



Pipeline set for summer

By Bob Bonnar of NLJ

Representatives of a company that plans to build a 500-mile natural gas liquids pipeline from Montana to Colorado visited with the Weston County Commissioners last Wednesday and reported that construction crews will be working on the portion of the line that passes through Weston County this summer. They also said that the company has secured easements with the vast majority of private property owners along the route, but at least one of those landowners attended the meeting and expressed displeasure with the process under which those easements were obtained.

"The company has broken the 500 miles into five spreads. This allows us to start all along the route at the same time. We're going to start everywhere within a few weeks of each other, and the piece in this county will begin about June 1. It will begin just to the north of Sundance,

and the spread ends just south of Newcastle," Mick Urban, the manager of Government Affairs for ONEOK Pipeline, told the commissioners.

The area is likely to feel some impact from the construction, which could result in dozens of additional workers being in the county for a few weeks.

"At peak construction, there could be about 200 people in the county," Urban said, indicating that Sterling Pipeline Company will be charged with constructing the 88-mile spread that will run through Sundance

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Wyoming Pipeline has undertaken a project to build 13 miles of new pipeline from the Clareton Field to the Mush Creek Station, raising issues similar to those confronted by land owners along the proposed Bakken Pipeline route.

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Cat house could be in use by summer

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

The 'cat house,' a facility that is being constructed in the old Weston County Humane Shelter in response to countless complaints of depredations by a large number of feral cats in the community approximately two years ago, is close to completion, but the city will not be able to put it to use until personnel are trained to euthanize cats not claimed from the facility.

City crews have been working on construction of the facility on days when the weather makes it difficult to work outside, but work has slowed recently because the city does not have an officer trained to euthanize the cats as required by city ordinance, according to Police Chief Jim Owens, who reported to the Newcastle City Council at their April 2 meeting.

When the cat house is finished, Owens said the city could purchase the equipment needed to operate the facility, but they would be forced to house the cats long-term until they are able to get an officer licensed to euthanize the animals. City Engineer Bob Hartley has told Owens the structure will be ready when the personnel are in place to operate the facility.

"In order to comply with the city ordinance, we have to have someone who is state certified as the euthanasia officer. They also have to hold an EPA license

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Council approves annexation of new refinery property

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

A former mayor of Newcastle suggested that the City of Newcastle should require Wyoming Refining Company to build a new road linking the southeast corner of its operation to the U.S. Highway 16 bypass as a condition to approving a voluntary annexation of the property into city limits, but the council last week approved the annexation of 4.718 acres of property on first reading without imposing any such requirement on the company.

On Monday, April 2, the council held a public hearing for discussion on the voluntary annexation of a portion of property owned by Wyoming Refining

Company, amounting to approximately 4.718 acres, and after hearing comments from the public, the council passed a motion on first reading of the ordinance to approve annexation of that tract into the City of Newcastle. Two more readings will occur at future city council meetings where the public can comment on the annexation.

According to City Engineer Bob Hartley, plans presented to him by Wyoming Refining Company indicates that a warehouse facility, water storage tank and a fire warehouse will be constructed on the land. City Attorney Jim Peck indicated the property is zoned for light industrial use, and will not be used for the actual refining portion of the operation.

Former Mayor Ed Kiesling approached the council with a concern about an increase in truck traffic on Stampede Street, because of the condition of the road itself and the proximity of Newcastle High and Middle schools, both of which are located near the street. His suggestion was that the company build a new street off the bypass to redirect the truck traffic away from the street and the schools.

"It will take the traffic off Stampede Street. It would take the abuse off of it and it would be a safety factor for the schools, which should be a consideration because it is right there off the side street. I think it is

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Forest Service explains position on prairie dogs and sage grouse

By Bob Bonnar of NLJ

The status of sage grouse and prairie dogs on the Thunder Basin National Grassland was again a topic of conversation for the Weston County Commissioners last week when a pair of Forest Service representatives attended their April 3 meeting to discuss concerns of county residents surrounding plans for both species.

Jan Burke and Misty Hays

of the Medicine Bow-Rout National Forest met with the commissioners to discuss the Sage Grouse Management Plan and Prairie Dog Translocations on the Grasslands.

Burke began by assuring the commissioners that Weston County will be invited to participate fully in the crafting of a management plan designed to address declining numbers of sage grouse in the area.

"This analysis is not going to

be done in a cave in Washington," Burke promised.

"We request, and actually demand, coordination, which is on a deeper level than cooperating status," Commission Chair Tom Bruce quipped, noting that the commissioners took action at an earlier meeting to pass a resolution supporting an executive order regarding sage grouse preservation signed by Gov. Matt Mead.

Burke said she believes the

Forest Service's Sage Grouse Amendment Plan will be closely aligned to the proposal put forward by Mead, but indicated that it is being looked at to determine if there is enough detail in the governor's plan.

Both Forest Service officials also assured the commissioners that the rules adopted for the Forest Service will only apply to federal lands.

"Our plan doesn't apply to anything but Forest Service

lands, but the state has put in some stipulations that may affect your private land," Hays reported.

All of the parties agreed that taking steps to prevent listing of the sage grouse as an endangered species is an admirable goal, but Bruce again insisted that county leaders be allowed to participate in discussions to determine how that goal will be achieved.

"We need to be there," Bruce asserted.

"Point taken," Burke and Hayes said in unison.

The reason for the commissioners' concern has been well documented, and is a result of disputes between the Forest Service and landowners in Weston County regarding the agency's efforts to translocate prairie dogs in the Thunder Basin National Grassland, perhaps in preparation for introduction

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Community Ed numbers stay strong

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

The Eastern Wyoming Community College Outreach office at Newcastle High School is a busy place. In the spring semester a total of 89 adult students were enrolled in courses, including those held at Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp, and the concurrent classes offered at Newcastle High School boasts another 11 classes, with 89 students registered in them.

Starting last fall, high school freshmen and sophomores became eligible to receive credit for both high school and college classes concurrently, and a previous grade point average requirement was also dropped that made every junior and senior eligible to take advantage of the program. According to Newcastle EWC Outreach Director Kim Conzelman, the majority of the concurrent students at NHS are still juniors and seniors, however.

The fall enrollment was higher, with 109 students, 15 of them full-time, 17 three quarters of the time, 32 half-time and 45 less than half-time. Spring numbers show only two full-time students, 14 three-quarters, 30 half and 43 less than half. Between both semesters there have been 38 classes available to students, with five

of them being semester-long classes. English I Composition had the highest number of students last fall, with 26 enrolled, and close behind was Lifetime Sports, with 25 students. Personal Finance has the highest enrollment this spring at 24, with English II and Success in the Workplace both having 23 students.

Conzelman said the district's hope is that at least half of the students in the high school will take advantage of the opportunity to get college credit before they graduate.

“There is great money available to maintain a good education.”

— Kim Conzelman, EWC Outreach director

spring by adults who are using the community education program, and seven of them are pursuing an Associate of Science in Business Administration degree. Degrees for Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice-Corrections and AS in Interdisciplinary Studies boasted the second

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Egg-cellent fun

Barb Anderson helps Isaiah gather his bucket of goodies after the Easter Egg Hunt at Larry Price Memorial Park Saturday, sponsored by First Baptist Church. See more photos of this Easter Egg Hunt, and the one at Dow Park, on Page 9. (Denice Piscioti/NLJ)

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Thursday
Showers
Hi 67, Lo 41



Friday
Showers
Hi 58, Lo 39



Saturday
Showers
Hi 57, Lo 35



Sunday
Showers
Hi 52, Lo 33



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Hi 61, Lo 32



Tuesday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 63, Lo 41



Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 69, Lo 44



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Fed up

When it comes to local government, blaming the federal government, complete with the bureaucracy, regulation and red-tape that interaction with it entails, is one of the easiest ways to avoid doing something to address an issue that can best be handled locally.

But a pair of meetings in the commissioner's chambers of the Weston County Courthouse last week clearly demonstrated the reason for the hesitancy of local officials to engage in any endeavor that will require participation on the part of the feds.

The presentation at last week's Commissioners' meeting by Forest Service representatives who were dispatched to Weston County to soothe elected officials and private landowners angered over prairie dog relocations in the Thunder Basin National Grassland and the possibility that an endangered species, the black-footed ferret, may be introduced there, gave pretty significant justification to those who claim that federal permitting and regulations are oftentimes too cumbersome and time-consuming.

When it was pointed out that there is a possibility that black-footed ferrets may never be introduced to the TBNG, Forest Service officials were forced to admit that the prairie dog work being done to prepare for such an introduction would have to continue regardless- unless a full round of hearings, scoping meetings and environmental impact studies were conducted to allow those activities to cease.

In other, words, even if the prairie dogs aren't needed to provide prey for the ferrets, the Forest Service intends to keep managing the population as if they are.

An even more telling example of the difficulties presented by federal regulations was revealed at a meeting the feds didn't even participate in, and the fact that they weren't in the room provides the best proof that you can't put a price on the worth of avoiding dealings with federal agencies.

One landowner at the special meeting held by the commissioners to address concerns about the proposed Bakken Pipeline that will make its way through eastern Weston County pointed out that the pipeline will deviate from its path in more than 150 locations, and in many of those instances the only apparent reason for the detours came from a desire to avoid traversing federal land.

It's hard to say how much more money ONEOK Partners had to spend to make the detours that took it around public land, and representatives of the company weren't providing those figures, but it's safe to say that they spent a considerable amount of extra cash to avoid having to deal with the regulations they would have encountered if their natural gas liquids pipeline would have crossed Forest Service or BLM land.

That definitely indicates that land, which is supposed to benefit the public that owns it through a policy of encouraging multiple use, is simply too difficult to use for such a purpose.

We believe that Forest Service and BLM land, which will never be developed or used for homesites, provide a perfect place to bury pipelines and power lines that supply energy to a country whose demand for it continues to grow.

It's a shame that the regulations designed to protect that land for public use make it unlikely that entities who could actually put the land to good use will ever even make an effort to do so.

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Planning to make a plan

Developing a strategic plan for your group or agency is useless if you don't include tactics to bring the plan to completion.

Michael Wilkinson, Certified Master Facilitator and Managing Director of Leadership Strategies, Inc. provides several steps to see that those tactics are in place.

An organization will likely have six to 12 significant strategic priorities or initiatives identified that combine to move the organization in a specific strategic direction.

For each of these priority initiatives, you need to develop a detailed action plan to ensure that each of the initiatives are brought to completion.

