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Too soon to gauge impact of layoffs

Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

Weston County posted an unemployment rate of 4 percent in February, according to Research and Planning, a division of the state's Department

of Workforce Services, down from 4.2 percent in January. However, the effect of layoffs announced last week from the Black Thunder Mine and the North Antelope Rochelle Mine, which together total about 465 jobs, remains to be seen.

Overall, the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate experienced a significant increase from 4.7 percent in January to 5.0 percent in February. This compares to the current national seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of

4.9 percent. Seasonally adjusted county unemployment rates are not provided by the state.

In terms of actual numbers of employed persons, seasonally adjusted employment fell statewide by an estimated 1,953 individuals, according to the

state's figures.

Tom Gallagher, long-time manager of Research and Planning, indicated data reflecting last week's layoffs is not yet available, but March employment statistics are scheduled for release on Apr. 19.

Exact numbers of Weston County residents employed in mining are not tracked, Gallagher said. However, data available on Research and Planning's website indicated

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Race to the top



Storee Tupa and Isiah Patterson scramble up the jungle gym at Dow Park earlier this week. Warmer temperatures lured kids outdoors to enjoy a little recreation before cold and rain set in again Tuesday. (Todd Bennington/NLJ)

The fast track

More highway speed limits being increased to 70 mph

Alexis Shultz
NLJ Reporter

According to a press release from the Wyoming Department of Transportation, drivers on Wyoming highways can expect to see about 1,500 miles of highways raised to a 70 mile per hour limit by the end of April. The same release announced that another 1,000 miles will be increased to the same 70 mph limit in May.

WYDOT's District Two Public Relations Specialist Rhonda Holwell confirmed the information in the release and explained that the change is coming due to recent statutory changes courtesy of the Wyoming State Legislature.

The first phase of these changes occurred in January when the speed limit was changed on U.S. Highway 85 from Newcastle to just north of Cheyenne.

"In the first push in April, we are going to move several roads throughout Wyoming to 70. Weston County is affected hugely by this," proclaimed Holwell. She noted that roads where the speed limit has been changed in Weston County include Highway 450 from Newcastle to Wright, U.S. 16 from Newcastle to Moorcroft, and Highway 116 from Upton to where it intersects with Highway 450 about 30 miles west of Newcastle.

Holwell told the News Letter Journal those are the three big changes coming in April to Weston County, but indicated there are other highways in Weston County that are still being looked at for future speed limit changes. She reported that those increased speed limits on those roads will be announced as soon as it is determined through engineer work that they can be safely traveled at the higher speed. She specifically mentioned Highway 86 north of Newcastle and Highway 16 east of Newcastle.

Holwell suggested that while the possibility exists that those speed limits could be raised, WYDOT has to review the curves on both stretches of road to determine lower speeds at which some of those curves will have to be negotiated. She noted that the highways on which speed limits are being changed in April have already had that engineering work done. That was also the case with the first increased speed limit implemented at the beginning of this year.

"One of the very first was the highway from Newcastle to Cheyenne, and that changed in January," professed Holwell.

She explained that during the 2015 session, the Wyoming State Legislature asked WYDOT to take a look at the 65 mph speed limits and see if they could be raised to 70 mph.

A statutory change came 2016 that dictated any highway that was presently under a 65 mph speed limit would be raised to 70 mph. She reported that the statute does not necessarily mean all of the state's highways will experience a change, but the majority of them will be impacted by the phase of changes occurring this month and another phase coming in May.

Holwell clarified that if a highway was previous marked at either 45 or 55 mph, then those roads are likely to remain at those speeds. She said the reason those speed limits are unlikely to change lies in there being specific reasons those highways could not be traveled safely at higher speeds previously.

WCHS Health Fair coming up

Alexis Shultz
NLJ Reporter

It is time once again for Weston County Health Services to host their annual Health and Trade Fair at the Weston County Senior Center. This year's fair will take place on April 16 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., and Coordinator JoAnn Farnsworth was excited to announce that the event will once again house a number of vendors and informational booths, along with the chance for those who participated in the

blood draw to pick up their results.

"This is an annual event. We do it every spring about two weeks after the blood draw, which we finished last weekend. It takes two weeks to get those results back, and we hand them out at the fair," Farnsworth explained, noting that spring is a good time of year to host the event because that is when wellness seems to be a popular topic.

Farnsworth extended on the idea by indicating that she believes more people are thinking about getting into shape and

taking care of themselves in the months prior to summer. She maintained that this time of year is a good time to get people motivated, and promoting wellness is something WCHS wants to do.

"Wellness is really the key to everything, to success and to happiness. You have to be well, and we try to promote wellness as much as possible. We are here if you have health issues but we would like our community to be healthy,

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Chamber director explains recent changes

Alexis Shultz
NLJ Reporter

The Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce has created a bit of a buzz in recent months as they've announced to various organizations that they are shifting their focus, and Director Susan Love attended the April 4 Newcastle City Council meeting to share what the chamber has been up to and the reasons behind the recent changes.

"Basically we are just rolling right along like we always have been, except for we are trying to shift our focus to being more business-oriented and member-oriented than event-oriented," announced Love. She noted that the Chamber has found other entities to take over most of the events that the chamber used to sponsor or host, so the organization can focus instead on events that "highlight businesses."

"Because we have limited resources, just like everybody else—especially with labor and money—we did an audit on the chamber projects. We tried to compare everything back

to our mission statement, and we have been kind of moving some things and finding different administrators for things," declared Love, who specifically mentioned the Good Citizens Program at Newcastle Elementary School as one of the projects that has been turned over to other entities.

Love proceeded to explain that the chamber is still in the process of finding someone to help with parades, particularly the one associated with the Weston County Fair, but admitted that nobody has been identified yet to take that event over. As a result, the Chamber will continue to put on the parade until another administrator is found.

"So what are some of the events that you are keeping? Are you still going to do the lighted parade?" questioned Councilwoman Kara Sweet.

Love answered that the chamber will continue to host that event, and probably the Halloween Bash that was launched in 2015, noting the success of that particular venture. She asserted that both of those projects offer an

opportunity for a local business to attend and "come in and display themselves." She indicated that fits the theme the chamber is trying to focus on.

"We aren't ditching everything. We are just trying to shift," proclaimed Love. "We are focusing on trying to get our community ready for business, or better our environment for businesses to work in our town. We are trying to focus a little more on that and then, in addition to that, keeping our Visitors Center polished up and looking like we are proud of our community."

She reported that new signs have been put up at the Visitors Center, and the inside of the building has been remodeled.

Sweet expressed her support for

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Don Steveson listens as Chamber Director Susan Love describes the new direction being taken by the organization. (Alexis Shultz/NLJ)



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Opinion

News Letter Journal

Our view

Focus on community, not crisis

Most of us knew for months that the day was coming, and it finally arrived last Thursday when the two largest coal mines in Campbell County announced that they were laying off almost 500 workers combined, dozens of whom live in Weston County. It was a dark day indeed, and we would challenge anybody stupid enough to suggest that a number of individuals and families aren't facing significant hardships as a result of Peabody and Arch Coal's decisions.

At the same time, we aren't anywhere near ready to declare that Weston County is a community in crisis.

Such a declaration fails to take into account the character and strength of the men and women who lost their jobs in the coal mines—and in related fields—but also the compassion and commitment of the people of Weston County as a whole.

There are those who have mocked for years our dependence on industries that rely on resources provided from the land beneath our feet, and maybe they're right. But the fact of the matter is that our country has always depended on those raw materials, and the people who call Weston County home have always stood ready to deliver them, regardless of the uncertainty our resource-based economy creates. We've endured our fair share of tough times—from sawmill and bentonite plant closings to oil and coal busts too numerous to count—and always survived, generally emerging from our time of struggle stronger and better than we ever were before.

We are confident in predicting we will do so again because we are not defined by coal or oil or timber or any other raw material, but by the courage and perseverance the people of this county have been called upon to display time and again. In that same vein, we have never been defined by our booms, but by the unity and dedication to community that has helped us weather the busts that inevitably follow.

These times will be tougher on some than others, but the key to our ability to navigate these waters will lie in our willingness to share the burden and lighten the load for one another, as it always has in the past. The outpouring of support that is being expressed for those who are being impacted the most right now makes it clear that the people of Weston County are already taking steps to pick each other up so we can move forward, and we will do so together.

Our community will succeed in overcoming this obstacle because we recognize that each and every one of us has an important part to play in helping Weston County rebound from this setback, and we'll all step up and do our part to ensure that we do.

That's what truly defines us. It's who we truly are.

Deadline for Letters is noon on Friday

Letters to the Editor

History tells us we have good reason to fear our enemy

Dear Editor,

I always enjoy reading the liberal exhortations from Mr. Jerry Baird. His latest sermon about how politicians use fear to manipulate the masses, "There is profit in striking fear in our hearts," on March 31, 2016 was a classic, at least for those that dwell in the fantasy land that only liberals dwell in.

Now, there is a kernel of truth in how groups can be manipulated by fear, be that fear rational or irrational.

But, he makes it sound like all fears are irrational and that wars are likewise irrational acts initiated by politicians merely to enrich themselves and their cronies.

I will not deny that defense contractors and corporations make a lot of money in preparing for and supporting the U.S. military at war. There is much waste and corruption that occurs within and around the U.S. Defense Department, but that has more to do with big government crony capitalism that liberals so love than politicians playing on irrational fears.

In fact, fear is a good thing, because it keeps us armed ready to defend ourselves from our enemies.

Since Mr. Baird mentions Genghis Khan to start his essay, let's take the ruler of the Persian Empire at that time (1218 AD) as an example. Shah Muhammed actually took Mr. Baird's advice and did not fear Genghis Khan. Unafraid and unprepared, within two years he was dead and his empire was destroyed by the Khan's Mongol armies.

The Jews in Germany, Russia, and most of eastern Europe also followed Mr. Baird's advice and were likewise unafraid and unprepared for the conquests of Adolph Hitler. Six million of them were exterminated in less than five years.

Are you sensing a pattern here?

After the lessons of World War II were learned we almost forgot them when the North Koreans invaded South Korea. Reluctantly we reacted, but we saved South Korea. Can you imagine a unified Communist Korea under Kim Jong-un pointing their missiles and nukes at us now?

In similar fashion we also stopped the North Vietnamese from invading South Vietnam, at least until a cowardly Democratic Congress withdrew support from South Vietnam and sanctioned the final North Vietnamese invasion of South Vietnam. But, at least we had stemmed the tide of Communism in Asia.

Now we are faced by another threat—radical Islam. Call it ISIS, or al-Qaeda, or Iran— it is our enemy and it is to be feared.

Have you already forgotten the 3,000 souls who died on 11 September 2001? Like Mr. Baird, our own President thinks radical Islam is no big deal. He says "What's a couple hundred dead people in Paris, Brussels, San Bernardino compared to the thousands who die in car accidents every year." Well for one thing, a car won't get nuclear weapons any time soon, but Iran or ISIS might. So our President, with Mr. Baird's support I am sure, weakens our military and hands money to our enemies. In seven years, this President, following the advice of Mr. Baird and Alfred E. Neuman—"What, me worry?" has put us more at risk than we were after the September 11th attacks.

I don't care what Mr. Baird says— be afraid, be very afraid.

—Doug Jorrey

Money men are stacking the deck against us

Dear Editor,

Mitch McConnell makes it obvious that we will now have a third, partisan, law-making body instead of a neutral Supreme Court.

The bi-polar brothers, Cain and Abel, seem to have set the standard. Apparently, it is not our nature to "get along" with each other. Even back in the colonial days when we were putting our Constitution together, the Federalist Papers detailed some strong differences of opinion.

"E Pluribus Unum" does not seem to apply anymore. Modern Fascism has become the default position of the radical right fringe of American politics. Electoral politics are a disaster. Integrity apparently has been replaced by noise. Isn't that great?

It will be Great! Tony the Tiger says, "G-r-r-e-a-a-t!"

