Township 41 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M. Section 1: S/2

Objections, if any there be, must be filed with the Clerk of District Court of the Sixth Judicial District, Weston County, Wyoming, 1 W. Main St., Newcastle, WY 82701, within two (2) weeks from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Dated this 10th day of March, 2016.

Andrew A. Irvine
Attorney for Claiming Distributees
Andrew A. Irvine, P.C.
P.O. Box 3221
Jackson, Wyoming 83001
(307) 690-3838 – voice
(307) 333-0383 – facsimile
Wyoming Bar Registration No. 6-4097

(Publish March 24 and 31, 2016)

Legal Notice

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 6, Section 2(m) of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations, notice is hereby given that the State of Wyoming, Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality, proposes to approve a request by Four Corners Petroleum, LLC to construct a new sweet crude oil production facility, known as the Battery 4, with one smokeless combustion device to control volatile organic compound and hazardous air pollutant emissions associated with the oil tanks, active produced water tank and pneumatic pump, located in the SW1/4NW1/4 of Section 24, T46N, R65W, approximately ten (10) miles south of Upton, in Weston County, Wyoming.

For the duration of the public comment period, copies of the permit application, the agency's analysis, and the public notice are available for public inspection online at <http://deq.wyoming.gov/aqd/new-source-review/resources/applications-on-notice/> and at the Weston County Clerk's Office, Newcastle, Wyoming. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, special assistance or alternate formats will be made available upon request for individuals with disabilities.

Written comments may be directed to Nancy Vehr, Administrator, Division of Air Quality, Department of Environmental Quality, 200 West 17th St., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002 or by fax (307) 635-1784. Please reference A0002039 in your comment. Comments submitted by email will not be included in the administrative record. All comments received by 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 29, 2016 will be considered in the final determination on this application. A public hearing will be conducted only if in the opinion of the administrator sufficient interest is generated or if an aggrieved party so requests.

(Publish March 31, 2016)

Hearing Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Newcastle will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on April 18, 2016 in the Newcastle City Council Chambers on the second floor of the Newcastle City Administration Building located at 10 West Warwick, Newcastle, Wyoming to receive public comment regarding sandwich (or A-frame) signs within the City. Currently, sandwich signs are prohibited within the City under the City's Zoning Code. The City Planning Commission has recommended that the City Zoning Code be amended to permit and regulate sandwich signs within the City, which recommendations are available upon request from the City Clerk's Office.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE:
By: Charita Brunner
Newcastle Clerk/Treasurer

(Publish March 31, 2016)