A comprehensive action plan details the objectives to be achieved, deliverables, the steps, responsibilities, costs and timetables. Action plans have several advantages:

1. The organization can confirm that the resources required to implement the strategy are worth the benefit gained.
2. The deliverables and steps define for the implementation team when the initiative is completed.
3. The organization has a road map for monitoring progress in accomplishing the initiative.
4. All action plans can be summarized to identify resource requirements and to develop a resource plan to meet those requirements.

THE STEPS IN CREATING AN ACTION PLAN

1. Assign a member of the strategic planning team as the "owner" of each action plan.
2. Determine the key results (deliverables) for the strategy. Answer the question, "When we are done, what will we have in our hands? What will we have accomplished?"
3. For each deliverable, list the major activities in chronological order.
4. For each activity, identify the



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person responsible and due date. In setting dates, you may find it helpful to first put a date on the last activity and then work backward to the first activity.

5. If more than one person has responsibility, both names should appear. The name of the person with primary responsibility should appear first.

6. For consistency, use a "verb-object" format: start each action with a verb followed by the objects acted upon (e.g., "Implement and evaluate first pilot program")

7. Estimate the out of pocket costs to accomplish each activity and the amount of internal time required (staff hours or labor hours).

8. Once all individual activities have been estimated, record the total cost, staff hours and due date.

QUALITY CHECK

How do you ensure that you have written a solid action plan? Here is a good quality check.

- If all the actions are done, will the deliverables be created and the strategy be completed? If not, additional actions are needed.
- Have you identified the person responsible and the due date for each action? Without accountability, it will be very easy for the strategy to stall.
- Is each action step a clear activity?

For example, "analyze survey results" is vague. When is the activity done? Better actions would be "Prepare survey report" or "Develop recommendations from survey results."

Nearly every group and organization has an action plan. Some exist only in the minds of the leaders and change regularly with the situation. However, for clear purpose and efficiency in accomplishing the mission and goals of an organization, a clear, concise, written action plan should be developed and reviewed on a regular basis.

Additionally, all members of the organization should be involved in the process of developing the action plan and its periodic review.

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It's tough to take a pipeline's intrusion on your property

It's unanimous – at least from the landowners' viewpoint – no one wants a pipeline across their property.

It's also a fairly safe bet to assume that most landowners recognize that pipelines are essential to keep America functioning – or get her functioning at a higher level of effectiveness.

So, are we caught between the devil and the deep blue sea or merely faced with the fact that the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few. In land management, as in life, people are faced with difficult choices on a daily basis. Somewhere in the middle ground, one would hope, is a solution that either benefits all parties concerned or at least does not infuriate one side or the other.

Realtors agree that, although it's difficult to substantiate with statistics, pipelines can cause devaluation of land up to 20 percent of its assessed value. (Most of the "proof" of this theory is anecdotal at best.) A February 25, 2012, article on National Public Radio stated categorically that "all pipelines — even the most advanced like TransCanada's [Keystone] — eventually leak". If this principle is a given, it's no wonder that potential buyers look askance at easements for oil, natural gas, natural gas liquids or other potentially hazardous materials.

The possibilities of hazardous material leaks, explosions and other man made or natural catastrophes are all too real. In 2011 there were several instances of pipeline explosions in Campbell County, at least one of which was attributed to sabotage and two of which resulted in

loss of human life. The Emergency Management manuals for pipelines are mind boggling in the information they contain, the contingencies they must visualize.

Keystone, OneOK, Wyoming Pipeline – all of these projects are significant pipeline ventures and the pros and cons could be argued ad infinitum, often depending entirely on which side of the fossil fuel production issue one is positioned. (Not everyone was in favor of building enormous open pit mines in this corner of Wyoming – and not everyone is in favor of them even now, note the current administration's anti-coal agenda. But that's a discussion for another time.)

One of the main objections to the Keystone pipeline was the proposed route, which planned to take the line through the Sandhills (and Ogallala Aquifer) of Nebraska. Even many of those who opposing the particular route that Keystone had in mind are generally in favor of the pipeline, including Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman who agreed that they should have gone ahead with the project, but chosen a different route.

The case of the OneOK pipeline is similar in scope to Keystone; most landowners realize the necessity for moving oil, gas and natural gas liquids, but many question the proposed route for myriad reasons. In driving the projected path a few days previous to the special county commissioners' meetings in Weston and Crook County, several things are

obvious. In the first place, this pipeline crosses some of the most beautiful, pristine wooded areas in northeast Wyoming. Secondly, some of the affected area is geologically sensitive and unstable. And, third, as with most pipelines, exploration and other "soil disturbing activities," OneOK is avoiding federally owned ground at all costs.

As with Keystone, the potential for damage to local aquifers is very real. Between the red soils with their susceptibility to large slides, the gypsum springs formations with their porous and highly erodible character, and the bottomless sinkholes – all of which lie in the path of the OneOK line - one is forced to question the wisdom of this particular course. (Not to mention the fact that most of the landowners north of

Newcastle feel they were – at the very least - intimidated into signing agreements which are not in their best interests and – at worst – strong-armed and "run roughshod over".)

With regard to the Wyoming Pipeline project, building 13 miles of new pipeline from the Claretton field (beginning about 24 miles west of Newcastle, and running east along highway 450) to the Mush Creek Station, some of the same issues have cropped up. The previous agreements with Wyoming Pipeline are 60 years old. None of the original signors are involved in the current process. The 1952 agreements enumerate certain allowable activities, including main-



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Birthday celebration

VFW Post 2516 Auxiliary members Maxine Kaul and Gen Roan chat with veteran Ervin Allen during the Auxiliary's 70th birthday celebration March 31 at the VFW post in Newcastle. (Kim Dean/NLJ)

Get your plate into shape this spring

During National Nutrition Month, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics — formerly the American Dietetic Association — is helping Americans understand how to get the most nutrients they need from the foods they eat, all surrounding this year's theme: "Get Your Plate in Shape." National Nutrition Month was created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics to educate the public about healthy eating, by helping consumers make informed choices about the foods they consume, develop good eating habits, and of course get active.

When we eat foods that have added sugars and solid fats, we are consuming extra calories we don't need. These 'empty calories' are found in a number of foods and drinks and offer little-to-no nutritional benefits.

Foods high in solid fats — like sausage, shortening and cream — and added sugars, such as regular pop and pastries, should be considered occasional treats rather than regular options. Eating these foods on a regular basis can cause you to consume more calories than your body needs in one day.

Replace these foods with nutritionally sound choices, like fruits and vegetables, whole grains, lean protein and low-fat dairy. Eating occasional treats is okay — just be sure to balance them with healthier food choices and get plenty of exercise.

In addition to limiting foods high in solid fats and added sugars, we should also be aware of high levels of sodium in foods, especially pre-made options such as boxed or frozen meals and canned soups and vegetables. Foods containing high levels of sodium are contributors to high blood pressure, heart disease and stroke.

The 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommend consuming only 2,300 milligrams of sodium per day, which is approximately one teaspoon of salt. While meeting this recommendation may seem hard at first, choosing foods that are lower in sodium is one big step you can take towards meeting this goal.

Tips to choose healthier options and "Get Your Plate in Shape," according to eatright.org and MyPlate.org:

- Choose foods and drinks with little or no added sugars, for example, unsweetened apple



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sauce or unsweetened whole-grain cereals.

- Drink water throughout the day. For variety, add lemons, oranges, limes or cucumbers to your water or try carbonated water.
- Choose low-fat or fat-free milk or 100-percent fruit juices.
- Eat fresh fruit for dessert.
- Eat fewer foods that are high in solid fats. Solid fats can increase your risk for heart disease. Reduce this risk by choosing healthier oils and lean meats.

- Choose extra-lean ground beef. Ground turkey and chicken are also available in lean options.
- Grill, broil, bake or steam foods instead of frying.

- Cook with healthy oils like olive, canola and sunflower oils in place of hydrogenated and partially-hydrogenated oils.
- Select fat-free or low-fat milk, yogurt and cheese.

- Cut back on sodium. Much of the sodium we eat comes from prepared meals and foods eaten away from home. This can be significantly reduced by eating fresh foods.
- Slash salt by limiting processed foods.

- Instead of salt, use herbs and spices to season foods. Seasonings like chili powder, cumin, cayenne and cardamom are great when a salty savory craving hits.
- Do not add salt when cooking pasta, rice and vegetables. Buy fresh or frozen produce as opposed to canned.

- Reduce sodium by adding fresh lemon or lime juice to recipes and salad dressings.
- Potassium-rich foods like potatoes (white and sweet), beans, bananas, salmon, raisins, avocado, almonds, and winter squash will offset the negative effects of sodium.

- Read the Nutrition Facts Panel to compare sodium content of foods such as soups, broths, breads and frozen dinners, and choose the healthiest option.
- Eat fresh fruits and vegetables, fresh meats, poultry and fish, beans and peas, unsalted nuts, eggs and low-fat or fat-free milk and yogurt.

For more information on how to "Get Your Plate in Shape," visit the Academy's National Nutrition Month website at www.eatright.org/nnm for a variety of helpful tips, fun games, promotional tools and nutrition education resources.

Classes

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highest number of degree seekers, with five students each. Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp reports that two different degrees are being sought by inmates, a certificate in Welding and Joining Technology with 17 students, and a certificate in Computer Applications with 13 students.

The relationship between EWC Outreach and the prison has been growing for nearly a decade, according to Conzelman, who said the opportunity to receive training and certification opens doors for inmates readying themselves for a return to society.

"The records I show for the Honor Camp taking classes with us started in Fall of 2003, so it's been almost 10 years!" proclaimed Conzelman. "We have seen an increase in enrollment through our partnership with the Wyoming Honor

Conservation Camp, and there continues to be more and more opportunities for them. We continue with the effort because education can make a difference in their lives."

The number of people who have sought to further their education through the program has fluctuated throughout the past five years, but generally trended upward. In the spring of 2007, adult enrollment was 41 students, with the fall enrollment at 36. In 2008, the spring enrollment was slightly higher at 45, with the fall enrollment being considerably higher at 75. In the spring of 2009, the number of students enrolled in the fall grew to 99, but went down to 48 students in the fall. The spring of 2010 had 89 students enrolled with 51 in the fall, and last year the numbers rose to 100 for the spring of 2011 and 116 for the fall.

"We normally have more students enrolled in the spring than we do in the fall," Conzelman said, pointing out that the lagging economy of the past few years didn't seem to produce a negative impact on enrollment. She indicated that there are funding sources for students who meet financial requirements, but said that some of them also have grade point average standards.