The Koch boys have sent their henchmen (ALEC) to undo the 'Great Society,' the 'New Deal' and even Teddy Roosevelt's clean up of the mess made by the banksters of early last century.

All of that is small potatoes compared to the hit job they plan for the climate.

Yes, they are in favor of cooking our planet with global warming as long as it makes a couple billion more dollars for them. Yes, they have been active in South Dakota and Wyoming, along with almost every other state.

You may eschew political activity, but if you don't get intelligently involved this time you will have a front row seat at the impending societal disaster.

For this upcoming election a group of very rich right wingers will put up an estimated \$900 Million

How much is too much?

Our local businesses in Newcastle are fantastic small town productions. Each and every single business is more than willing to donate anywhere that is needed, but is there such thing as an overload?

It is unfair the amount of contributions that are sought after by children. The money each business gives is most likely from their pocket. It is not a corporation where money is being saved up for the CEO's third vacation home.

After speaking with a few business owners here in town, there were a few facts to look at when considering just how much these establishments hand out. The smallest of facilities in our community are donating anywhere from \$2,000 to \$6,000 per year.

Most of this money is not filed in tax returns, so we are talking about a vast amount of money being given out without the businesses receiving anything in return. Not to mention each year our mom and pop shops are being asked to donate more and more.

Small town shops often run into a "lose-lose" situation. The owners are being requested to donate an arm and a leg. If the business does not want to contribute, they have potential of losing customers.

If the owners say yes, they are not necessarily gaining business, they are simply just staying in the clear.

A trip to D.C. for Close Up or a trip to Nashville for national FBLA are educational experiences of which businesses are more than willing to help children take advantage. Businesses would like to aid in any way possible, but the children must show interest and appreciation for help by providing service and assistance to the mom and pop shops.

Children coming into a business and straight out asking for money is uncalled for. We are primarily teaching children to beg for money. Those children need to be selling a product for a fundraiser or be willing to work a little. There needs to be a two-way street where the busi-

nesses are receiving something in return, whether it be a product or extra work that helps the business. The value of money needs to be recognized by children in our generous community.

A solution to this problem could be a working for money opportunity, meaning that there needs to be a way for children to receive donation money, but have to work for the funding. An example would be if the hardware store needs help with odds and ends on a Saturday or two, the child would go in, work, and receive money for the duties the child carries out. If the manor needs the sidewalks shoveled during the winter, a child should be able to step in and help for a few dollars.

Sharing duties has potential for helping our community. Shoveling, gardening, picking up trash, or helping around a store can go a long way in our community. In return, our community is more willing to help students go on trips if the children help the community before they leave. The Chamber of Commerce would be an entity to provide assistance for this type of opportunity in our community.

The next time a child proceeds to get money from an establishment, they will have much more success selling a product or offering to work.

If either of those factors are not present, the business should and may possibly say no. This does not mean you should be upset and boycott the business. It merely means teaching a child to value money so they understand to work for money.

Teaching children to work for their money will benefit them immensely. These children will gain a work ethic, will appreciate the money, and will have a positive relationship with all involved in the process of receiving money. Helping our local businesses is the least our children could do, compared to how much these establishments have donated. It is unfair the amount of money our community asks for mom and pop shops to dish out.



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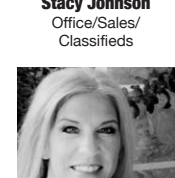
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Springtime in the Rockies

Dear Editor,

When it's springtime in the Rockies I'll be plowing snow with you.

Little sweetheart of Wyoming with your nose so cold and blue.

Once again I'll feel the wind blow, while the robin hides his head.

When it's springtime in the Rockies might as well go back to bed.

—Jean Harshbarger

Sympathetic ears



Pastor Todd Olson of the Cambria Community Church discusses the role churches can play in helping families cope with layoffs at a meeting of the Weston County Prevention Task Force on Thursday. (Alexis Shultz/NLJ)

Trustees vote on contracts

Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

At their regular meeting of Mar. 30, the WCSD #1 Board of Trustees voted to accept a number of recommendations made by Superintendent Brad LaCroix in regard to the employment status of district teachers and other employees.

The board voted to renew the contracts of initial contract instructors Melissa Sisk (elementary special Ed), Shannon Huber (elementary), Nikki Bartlett (middle school), and Matt Clark (high school).

Continuing contract teachers whose contracts were extended were Jade McConkey (elementary), Sara Whipple (elementary), Ryan Whipple (middle and high school), Taren Olson (elementary special Ed), Sally Hoover (high school), Chad Ostenson (K-12 special Ed), and Zach Beam (high school).

Non-tenured certified employees continuing in their positions with the district include Beau Gregory (instructional facilitator), Sonya Tysdal (instructional facilitator), Mary Myer (instructional facilitator), Scott McGuire (special Ed), Kristin Wilkes (school nurse), Kathleen Engle (induction mentor), Jo Lisa Wainscott (speech), and Jenny Willard (middle school counselor).

Resignations accepted by the board were those of Loni Sorensen (high school math and volleyball assistant coach), Haylee McVicker (middle school PE), Tyler Lay (high school Ag instructor), and Angela Svoboda (elementary custodian).

The board indicated they will be advertising in order to fill the positions held by Sorensen and Lay, as well as the middle school principal position currently held by Todd Quigley, who will continue with the district in another capacity.

School Notes

Discussion items at the Mar. 30 meeting of the WCSD #1 Board of Trustees

- The board voted to pursue completing and submitting the district's consolidated grant application to the Wyoming Department of Education. A public meeting will be held on the matter before the grant application's submittal.
- The purchase of a 2016 four-wheel-drive, nine-passenger multipurpose vehicle from E&L Motors for \$41,680 was approved by the board.
- School District Attorney Don Hansen reported to the board on a recent case involving Laramie County School District #1. The case involved an already terminated former teacher who sued the district for salary and benefits for a year he hadn't actually performed work, based on a particular reading of language within a Wyoming Statute. The state's Supreme Court ruled in the district's favor upon appeal, but Hansen noted that the case illustrates just how susceptible to lawsuits school districts can be and that the district spent considerable money and administrator time dealing with the case.
- Technology Director Dave Ehlers reported he is at work on a Homeland Security grant application to upgrade the district's intercom system, a topic on which he said he will have more to share next month. Ehlers also stated his office is at work on identifying computer units that are coming close to the end of their warranties and also previewing some new-model computers for next year. A pilot program has also been

- initiated, he said, to look at replacing aging projectors, which are becoming obsolete and difficult to find parts for, with touch-sensitive interactive monitors of comparable cost.
- Double AAces Program Director Tamara Allen reported that students in the afterschool program had gone to the Manor to deliver Easter-related gifts, that program staff will attend an Afterschool Alliance conference in South Dakota in two weeks' time, and that students within the afterschool program will showcase their work at an upcoming school art show.
- EWC Outreach Coordinator Kim Conzelman reported that the Compass Test, which is utilized to help place high school students into appropriate college-level Math and English courses, is being replaced by Accuplacer, which features an interactive application that allows students to take sample tests before official testing.
- Conzelman further reported that the top three teams to come out of the New Year New You weight loss challenge will split \$2,140 in Chamber Dollars, which can be utilized locally, while the top individual male and female finishers will get to split \$531 in cash collected from weigh-in penalties.
- A hydroponic gardening class, wherein plants are grown without soil, will be available through EWC in the coming weeks, Conzelman further mentioned.
- Rec Director Jessica Bettorf reported that the recently

- formed Newcastle chapter of Hike It Baby, which encourages families to introduce their children to hiking, was scheduled to hold a hike at the Serenity Trail on Sunday, Apr. 3. A noontime lunch walk was scheduled to be held by Bettorf at the high school track on Apr. 6 as part of the American Heart Association's National Walking Day.
- Trustee Tom Wright, who sits on the board of Gillette-based Northeast Wyoming BOCES, which provides special educational services, reported that BOCES will no longer be operating a food buying coop. The change is due to continuing confusion and conflict surrounding dealings with the Wyoming Department of Education on food issues, he said. Alternatives are being looked into, and Business Manager Deb Sylte stated a meeting of concerned parties is scheduled to be held in mid-April. Though he said it was a secondary issue, Wright also expressed dismay at a recently instituted WDE policy in which communications between BOCES staff and certain WDE officials are to be fielded by an intermediary.
- Agenda items for next month's meeting include a discussion of practice and procedure for hearings before the board of trustees for termination of continuing contract teachers because of a decrease in the size of faculty due to decreased enrollment, combining of school districts, or an event beyond the board's control.

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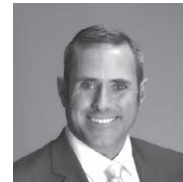
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Drawing will take place on Friday, August 5 at the Weston County Health Services Foundation Annual Pancake Breakfast at the Weston County Fair. Need not be present to win. All proceeds go to the Weston County Health Services Capital Campaign for the addition and remodel of the facility.

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Ina 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 – Kathryn, 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.



Ina Huber

Grand children, Shawn (Natalie) Miller, Kelly Stark, Tracy (Claudia) Stark and Denny (Brandy) Stark all of Alliance, Nebraska. Hayden (Shannon) Huber of Newcastle. 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.

Connie Eileen Montgomery
 July 1949-March 31, 2016

Connie Eileen Montgomery, 66, of Upton, WY, died Thursday, March 31, in Sundance, WY. She was born in July 1949, in Gillette, WY to Martin and Opal Hockett. Connie grew up in Upton, graduating from Upton High School. She then enrolled at the University of Wyoming in Laramie where she met and married her best friend and true love, Donald Harrison Montgomery. They were married on November 21, 1969 in Laramie.

Don and Connie made their first home in Seattle, WA where their two children, Don and Tracy, were born in 1970 and 1971. The family then moved to Denver, CO before making their final home in Upton, WY in 1980. Connie worked for the American Colloid Company for several years and then continued her career working for the City of Upton as City Clerk and Assistant Clerk, where she retired in 2014.

Connie was a devoted follower of Christ and a woman of strong faith her entire life. She

was exceptionally loyal to her family and friends, giving her all for others. Nothing made her happier than seeing or talking about her grandchildren. She loved living in Upton and was a devout Wyoming Cowboys and Denver Broncos fan.

Connie was preceded in death by her husband, Don; her parents; brother, Kenneth Dean; and sister, Darlene.

Connie is survived by her son, Don Montgomery (Amy); her daughter Tracy Lien (John); grandchildren, Tyler, Martin, Avery, Dante, Walker, Tehya, Cannon, Cutler, Reagan, and Holden; two brothers, Larry Hockett (Rema) and Marvin Koop (Lynn); a sister, Linda Brian (Leland); and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation was from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday at Worden Funeral Directors in Newcastle.

Services will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Upton with Pastor Randy Fowler officiating. Interment will be at the Upton Greenwood Cemetery. A reception will follow at the Baptist Church.

A memorial has been established at the First Tier Bank to support the Upton Ambulance Service.



Connie Montgomery

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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- **CAMBRIA CHAPEL:** Pastors Doug and Frezil Westerlund, Flying V, Hwy 85 North, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 605-440-0202.

- **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Mark Thurman, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am; Traditional Church Services 10 am; 10:15 a.m. Children’s Church and 11:45 am. Contemporary Praise & Worship Service.
- **GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am. Call 746-8091.
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- **NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sun. Worship 10 am; Wed. Night Prayer.
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- **ST. ANTHONY’S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Killian Muli, Upton. Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
- **VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH:** Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366.
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Weekly Scripture Reading						
Hosea	Hosea	Hosea	Hosea	Hosea	Hosea	Leviticus
9:1-16	9:17-10:15	11:1-11	11:12-12:14	13:1-16	14:1-9	16:1-19

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Recapture

A PIECE OF HISTORY

April 3, 1891 125 Years Ago

Meyer Frank came home from New York with his pockets full of building association literature. He says he found out how the things work and is satisfied the people of Newcastle want one bad. We think so, and we expect to see the organization affected soon, if not sooner.