Public Notice

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- Something proclaimed true without proof
 - Trigonometry abbr.
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 - Shrek and Fiona, e.g.
 - "_____ the Games Begin!"
 - Core of personnel
 - Motion picture
 - Baseball stat
 - Spock or Mork
 - *Mask and epee
 - *Pistes and moguls
 - Santa _____ winds
 - Attention grabber
 - *_____wrestling, like in "Over the Top"
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 - a.k.a. Pleasant Island
 - Queen of Carthage
 - *_____racing, on a single-mast vessel
 - Slang for safecracker
 - Altogether
 - 1952 Olympics host
 - No neatnik
 - Candy containing fruit or nut
 - Spanish earthen pot
 - Porky's home
 - Log splitter
 - A in IPA
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 - *Most popular sport in India
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 - Fill with happy spirit
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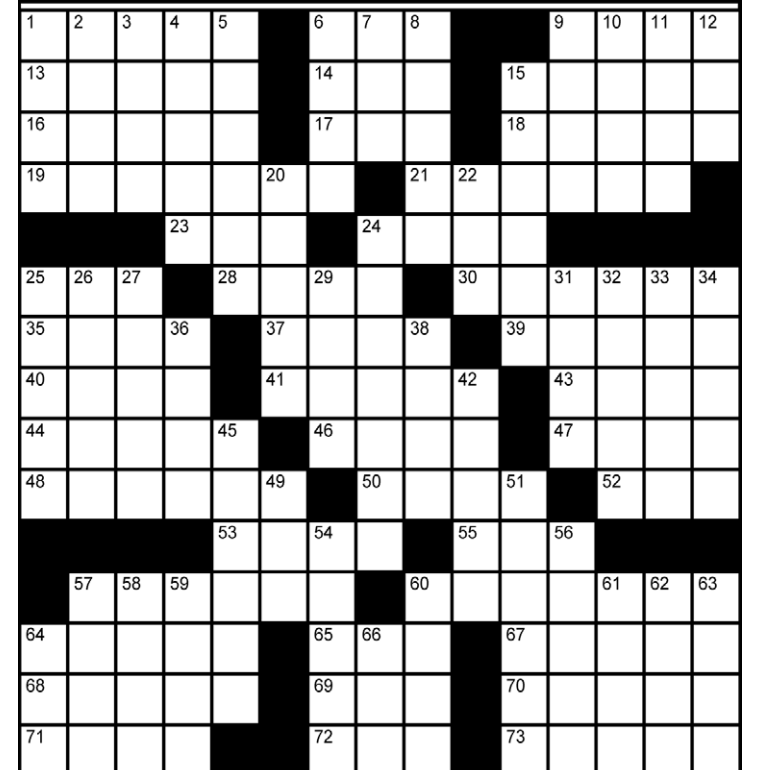
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- Norse deity
- Residue
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- Alligator's cousin
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- Kind of can
- Echo sounder
- Prized for its horns
- Address to a woman
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- Fairies
- Diesel and natural gas, e.g.
- Cereal killer
- *_____ union or _____ league
- *Played by Rory
- John Dillinger's girlfriend, e.g.
- "_____ Express" movie
- Portrait painter
- It often precedes "chi"
- Plural of #18 Across
- Theater guide
- "Bravo! Bravo!", e.g.
- Short-term employee
- Major European river
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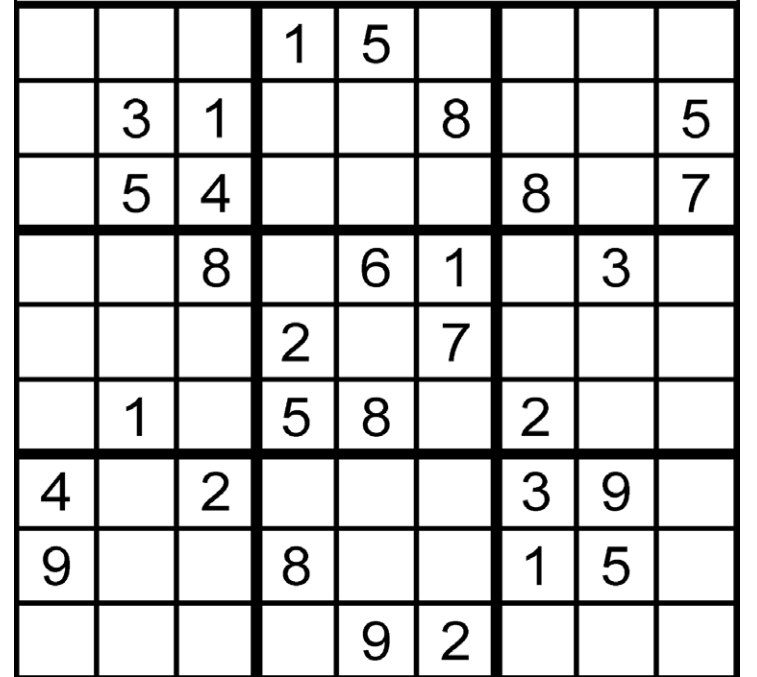
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Deadline for Legals is noon on Friday

Bid Notice

INVITATION TO BID WESTON COUNTY BRUCE ROAD DUST CONTROL PROJECT 2016

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

"Bid for Weston County Bruce Road Dust Control Project"

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

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

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

Bid Bond, Performance and Bond Payments are required.

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

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

(Publish March 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2016)

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 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 18 through April 22, 2016, 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 9, 2016, 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
				Sec.	Twp.	Range			
Bryan Stroh, Inc.; SBOLC	Permit No. U.W. 199334	Spur 2	October 27, 2012	1	42N	67W	0 ac.	15 gpm	Dom, Misc
Bryan Stroh, Inc.	Permit No. U.W. 204225	Enl. Spur 2	July 1, 2015	1	42N	67W	0 ac.	0 gpm	Misc.
Bryan Stroh, Inc.; SBOLC	Permit No. U.W. 199693	Spur 3	November 28, 2012	1	42N	67W	0 ac.	15 gpm	Dom, Misc
Bryan Stroh, Inc.	Permit No. U.W. 204226	Enl. Spur 3	July 1, 2015	1	42N	67W	0 ac.	0 gpm	Misc.