"There is great money available to maintain a good education," Conzelman said.

EWC Outreach also provides general interest classes to the community that don't necessarily grant college credit, and this semester they include arts and crafts, computers, cooking, fitness and wellness, personal enrichment and the popular wine classes that have added a Black Hills wine trail tour in May.

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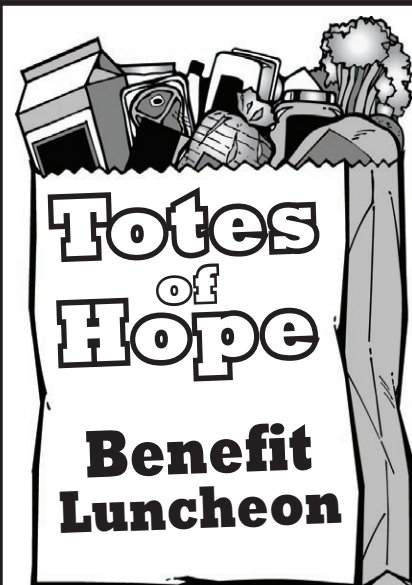
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Rachel O. Ratliff, 83, died at her home in Riverton on Saturday evening, March 10, 2012.

Memorial services were at 10 a.m. on March 14 at the Davis Funeral Home of Riverton, with the Rev. Melinda Bobo officiating. Cremation took place with inurnment. Committal rites at the cemetery were by the P.E.O. Chapter AP and American Legion Auxiliary.

Viewing was from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Rachel Oliver was born in Newcastle on June 8, 1928, the daughter of John Earl Oliver and Helen (Miller) Oliver.

She was graduated as valedictorian from Newcastle High School and attended the University of Wyoming where she earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in education. She also studied at Columbia University in New York and the University of Maryland in College Park.

She married Jack Charles Ratliff in Newcastle on Feb. 23, 1952.

She lived in Newcastle from 1928 until 1952, moving to Riverton in 1952, living first at 515 East Madison, then 222 South Broadway, and finally at 3815 Spy Glass Point.

Mrs. Ratliff was a high school mathematics teacher, teaching at Fremont County Vocational High School in Lander from 1949-1951 and Riverton High School from 1959 to 1988.

She was a member of St. James Episcopal Church, serving as organist and choir director.

Mrs. Ratliff was a member of the Fremont County District 25 Board of Education, a member of P.E.O. for 66 years including a charter member of Chapter AP since 1973, a member of the Daughters of the Nile, Jobs Daughters, where she was a Past Honored Queen and Past Guardian, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Ladies Golf Association, where she conducted the parimutual for the Saltwater Open tournament, the Riverton Country Club, the Tuesday Bridge Club, the Thursday Morning Bridge Club, and the Barbershop Quartet.

Survivors include her husband, Jack Ratliff of Riverton; a son, John Alfred Ratliff and his wife Valerie of Riverton; daughters, Barbara Lee Ratliff of Williamsport, Penn., Lyn Elizabeth Miller and husband Tom of Temple, Texas, and Helen Irene Ratliff of Temple, Texas; three grandchildren, Rachel Ratliff, J.C. Miller, and Stephanie Ratliff; one great-grandchild, Justice Kramer; two brothers, John Oliver of Austin, Texas, and William Oliver of Georgia.

She was preceded in death by her parents,



Rachel Ratliff

Helen and John Oliver, and parents-in-law, Alfred Mildred Ratliff.

Memorials may be made to Cottey College to purchase a memory brick in care of Chapter AP, PEO, in care of Martha Lange 316 S 3rd East, or a donation of your choice in care of the Davis Funeral Home, 2203 West Main St., Riverton, WY 82501.

Online condolences for the family may be made at theDavisFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Funeral Home of Riverton.

JOANNE D. GRIEVES
June 29, 1936–April 2, 2012

Joanne Dee Grievess, 75, of 1273 Grievess Road, Newcastle, died April 2, 2012, at Weston County Health Services in Newcastle.

She was born June 29, 1936, at Faith, S.D., the daughter of Harold E. and Gladys R. (Tibble) Shrull. She attended elementary school in Deadwood, S.D., and Igloo, S.D., before graduating from Newcastle High School with the Class of 1954. She also attended Black Hills Teachers College in Spearfish, S.D.

Joanne married Jack A. Grievess in 1954 and moved to the Grievess family ranch, where she continued to live her life, ranching and raising her family. Joanne was in love with her country lifestyle and her biggest loves were her family, ranch, horses and rodeo. Joanne supported her husband, boys and grandchildren as they competed in rodeos and ropes around the country. She would also support any and all who competed, from the Weston County Junior Rodeo to the Lazy E. Ironman competition to the National Finals Rodeo. If you competed, she would know you, or knew of you — and always knew what horse you rode. She was a tremendous hostess, cook, homemaker and mentor for many. She was known for her hard work and unselfish devotion to her family and friends, and always had room for another at her table. She often told friends that she was a professional roping chute operator and coach.

Joanne is survived by her husband, Jack, of Newcastle; sons, J. D. (Deena) Grievess of Upton, and Chuck Grievess of Newcastle; her identical twin sister, Jeanne Seppala of Gillette and sister Sherry Tavegie of Sheridan; grandsons, J.R. Grievess of Upton, and Chase and Tyler Grievess of Belle Plaine, Minn.; granddaughter, Jacy Grievess of Upton; and her Welsh Corgi dog, Yogi, of Newcastle; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and cousins.

Preceding her in death were her parents.

Memorial services were held at 1 p.m. on April 7 at the Weston County Senior Center in Newcastle, with Rev. C.H. Whiteman officiating. The family has suggested that memorial contributions be given to the Weston



JoAnne Grievess

County Humane Society in lieu of flowers.

Worden Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

SANDRA JO NEITZEL
Feb. 5, 1946–April 6, 2012

Sandra Jo (Huls) Neitzel, beloved wife of Gus Neitzel and sister of Gary, passed away on April 6, 2012, in the company of her family.

Sandra was born Feb. 5, 1946, in Casper to Dale Huls and Margaret Wegher Huls. She graduated from Newcastle High School in 1964, attended business college and worked in Billings, Mont.

She later joined her sister in Kinshasa, Republic of Zaire, where she worked for the U.S. Embassy. In 1986 in Maui, Hawaii, Sandra married August "Gus" Neitzel, whom she met in Kinshasa. Sandra joined the Central Intelligence Agency in 1975, retiring in 2004 to become a private contractor. Sandra was currently residing in regency at Dominion Valley in Haymarket, Va., where she made many friends. She had a passion for card games, Mahjong, cruising and her pets Bella and Divot.


Sandra was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Sharon McFarlane.

Surviving is her husband, Gus; her brother, Gary (Sue); her brother-in-law, Martin McFarlane; her nephews, Brian McFarlane (Dennet), Dale (Gail) and Darren Huls; her nieces, Terri McFarlane, Paula (John) Luker and Nancy (Jeff) Burke; great-nephews, Josh, Ethan, Christopher, Zachery and Gregory; and great-nieces, Melissa, Marlana, Mariah, Samantha, Sela and Kira.

The family received friends from 5 to 6 p.m. on April 10 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center St., Manassas, Va., where funeral services followed at 6 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Middleburg Humane Foundation, PO Box 1238, Middleburg, VA 20118, www.middleburghumane.com in memory of Sandra Jo Neitzel.

Condolences may be left at www.piercefh.com.



Sandra Neitzel

ROBERT EDGAR WHETHAM
Oct. 27, 1909–April 4, 2012

Robert Edgar "Bob" Whetham, 102, died April 4, 2012, in Newcastle.

He was born on the 27th of October, 1909, at the family home in rural Lynch, Neb., to Edgar W. and Blanche L. (Parlman) Whetham, the seventh child of 13. He grew up on the family farm, and attended rural schools in the communities of Boyd and Holt counties, frequently missing school to help the family, but he persisted and graduated from Lynch High School in 1930,

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

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

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

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

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

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• NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH: Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sunday Worship 10 am; Wednesday Night Prayer.

• NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP: Pastor Wayne Wilson, meets at Black Gold Realty Building, 1517 W. Main, 746-5542. Sunday Worship 10 am.

• OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH: 348 Sheridan St. Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm.

• SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST: Pastor Bill Davis, 78 Old Hwy 85, 746-3504 or 660-7057. Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11:20 am.

• ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Father Phil Wagner, Upton. Saturday Mass 7 p.m.

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the first in his family to do so. Bob and Vada Izora Long were married on Sept. 29, 1930, at Burke, S.D. They became farmers and lived on several places in Boyd and Holt counties until 1945 when they held a farm auction. Bob was employed by the state of Nebraska Transportation Department, worked as a substitute carrier for a "star mail route," and did odd jobs until he became employed as an operator by Nebraska Public Power at the Spencer Dam Hydro Plant, seven miles south of Spencer, Neb., until he retired in 1974. Bob and Vada moved to Bristow, Neb., and while Vada was still teaching he busied himself with a bicycle shop, gardening and odd jobs to keep busy. Bob and Vada traveled in

the summers, visiting family and sightseeing. They attended both Seattle and Montreal World Fairs. They loved to dance and rarely missed one. They took a ride some place every day, weather permitting. Bob played the violin, accordian, piano and harmonica, amassing a huge music collection. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge in Yankton, S.D., for many years. Bob was always interested in his family history, and in 1969, began hosting annual family reunions on the home place in Lynch until the 1990s. Vada passed in 1999, and Bob remained in Bristow until 2002, when he held another auction and moved to Newcastle, to be near family. Until this move, Bob had always lived within a 100-mile radius of

central Boyd County. Bob and Vada were members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Bristow, where Bob was still a member until his death. Bob is survived by his children, Maxine Kaul of Newcastle, Loren Whetham of Newcastle and Phyllis (Harold) Winkler of Denver, Colo.; son-in-law, Wilbur Egbarts of Fremont, Neb.; 21 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great grandchildren; sister, Helen Orr of Bremerton, Wash.; brother, Guy (Fran) Whetham of Cupertino, Calif.; sister-in-law, Louella (Mrs. Roy) Whetham of Papillion, Neb.; and Vada's sisters, Eddie (Earl) Moody of O'Neill, Neb., Margaret Ann Landholm, and Millie (Jay) Long. He was preceded in death by his wife, Vada Whetham; a son (and his wife), Lloyd (Ladona) Whetham (formerly of Gillette); daughter, Mary Egbarts (formerly of Fremont); son-in-law, Mort Kaul (formerly of Newcastle); daughter-in-law, Gwen Whetham (formerly of Newcastle); grandsons, Leland Kaul and Duane Whetham; infant baby brother; sisters (and their spouses), Susan, Edith (Joe) Slechta, and Mary (Ace) Fuller; brothers (and their spouses), Joe (Alice Whetham-Hartland) Whetham, Ted (Emma) Whetham, John (Tillie) Whetham, Gilbert Whetham, Herb (Rose) Whetham, and Roy Whetham; and a brother-in-law, Dale Orr. Funeral services were held April 11 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bristow, with burial at the Bristow Cemetery, Nebraska.