About 12 miles southeast of here is a bed of magnificent marble. Samples have been brought to town snow white in color & of a fine quality. The day is not far off when this find will be quite valuable. It is only one of a dozen resources which will help make this a great country.

The jailor declares that women in the bastille are nuisances & Charlie Bond had to release Big Cora.

April 6, 1916 100 Years Ago

Last Tuesday while in pursuit of their pilfering vocation, one of the gypsy "queens" that played their game among Newcastle people stole & took away twenty dollars from Mrs. Pete Cristo of the city bakery.

Gladys Mayberry died in the city yesterday morning at the home of her mother, Mrs. E.L. Mayberry, after an illness of over 15 months. The deceased was 11 years & 6 months old, & had been a patient sufferer of dropsy & a complication of severe ailments during the long months of illness.

Beaver Creek News- The LaVergne School closed last Thursday, the teacher said on account of the small pox, but later we hear she had bought the Horton Store.

A band of gypsies struck this section first of the week & spent several days in town going from house to house, telling fortunes, begging, & other wise making life

interesting for the residents of the city.

April 3, 1941 75 Years Ago

NHS to graduate largest class in history on May 21. Sixty-two seniors, the largest class ever to graduate from Newcastle High School will receive diplomas May 21st, Supt. Sam Hale reported.

Walter Urdike returned home Monday after a few days spent in the Acord Hospital after an Accident at the well he was working on in the oil field.

Reasar Fisher was bringing out a load of groceries from town & there was a carton of matches in the load, that caught fire on the road & burned up the groceries & damaged the inside of the cab. Clinton Driskil happened to drive up behind the truck & gave the alarm just in time to save the truck from being completely destroyed.

A large number of folks from the Prairie attended the Farm Bureau Banquet in Newcastle Saturday night.

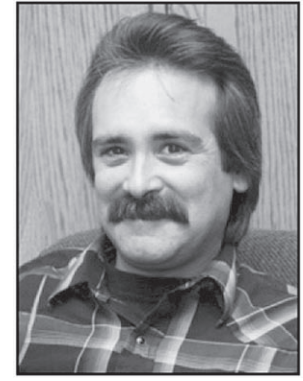
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Newcastle High School built in 1922. O.C. Kerney, Superintendent, helped plan, and actually build the structure. (Photo Courtesy of Anna Miller Museum)

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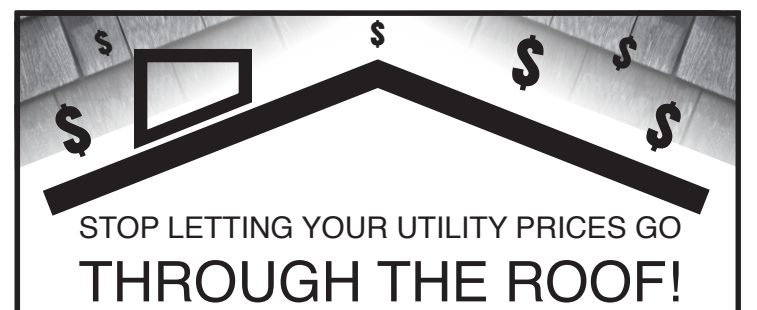
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WHAT'S UP

April 2016

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thurs 07	12:00 p.m.	Chamber Board Meeting	WC Senior Center
	4:00 p.m.	VFW Auxiliary	WC Senior Center
	6:00 p.m.	Little League Sign Ups	WC Senior Center, Cambria Room
	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
	8:00 p.m.	Dan Sherrill Live	T & A Brewing Company
Sat 09	4:00 p.m.	Dave Whitford Benefit Auction & 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
Mon 11	1:00 p.m.	AARP	WC Senior Center
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
	7:00 p.m.	WC Sportsman Club	Indoor Range
Tues 12	11:00 a.m.	Wilder Graphic Design and Signs Open House	5085 Us Hwy 16, Newcastle
	12:00 p.m.	Dirt Daubers Garden Club	Pin Top Drive, North of Newcastle
	1:00 p.m.	Artful Gals	WC Senior Housing
	3:00 p.m.	WC Natural Resource District	USDA Building
	6:00 p.m.	Little League Sign Ups	WC Senior Center, Cambria Room
	6:30 p.m.	WC Fair Board	Fair Office
	6:30 p.m.	WC Sheriff's Search & Rescue Mtg.	Fire Hall
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Mondell Heights, Breakfast Room
	7:00 p.m.	American Legion	State Forestry Building
Wed 13	1:00 p.m.	Creative Handcrafts Group	WC Senior Center
	2:00 p.m.	Flowering Fingers Garden Club	TBA
	7:00 p.m.	Mallo Camp Board	Public Health Building
	7:00 p.m.	WCSD #1 Board Meeting	Administration Building
Thurs 14	5:30 p.m.	City Planning Commission	City Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Little League Sign Ups	WC Senior Center, Cambria Room
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
	7:00 p.m.	WC Concert Association	Crouch Auditorium
Fri 15	10:00 a.m.	Library Chamber Coffee	Library
	6:00 p.m.	Garhart Benefit Dinner	Kitty Moats, Osage
	7:00 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting	Cambria Baptist Church Basement
Sat 16	7:00 a.m.	NC Swim Clinic	Kozisek Aquatic Center
	9:00 a.m.	Community Health Fair	WC Senior Center
	10:00 a.m.	Horse Health Fair	WC Fairgrounds
	7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting	Cambria Baptist Church Basement
Sun 17	2:00 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Catholic Church
	7:00 p.m.	Women Only NA Meeting	Cambria Baptist Church Basement

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- April 7**
Bob & Peg Hartley
Henry Haynes
- April 9**
Joseph McColley
Ashley Malsam
Mabel Hinz
- April 10**
McKenna Sallee
Nancy Stanton Arp
- April 11**
Rob & Julia Behnke
- April 12**
Anita Ottema
Joyce Sylte
- April 13**
Mr. & Mrs. John Ackerman
- April 14**
Kathryn Peterson
Trinity Schaefer
Gen Ellis
Ray Hawk
- April 17**
Morgan Sweet

Calendar Sponsored by Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce

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

Horse Health Fair

Saturday, April 16

Starts at 10 a.m. at the Weston County Fairgrounds

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Eileen Toth
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A military wife til the day I die

This whole month the emphasis has been on the United States military and the men and women who serve our country.

To me, being military is a life-time thing. Being part of a military family makes you a different kind of a family, and you learn a new kind of strength because for much of the time you are alone. You have to live it to know it, and for the rest of your life it will be part of you. It colors everything that you do and are, and for me it's the reason that the American flag, the Constitution, and the pride in our soldiers are more important to me than any other thing.

It brings tears to my eyes when they play the National Anthem. Flag ceremonies make me cry. They are tears of pride, but behind them I see the sacrifices that so many have endured. When I hear on the news that somebody has been trampling on our flag, I am enraged that they shame those that gave for them.

To be a military spouse, you can't help but be part of the military world because it's with you every minute of every day. You are walking a fine line, raising your children basically by yourself, but must never let your husband lose his importance in the family unit just because he is absent. When you send that warrior off in the morning and make sure that he has his dog tags around his neck—no matter where you are, on what base, in what military branch—he may not be back that night. There are no guarantees.

When he comes home at night, and you ask if everything is all right, you don't just mean the day, you mean the world.

My husband served 22 years in the Air Force, and back in the beginning of our family's life it was quite clear

that the mission came first—a family came second. Over time the realization came that if the soldier was happy at home it made him better at his job in the military, and they started taking care of dependents the same as they did the soldiers.

My husband was on flying status, therefore we also became patients of the Flight Surgeon. They gauged his performance by his family and his life at home. Wives' clubs were formed with the means to help if the car broke down, if you had gotten sick and couldn't care for the kids—any of the multitude of things that you needed help with.

They can't help you with the loneliness or tight budget, but they can help you with friendship and a shoulder to lean on. My Air Force friends are always there, some of them go back more than sixty years, and that's why my long-distance phone bill may show calls to Texas, Florida, Kansas, Alaska, New Mexico, and many other places.

We keep the chain of friendship. They understand because they have the same life that I do. We speak the same language and we know perhaps more than other folks just what can happen in this world.

And I am thankful. I'm thankful for the life I've lived because I got to go places, see things, meet people, live a life that many people never get to experience. Our life was full of wonderful memories that made us richer than any amount of money could have. Who wouldn't love having a life like that?!

It was more than 63 years ago that my young husband enlisted and yes, I am still an Air Force spouse and will be until I die.

No regrets!



Donna Gochanour
I Remember When



First State's Louise Stith, who also owns and manages the Sage Motel, says she's not yet ready to retire after 40 years with the bank. (Todd Bennington/NLJ)

Stith says 40 years isn't enough

Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

Louise Stith, who serves as a vice president and cashier with First State Bank, celebrated her 40th year with the bank on Mar. 29.

Stith, who was born and raised in Newcastle, has held the gamut of positions with First State over the decades, starting as a teller about nine months out of high school.

"It's gone by really fast. It's been satisfying," she said of her time with the bank, citing the pleasure she receives from working with customers, many of whom she knows on a first-name basis.

Despite her career, Stith still found time to raise four children with her husband, Kelly, one of whom works in First State's bookkeeping department.

Stith spends her off hours managing and doing her own bookkeeping for the Sage Motel, which she owns.

In what free time she has, she said she enjoys making greeting cards and scrapbooking, and in the summer months takes satisfaction in working outdoors.

Though she's put in more than her share of time with the bank at this point, the iron woman indicated she has no immediate plans to retire.

"They had a party here when I had my 35th anniversary and a lot of people in the community thought that I was retiring," she recollected. "I still have some years to go, just not another 40."

Stith went on to say that she likes to keep busy and isn't exactly sure what she'd do with herself in retirement anyway.

"I have a few years to think about that," she figured. "I'll cross that bridge when I come to it."

Deb Sewell, who graduated from Newcastle High School alongside Stith, and who has put in about 38 years herself at First State, described her friend as a quiet but diligent

worker who puts in hard work both at the bank and in her outside management of the motel.

"We don't fire them, we retire them from here," Sewell joked of the tendency of many First States to stay with the bank for the long haul.

Mike Morrison, who also holds a vice presidential position with First State, but who is a relative newbie with only about 23 years under his belt at this point, suggested that bank employees are having too much fun to consider going elsewhere.

"Louise and I have had a lot of giggles and laughs and stuff like that," he stated. "We get along good. We just have a good working relationship. We make work fun for each other is my opinion."

"You just don't see that in any industry, longevity like Louise has put in for one company," Morrison continued of Stith's marathon run of four decades. "It's unheard of anymore, so that's what needs to be celebrated."

IRS warns against scams

Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

With the deadline for filing federal income taxes coming up this month, the IRS is cautioning taxpayers about telephone, email phishing, and other tax-related scams that are inevitably on the rise at this time of year.

While Wyoming ranks only 47th in the nation for tax scams, according to IRS figures, with 10 victims having lost a total of \$26,880 between late 2013 and January of this year, IRS spokeswoman Karen Connelly said it is still something of which to be aware.

That's especially true since scam artists are continually looking for new and more effective means of parting people from their money.

"What's unfortunate and scary is that these

scams don't ever stop," explained Connelly. "They may have a little variation on a theme, but when a particular avenue stops working for them they'll come up with something else. Scammers spend a lot of time figuring out what's going to work against a taxpayer. Just always be vigilant."

Specific figures for Weston County were not immediately available, but Connelly said her sense is that such crimes are underreported anyway.

"Certain populations may tend not to report these scams," she elaborated. "People may feel foolish for having done it and realize after they've given away their money that that really wasn't a tax item, and they may just feel too embarrassed to report it."

As for what demo-

graphic groups are usually targeted, Connelly said that in terms of IRS phone scams, scammers tend not to be discriminating as to who they attempt to victimize.