DAVE PELLOUX, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, WATER DIVISION TWO

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The family of Homer Berdahl would like to thank all of our family and neighbors for their support and gifts and love during our time of sorrow. Homer will be missed by all. Thanks to Christ the King Lutheran Church and members for all their help.
Peggy Berdahl, Duane Berdahl, Julia Kerland, Myra Gunnink, Beverly Steel, Mike Berdahl.

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Members of the NHS Choir pose for a photo in New York City this March. The group had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to participate in an a cappella performance at Carnegie Hall. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

Dogies invade the Big Apple

Sonja Karp
NLJ Reporter

There aren't a lot of people who can claim to have taken the stage at Carnegie Hall in New York City to sing to a sold out house, but 14 members of Newcastle High School's choir can add this once in a lifetime experience to their resume, as they did just that on Sunday, March 20.

Cooper Karp, Ashlyn Dollison, Katara Cade, Kelsey Wood, Heather Donner, Heather Michaelis, Colin Heaton, Flint Hossfeld, Angela Troupe, Kinlee Whitney, Madee Frazee, Ashton Alarid, Hallee McCoy and Aaron Fullerton all hopped on a bus after school on Wednesday, March 16 to head to Denver in order to make it to the airport on time for an 11:00 a.m. flight to New York City the following day. Five adult chaperones, including NHS Choir Director Jan Ellis, Sonja Karp, Melissa Cade, Michelle Troupe and Jim Michaelis, made the journey with them.

For most on board, this would be the first time they had visited the city, and all were excited for the experiences that lay ahead.

"We started planning the trip in the first part of May last year, and really it was on a whim because some of my juniors last year asked me if we could go," Ellis began.

"I was going to do it every four years, but I started asking around to see if any of my juniors wanted to go as seniors and their answer is obvious," she smiled.

Ellis called and asked what options were available for her students and the Distinguished Concerts International New York (DCINY) was suggested as one the group would enjoy. This was in the same time frame as the concert Newcastle attended three years ago, so Ellis decided that was the way to go. She was sent all the information regarding cost and such, and the 18 individuals signed up, paid deposits and began fundraising in order to cover the cost of the trip.

While this was going to be a new experience for nearly all participants, Ellis and Wood were marking the second time they had performed in the Big Apple.

"Three years ago was our first trip, which began as an all Wyoming group under the direction of Dr. Nicole Lamartine, Associate Professor and Director of Choral Activities at the University of Wyoming," Ellis explained. "DCINY contacted the schools that she suggested and we were the only 3A school that made the list. The others

were all 4A, and we were also the only ones who jumped on board. I asked Mr. LaCroix if this was something we should just say 'thank you for thinking of us, but we decline' or what we should do. He insisted that even if we only had a couple of kids who wanted to do it, we should give them the opportunity. Since we were invited, he felt we should look into it."

However, because the other schools that were invited didn't decide to jump on board, Dr. Lamartine opted to wait and, as of today, has not yet rescheduled. With the concert being cancelled, Ellis wasn't sure if the trip would actually take place, but she soon discovered that her kids would indeed still get the opportunity to perform in New York City.

"DCINY called me saying that the Wyoming concert was canceled but on the same weekend we had planned to go, there was another concert at Lincoln Center directed by world-renowned composer and conductor Dr. René Clausen, Professor of Choral Conducting and Conductor of the Concordia Choir at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN and that our kids would really love it," Ellis smiled. "I actually thought the material might have been too hard for our kids, but they were confident we could do it given that Lamartine thought enough of us to suggest we be a part of her group. Because we were invited, we didn't need to send in an audition tape to show what our choir could do, and at the reception following the concert Kevin Taylor, director of Program Development for DCINY told me that our kids had done a great job and that we would be classified as an alum of the DCINY program, and were welcome back any time we wanted. As such, we did not have to submit an audition tape of the choir for this trip either."

Once the participants committed to the trip, they began to practice for the show, as did kids from across the country. Ellis worked with the group to ensure that they were ready to hit the ground running when they showed up for the first of only three full rehearsals before they took the stage at Carnegie Hall.