100 YEARS AGO – APRIL 11, 1912

Early Saturday morning a fire started in the buildings at the rear of the Corner Saloon and facing on E. Railroad Street. The buildings burned were occupied by Ben and Bell, the tailors, and by William Brewington as a barber shop. An interesting feature about the coal mined at Cambria is that it is claimed to be gold-bearing. Some of the coal contained as much as \$2 per ton in gold, and the coal was sold for only \$1.50 per ton. The stores of the Weston County Supply Company, the Newcastle Drug Company and Kalil Farah were burglarized Saturday night. Miss Amelia Hill is attending to the duties of postmaster Springer during his absence from this office. The stork is still a busy bird about the coal town. The latest arrival was a bouncing baby boy on Thursday morning at the home

of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hayes of Antelope City. WANTED by four widows on Soldier Creek: Men will cut wood, milk cows and do all other chores about the ranch. A cast iron contract must be signed by said men, that they are not to leave. Consideration: Men will have a good home. A fine baby girl arrived at the home of Commissioner and Mrs. Patton in Newcastle. Now is a good time to strike Dan for a road or anything you want. Dell Rayand and Will Hough, having purchased the gas picture machine of J.H. Leek, left for Upton last Thursday where they gave a two nights' performance after which they went on to Gillette where they expect to remain indefinitely. 75 YEARS AGO – WEEK ENDING APRIL 15, 1937 Osage Ladies Aid met at the Commission Building Wednesday afternoon with 19 ladies and six children present.



being made for the forming of a high school track team in the Newcastle schools and 20 students have reported for practice this week. Much new equipment has been ordered and measurements were taken last evening for the proposed building of a track at the Schoonmaker Recreation Field where the meets will be run. C.N. Shuck came over from Battle Mountain Sanatorium Tuesday to visit his sons, Orin and Ardon, and other friends for a few days.

50 YEARS AGO – APRIL 12, 1962

Funeral services for John Ritthaler were last Saturday in the Trinity Lutheran Church in Newcastle. Mr. Ritthaler, 75, died at the home of his son, Raymond, in Minneapolis. Cause of death was a heart attack. A petition will be circulated by the Skull Creek Ladies Club for the purpose of getting blinker lights installed at the Osage railroad crossing. The Dirt Daubers Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. Ethel Lewis Tuesday afternoon. Final plans for the annual district meeting of the Rebekah Lodges were made at the April meeting of the Gateway Rebekah Lodge. Everyone enjoyed the floor show at the carnival Friday night. We didn't realize that we have such well coordinated boys in NHS. Karen Joslyn, a junior at Newcastle High School, was elected historian of the State Association of the Wyoming Future Homemakers of America at the FHA convention in Laramie recently. Red Owl ad: Pineapple and grapefruit drink, 46-ounce can, for 29 cents; peanut butter, 18-ounce jar for 59 cents.

From the Vault of the Anna Miller Museum: George Beale feeds one of his pet sheep.



| WHAT'S UP | | | Meetings & Events Calendar |
|-----------|------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| DATE | TIME | EVENT | LOCATION |
| Apr. 12 | 8:30 a.m. | TOPS (weight loss) | W.C. Senior Center |
| | 5 p.m. | Martha Butts Benefit | Masonic Lodge |
| | 6 p.m. | Baseball Registration | W.C. Senior Center |
| Apr. 13 | 10 a.m. | Chamber Coffee | W.C. Police Dept. Lobby |
| | 10 a.m. | Chamber Coffee | W.C. Library |
| | 11 a.m. | Totes of Hope Benefit Luncheon | United Methodist Church |
| | 7 p.m. | AA Meeting | W.C. Senior Center |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Bingo | VFW Hall |
| Apr. 14 | 5 p.m. | Humane Society Poker Tournament | Country Club |
| Apr. 15 | 9 p.m. | Cowboy & The Rocker Autism Benefit | Antler's |
| | 2 p.m. | Bingo | Corpus Christi |
| Apr. 16 | 6:30 p.m. | Freshman Drama Project | NHS Commons |
| Apr. 17 | 11:30 a.m. | Women's Connection Honor The Camp | W.C. Senior Center |
| | Noon | W.C. Cowbells | USDA Building |
| | 6:45 p.m. | ALANON (746-9791) | Mondell Heights |
| Apr. 18 | 11:30 a.m. | Women's Cultivate Your Garden | W.C. Senior Center |
| | Noon | Newcastle Lions Club | W.C. Senior Center |
| | 6 p.m. | W.C. Humane Society | Shelter |
| Apr. 19 | 7 p.m. | AA Meeting | W.C. Senior Center |
| | 8:30 a.m. | TOPS (weight loss) | W.C. Senior Center |
| Apr. 20 | 12:30 p.m. | Good Citizens Awards | NES |
| | 7 p.m. | AA Meeting | W.C. Senior Center |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Bingo | VFW Hall |

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"B" Honor Roll

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| Keriann M Bissey | Catherine E Halliday | Sean S Petersen |
| Nickolas D Bock | Mashayla K Harder | Jared R Peterson |
| Garrett W Borgialli | Austin J Harley | Mason J Pisciotti |
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| Ashley N Brownrigg | Brittany M Huelle | Rhyse A Rhoades |
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NEWCASTLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Principal's Honor Roll

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| Trayton Dawson | | Hannah Cass |
| Ryan Harder | 7th Grade | Ashlyn Dollison |
| Sarah Henkle | Laura Chord | Abby Gray |
| Abigail Nelson | Alexis Krogman | Cooper Karp |
| Cameron Quigley | Rosemarie McMahon | Sierra LaCroix |
| Dennon Parks | | Megan Logan |
| Courtney Rainbolt | 8th Grade | Cassandra Munoz |
| Erika Schultz | Calbi Ausmann | Jenna Piper |
| | Kendra Back | |

"A" Honor Roll

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| 6th Grade | Madison Frazee | Shaylee Curren |
| Nathaniel Behnke | Rachel Henkle | Alyssa Dawson |
| Abygail Bock | Morgan Holt | Abigail Deveraux |
| Shaelee Douglas | Kaprina Jones | Ashten Farnsworth |
| Bailey Lacey | Megan Kenney | Casey Harper |
| Alexis Merchen | Austin Millin | Gavin Holmes |
| Tabitha Pillen | Jade Roady | Jenna Holmes |
| Madisyn Stalder | Holden Shultz | Derek Lewis |
| Shelby Vandersnick | Wyatt Voelker | Tyler Lewis |
| Lyle Whitney | Bryce Womack | Vincent Oedekoven |
| Danielle Wood | 8th Grade | Matthew Tidd |
| 7th Grade | Nolan Behnke | Kelsey Wood |
| Rachel Ehlers | Nathina Crabtree | Richard Yeager |

"B" Honor Roll

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|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 6th Grade | Jerad Bell | Preston Rushton |
| Kellar Bock | Daytona Bennett | Zachary Schuessler |
| Wyatt Corley | Gracey Carlin | Sterling Shepherd |
| Bailey Domina | Clayton Colvard | Alyssa Umphlett |
| Taylor Ford | Jacob Coy | Mikenna Waggener |
| Devon Gerlosky | Emma Evick | Samantha Walden |
| Jensen Hartmann | Danika Guse | Owen Wolf |
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| Katherine Schraeder | Andrew Longland | Maccayla Jordahl |
| KyAnne Scott | Cierra Ondriezek | Christa Marble |
| Ethan Shelton | Sadie Payne | Alec Martinez |
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Fire danger has officials on edge

Fire officials and bark beetle experts are seeing unprecedented activity, and there is growing concern that this summer may be one of the worst on record for wildfires and bark beetles, according to a press release issued by Frank Carroll of the Black Hills National Forest.

Forest Service entomologist Kurt Allen said pine trees are beginning to fade and turn yellow-green at least four to six weeks ahead of schedule.

“We noticed them today at Sheridan Lake,” Allen said. “They are definitely turning earlier this year than we have seen before.”

Visitors and residents driving between Custer and Rapid City will see the unmistakable change in once green pine trees now turning very light to yellow green. Allen said we may see red needles earlier than ever this year as well. He indicated that the changing colors do not appear to be affecting the bark beetle cycle, however.

“I took off quite a chunk of

bark from a beetle tree today and the beetles are right where they are supposed to be,” he said, noting that he does not expect the beetle flight this year to be earlier than usual.

“They seem to be right on time,” Allen reported. He and state entomologists are watching closely to see what may be learned from the changes that appear to be caused by warming temperatures.

Fire officials are highly concerned about current conditions and the coming summer.

“People need to invest now to change things around their homes before the big fires come,” said Todd Pechota, Black Hills National Forest fire management staff officer. “We’re doing everything we can think of to ask people to prepare.”

Pechota said the recent Apple Fire, which consumed more than 500 acres south of Custer more than a week ago, burned with a ferocity he has not seen in his career in the Black Hills in March.

“That fire spotted a quarter mile at 2:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning,” Pechota said. “We had 20-foot flame heights coming off the heavies (heavy fuel like logs and branches) in the middle of the night.”

On Aug. 11, 2010, fire officials and fire scientists issued a warning to all interagency wildfire teams, saying fire behavior in bark beetle affected areas could be expected to be extreme even during moderate fire weather because of the increased drying and heating of down and dead material.

Black Hills Forest Service weather stations are reporting all-time highs for the energy release component for March, Pechota said.

“It doesn’t compare to anything. It’s never been experienced. There have never been higher energy release components in March,” he said when asked to clarify how this year compares to others.

Pechota declined to give any estimate of what may come in the summer as August tempera-

tures rise above 100 and winds flatline at 40 mph or more.

“I can’t tell you what will happen but I can tell you what we need to do,” he said. “People who live here need to prepare for uncharacteristically large, difficult fires.”

Web sites like FireWise and local, state, and federal sites are filled with information on how to protect your home from coming fires. Pechota said wildfire in the Black Hills is a certainty, not a possibility. Homeowners and business owners should try to imagine what would happen if a storm of embers washed over their homes, and then take the steps needed to make sure the buildings survive.