"When we first saw this [particular] scam emerge, and that was probably the fall of 2013, where they would call and demand immediate payment and threaten to send somebody immediately to your door, we had some elderly population, and we also had those with English as a second language, some recent immigrants, folks like that. But not anymore. I think it's across the board now," Connelly stated, mentioning even IRS employees are sometimes targeted.

Weston County Sheriff Bryan Colvard

— See **Scam**, Page 7

Senior Happenings



WC Senior Services

April 7	Trip to Tin Lizzie		
	VFW Auxiliary	12:00 p.m.	
	Ceramics	After lunch	
	Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.	
April 8	Rolls	9:00 a.m.	
	Blood Pressure Check	9:30 a.m.	
	Bridge Ladies	1:00 p.m.	
April 9	Dave Whitford Fundraiser		
April 11	AARP	1:00 p.m.	
April 12	Artful Gals	1:00 p.m.	
	Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.	
April 13	Marna Kuehne Reps	12:00 p.m.	
	Manor here for lunch		
	Creative Handcrafts	After lunch	
	Card Class	4:00 p.m.	
April 14	Bridge Ladies	1:00 p.m.	
	Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.	
	Ceramics	After lunch	
April 15	Rolls	9:00 a.m.	
	Blood Pressure Check	9:30 a.m.	
	Bridge Ladies	1:00 p.m.	
April 19	Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.	
	Helping Hands Fdn.	7:00 p.m.	

April 20

WCSS Board Mtg.	9:00 a.m.
Toe Nail Clinic	9:00 a.m.
Lions Club	12:00 p.m.
Mondell Heights Here for lunch	
Creative Handcrafts	After lunch
April 21	
Trip to The Lodge	
AARP Driver's Safety Class	9:00 a.m.
Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.
Ceramics	After lunch

Manor

April 7	Jeopardy	10:30 a.m.
	Al and the Gang	2:00 p.m.
April 8	Greedy	10:30 a.m.
	Bingo	2:00 p.m.
April 9	Quizball	11:00 a.m.
	Movie	2:00 p.m.
	Bingo	6:00 p.m.
April 10	Trivia	11:00 a.m.
	Church	2:00 p.m.
April 11	Wii	10:30 a.m.
	Crazy Cart	3:00 p.m.
	Bingo	6:00 p.m.
April 12	Ceramics	10:30 a.m.
	Keepsake Krafters	2:00 p.m.
	Stories	4:00 p.m.

April 13

Catholic Study	10:00 a.m.
Kickball	10:30 a.m.
Our for Lunch	11:30 a.m.
Bingo	2:00 p.m.
April 14	
Food Fancy	10:30 a.m.
Manicures	2:00 p.m.
Concert	5:30 p.m.
April 15	
Greedy	10:30 a.m.
Bingo	2:00 p.m.
Movie	6:00 p.m.
April 16	
Password	11:00 a.m.
Happy Hour	3:00 p.m.
April 17	
Proverbs	11:00 a.m.
April 18	
Resident Council	10:30 a.m.
Tony's Tunes	3:00 p.m.
Bingo	6:00 p.m.
April 19	
Ceramics	10:30 a.m.
Keepsake Krafters	2:00 p.m.
Stories	4:00 p.m.
Cards	6:15 p.m.
April 20	
Catholic Study	10:00 a.m.
Crossword	10:30 a.m.
Bingo	2:00 p.m.
April 21	
Staycation Rome	10:30 a.m.
Al and the Gang	2:00 p.m.

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Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

The congregation of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Newcastle recently welcomed Pastor Tsena Dinssa, who takes over the church's helm after time spent in the areas of Washington D.C., Dallas, Pittsburg, and Minneapolis.

Originally from the expansive Oromia region of Ethiopia, Dinssa first came to the United States in 2002, initially working to serve the spiritual needs of a portion of the Ethiopian community there before attending seminary and later obtaining an MA in Religion from the Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, Penn.

Before his time in the U.S., Dinssa, whose first name, Tsena, is pronounced with a silent "T", was involved with the Lutheran Church in his native Ethiopia, working within the church's development department after earning his BS degree in Plant Science. Agricultural work turned out not to be his true calling, however.

"Most of the time I was volunteering in the church as a lay minister though I was a professional in the development department," he recalled.

Dinssa's involvement with the Lutheran Church began early, he said, despite the predominance of the Coptic Orthodox Church in Ethiopia and an atmosphere in which religious belief was sometimes contested.

"As a child, I grew up in the context where people used to hear the gospel as a tool for the colonizers," he stated. "Then the Marxist-Leninist philosophy of the Russian Communists invaded my country."

Nevertheless, Dinssa related, "When I was yet young, I can say that God found me."



Well-traveled Pastor Tsena Dinssa hails from Ethiopia and came to the U.S. 14 years ago. After spending time in a number of different cities, he has made Newcastle his new home. (Todd Bennington/NLJ)

One of seven siblings, Dinssa's father died when he was just one-year-old. God filled the place left by his father's passing, he said.

"There is no father like God. The psalmist is right when he said God is a father for the fatherless and a defender of the widows," Dinssa stated, referring to a portion of Psalm 68.

Dinssa, whose wife remains in Ethiopia for the time being, said he already feels at home in Newcastle despite having only been here for a few weeks. The area's topography isn't all that different from the small Ethiopian farming town in which he grew up and attended elementary school, he stated.

"In all this I am driven by the passion that God put in my life. That means I'm guided

by Him and I go wherever he sends me," Dinssa, who was matched with his present position through the affiliated North American Lutheran Church, explained of his travels. "That's how I came here. In all these 14 years I have always felt blessed and grateful to live in this great country. I'm also welcomed by the community, especially by the [congregation of] Christ the King Lutheran Church."

Citing the examples of Christ and the Apostle Paul, Dinssa continued of what motivates him.

"We came to this planet with a purpose," he mused. "God put in each of us something that we have to deliver. I believe in that. There is something in each of us that we have to share before we die ... That's

why I'm here in Newcastle. I pray always so that that can be delivered."

An official ordination for Pastor Dinssa is scheduled to take place on June 5 and will be presided over by Bishop John Bradosky of the North American Lutheran Church.

Christ the King Lutheran Church will hold a highway cleanup party on Saturday, Apr. 9. Participants will meet at the church, which is located at 224 West Rd. in Newcastle across from Dow Park, at 8:20 a.m. All interested members of the public are welcome to attend and help out.

Local board submits artifact

By Clara Varner for NLJ

In 2015, the Wyoming State Historical Society began a new contest to determine Wyoming's Most Significant Artifact. There was so much interest that they have made it an annual submission. The Weston County Historic Preservation Board-Certified Local Government (CLG) last year submitted the salvaged equipment from the Old Mill, but it was not chosen by the state committee as one of the top 10 artifacts. This year, in conjunction with the Weston County Historical Society, the CLG submitted a very rare book held by the historical society, which is *The Banditti of the Plains*, by Asa Shinn Mercer.

Artifact description: This is a first edition printed in 1894 during the height of the cattlemen-versus-homesteader war. It is in very good condition with one blank

page torn out of the front of the book. This first edition of the book is one of the rarities of western Americana. Immediately after printing, the Wyoming cattlemen objected and sued. The court ordered it destroyed. While the books were in the court's custody, a number were stolen and smuggled to Denver and later bound. For many years, the Wyoming Stockgrowers, their sympathizers and descendants destroyed every copy they came across. The author's print shop was burned and he was ordered to leave Wyoming. Of special note is the plain black cover with no book title.

Artifact significance/Wyoming relationship: Author Mercer personally knew many of the actors in these cattlemen's wars on the homesteaders and small farm owners. This book was an expose which named names and spoke truths that were very unpopular with many Wyoming folks.

Imagine if today a book was blackballed by a group of people and the court stood with them and ordered all copies of that book burned. I think we would wonder who had enough power to control the court like that. This expose named folks as high as the Wyoming governor and beyond.

If you are interested in the ten artifacts chosen in 2015, check out http://www-lib.uwyo.edu/wyoming/top_ten_historical_artifacts/home_wyoming_artifacts.cfm for more information.

The local CLG is also planning a gala celebration of the Mallo Cabin Interpretive History presentation in the oldest cabin, which has been preserved and restored by this group. This celebration will be held June 14, Flag Day, and will be attended by local and state officials, as well as all who love our local history. For more information about the Historic Preservation Board, please call Lucille Dumbrell at 746-2268.

Scam

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agreed, saying that IRS phone scammers tend to target whomever they can.

"With that said, most of the phone scam stuff that we do see, other than those, are typically older people, retired people ...," he stated.

Colvard said that though his office has had a few recently reported IRS-related scam attempts, other types of scams are more prevalent. His

department saw a lot of what he described as a Publishers Clearing House-related scam last fall. Another that was popular for a time involved claims that a target's grandchild had been jailed in a foreign country or another state, he explained.

The Weston County Sheriff's Office forwards such cases to the Wyoming Attorney General for further investiga-

tion if possible, he said.

According to Connelly, finding and prosecuting such criminals is often difficult.

"The hardest part is tracking these people down. Sometimes these call centers that they're calling from are not even in the U.S.," she explained.

In addition to local authorities, Connelly said that tax scams can be reported to the Federal Trade Commission and

the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration. Those who know or believe they may have a tax problem should contact the IRS directly, Connelly added.

"The more people hear about this, learn about this, become smart about this, the less people we'll have who actually fall prey to it and lose their hard earned money," she concluded.

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Boosters will host pig wrestling

Alexis Shultz
NLJ Reporter

"I have heard that the Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce has given up wanting to run the pig wrestling. When I was a part of the Chamber Board in 2008, I started that," Kim Conzelman declared at last month's Weston County Fair Board meeting.

Conzelman appeared at the request of the board to present her proposal for the Newcastle High School Booster Club to take over the pig wrestling event after the Chamber of Commerce expressed a desire to have somebody else host the activity.

She told the board that proceeds from the event would be used to benefit several different student activities within Weston County School District #1, and expressed the belief that the opportunity would provide the Booster Club with a good avenue to raise money to benefit a wide range of students in the district.

"I have the background and the connections. I am just asking for your approval for us to take that on," Conzelman professed.

Fair Board Secretary Justin Mills acknowledged that another entity had expressed interest in taking over the event, but prior to the meeting had indicated that they were no longer interested.

Conzelman reported that while the Booster Club has been stagnant for some time, she had begun taking steps to reinvigorate the organizations



The repurposed Newcastle High School Booster Club will be handing out the trophies for next year's pig wrestling event at the Weston County Fair. (Todd Bennington/NLJ)

and hoped to use the pig wrestling as a primary avenue for fundraising.

She added that the ability of the Club to get youth involved with the venture meant they would "have ownership associated with the event."

"It has been a great thing for the community, and I don't want to see it go away," Conzelman proclaimed, and the board agreed that the event has enjoyed significant success over the years.

One of the few concerns expressed by the board involved potential beer sales at the event, the group indicated they may be interested in at least controlling that aspect of

the project.

"I think we need to decide if they want to do this, and then sit down and see what they need to pull together," Mills suggested when the group started to discuss particulars. Fair Board Vice Chairman Craig Deveraux indicated he feels the Booster Club should run the event in much the same manner as the Chamber of Commerce, but agreed they could sit down at a future meeting and find out exactly what would be needed from the board.

Chairman Zane Marty pointed out that the cost the Booster Club will be charged to use the facility for the event would also have to negoti-

ated, and Conzelman said that a small rental fee had been charged at times in the past, but that a consistent rate had never been established.

"I don't know what kind of money is sitting there to work with. This year is a building year for us. We have to get memberships in place," Conzelman reasoned.

The board agreed that such details could be ironed out at a future meeting and unanimously supported the Booster Club's request to continue the pig wrestling tradition. Further discussion on details surrounding the activity is to take place at the Fair Board's April meeting.