The concert was directed by Deke Sharon, the preeminent a cappella composer and arranger in the country, who is known as the "father of contemporary a cappella." Among others, Sharon's resume includes the hit movies Pitch Perfect and Pitch Perfect 2, as well as his role as creator of the popular NBC show The Sing-Off. Sharon is also the founder of Vocalosity, an all-new a cappella

super group who released their debut album in January of this year.

Sharon arranged the music for the all a cappella concert, and the NHS crew joined with 396 kids from around the United States to open up the show with the 1982 hit song "Kids in America." Not only was Newcastle represented on this prestigious stage as part of the larger choir, but Cade and Donner each earned solo performances in the song as well.

"Soloing in Carnegie Hall felt unreal," Cade exclaimed. "It was intimidating singing by myself when I was surrounded by people with a ridiculous amount of talent. Not to mention, the director was Deke Sharon, who is nothing short of incredible."

"Plus I was really nervous because I was singing in front of about as many people as there are in my town—when I refuse to even sing alone in front of my family," she laughed. "To be honest, I don't remember much of my solo because I was just trying to make sure I didn't pass out in front of 3,000 people. However, the rest of the concert was super fun. So besides all of the nerves, I just felt lucky that I had the opportunity to be a part of such an amazing experience."

The first song was followed by a quirky, up-beat rendition of "Spiderman," then "Fix You," "Shut Up and Dance," a medley of "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "You Can't Hurry Love," "Lady Marmalade," and "My Lovin'," and then "Lollipop," "Try," and "Love Shack."

The group was joined by some invited guest soloists, who included Andrew Fitzpatrick, aka 80Fitz, who is a producer and beatboxer known for creating videos of popular song clips and original compositions. He is an accomplished battle beatboxer, competing in the 2011 American Beatbox Championships and ranking in the National Top 16 in 2011 and 2012. He also appeared in Pitch Perfect 2 as part of the musical group "Das Sound Machine"

Chrissie Fit, a singer/actress/writer who most recently played in Pitch Perfect 2, also soloed on stage, as well as Hannah Juliano, who is best known for her work in the singing group Delilah, which was featured on season three of The Sing Off on NBC, according to the Carnegie Playbill for the concert.

The high school group closed out Act One and Act Two of the show consisted of an adult group made up of people from around the United States and Canada.

For the finale of the show, both the high school

and adult groups combined for an audience interactive rendition of Lionel Richie's "All Night Long," followed by "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" in what might be considered a first for Carnegie Hall that had the audience up and singing and dancing along with the performers.

Ellis was in for a surprise during the finale because she was brought on stage and got to perform as well. After the song, the directors of each of the groups who performed were introduced and took a bow for a very appreciative audience.

"I knew that we (directors) would be called to the stage to be introduced at the end of the show, but I had no idea that I would get the opportunity to sing as well. That was a pretty amazing experience," Ellis beamed.

For the students, getting to perform in Carnegie Hall is something they will always appreciate and the fact that they gave a rather unique performance that consisted of songs never presented before in the concert hall, as well as inviting the audience to join in on the fun, made a lasting impression.

"It was really cool to be on stage at Carnegie Hall and deliver a performance that was unexpected for the venue, and it was just such an awesome experience that I know I will never forget," grinned Cooper Karp.

In addition to the concert, the group took in the Broadway show "Aladdin" in the historic Amsterdam Theater, the oldest theater in New York City, and were treated to a tour of the theater that culminated in getting to play in the Disney prop closet. Students and chaperones were able to try on costumes and play with props from "Little Mermaid," "The Lion King," and "Mary Poppins," among other Broadway productions.

They were able to spend time in Central Park, stroll 5th Avenue, visit Time Square repeatedly, see NYC from the Top of the Rock Observatory on top of Rockefeller Center, visit Lady Liberty and tour Ellis Island to experience what countless immigrants to the United States did as they entered in hopes of a better life, and finally visited the 9/11 Memorial, a moving tribute to the lives lost in that horrendous terrorist attack on that September morning.

"I thought the trip was pretty close to being perfect. Though there were some minor issues, I think this will be something these kids will remember forever, and will remember it as a positive experience, and that's what it's all about," nodded Ellis.

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