“It’s not too early to be cleaning rain gutters on the roof and moving firewood away from your home,” Pechota said.

For more information go to www.fs.usda.gov/blackhills or call your local, state, or federal fire management office for more information.

Decker will meet with investment guru

It has taken University of Wyoming Assistant Professor Hilla Skiba four years on a long waiting list to get her finance class students the opportunity to meet with business icon Warren Buffett, and 19 finance students in the UW College of Business will spend nearly five hours Friday, April 13, with Buffett, widely regarded as one of the world’s most successful investors, as a result of those efforts.

Newcastle High School graduate Jeremiah Decker will be among the UW students, along with other invited students from around the country, who will meet in Buffett’s office of Berkshire Hathaway in Omaha, Neb., where he is the company’s primary shareholder, chairman and CEO.

Students will engage in a two-hour question-and-answer session with the “Oracle of

Omaha,” followed by a luncheon and photo session with Buffett, who is regarded as one of the top five wealthiest men in the world.

“I attended three of these Q&A sessions with Mr. Buffett as a graduate student at the University of Kansas,” says Skiba, who has been in the UW Department of Economics and Finance since 2008. Investments are her specialty. “As soon as I got here, I put us on the waiting list, and at that time there were at least 200 schools in front of us.”

She always knew the “investment junkies” in her classes would relish the opportunity to meet Buffett, who is famous for building a company that made its investors higher-than-average returns. He has become a sought-after voice in philanthropy and government finances and is consistently ranked among the

world’s wealthiest people.

Skiba says there are many ways to teach investing strategies to students (short-term trades, indexing type investments), but she has patterned her style of Buffett’s philosophy: buy and hold long-term investment strategy.

“Meeting Buffett, when I was a student, was very influential on me. Students need to have good role models, professionally,” she says. “He has shown the world how to be successful and to be ethical — to do it the right way. I am hoping that my own students will be responsible with their finance degrees, because this profession needs more people like Buffett.”

Buffett holds five to six student sessions each year, saying this is one of the favorite programs he conducts, Skiba says. She said that a handful

of lucky students will be able to personally ride with Buffett to the luncheon, and up to 10 students will sit with him at the luncheon to further engage in private conversation.

“If they are like me, they will be interested in his advice,” she adds.

Afterward, UW students will visit Borsheims (a Berkshire-owned company) and meet with either the company’s CFO or CEO.

Buffett has made headlines recently during the early presidential campaign for advocating hiking taxes of people earning \$1 million or more a year, which has been dubbed the “Buffett Rule.”

Skiba says her students are forming questions now in hope that they will be selected to ask Buffett his thoughts on various subjects.

First female missionaries are in Newcastle

Since the beginning of its organization, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has called missionaries to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ worldwide.

For the first time in the history of Newcastle, the town is now called home for female missionaries of the LDS Church. Sister missionaries, as they are titled, have had the privilege and opportunity to serve missions alongside the young men since 1898, when the first official female missionaries were called.

Sister Taggart from Seattle, Wash., and Sister Yellowhair from Chinle, Ariz., are currently stationed at Newcastle’s LDS sister missionaries. Both have left home to serve for 18 months in the South Dakota, Rapid City, mission, which comprises a large part of the central United States. Every six weeks, their mission president may transfer missionaries among the different locations within the mission boundaries. Sister Taggart has been serving for a little over nine months and Sister Yellowhair just reached her seven-month mark.

Missionary service is an opportunity to Latter Day Saints to leave home for a period of 18 or 24 months to serve communities around the world and to invite others to come unto Christ by helping them receive the restored gospel through faith in Jesus Christ and His Atonement, repentance, baptism, receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost, and enduring to the end. Missionaries do not get paid for their service, and all leave behind school, work, dating, vacations, and all other personal affairs to dedicate their lives as servants



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of the Lord.

Prospective missionaries go through a lengthy application process, and each individual’s application is submitted to Church headquarters in Salt Lake City, Utah, where it is reviewed and a specific mission assignment is chosen.

Before heading out to their assigned mission location, missionaries participate in a rigorous training program at the Missionary Training Center where many learn a new language and receive teaching and study techniques in addition to the

lessons they will teach investigators. This training program is intended to help missionaries be prepared as official representatives of the LDS Church to all those they will come into contact with. Currently there are 52,000 LDS missionaries serving in 350 missions worldwide.

Fore more information about the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, as well as times and locations of Sunday worship services, visit www.mormon.org. To speak directly with Newcastle sister missionaries call 307-941-0214.

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Time to make gas selection

The 2012 Wyoming Choice Gas selection period began April 6 and will conclude April 26, according to a release from SourceGas Distribution LLC. Residential and commercial natural gas customers will have their annual opportunity to select from one of seven pre-qualified suppliers. During the three-week selection period suppliers are competing to provide for each customer's natural gas commodity needs for the upcoming Choice Gas

period, which runs from June 1 through May 31, 2013. SourceGas customers should have received their selection packets on or before April 6. A new supplier, Vista Energy Marketing, has joined the Choice Gas program for 2012, bringing the total authorized suppliers to seven. The participating suppliers will provide information on various pricing options to customers during the three weeks of the selection period. Customers may receive

information from the suppliers through direct mail, advertising and online during the selection period. "We encourage all our customers to actively participate by evaluating the different pricing options offered by the Choice Gas suppliers and making a selection. SourceGas will continue to provide your utility distribution and billing service regardless of which supplier you choose," said Len Mize, director and Choice Gas administrator.

Relocation

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of another endangered species, the black-footed ferret, which preys on prairie dogs.

Hays spoke to the commissioners about two sites in Weston County where translocation is taking place, and one site on Bob and Jean Harshbarger's property was discussed in detail. Hays said the translocations have been undertaken in an effort to move the animals away from private property.

"We want to get them as far away as we could from private land and state lands," Hays professed.

That work isn't taking place fast enough for people who own property in the area, but Hays said the translocation and poisoning that took place near the home of Chad Sears in 2010-11 eliminated about 500 of the animals, and another effort last year took care of approximately 50 more.

"We anticipate there are somewhere near 20 prairie dogs remaining there," Hays said, reporting that the Forest Service plans to flush the remaining animals out of their burrows and capture them by hand so they can be relocated.

Bruce requested that the remaining animals be poisoned, but Hays said she is afraid that may not work.

"We have been poisoning in there, and the concern is that they are becoming somewhat bait shy. Shooting does some control, too, but it's pretty hard to get 100 percent. Flushing is a hands-on way to get close to 100 percent," she said.

Pipeline

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and Newcastle, as well as the spread just to the south of here. That company will also be responsible for finding places for those workers to stay while construction is taking place here.

"It's the contractor's responsibility to find housing for his workforce. They'll be able to stay 50 to 60 miles from the work site, and try to fill up as many hotel rooms as possible," Urban said, indicating that contractors are also likely to use RV courts to accommodate workers.

He stated that the number of local companies and workers to be used will also be determined by the contractor responsible for constructing the line, and not by ONEOK, but anticipates there will be jobs for residents.

"They know that it's a good thing to hire local when you can. There might be certain things they just want their people to do," Urban said.

"On previous projects, contractors have dipped into the local pool," confirmed Brad Borror, of ONEOK's Corporate Communications Department.

"We prefer to see that, too. It makes us better partners in the community to hire local when you can," Urban added.

Unfortunately, any hopes that the pipe used to construct the Bakken Pipeline would be staged out of the Upton Industrial Site were dashed when Urban reported that it will be delivered to Sidney, Neb., instead. That means Weston County and the communities within its borders won't benefit from the sales and use tax that would have been collected if the pipe was shipped to Upton.

"The pipe is coming uncoated, and there isn't a place in Wyoming that wraps pipe — not the volume we have, and the type we have — so it will go to Sydney, where it will be coated and stored," Urban explained, noting that Weston County will derive revenue from property tax on the pipe after it is installed and operational.

He said the company expects to complete construction by Nov. 15, and once the pipeline is in operation, there will be 10 employees stationed along its route to monitor and service the line. There will be two employees of ONEOK in each of the five sections the line is being divided into, and Urban predicts that the two individuals responsible for the piece of line that passes through this county

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— Mick Urban, manager of Government Affairs, ONEOK

will be based at a pumping station slated to be located in southern Crook County.

"I think the pumping station is in the southern part of Crook County, and where they'll live I don't know, but they'll become pretty close friends with the community," Urban assured.

The \$500 million pipeline will start just south of Sidney, Mont., and run the length of Wyoming's eastern border to its terminus in Weld County, Colo. The initial capacity of the 12-inch pipeline, whose highest point will be at least three feet below the ground, is 60,000 barrels per day, but the amount of natural gas liquids — butane, propane, etc. — carried through it could nearly double to 110,000 barrels per day if demand merits that capacity be increased. Such a move would require that more pump stations be set up along the route, according to the ONEOK representatives, who said the pipeline will be tested to withstand 3,000 pounds per square inch of pressure, but will be operated at 1,440 psi.

The commissioners asked for assurances that the company will be ensuring that proper safety precautions are followed along the pipeline, and that reclamation of the right-of-way will take place after construction is completed. They were also asked if the company would bore 10 feet below county roads where it is necessary to cross them, and Urban and Borror gave assurances that the company will address all of those concerns.

"We have some real concerns in the county, and if you don't know the answers to some of these questions I understand that," Commission Chair Tom Bruce said, encouraging Urban and Borror to find answers to questions about fire suppression, noxious weed management and other issues brought to their attention, and provide those answers to the county clerk.

Another local rancher, Terry Groenewold, expressed frustration about the amount of time it has taken to remove the prairie dogs that are in proximity to the Chad Sears residence, and indicated that he believes they pose a health hazard to the people who live there.

"I would like you to have to explain to these families that these 20 prairie dogs are more important than their children," he said, asking Hays how much it cost, per prairie dog, to translocate the animals.

Hays later provided information that demonstrates that nearly 900 prairie dogs have been translocated over the past two years at a cost of approximately \$90,000.

The commissioners also asked Hays and Burke to consider moving the transfer site where the relocated prairie dogs will end up to a different part of the county to avoid such conflicts, but it was explained that federal procedures must be followed if the plan is to be modified further.

Bob Harshbarger expressed dissatisfaction with the entire process, proclaiming that he agreed at one point to work with the Forest Service on the issue, but he believes the agency misrepresented its intentions. The commissioners urged the Forest Service representatives to find a way to resolve the issue once and for all.