The students who made the trip to Cheyenne to represent Upton High School break for a photo after the awards presentation. In the back row are Karen Lambert, Seth Jones, Emily Sharkey, Shaunda Lloyd, Kas Talbot, Maura Nistler, Riley Coburn, Mrs. Gould and Annika Coberly while Elizabeth Stephens, Skylei Christensen, Yasmine Donner, Abbey Douglas and Sophia Burton hold down the middle row and Eli Jones and Juli Bishop kneel in front. Kaylee Johnston is not pictured. (Submitted Photo)

Upton FCCLA travels to state conference

By Liz Stephens
Public Relations Chairperson

On Tuesday, March 29, the Upton FCCLA Chapter left with 16 members to go to Cheyenne for the Wyoming State FCCLA Conference along with their advisor, Deanne Gould, and another teacher, Mindy Darrow.

The theme for this year's convention was "Dream It, Be It," and on Wednesday, everyone attended the opening session presented by the state officers, followed by orientations for Wednesday's STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) events.

Those competing Wednesday were Liz Stephens in the Creed Contest, Maura Nistler and Karen Lambert in Promote and Publicize and Annika Coberly in Chapter Service Portfolio. Skylei Christensen and Shaunda Lloyd also teamed up to compete in Chapter Service Portfolio, and Abbey Douglas, Juli Bishop and Sophia Burton were entered in Focus On Children.

Students attended workshops throughout the day, and the Quiz Bowl team consisting of Liz Stephens, Annika Coberly, Riley Coburn, Kas Talbot, and Maura Nistler com-

peted Wednesday evening.

Everyone attended the general session, where the keynote speaker, Kevin Laue, shared the story about his life of adversity. He spoke about having courage and perseverance, and stepping up to help others.

On Thursday morning, STAR event orientations were held for Thursday's competitors, and those competing included Kaylee Johnston in Chapter Service Display and Seth Jones in Career Investigation. Jones also teamed with Emily Sharkey in National Programs, while Liz Stephens and Yasmine Donner participated in Food Innovations. Eli Jones and Kas Talbot took part in Chapter Service Display, Yasmine Donner competed in Interpersonal Communications, and Riley Coburn was in Life Event Planning. Liz Stephens and Kas Talbot also participated in Textile Arts.

When not competing, students participated in workshops and Dreamwork activities, and several students enjoyed a workshop presented by the keynote speaker. After all events were completed, the group went to the Capitol, toured the Wyoming State

Museum, and made a stop at the mall. On Thursday night, there was a dinner with country music entertainment and dance.

On Friday morning, the voting delegate breakfast started at 7 a.m., and Annika Coberly and Kas Talbot were the voting delegates for Upton. They interviewed the state officer candidates, and came back to the chapter with their recommendations. The district meetings were held next, where district officer candidate Liz Stephens presented her speech and was questioned about FCCLA facts and situations. That was followed by the business session, where Seth Jones and Emily Sharkey received second place in the state officer project competition on traffic safety, and Annika Coberly received third with her Leadership Service in Action project.

Officer elections were announced following that. The competition was very tough, but Stephens prevailed and was elected as a district officer for the 2016-17 year. At noon, the Awards Luncheon and Officer Installation were held. All medal winners were announced and the new state officers were installed.

Medal winners from the Upton team included Seth Jones, who received a Gold in Career Investigation, Yasmine Donner with a Gold in Interpersonal Communications, Annika Coberly earning Gold in Chapter Service Portfolio, and Riley Coburn's Gold in Life Event Planning. Liz Stephens and Yasmine Donner struck Gold in Food Innovations, while Maura Nistler and Karen Lambert took Silver in Promote and Publicize, and Seth Jones and Emily Sharkey earned Silver in National Programs. The top two places in each STAR event category will advance to Nationals to compete in July.

Two students also competed in state REACH events, which do not get to go on to Nationals to compete, but are fun and challenging to participate in. Upton did very well in those events, with Liz Stephens taking Gold in Textile Arts and Silver in the Creed contest, and Kas Talbot earning Silver in Textile Arts.

"Go for the Gold" was the theme for the Upton chapter this year, and that is exactly what the group did, with all of the participants agreeing that it was a great experience.

Community crisis meetings planned

Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

In response to the mine layoffs announced last week and related anticipated job loss, community crisis management meetings are scheduled to be held at the Weston County Senior Center in Newcastle this Thursday, Apr. 7, and at the Upton Community Center on Friday, Apr. 8. Both meetings are scheduled to run from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Marcia Romano, one of the organizers, told the NLJ that the meetings have been put together in a hurry in response to what she says is an acute local need.

Romano, who indicated she is nationally certified in grief and loss facilitation through the American Academy of Bereavement, and also has a

background in the medical and law enforcement fields with experience in victim services and critical incident response, said her immediate goal is to help “normalize people’s initial reaction.”

According to Romano, many people may not be aware that their emotional and mental response to crisis is normal. She stated she also hopes to possibly change the perspectives of those who have lost their jobs by helping them to approach their situation in a positive and constructive manner.

“Hopefully leave them feeling a little more hopeful with a few more tools to cope with this,” she said of what she hopes to accomplish.

Romano stated she will be joined by County Commissioner Marty Ertman

and Kristi Lipp, community prevention professional for the Prevention Management Association of Wyoming. Romano said she expects Ertman to focus on available community resources while Lipp will tackle the issue of suicide prevention.

Primary topics to be addressed, according to an event press release, will include:

- Understanding the impact of a crisis situation
- Survival to success – How to manage and keep hope alive
- Community Response and Resources

Whether additional meetings may be held has not yet been determined, Romano said, and will probably depend on the community’s response to those scheduled for this week.

Layoffs

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that in the third quarter of 2011, 858 Weston County residents commuted to Campbell County for work, 123 to Natrona County, and 99 to Niobrara County.

According to the same data, between the first quarter of 2005 and the third quarter of 2011, the number of Weston County residents commuting to Campbell County for work ranged from a low of 717 to a high of 1,087. Both mines affected by last week’s layoffs are located in Campbell County.

The total Weston County labor force in February of this year was 3,874 people, according to state figures.

In February, overall unemployment in Campbell County increased to 6.3 percent from

6 percent in January. Figures for nearby Crook, Sheridan, Johnson, and Niobrara Counties for February showed decreases in unemployment from the month previous, while Natrona County’s unemployment rate was steady at 7.2 percent and Converse County’s was up slightly at 5.8 percent from 5.7 percent.

Gallagher suggested that though exact figures are difficult to establish at present, the number of Weston County residents effected by the mine layoffs is expected to be significant -- as will likely also be the case in a number of neighboring counties. Workers tend to commute to the mines within a 360-degree geographic radius beginning in about the area of Douglas, he stated.

Chamber

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the chamber and noted that Chamber Member Pam Gualtieri shared a number of her own concerns and ideas with the council when she was interviewed by the council after expressing interest in vacant council seat at the

group’s March 21 meeting. Sweet said she was supportive of the Chamber’s mission and expressed the belief that the rest of the council was as well, but cautioned that it was appropriate for the city “to support business, but maybe not to

promote the businesses.”

“There is a fine line. We can build the environment, but it is not our job to go out and build a business,” Love agreed. “There is a lot of money that could stay here. We just have to figure out how to keep it here.”

City Beats

Items of interest from the April 4 Newcastle City Council meeting:

- During the Newcastle City Council’s March 21 meeting the council accepted a bid from Ketel Thorstenson, LLP for the audit services for the 15-16 fiscal year and expressed a willingness to engage the company for three years. The bid totaled \$20,000 per year, and the firm agreed to prepare financial statements as well. The company offered to enter a three year commitment for a decreased cost of \$18,000 per year, but it was noted by Mayor Greg James that the city could not commit to a three year agreement and could only express engagement for that term. On April 4, City Clerk Charita Brunner announced that she had been in contact with the firm and talks about the schedule for the audit were taking place.
- Chief of Police Jim Owens reported on April 4 that the year to date number of calls for service for 2016 are down 70 calls compared to 2015. He noted that in March 2016 a total of 345 calls were received while last year during the same month a total of 386 were received.
- Chief Owens announced that Officer Brandon Vaughn, as of April 13, will have completed his 12 month probationary period and requested permanent status for the officer and a 50 cent raise. Councilman Don Stevenson moved to approve the request, and the motion was approved unanimously.
- Chief Owens informed the council that there is now a recall on all three of the new Dodge Charger police cruisers involving the

jack support. He noted that a time to take the vehicles to be inspected will have to be established and will have to be done at a dealership, adding that each inspection will take approximately 30 minutes.

• Councilman Steve Ladwig introduced a project idea for the water committee to review at a later date. His idea would involve creating a source outlet to sell water that included multiple stages.

“I thought it was a good idea as long as we have well water here to sell water,” Ladwig asserted. A Water Committee meeting has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday April 18 to discuss the topic with Mayor James declaring that he believed it was worth investigating.

• Brunner reported that a donation check from Wyoming Community Gas had been received and reminded the council that last year they voted to purchase tables and chairs for the recreation complex with that money. It was noted by City Engineer Bob Hartley that those tables were now being ordered and would be similar to those in Railroad Park.

• A meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. between the recreation committee and Community Recreation Director Jessica Bettorf. The meeting holds the purpose of working with her to develop park and baseball field schedules, and for her to provide additional information to the committee on her activities.



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Mammogram just got a little closer



Rose Van Cleave tells a group of Weston County women how she beat cancer twice in the past 46 years. (Alexis Shultz/NLJ)

Alexis Shultz
NLJ Reporter

“Well I’ll tell ya. I had my first cancer when I was 42. They didn’t have mammograms and they didn’t have chemotherapy... It was attached to my lower rib so they did a radical mastectomy. I can’t remember how many treatments with radiation. That is all they could give me, and I survived it. I got burned really bad, but I was 42 year old and in 1997 I had it again,” recalled Rose Van Cleave.

The 88-year old is a 46 year survivor of cancer, and is part of the Sisters of Hope, which is a group of survivors in Weston County organized by Public Health Nurse Lori Bickford to help provide support and assistance to those going through the mammogram process.

“It was in my lower breast, rib attached and I found it myself. It was an accident. I had stretched in bed and I just went to scratch myself and there was a little hard bump. We had just started a business in Oregon in August and this

was late October. On the 3 of November I had surgery. The other side was taken in 97. That is my story. I will be 88 years old in June,” said Van Cleave, who faced cancer in both breasts several years apart. She originally found her breast cancer at the age of 42, two years after doctors recommend women receive their first mammogram.

On March 23, Bickford held a luncheon to provide exciting news to the Sisters of Hope and other women throughout the community that need to get a mammogram. She announced that women in Weston County have had to drive nearly 90 miles to receive a mammogram until now, but that is about to change.

“We have some wonderful news to share. We are so excited,” declared Diana Pederson of “Mammo or Bust,” a task force out of Custer, South Dakota that has been determined for some time to make mammograms easier to access for women throughout the region.

An excited Pederson

proclaimed that the Custer Hospital will now have their very own mammography machine and the facility has started scheduling appointments.

“The machine arrived on Monday. They are scheduling appointments! April 6 is the first day of appointments,” announced Patty Ressler, another member of the Mammo or Bust task force that helped the community of Custer obtain the mammography machine.

Ressler described the process the group has had to go through in order to reach this point, explaining that it included research, grant applications and grant denials before they eventually arrived at a point where fundraising took over.

The duo announced that Weston County was included on their research, along with Custer and Fall River Counties, due to the proximity of Weston County to those parts of South Dakota.

“We got the okay to go looking for some monies to reach our cause. We got over \$17,000 to redo a room in the Custer Hospital to do electrical upgrades for the mammography machine and furniture,” professed Pederson, who noted that Rapid City Regional agreed to lease the machine if the women could get the room prepared.

The women directly linked their staggering research findings to the process of securing the service in Custer being completed.

During their research, it was discovered that both Wyoming and South Dakota fall consecutively in 48th and 49th place for breast cancer screening rates throughout the country. It was also determined that 75 percent of women age 40 and over do not receive mammograms throughout those three counties.

Weston County is also within the bottom three counties throughout Wyoming for mammography rates.