"We have a historic ranch in our county that has spent a whole lot of money over the last 15 years. Let's help them out. Quit dragging this process on," Bruce remarked.

The commissioners also gave members of the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed pipeline, and at least one local landowner, whose family signed an easement agreement with ONEOK, said he believes intimidation was used to secure that agreement.

"When you're 84 years old, you just sign things because you're tired of getting threatening phone calls," Bill Lambert said, noting that he believes his mother felt pressured to sign the agreement.

He also expressed concern regarding the type of land the pipeline will pass through in neighboring Crook County, suggesting that sinkholes in the gypsum formation there can be as deep as 40 feet.

"That is very unstable environment up there that they're proposing to put that line through," he cautioned.

Lambert also said that although the stated purpose for the line is to move natural gas liquids, ONEOK will be free to run other products down the line. He claimed that the company is attempting to get easements for future lines as well.

"I think the commissioners also need to know that they are in the process of getting more easements. Their company has already tried to get that as part of the deal, where they'll be able to come back and get other easements through us," he said.

The local landowner was also concerned about the effort the company has made to avoid crossing federal land along the route.

"I think it's very unique that a company can come through the state of Wyoming, that is 55 percent federal land, and they're not touching a chunk of it," Lambert said, describing a part of the pipeline's route near Skull Creek Road that he said is passing through more difficult terrain simply to avoid crossing 40 acres of BLM land.

Urban said he doubts that intimidation was used to secure easements through private property when the issue was raised by another member of the public in attendance at last week's meeting, and promised that the company will be following all state guidelines and regulations in constructing the line.

"Threatening condemnation is not how we are acquiring land. Our approach was not to throw condemnation out," he professed.

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Give me your blood

Erin Dean is all business as she prepares to draw blood from a patient at the Wyoming Health Fair Blood Draw Friday at Weston County Senior Services center. Those who had their blood drawn can get their results by mail, online, or during the Health and Trade Fair to be held Saturday, April 21, at the senior center. Health Fair booths include the Helping Hands Foundation, Wyoming Veterans Commission and Northern Wyoming Mental Health, to name a few. Trade Fair booths at the event will have items such as jewelry, siding, furniture, home decor and much more for sale. The event will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Amy Menerey/NLJ)

Wright named Federation director

The members of the Wyoming Beef Council have appointed Tom Wright of Newcastle to serve a three-year term as director to the Federation of State Beef Councils. Wright joins Dianne Kirkbride, Cheyenne, and Jim Graves, Wheatland, in representing Wyoming on the Federation.

The Federation of State Beef councils consist of representatives from each of the 45 State Beef Councils and these beef producers serve on national committees that direct and oversee the expenditure of the beef checkoff. Federation seats are determined by the amount of funding invested in national programs out of each state's share of the beef checkoff assessment. A recent revision of the State Beef Council investment schedule allowed for



Tom Wright

Wyoming to have three seats based on investments sent to the Federation.

Wright is part owner in a family owned and operated commercial cow-calf ranch. He and his family raise 1,500 cow-

calf pairs each year. He and his wife, Kay, are the fourth generation on their ranch in north-east Wyoming and there are two more generations currently living there. They proudly raise Charolais and Char-Gelbvieh cattle.

Wright is a member of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association, Wyoming Farm Bureau, Wyoming WoolGrowers, NCBA, U.S. Cattlemen's Association and has served on the Weston County School District #1 Board of Trustees since 1975. He was president of the Wyoming School Boards Association and a director on the National School Boards Association.

More information can be obtained from the Wyoming Beef Council, wybc2@qwest.net, 307-777-7396 or on the web at wybeef.com.

Refinery

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something somebody should consider. It would alleviate a lot of problems down the road," Kiesling professed.

Mayor Greg James explained that building a new road linked to the bypass would require additional permitting from the Wyoming Department of Transportation, but Kiesling said he felt it would be worth it to alleviate the commotion and dust from trucks on Stampede Street.

Kiesling also said he believes an increase in truck traffic would create a safety issue for children who attend the schools located across from the refinery, but Peck pointed out that the road is already available to trucks, and the annexation of the property will have little or no impact on that.

"Mr. Kiesling, your point is well taken about the street, and the school district has already talked to the town about that. The way it is right now, since the street is already there, whether that piece [of property] comes in or out it can be used either way. If it is necessary, the town could put weight limits on if it becomes a real issue," stated Peck.

Kiesling claimed there was a sign on Stampede Street when he was the mayor that stated, "No through trucks," but it disappeared some time ago. Peck remembered the sign, and said he believes it was put up by a private citizen, and not by a government entity.

"Right now that street is not restricted and we use it for trucks at this point. That is something we are going to have to look at if it looks like there is going to be a lot of heavy trucks,"

Peck continued.

Councilwoman Iva Carter suggested that Kiesling approach representatives of Wyoming Refining Company to voice his concerns, and Hartley agreed, noting that the new ownership at Wyoming Refining Company has shown a willingness to work with the city on suggestions that have been made. He explained that the company actually changed the proposed location of the warehouse slated to be built on the land to be annexed in an effort to move truck traffic further away from the schools.

"We have had discussions with Mr. Runyan since they have started this project, and some of it has to do with traffic. In fact, hopefully this is one of the main things that is going to be accomplished in this move. You might remember recently they were going to build this warehouse on the property they annexed in last year, which would have been directly across from the high school. The property they are annexing now is the property closer to the bypass. Part of the idea is the traffic then will be closer to that bypass. The reason we have held off in repairing Stampede Street, particularly this year, is because of what is going on with the Old Mill and what is going to be going on with the refinery. Until they get done with that construction we had not had any plans to go in and do any major renovation. Once this construction is done, I think you will see the traffic is a lot closer to the bypass. It is not going to be going up to the high school anymore," he stated.

Cats

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to possess schedule one and schedule two drugs in euthanasia," Owens explained.

When the ordinance was first passed, Owens and Officer Ryan Kerns went to Colorado to obtain the training necessary to become certified euthanasia officers in the state of Wyoming, and they also applied for the permits to administer schedule one and schedule two drugs. Unfortunately, Kerns has moved on to a position with the Sheriff's Office since that time, and the lack of a facility at the time prompted a decision to hold off on renewing Owens' certification.

"Both of those items require annual continuation and annual renewal of both licenses. The cost for both of those things is fairly high, plus the initial cost for scheduling licenses. When we came up for renewal on both of those licenses, the cat

house was a long way from being done, and Chief [Randy] Dixon at that time made the decision to hold off on any additional training until the facility was ready to operate," Owens reported.

He said the Newcastle Police Department has been trying for two months to find a euthanasia class to send Community Service Officer Trinity Hobbs to, she can get her state certification and get the license to possess the schedule one and schedule two drugs, but the course in Denver was canceled last month due to a lack of interest in the class.

That delayed the completion and opening of the new facility, but it also provided additional time that allowed Owens to hire new officers, and create a situation where more than one person may be trained.

"We are in a situation right

now where we are still looking. The classes available to get the required training to get the licenses are only offered three or four times throughout the country, and they are only offered by two totally different organizations. Because the department size has started to grow, instead of just sending her, we will send another officer with her," said Owens.

He hopes that by June the department will find a class that will allow them to fulfill the requirements needed to have an euthanasia officer for the cat house, but said that he knows from past experience it will take several weeks to get the state certification and another couple of weeks to get the DEA permits.

"Hopefully by the end of July, we will actually be in a situation where we can use the facility," Owens offered.

In brief

Low iron the cause for fewer blood donations

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

Fortunately, low hemoglobin (or iron-deficiency) is most often temporary. It is developed when too little iron is absorbed from food to replace iron lost from the body due to heavy menstrual flow, gastrointestinal disease, or surgery. It can also be caused by eating or drinking the wrong combination of foods, beverages, or minerals — for example, the calcium in milk and other dairy products can block iron absorption, so it's better to drink a glass of orange juice with that hamburger, and have your milk a few hours later.

So when you plan to donate at your next area blood drive, make sure you have plenty of iron in your system. Eating foods high in iron, like meat, fish, poultry, green leafy vegetables, peas, beans, whole-grain bread, and even milk chocolate, will help you maintain a healthy level of iron.

The next blood drive in Weston County will be on Monday, April 23, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Weston County Senior Services center. Those interested in participating are encouraged to call LaRinda Spencer at 746-8654. There will also be a drive in Upton at the wrestling room of the high school on Thursday, April 26, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Meda Warbis is the coordinator for that event, and can be reached at 468-9331.

To schedule an appointment to donate, individuals can also go to <http://www.bloodhero.com>.

Tornado drill set for April 18

A statewide tornado drill will be conducted by the National Weather Service and emergency officials around 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 18, as part of Wyoming Severe Weather Awareness Week, April 16-20. The exercise is used to train emergency service organizations and educate people on how to respond to a tornado warning. Communities may sound local warning sirens and many schools will conduct safety drills for their students.

The drill will also include a test of the Emergency Alert System, which will interrupt local media broadcasts. The public should be aware that the scroll on broadcast television and cable TV channels will look like a real warning, while the NOAA Weather Radio and broadcast radio audio will be identified as a test.

If an actual tornado warning was issued, it means a tornado has been sighted or indicated on radar and people should take shelter immediately. Tornado warnings are disseminated through NOAA weather radio, local television and radio stations, cable television systems, and outdoor warning sirens.

People do not need to take any action during this exercise, however, they are encouraged to become familiar with safety rules and make plans to protect themselves and their families when storms develop. Information about storm safety is available from county emergency management offices, the American Red Cross, and the Rapid City National Weather Service web site: www.weather.gov/RapidCity.

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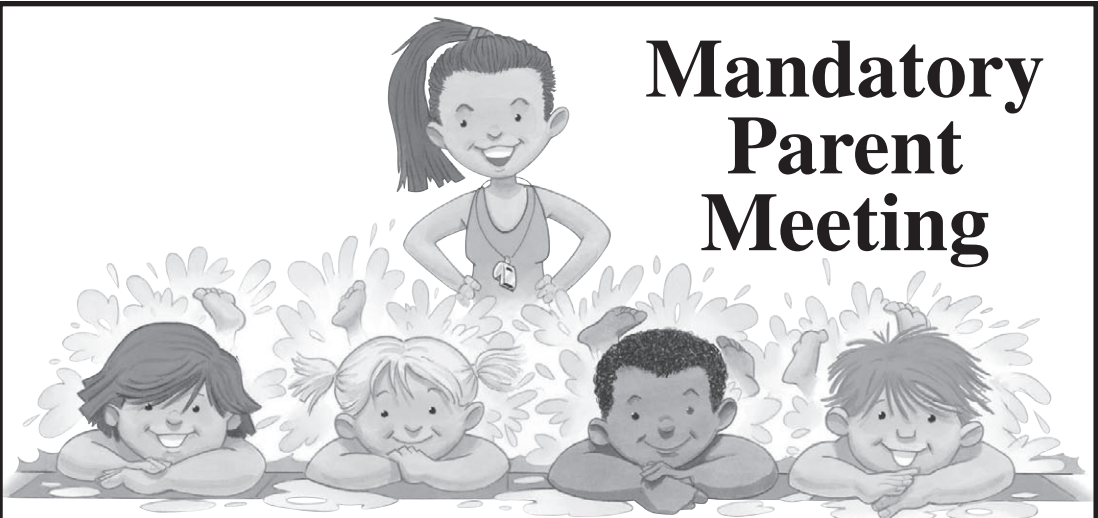
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Track team gets one more home meet

By **Bob Bonnar** of NLJ

The Newcastle Dogie track team, which has struggled in recent years to hold any home track meets because of weather and scheduling conflicts, will be playing host to a meet for the third time in the young 2012 season on Thursday, and coaches and athletes alike are marveling at the fact that they will already be competing for the fourth time this year when they hit the track for the Race to the Ball this week.

The Dogies, who have already hosted the Southern Hills Development Meet and the annual Speedgoat Classic, were in danger of going without a competition in the week before Easter when Hot Springs was forced to cancel their meet, but officials at Wright High School were able to put together a small competition for northeast Wyoming schools last Tuesday.

That allowed Newcastle's athletes to participate in another tune-up before the holiday, and although the meet didn't attract the numbers that the previous competitions offered, it still gave the local harriers an opportunity to go up against opponents one more time before the more demanding meets that dominate the second half of the season begin.

"It was small and fast. It was a really short meet," Lady Dogies Coach Pat Hayman said after his athletes squared off against runners, jumpers and throwers from Wright, Upton, Moorcroft and Sundance last week.

Hayman's girls posted 10 top-eight finishes, and the results were even better for Coach Brett Weaver's boys' team, which saw two dozen entrants finish in the top eight of their respective events. Considering the fact that the team nearly had to go a week without competing, the coaches were pleased with those results, even in a small meet.

"The kids who were there competed pretty well. They had fun, and that's the main thing. It went real fast, too. We didn't start running on the track until 2:30, and we were done at about 5 p.m.," Weaver reported.

A number of Dogies hadn't competed prior to last Tuesday's meet in Wright, so it was doubly important for them to get on the track and set some marks for themselves. That was particularly true for Hayman's girls, who fielded seven competitors for the first time this season.

"I did get three girls to run for the first time. They're still out of shape, but they finally got a meet in," the coach said. Brittney Polly, Courtney Waggener and Kaylee Harley joined Chelsea Pisciotti, Kennedy Ragland, Kalyn Houser and Alexys Barker for the first time, and Harley cracked the top eight in the long jump with a sixth-place finish.

Houser was fifth in that event, and added a third-place finish in the high jump to go along with a fourth-place time in the 400 meter run and a third in the 100 meter dash. Barker was first in the mile run and finished third in the half mile.

"It was definitely good to get a meet in," Hayman said.

The team had been greeted by sunny skies and warm temperatures in the two previous outings, but the weather wasn't quite as accommodating last week.

"It was cold and windy, but we got to run so it was okay. It wasn't that cold, but the kids weren't used to it, and that made it hard for them to get out there and compete. It's really hard to get the best out of them," Weaver explained.

That didn't stop his boys' team from dominating the distance events, where Justin Wermers set the pace with a first-place finish in the mile and two-mile races. Justin Francis was third in both of those events, and Tristin Mitchell added a second-place finish in the mile and a fourth place showing in the two-mile. All three also placed in the top five in the half-mile run.

"Our distance kids did a good job again, and they got a good workout. Three of them ran the 800, 1600 and 3200, which is a pretty big haul for as short of a meet as it was," Weaver boasted.

The Dogie boys' ranks also grew a bit for last week's meet, as a couple of athletes became eligible to compete for the first time this spring. That was fortunate, as the team was prepared to go into the competition short-handed because a couple of the members who had been competing for them were unable to attend.

"We got to look at another distance runner and weight thrower who were able to compete for the first time, and that was good because we had a couple of kids who stayed home because they were sick or had other commitments. We weren't there with a full team, and that made it hard to get anything lined out because some of the things you would normally do, you just couldn't," Weaver explained, noting that the team didn't compete in any relays.

Those athletes who have been competing will be given one more week to try to make their mark in their favorite events, as the Race to the Ball will be the last meet to offer unlimited entries in every event. From that point on, the Dogies will only be able to put three or four competitors in each event, and some of the team members will probably have to switch to other events if they want to keep participating in meets.

"I think our meet next week is unlimited entries, and then we're done with that. We'll have to pare it down and put some kids in events where they might not want to be after that, but if they want to compete

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| Pre-Easter Meet Results |
| Boys |
| Long Jump |
| 18th Brandon Leddy 12' 11.25" |
| Triple Jump |
| 5th Drew Coy 32' 3.25" |
| 9th Brandon Leddy 28' 3" |
| 11th Braden Rushton 27' 10" |
| Discus |
| 3rd Andrew Hayman 119' |
| 5th Garrett Fisher 110' 1" |
| 8th Johnny Walker 100' |
| 10th Conrad Farnsworth 86' 4" |
| 12th Garrett Liggett 76' 8" |
| Shot Put |
| 4th Johnny Walker 35' 2" |
| 6th Andrew Hayman 34' 8.5" |
| 7th Garrett Fisher 34' 6.5" |
| 10th Conrad Farnsworth 32' 8" |
| 14th Garrett Liggett 27' 2" |
| 100 m Dash |
| 3rd Branden Smith 12.3 |
| 5th Jesse Lax 12.52 |
| 6th Branden Hawley 12.55 |
| 7th Drew Coy 12.65 |
| 11th Braden Rushton 13.86 |
| 400m Run |
| 3rd Branden Hawley 59.65 |
| 6th Branden Smith 1:01.27 |
| 800m Run |
| 2nd Justin Wermers 2:12.41 |
| 3rd Tristin Mitchell 2:13.56 |
| 5th Justin Francis 2:17.87 |
| 9th Adam Gettinger 2:32.62 |
| 14th Brandon Leddy 2:45.88 |
| 17th Paul Lambert 3:04.75 |
| 19th Rodney Darrow 3:39.25 |
| 200m Dash |
| 4th Branden Smith 26.14 |
| 13th Branden Hawley 28.39 |
| 1600m Run |
| 1st Justin Wermers 4:55.56 |
| 2nd Tristin Mitchell 5:04.15 |
| 3rd Justin Francis 5:06.91 |
| 8th Adam Gettinger 5:42.66 |
| 10th Ryan Falk 5:55.78 |
| 13th Paul Lambert 6:34.62 |
| 15th Rodney Darrow 8:00 |
| 3200m Run |
| 1st Justin Wermers 11:11.38 |
| 3rd Justin Francis 11:27.66 |
| 4th Tristin Mitchell 12:33.06 |
| Girls |
| High Jump |
| 3rd Kalyn Houser 4' 3" |
| Long Jump |
| 5th Kalyn Houser 12' 11" |
| 6th Kaylee Harley 12' 6.5" |
| Discus |
| 7th Chelsea Pisciotti 70' 7" |
| Shot Put |
| 7th Chelsea Pisciotti 22' 2" |
| 8th Kennedy Ragland 20' 11.5" |
| 100m Dash |
| 3rd Kalyn Houser 14.36 |
| 12th Kaylee Harley 15.83 |
| 13th Brittney Polly 15.86 |
| 14th Courtney Waggener 21.13 |
| 400m Dash |
| 4th Kalyn Houser 1:11.90 |
| 10th Kaylee Harley 1:18.46 |
| 800m Run |
| 3rd Alexys Barker 3:29.22 |
| 1600m Run |
| 1st Alexys Barker 7:40.78 |

they'll have to go where there's room for them," Weaver said.

He is looking forward to holding another meet in Newcastle this weekend, but said he doesn't anticipate any record-breaking performances with an even bigger event on tap for local athletes this weekend.

"That close to prom, kids' hearts are really not in it, and that's okay. That dance is really important to them, and it's hard to get them to focus on anything else that week," he explained.



Fans welcome

The boys' and girls' Dogie soccer teams will resume play this week. Fans can watch the boys take on the Torrington Trailblazers Thursday in their first home game of the season, starting at 4 p.m. Friday they play at Buffalo. The Lady Dogies will battle the 'Blazers on their home turf Thursday, then hit Schoonmaker Field on Friday against the Bison, at 4 p.m. Above, Dakota McCormack at an earlier game. (Photo courtesy of Cindy Rhoades)

County Commission Minutes

APRIL 3, 2012

The regular meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Tom W. Bruce presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners: Tom W. Bruce, Marty Ertman, Randy Rossman, Lenard D. Seeley and County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank. Commissioner Jerry Shepperson joined the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

Good of the Order

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

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Seeley, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 20, 2012, as published. **Carried.**

Accept Collections

A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to accept the collections of the County Clerk in the amount of \$9,892.75 and the collections of the District Court in the amount of \$1,774.24. **Carried.**

Homeland Security Grants

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Seeley, to authorize Chairman Bruce's signature on three Homeland Security Grants for Fiscal Year 2012. All three Homeland Security Grants are 100% allocations, which do not require a local match. The first was a Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention/Coroner grant in the amount of \$6,167.13, the second was a Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention/Sheriff grant in the amount of \$10,761.62, and the third was the Weston County Allocation in the amount of \$55,637.24. **Carried.**

The hour being 9:11 a.m. Commissioner Shepperson joined the session.

Assessor's Office

Tina Conklin, County Assessor, met with the Commissioners to discuss the remodel of the County Assessor's Office. Mrs. Conklin discussed a tentative quote from Schutz Foss Architects to oversee the project. Commissioner Ertman has been in contact with the Historical Preservation Board and will obtain a list of Architects to choose from. The Commissioners discuss moving the Assessor's Office to the Commissioners room for the duration of the remodel. No action was taken, this issue will be revisited.

The meeting recessed at 9:30 a.m. and reconvened at 9:45 a.m. with all present.