“We included Weston County in the research because I believe in good neighbor policy. We have not at this point come into Weston County with our fundraiser,” Pederson shared. Ressler added that the women were investigating the part of the region that was not being properly served, and

Weston County was revealed to be part of that.

“Our goal now is to get to those who are still getting through the cracks,” announced Pederson.

Ressler extended on that by acknowledging that the task force’s next task was to figure out what is stopping that 75 percent from getting their mammogram.

“Is it child care, transportation, or they just don’t want to get it done. What are those variables and how do we get to them? Donors tasked us with now getting that 75 percent down,” asserted Ressler. To help get that number down, the women requested that everyone in attendance share the information they provided with at least eight other women because one in eight will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime.

Pederson invited the group, along with friends, to attend the open house that was held on March 31 in the Edward Jones Conference Room on 27 1/2 N 6th St in Custer, South Dakota. Two times were offered for the open house, the first of which featured lunch that began at 11:30. The Happy Hour Open House began at 4 p.m.

Women with questions or are wanting to schedule appointments are encouraged to contact Joni Hill at jhill4@regionalhealth.com or 605-673-9434.

Mammogram Fun Facts

For those who are nervous about the radiation associated with a mammogram, Pederson provided some comparisons. These represent the equivalent risk between a mammogram and different scenarios.

- Traveling in a car for 15 miles provides as much risk as getting a mammogram.
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and this is a way to help people maintain their wellness,” declared Farnsworth. She added that a number of vendors provide wellness information while others will be selling products.

Farnsworth acknowledged that while there will be last-minute vendors being added to the list, she predicted the event has already attracted enough vendors to fill the large meeting room at the center and the attached garage as well. The list of vendors offers a considerable variety of information and products that should appeal to almost everyone, according to the coordinator.

Farnsworth said those who attend the Health and Trade Fair will be able to

purchase items, but they also be able to access information from a variety of different agencies focused on health care and preventative services across the state.

“We have a lot of different vendors, from wellness food products to homemade items, crafts and jewelry,” announced Farnsworth. She noted that some of the booths have already been reserved by People First, Department of Family Services, FOCUS, the Wyoming Medical Center, Wyoming Independent Living, Wyoming Cancer Resource Services and Wyoming Relay.

Farnsworth revealed that each entity in attendance will offer information about the services they provide and that many

offer a gift that those who visit can take home. She noted that vendors are charged to participate in the event and while some of that money goes to advertisement, a portion of the funds are given back to the public.

“We have a drawing every hour for \$50 in vouchers. You have to spend that money the same day at one of the vendors. It’s a nice thing. The vendors get more business and someone gets free merchandise. It’s a win-win,” Farnsworth smiled.

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March Madness at its finest



Sonja Karp
Karpe Dogie

“That was the craziest 13 seconds of basketball I’ve ever seen!” exclaimed my son Cooper as the NCAA

championship game on Monday night ended with a buzzer beater three point shot by Kris Jenkins of the Villanova Wildcats that sealed their 77-74 win over the Tar Heels of North Carolina.

This season proved that they don’t call it March Madness for nothing. In what was called one of the greatest championship games of all time, the number two-ranked Wildcats fought off a late game comeback by the number-one Tar Heels, but this was not the first nail-biting, gut-wrenching battle on the hardwood that took place throughout the tournament.

From the bracket-busting first weekend with the underdogs putting down the higher seeds, which resulted in less than one percent of the brackets intact, to the final edge-of-your-seat championship matchup, it was a tournament of clutch players making clutch plays.

Fans saw triple overtime wins and more than one unbelievable buzzer beating three-point shot, and from just about every angle the tournament truly delivered everything any basketball fan could ever ask for. It even gave those who may not be such huge fans of the game something to cheer about.

Watching the tournament unfold was a blast, but it really all comes down to the final game. Every basketball fan hopes that the championship contest will live up to the hype, and this year it did in every sense of the word. I think one commentator described the

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Grace Peterson tries to outrace a Bison opponent in the Dogies season opener on Tuesday afternoon. Buffalo topped the Dogies 6-3. (Sierra LaCroix/NLJ)

Mother Nature thwarts Dogies’ plans

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

Wyopreps released the week two girls’ and boys’ soccer standings this week, but the Lady Dogies and Dogies are still waiting to play their first game.

Mother Nature has certainly cast a monkey wrench into the schedule of the Newcastle teams. What were to be their season openers in Rawlins last Thursday were cancelled due to the second nasty winter storm that rolled

through portions of the state since spring officially began on March 21.

Both Bryce Hoffman and Josh Peterson, head coaches for the girls and boys teams, were disappointed in the cancellation of the games. Not only were their teams chomping at the bit to get into some real competition, but both coaches were also looking forward to getting a contest under their belts before taking on their Northeast Quadrant rival, the Buffalo Bison, as this paper went to press on Tuesday

night.

The Bison and Lady Bison are teams the coaches recognize as being among their toughest competition, and the outcome of what is now the first game of the season for both squads could make a difference in the standings for seeding at the end of the season.

Though the squads had to wait longer than expected to take the field this season, this week they will make up for lost contests. They’ll not only

take on Buffalo on Tuesday, but will also match up against the Torrington Blazers on Friday before facing off against the Douglas Bearcats on Saturday.

The ladies will be at home on Friday and then travel to Douglas on Saturday, while the men will be on the road on Friday and then will host the Bearcat squad on Saturday. The junior varsity games will kick off at 1:00 p.m., followed by the varsity contest at 3:00.

Track team finally gets chance to compete



Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The disappointment of having to cancel the annual Speedgoat Classic track meet last Thursday due to adverse weather conditions around the state was soothed on Saturday as the ladies and gentlemen of the Newcastle track team picked up a meet at Douglas High School, located at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota.

“We could not have asked for a more beautiful day for a track meet, especially for only the second of the year,” grinned head coach Pat Hayman. “The weather was beautiful, there was no wind, the sun was shining, and it was 70 degrees!”

The perfection of the day was not limited to the weather, however, as Newcastle qualified for the State Meet in five different events. Calbi Ausmann, keeping true to form, qualified in the 800 and 1600 meter runs. Jacob Esposito qualified in the 110 meter high hurdle race, while the ladies 4x100 and 4x400 meter relays also punched their ticket to

Nicole Ackerman helps prep Newcastle Middle Schoolers in the pole vault in the hopes that they will bolster the Dogie ranks in the future. (Sierra LaCroix/NLJ)

the culminating event.

“It was great to have that many qualifiers in what was our first meet of the year for most runners,” Hayman nodded. “Calbi not only qualified, but finished first in both of her races. She is running really tough already, and there wasn’t anyone even close to her as she crossed the finish line.”

The 4x100 girls’ relay— made up of Sarah Henkle, Laura Chord, Kendra Back and Lexus Voelker— finished in second place, and the 4x400 team, which won their race, was manned by Henkle, Chord, Back and Ausmann. Though the boys’ relay did not qualify this time, they were close and Hayman is confident they should make it without too much difficulty.

There were a few other individuals who, though they didn’t qualify for the State Meet, were very close to doing so. Chord was only .31 second away from qualifying in the 300 hurdles, while Hannah Cass, despite not having high jumped since she was a freshman, was one inch short of qualifying in the high jump.

Sarah Henkle was only a second off the mark in the 400 meter dash, and Hayman is pleased with how she is

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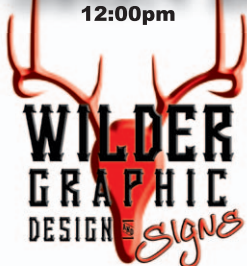
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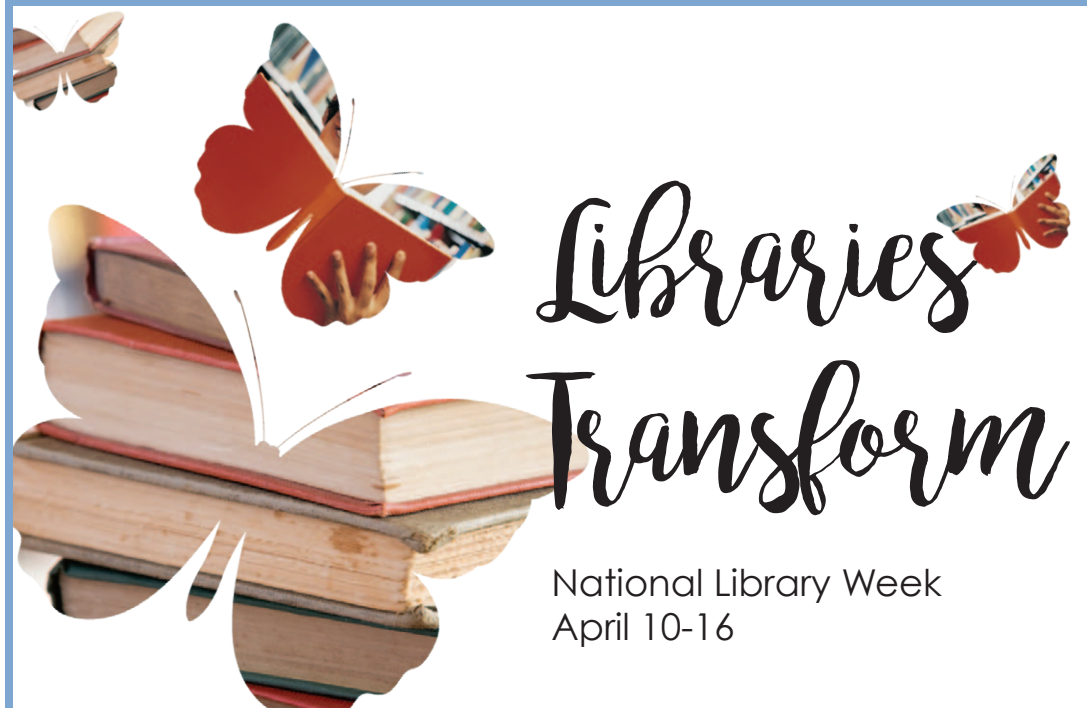
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Jonny Manders leads the throwers through their paces at practice on Monday. (Sierra LaCroix/NLJ)

running so early in the season. "It was just a great meet, and we put up some great marks," Hayman exclaimed. "We have three girls who have started off the season running the 100 meter dash in the 13s, and when you start off the season doing that, you're in pretty good shape."

Though team scores were not kept at the meet, Hayman felt confident that his team put up some great scores and competed well against the other 12 teams in attendance.

"We had a great day, and I'm just tickled the way the kids

performed," Hayman grinned. "They really competed hard and that's what we're looking for."

With a good performance under their belts, the squad will head to Spearfish this Friday and Hayman expects it to be a pretty tough meet.

"We'll see both Rapid City schools, as well as several other AA schools from South Dakota, and we also expect to see Gillette," Hayman anticipated. "It's coming back to being a pretty high-powered meet, so it will be a good opportunity for us to see some tough competition."

Dogie Track

DHS Early Bird Meet @ Douglas HS, SD: 4/2/16

Men's Results		Women's Results:			
100M:					
12	Ethan Schuessler	12.04	28	Sawyer Roberson	87-06
33	Preston Rushton	12.65	29	Wyatt Corley	86-08.5
34	Jacob Esposito	12.68	32	Jonny Manders	82-00
56	Ricky Larson	13.30	33	Dayton Williams	80-10.5
57	Lyle Whitney	13.49	47	Kolby Piscioiti	48-11.5
66	Isaac Prell	13.84	48	John Barker	37-05
200M:					
8	Ethan Schuessler	24.38	13	Lexus Voelker	13.82
13	Preston Rushton	24.82	16	Sarah Henkle	13.94
40	Lyle Whitney	26.69	18	Ashten Farnsworth	14.00
49	Isaac Prell	27.73	35	Jade Roady	15.08
800M:					
3	PJ Martin	2:20.67	10	Lexus Voelker	28.19
7	Cam Quigley	2:23.88	17	Ashten Farnsworth	29.70
12	Dylan Talley	2:27.50	35	Jade Roady	31.20
25	Dalton Parsons	2:36.61	400M:		
1600M:					
4	Cam Quigley	5:13.13	1	Sarah Henkle	1:03.76
5	PJ Martin	5:13.54	5	Lexus Voelker	1:06.83
6	Dylan Talley	5:13.54	11	Jade Roady	1:12.50
20	Dalton Parsons	5:42.17	800M:		
110M Hurdles					
2	Jacob Esposito	SQ	16	Makenzie Wagoner	2:47.84
5	Cade Ostenson	17.71	1600M:		
300M Hurdles					
6	Jacob Esposito	44.36	1	Calbi Ausmann	SQ
15	Cade Ostenson	48.11	7	Hannah Cass	2:42.45
4x100 Relay					
6	Jacob Esposito, Ricky Larson, Preston Rushton, Ethan Schuessler	47.79	12	Makenzie Wagoner	2:47.84
High Jump					
8T	Ethan Schuessler	5-04	100M Hurdles:		
Pole Vault					
7T	Cam Quigley	9-09	7	Laura Chord	18.47
Long Jump					
7	Cade Ostenson	18-10.5	300M Hurdles:		
27	Lyle Whitney	16-06.75	3	Laura Chord	49.32
32	Isaac Prell	15-09	4x100 Relay:		
37	Ricky Larson	14-07.25	2	Sarah Henkle, Laura Chord, Kendra Back, Lexus Voelker	52.56
Triple Jump					
6	Cade Ostenson	38-02.5	4x400 Relay:		
14	Ricky Larson	31-06.75	1	Sarah Henkle, Laura Chord, Kendra Back, Calbi Ausmann	4:18.39
Shot Put					
26	Sawyer Roberson	32-05	High Jump:		
31	Wyatt Corley	31-06.5	3	Hannah Cass	4-10
35	Jonny Manders	30-04	Long Jump:		
43	Jacob Hobbs	27-05	30	Makenzie Wagoner	12-00
46	Kolby Piscioiti	26-10	Shot Put:		
52	John Barker	17-03	10	Rachel Henkle	30-01
Discus					
25	Jacob Hobbs	809	26	Rachel Ehlers	25:05.25
			33	Jenna Piper	23-10.25
			34	Savannah Williams	23-06
			35	Sierra LaCroix	23-05.5
			Discus:		
			10	Rachel Henkle	89-11.25
			20	Savannah Williams	76-10.5
			21	Jenna Piper	74-11
			26	Rachel Ehlers	68-10
			34	Sierra LaCroix	63-06.5

Front Row Diva

Alexis Shultz
 NLJ Reporter

Newcastle High School junior Megan Kenney has become the youngest certified Zumba instructor in the state of Wyoming. She became certified on February 26, at the age of 17, and plans to use her certification for some time. She is a dance student at the Meadowlark Academy of Dance—participating in both Lyrical Ballet and Hip Hop—and has been dancing since 2008.

"I've been doing Zumba for about eight years and I have always loved it, so I finally wanted to certify," declared Kenney. Her dance teacher, Jessica Graham, reported that Megan had been waiting for some time to actually certify. Unfortunately, certification courses do not come to this area very often, but Kenney was quick to pounce on the rare opportunity that presented itself in 2016.

At one time, Graham explained that a person had to be 18 years of age to become certified to teach a Zumba, but the age was lowered to 16 recently. She said that in order to become certified at 16, the potential instructor must have parental consent and a sponsor that provides insurance.

"Megan was already an employee here, so she is already covered," professed Graham, who noted that insurance becomes one of the biggest issues when it comes to getting certified before the age of 18. She mentioned that most insurance companies will not provide a policy to those individuals.

In order to become certified to officially teach Zumba, Kenney and Graham had to travel to Colorado Springs, Colorado to

participate in classes. Kenney's completion of the course means that both women are a part of ZIN, or the Zumba Instructor Network.

"I registered online, and it is a nine hour class to go to where you learn all the moves," Kenney revealed. Graham noted that the training begins with a masters class. Then the students go on to learn the theory and history of Zumba and basic rhythms used in the dance style.

"Those classes are different because they are teaching teachers," Graham shared of the Basics One course that Kenney participated in. She indicated that Zumba has both a Basics One and Two course, but Kenney can teach all the rhythms because she is certified.

Graham also explained the Zumba process, and said those who are certified to teach a class must participate in monthly continued education. She also made it clear that in order to teach Zumba one must be certified, or risk the wrath of organization that governs such matters.

Kenney is not yet teaching her own Zumba classes, as she believes she must become more familiar with the choreography before taking on her own class. What Kenney does do, according to Graham, is work with the younger students at Meadowlark Academy of Dance, primarily by leading warm-ups that utilize her Zumba training.

Kenney can also be seen frequenting, and sometimes leading, the Zumba classes offered at Meadowlark Academy of Dance. Those classes can be taken on Monday and Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m.



Earlier this year Megan Kenney became the only Zumba instructor in Wyoming who hadn't yet reached her 18th birthday. Although she is not conducting her own classes yet, she assists Meadowlark Academy of Dance owner Jessica Graham with several of her groups. (Alexis Shultz/NLJ)

Every new participant of the Zumba class is offered one free hour-long class prior to purchasing a punch card that is good for 10 classes and costs each individual \$50.00.

"We also do parties," declared Graham. Kenney smiled when she said her 16th birthday party was held at the dance studio and consisted of three hours of dancing with a bunch of her friends.

Megan and the other performers from Meadowlark Academy of Dance will hold their annual recital later this spring.

Tiny dancer rises to the top

Alexis Shultz
 NLJ Reporter

Another Meadowlark Academy of Dance student has found success recently, as Hannah Riley in the past few weeks received notification that she had been accepted to both the Bolshoi Ballet Academy Summer Intensive CT and the Joffrey Ballet Intensive.

"She was accepted and she was barely old enough to audition," exclaimed dance teacher Jessica Graham. She noted it was

a tremendous accomplishment making either program due to the small number of students the respective organizations take each summer, and the skills they are looking for in each dancer.

Riley recalled the experience, sharing that when she got to the place where the auditions were held she was assigned a number and then lined up with the other dancers.

They were then assembled on the bar and taught a sequence of steps that they were then judged on.

"It was an amazing opportunity. I never worked with the Bolshoi before, so I learned a lot of new things. I am fortunate that through this whole experience I have met so many amazing teachers," declared Riley.

For this year at least, simply being accepted into the programs will have to be fulfillment enough, unfortunately. Riley and Graham indicated that due to the costs associated with the intensive summer programs, Hannah will not be able to attend either of them this year.

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Brady Wilkes, left, and Kolby Piscioti, right, pose with statues at the Experience Music Project in Seattle, Wash. during their trip for All-Northwest. (Submitted Photo)

Freshman duo attends All-Northwest

Sonja Karp
NLJ Reporter

Early in March, two members of the Newcastle High School choir headed to Seattle to perform in the ACDA (American Choral Directors Association) All-Northwest District Choir.

On March 3, freshmen Brady Wilkes and Kolby Piscioti boarded a plane bound for the Pacific Northwest after being selected from a six state region—including Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Alaska—to perform in the ACDA All-Northwest Youth Honor Choir.

Newcastle Choir Director Jan Ellis is no rookie when it comes to getting her students prepared to audition for this prestigious event, having consistently sent members to perform, including sending eight members two years ago.

In order to audition for All-Northwest, the students were required to sing scales in an arpeggio (do, re, mi, fa, so, la, ti, do), and to do so changing keys. In addition, they had to sing “America the Beautiful” in a certain key.

“If we compare auditioning for All-State with All-Northwest, there is probably more preparation that goes into the All-State audition ahead of time because it is a one-shot recording,” Ellis analyzed. “For Northwest they come in and do their scales and their song and then we talk about it, so they kind of get a mini-voice lesson during the process. I don’t think the kids practice as much for Northwest because they do have the opportunity to redo their recording if they are not happy with it.”

This year, three students were selected from their submitted recordings and two attended the four day event from March 3-6.

Cooper Karp was the lone selection for the men’s honor choir in the high school division. While Karp was honored

by his selection, unfortunately the dates of the event conflicted with the 3A East Regional Basketball Tournament and he ultimately decided he could not abandon his team during this crucial part of the season so he had to regretfully decline the invitation.

“Being selected for All-Northwest was really humbling,” Karp admitted. “I practiced night and day in order to try and have a chance, and then being selected as one of the best 43 Baritone in the six state region was an absolutely incredible feeling!”

Wilkes and Piscioti, who were selected to the Youth Honor Choir, had no conflicts that weekend so jumped at the chance to attend.

The ACDA Youth Honor Choir is made up of students from the seventh, eighth and ninth grades, and Ellis admitted that it is a little easier to be selected to this choir as a freshman than it is to get into the Men’s Honor Choir at such a young age. Unfortunately, it isn’t every year that students are afforded the opportunity to audition for the youth choir as freshmen.

“The ACDA does the seventh through ninth grade youth division, but they do not host the event each year,” Ellis explained. “The ACDA rotates with NAFME (National Association for Music Educators), who will host the event next year and that organization does not offer the youth division as an option.

In addition, NAFME only accepts 40 students from Wyoming, while ACDA does not have a quota, or maximum number, of students accepted from the states that send in auditions. Students also have to pass a state screening process for NAFME before the auditions are sent on, so this makes the audition process even more arduous. While difficult to break through, Newcastle has had students selected for NAFME in the past.

At ACDA Northwest, members not only are afforded the opportunity to sing

in a pretty grand venue, they also get to listen to other choirs sing. As it so happens, students and chaperones had the opportunity to see Casper’s Children’s Choir perform while they were there.

While there is a great deal of singing taking place, students did have some down time between rehearsals so the kids and their chaperones were able to do a little exploring of the city. They went to the fish market and watched them throw fish, and had the opportunity to visit the Experience Music Project (EMP). They also saw the Glass Garden, went up the Space Needle, the Aquarium, and of course had to visit the famous gum wall (and leave a piece of their own).

The EMP is a museum based on entertainment and music, which was included as part of the trip. The kids got to go through three museums of artifacts from fantasy, horror and science fiction films, and there were sections of the museum devoted to different music genres as well.

“All-Northwest was a really fun experience. For our first practice we went to a church just up the street from our hotel. It had amazing acoustics so we sounded really good, and once we got all perfected for our performance, we sounded really great. Besides singing we got to go do some really fun things around the city, and it was just a really great experience,” Wilkes grinned.

Like at All-State a few weeks earlier, Ellis was busy attending regional music workshops while her students rehearsed and explored the city, so was not privy to some of those experiences, but she certainly was not disappointed in the sessions she attended.

The director for the Youth Honor Choir was Scott Leithead, who is the founder and Artistic Director of Edmonton’s Kokopelli Choir Association and TIME Jazz Association. He has worked with choirs in Canada, the United States, South Africa and Namibia, Africa.

All-State kicks off busy choir season

Sonja Karp
NLJ Reporter

Some members of the Newcastle High School choir, under the direction of Jan Ellis, have been on the run since 2016 began, representing their school and community in prestigious statewide and regional music events.

This hectic schedule got underway when the All-State Choir Concert was held on January 19 in Cheyenne, and four Dogies were on stage as the lights went down. Senior Cooper Karp was selected as Bass I, juniors Heather Michaelis and Heather Donner were chosen as Soprano II and Alto II respectively and freshman Brady Wilkes was selected as Tenor I.

For Karp, Michaelis and Wilkes this was their first experience on the All-State stage, but Donner is a two-time selection.

“It was a pretty amazing feeling to be picked two years in a row to go to All-State, especially since we had a new vice president of the association, which meant a new judge for auditions,” Donner began. “That made it pretty nerve racking because

when you get down to it, it’s essentially the judge’s preference that decides whether or not you go through.”

“All State is an amazing experience no matter who is running it though. It is a new director, new set of songs, new group of people, and new venue every year, but it’s always amazing to go because even during rehearsal, you feel this amazing wave of emotion from being in a room with 200 people who appreciate the music as much as you do, and everyone is making the most beautiful sounds. It truly is something incredible and a privilege to experience, especially twice,” she smiled.

The members of the All-State choir were selected from 700 auditions from around Wyoming, so to make the cut was not easy, and what makes these auditions even more challenging is the process by which they take place.

Students interested in auditioning were required to record two scales, a vocalise (an agility vocal warmup), two excerpts from selected All-State pieces and a sight reading. If this doesn’t seem difficult enough, the kicker is that students must do this live

and only have one shot to get it right. If they make a mistake anywhere along the way, they do not get a do-over.

Fortunately, though the recording is a high-stakes situation, students do have the opportunity to practice the material prior to making their recordings, however Ellis did note that sometimes that can be a disadvantage for the students.

“Sometimes when kids are practicing their material, they become much too hard on themselves and that can get in the way of their performances when it finally comes down to making the recording,” she reasoned.

After all was said and done, the four students who made the cut began rehearsal for the concert on January 17, and performed in front of a packed house on January 19 to the pleasure of all in attendance.

“Having the opportunity to perform at All-State was a once in a lifetime experience – well, hopefully twice in a lifetime since I’m a junior,” Michaelis laughed. “I really enjoyed the director we worked with and all the people we worked with. It was really cool to see how passionate everyone was about

music and the concert was amazing. The audition process was super difficult and just took a lot of hard work, but I’m glad I got to make it through.”

Grade schoolers set to perform

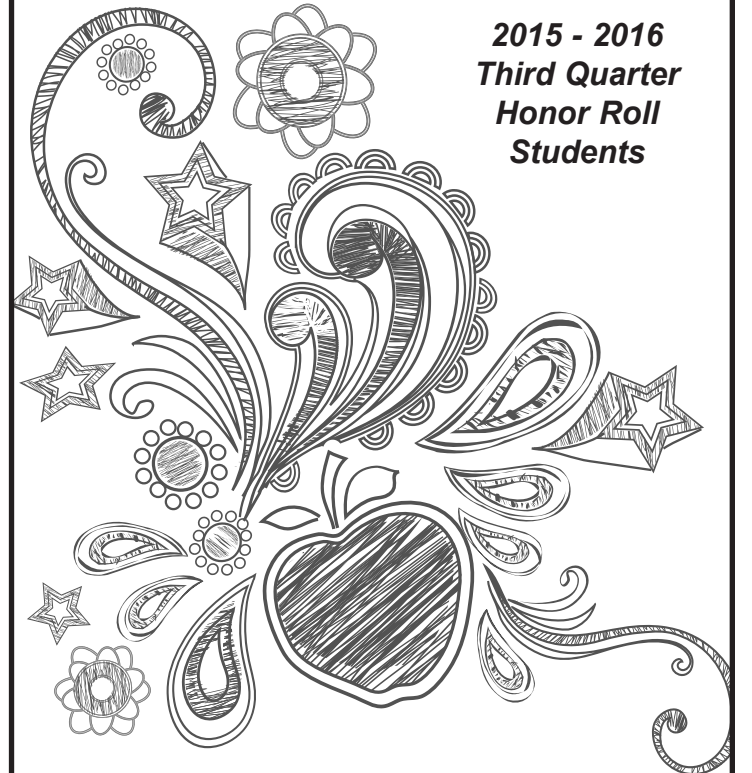
Newcastle Elementary School will be taking part in a trio of concerts in the next month, beginning on April 19 at 7:30 p.m. when the school’s Treble Tones Children’s Choir will perform in the Newcastle High School Pre-Festival Concert. The youngsters will take the stage at Crouch Auditorium again on April 28 at 7:00 p.m. when the third through fifth grades perform with the Treble Tones Children’s Choir, and on May 3 at 7:00 p.m. the kindergarten through second grades will get their turn under the lights.

As a freshman, Wilkes was excited to have been selected for the honor, and thoroughly enjoyed his experience as well. “All-State was pretty fun,”

— See All-State, Page 18

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"A" Honor Roll

Calbi Ausmann
Kendra Back
Nolan Behnke
Daytona Bennett
Katara Cade
Hannah Cass
Aspen Checketts
Laura Chord
Nathina Crabtree
Shaylee Curren
Alyssa Dawson
Abigail Deveraux
Betoney Dixon
Ashlyn Dollison
Holly Dollison
Shalee Douglas
Rachel Ehlers
Ashten Farnsworth
Anna Gettinger
Abby Gray

Brittane Hebbing
Rachel Henkle
Sarah Henkle
Jacob Hobbs
Makayla Hofner
Gavin Holmes
Jenna Holmes
Flint Hossfeld
Alyssa Houser
Joseph Jeppesen
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Bailey Lacey
Sierra LaCroix
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Talon Logan
Perry Martin
Heather Michaelis
Cassandra Munoz

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Cade Ostenson
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Cameron Quigley
Courtney Rainbolt
Jade Roady
Tava Rose
Katherine Schraeder
Taylor Spain
Lauren Steveson
Kaylee Sweet
Alyssa Umphlett
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Makenzie Wagoner
Kaylie White
Lyle Whitney
Brady Wilkes

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Brandon Benson
Matthew Block
Alaina Boettcher
Maxwell Brown
Andrea Chavez-Lujan
Trayton Dawson
Kaitlyn DeFord
Samuel Donner
Nicole Earnest
Madison Frazee
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Kaprina Jones
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Zade Orsbom
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7th Grade:
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Alaina Laurence
Carson Quigley
Grayson Ramsey
Gunnar Ramsey
Hailey Wehri

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Shelby Davis
Brady Frye
Christina Hadlock
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"A" Honor Roll

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Mathew Drake
Alexis Drury
Xiah Gallardo
Aidan Gorman
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Robert Humes
Rilee Lewis
Maggie Lorenz
Olivia McVay
Autumn Mills
Angelyse Perez
Nickalena Schantle
Travis Scribner
Isabella Spencer
Tristan Troftgruben
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Logan Wynia

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Carolina Anderson
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Paige Deyo
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Skyler Jenkins
Tayzen Johnson
Kacy Jones
Lacie Koester
Abbey Lacey
Rya Liggitt
Halli Moon
Conrad Prell
Zachary Purviance
Alaina Steveson
Morgan Sweet
Mercedes Voelker

8th Grade:
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Zydan Brooks
Owen Cox
Grace Coy
Johnna Dawson
Cooper Deveraux
Jake Deveraux
Collin Dudzinski
Cade Husong
Jacob Krogman
Jory McFarland
Hailey McGuire
Joseph McLaughlin
Payton Parks
Jacob Rhoades
Grace Rose
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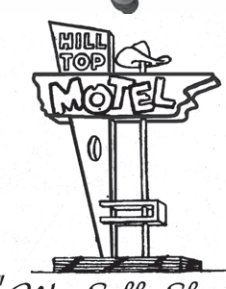
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All-State from page 13.....



From left to right: Freshman Brady Wilkes, junior Heather Michaelis, junior Heather Donner, senior Cooper Karp. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

he smiled. "Getting to sit around all the other first tenors was pretty cool. I made some pretty good friends, and it was great to be around guys who were working hard and having fun."

Finally, Karp was also pleased to have been selected to the choir. Though he has been a member of the NHS choir the entirety of his high school career—in addition to his middle school years—his audition his senior year was his first.

"All-State was really cool," Karp exclaimed. "It was awesome to see some familiar faces from around the state, and to make great music with the director from Idaho State University."

Of course, Ellis was also pleased with her students and was proud to have them represent NHS on this statewide stage.

"I thought our kids were really well prepared and never gave me even an ounce of concern," Ellis smiled. "They

worked hard and were excited about it, and that's what I love to see."

All-State was a little different experience for Ellis this year. After three years of being the one in charge of choosing All-State performers, she was on the sidelines for this one so she went into the concert only knowing the talent that her students brought to the stage. In addition, she spent much of her time attending music workshops for professional development while her students were rehearsing, so was not privy to how those sessions went for the kids.

"I attended some great sessions while the kids practiced that I look forward to bringing back to the classroom for all of my students, and really it's just nice to see other perspectives from other music educators," she smiled.

The All-State Choir was directed by Dr. Scott Eric Anderson, who is the director of Choral Activities at Idaho State University, where he conducts the Chamber Choir, Concert Choir, and Camerata Singers. He also teaches voice, Choral Conducting, and Choral Methods. He has travelled with and directed choirs all over the world, and he serves as the Artistic Director of the Idaho International Choral Festival, where choral groups from around the world join together for a week of performances.

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Karp from page 11.....

game to perfection when he called it "a championship game for the ages and a finish that will be played and replayed for years to come."

The Wildcats trailed the Tar Heels by five points as the first half came to a close, but came back with a vengeance in the second to take the lead and hold it until the final seconds of the game. That's when a crazy, off-balance three point

shot by Marcus Paige of UNC caught nothing but net and tied the game with 4.7 seconds to play.

Two minutes prior to his miraculous shot, Carolina was down 10 points, but they went on a run and battled back to within one with under a minute to go. Forced to foul, they sent the Wildcats to the line with around 13 seconds to play, and the shooter iced both free throws to pull back ahead by three.

That's when the Tar Heels pushed the ball down the court and Paige pulled off his amazing shot, but it is the next 4.7 seconds of the game that will remain forever in the minds of the players on both teams.

There will be very different emotions attached to them. For Villanova, it will be the greatest 4.7 seconds ever, but for North Carolina they will be the worst.

After a Villanova time out, the Wildcats pushed the ball down the court, and dished to Kris Jenkins outside the arc on the point. He released his shot with .7 seconds on the clock. The buzzer rang, the ball fell gloriously through the net, and the celebration ensued—at least for the Villanova bench and fans.

It was a different story for the Tar Heels camp. Games like this are heartbreakers for the team that ends up on the losing end, and that was evident as Roy Williams, head coach of the North Carolina Tar Heels was in tears during his post-game interview.

As happy as I am for Villanova winning the championship in such a glorious manner, I am truly sad for North Carolina. Marcus Paige said in his post-game interview, "All we needed to do was to play great defense for 4.7 seconds and somehow Jenkins had a wide open shot. But that's just the way it goes. There were 77 possessions in the ball game, and they just happened to get the last one."

In the aftermath of the contest, as the commentators discussed and analyzed the game, it was evident that they couldn't get enough of it.

"People can talk and tweet all they want about what's wrong with college sports, but those kids tonight proved what is right with college sports" was one comment made during the post-game show.

"This clearly, in every sense of the word, was worthy of a championship game. NC did not lose this game, Villanova won this game," was another.

"Moments like that are what make sports great," tweeted JJ Watt, defensive end for the Houston Texans.

I know that I couldn't agree more with these statements. What a great way to end the season. I can't wait to see if next year lives up to this one.



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627 Pine St. Newcastle

- Berried Delights
- Strong Fitness, LLC
- Black Hills Dental
- DoTerra
- T&S Crafters
- Christ the King Lutheran Church
- Hearing Aid Institute
- Rodan & Fields
- Bill Quick
- Northern Wyoming Mental Health
- Wyoming Independent Living
- Weston County Health Services Foundation Board
- Wyoming Medical Center
- Weston County Health Services
- FOCUS
- Origami Owl

- North Platte Physical Therapy
- Black Hills Energy
- Wyoming Cancer Resource Services
- Sew - What?
- Young Living Oil
- Thirty One Bags
- Volunteers of America
- Cambria Bow Hunters
- Helping Hands Foundation
- Myrna Kuehne Foundation
- KASL
- Newcastle Ambulance Service
- Zeal for Life
- Juice Plus
- Thrive

- Lincare
- Edith McEnderfer
- Sage & Cactus Crafts
- Jess' Just Get Gorgeous Younique
- Wyoming Relay
- SW-Wrap
- Yummie Dark Chocolate
- Linda Buehler
- Chris French

Booths still available!
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