Budget Amendment Hearing-Road & Bridge

The hour being 9:45 a.m., Chairman Bruce opened a Budget Amendment Hearing to consider increasing the General Fund portion of the budget because of unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$16,875.98 received from the State of Wyoming Forestry Division for services rendered during the WhoopUp Fire and Barrel Fire. Chairman Bruce called for public comment; hearing none, the public comment portion of the hearing was closed. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Seeley, to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$16,875.98. **Carried.**

Equipment Rental Bids

The hour being 10:00 a.m. Chairman Bruce began opening equipment rental bids requested by Weston County for trucks and operators to haul water and approximately 42,000 tons of crushed gravel to various county roads. A total of eight bids were received and reviewed by the Commissioners and Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman. A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to accept the low bid from Grizzly Services for a water truck and operator. **Carried.** Discussion ensued pertaining to allowing multiple bids to be accepted for gravel hauling. A motion was made by Commissioner Seeley, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to accept the low bids ranging from \$89.72 to \$90.00 per hour for belly dump trucks with operators. Commissioner Rossman offered an amendment to the previous motion to accept: three trucks from Wade Regan Trucking at \$90.00/hour with operator; accept one truck from K&K Trucking at \$89.72/hour with operator; accept one truck from Grizzly Services at \$90.00/hour with operator; and one truck from Robin King Trucking at \$89.72/hour with operator. **Amendment Carried.** The main motion was then voted on with the amendment, **motion carried.**

Public Records

Robert Bonnar, News Letter Journal, met with the Commissioners to discuss new legislation relating to public records and public meetings. Mr. Bonnar passed out copies of Enrolled Act #62 Public Records, which encompasses W.S. 16-4-201 through 16-4-205, and Enrolled Act #63 Public Meetings, which encompasses W.S. 16-4-402 through 16-4-408. Mr. Bonnar discussed the creation of a record by email, twitter, text messaging and other forms of social networking. Under the new law which will take effect July 1, 2012, these records are considered public and viewable upon request. Mr. Bonnar discussed changes to the public meetings act which deals with notification for special meetings, emergency meetings, and executive sessions. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Bonnar for his presentation. No action was taken.

Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB)

Gene Norman, Forester for Neiman Timber Company, met with the Commissioners to discuss a Black Hills Regional Mountain Pine Beetle Strategy. Mr. Norman presented a Resolution in support of the Black Hills Regional MPB Strategy for the Commissioners to consider. Hale Redding, Weed & Pest Control, discussed monies available immediately to the Weed & Pest District through the State of Wyoming for MPB control efforts. After review, a motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to authorize Chairman Bruce's signature on the Resolution supporting the Black Hills Regional MPB Strategy. **Carried.**

The meeting recessed at 11:32 a.m. and reconvened at 11:38 a.m. with all present.

Sheriff's Department

Bryan Colvard, County Sheriff, met with the Commissioners and reviewed the monthly Accounts Receivable, fees collected, and youth services activities. Sheriff Colvard discussed a proposal received for the Emergency Operations Center in the amount of \$232,000.00. Sheriff Colvard also discussed the need for upgrades to the fire alarm system at the Law Enforcement facility, and provided a quote. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson,

seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to authorize the fire alarm system upgrades at a cost of \$30,000.00, out of expenditure line item 100.00.20.0206000.0000, for the Law Enforcement Center and notify the City of Newcastle of a 50% shared responsibility per contract. **Carried.**

The meeting recessed at 11:56 a.m. and reconvened at 1:20 p.m. with all present.

Budget Workshops

The Commissioners decided to set Budget Workshops for May 8, 2012, and May 22, 2012, beginning at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the proposed 2013 Fiscal Budget with Department Heads. No action was taken. The Department Heads will be contacted for scheduling.

United States Forest Service (USFS)

Misty Hays, United States Forest Service District Ranger, and Jan Burke, Acting District Ranger, met with the Commissioners to discuss Sage Grouse Management Plan and Prairie Dog Translocations on the Thunder Basin National Grasslands (TBNG).

Sage Grouse

Ms. Burke discussed core Sage Grouse areas on the TBNG, and stated that the final Record of Decision and impact Statement will be available sometime at the end of 2014. The Core Group will meet on April 24 and 25, 2012, to discuss comments received on the Sage Grouse Scoping Notice. Chairman Bruce related that the Weston County Commissioner demand coordination procedures be followed as well as participating in a cooperating agency status. Ms. Burke assured the group that USFS Sage Grouse Amendment Plan will only govern activities on Federal Lands, and the plan closely follows boundaries set in Governor Mead's Executive Order 2011-5.

Prairie Dogs

Ms. Hays spoke to the Commissioners about prairie dog translocation on the TBNG. Two sites in Weston County were discussed. One site, which is a category two, on Bob and Jean Harshbarger's property was discussed in detail. Chairman Bruce requested the boundaries of the Harshbarger site be changed so prairie dogs which are now overpopulated could be controlled before they reproduce. Terry Groenewold, concerned citizen, discussed black plague carried by prairie dogs and stressed the need to keep prairie dogs away from private residences. Mr. Groenewold wanted assurance that the USFS had the resources available to poison or remove prairie dogs near residences. Ms. Hays said this had been considered and resources were available. Ms. Hays promised to research and get back to the County on the amount spent per prairie dog for translocation by the USFS. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 2:35 p.m. and reconvened at 2:40 p.m. with all present, except Commissioner Rossman who was not present for the remainder of the meeting.

Public Health

Lori Bickford, Public Health Nurse, met with the commissioners to request the Public Health Office be allowed to close on May 2, 2012, for a Point of Distribution (POD) exercise. A motion was made by Commissioner Seeley, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to allow closure of the Public Health Office on May 2, 2012, for a POD exercise. **Carried.**

Central Weston County Solid Waste District (CWCSWD)

The Commissioners discussed a petition for boundary enlargement received from the Central Weston County Solid Waste District. The petition for enlargement was received by the County Clerk's Office on July 6, 2010. Research was done by Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk, who also consulted the County Attorney's Office concerning the petition. Ms. Krank advised the Board of Commissioners that the petition did not comply with Wyoming Statutes. Ms. Krank also explained that she had obtained appropriate forms from the Secretary of State's Office for Special District Boundary Enlargements. A motion was made by Commissioner Seeley, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to deny the petition for boundary enlargement received from the Central Weston County Solid Waste District because it does not comply with Wyoming statutes. **Carried.** A motion was made by Commissioner Seeley, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to draft a letter to notify the Central Weston County Solid Waste District that the petition had been found invalid and provide forms obtained from the Secretary of State's Office for Special District Boundary Enlargement and Petition Forms. **Carried.**

Liquor License Renewal Hearing

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to set a liquor license renewal hearing for Weston County Liquor Licenses for May 15, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. **Motion carried.**

Month of the Military Child Proclamation

Stacy Madden, 4-H Development Educator, met with the Commissioners to request a Resolution proclaiming April 2012 as the month of the military child be signed. The proclamation is to honor military service men and women and their families. Chairman Bruce read the resolution aloud. A motion made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Seeley, to adopt the Resolution proclaiming April 2012 as the Month of the Military Child and authorize Chairman Bruce's signature on the document. **Carried.**

The hour being 3:25 p.m. Commissioner Shepperson left the meeting for personal business.

Road & Bridge Department

Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman, met with the Commissioners and gave the department report. Mr. Williams discussed several county roads including progress on the Musser Road.

The hour being 3:40 p.m. Commissioner Shepperson returned to the meeting.

Congestion Mitigation (dust suppression) projects were discussed. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 3:52 p.m. and reconvened at 4:00 p.m. with all present.

Planning & Zoning/Wyoming Club

Rick Dunford, Planning & Zoning Board member, met with the Commissioners to discuss a version of the Subdivision Improvement Agreement (SIA) approved by the Planning & Zoning Board for Phase One of the Wyoming Club Project.

Don Hansen, County Attorney, joined the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Don Hansen, County Attorney, discussed the possibility of amending the Subdivision Rules and Regulations of which the SIA is a part. The possibility of including a fourth category, titled "super subdivision" or "phased subdivision" to the current categories of: single land split,

minor subdivision, and major subdivision, was discussed. Mr. Hansen advised Mr. Dunford that the process of amending the Subdivision Rules and Regulations would include advertisement and a public hearing. After lengthy discussion, the Commissioners requested that the Planning & Zoning Board consider the written comments from Don Hansen dated March 16, 2012, in the next Planning & Zoning Board meeting to be held on April 19, 2012. Mr. Dunford agreed that after consideration, the Planning & Zoning Board will bring a recommendation to the Commissioners. No action was taken, this issue will be revisited.

Weston County Event Center

The Commissioners discussed the continued deterioration of the Weston County Event Center and communications from Kyle Gillette, Schutz Foss Architects. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to request Don Hansen, County Attorney, draft a letter to notify the bonding company of a possible claim for the Weston County Event Center and copy the notice to Kyle Gillette of Schutz Foss Architects. **Carried.**

Approve Vouchers

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Seeley, to approve the vouchers except for voucher number 54101 to Joseph M. Barron, which the Commissioners believe should be paid out of the County Attorney's budget. **Carried.** County Attorney Donald Hansen was present and amended voucher 54101 to be paid from his budget. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Seeley, to approve voucher number 54101 to Joseph M. Barron as amended. **Carried.** The vouchers are as follows:

066 NCPERS, financial admin, \$256.00, AFLAC, payroll ded, \$1,852.72, Blue Cross Blue Shield, financial admin, \$49,372.85, Dept of Employment, financial admin, \$3,220.33, Office of Child Support, payroll ded, \$175.00, Orchard Trust, payroll ded, \$1,175.00, WEBT, financial admin, \$181.65, Weston County Clerk, financial admin, \$37,627.21, WY Child Support, payroll ded, \$514.00, WY Retirement System, financial admin, \$23,356.69, WY Retirement System, financial admin, \$581.87, Fisher Sand & Gravel, cong-mit, \$14,472.18, Jeff Regan Trucking, cong-mit, \$19,200.00, Angela Holliday, jailors salary, \$60.00, Newcastle Motors, equip prchs, \$27,712.00, Fisher Sand & Gravel, cong-mit, \$22,821.48, Jeff Regan Trucking, cong-mit, \$12,800.00, Hermes Consolidated Inc, oil/gas, \$26,316.27, Hermes Consolidated Inc, oil/gas, \$25,605.60, AT&T Mobility, hmIND sec exp, \$60.06, A Stitch in Time, ag exp, \$8.98, A&B Welding, misc, \$2.77, All Clear Windows, janitor supp/maint, \$107.00, Alpha Communications, radio exp, \$120.00, AlSCO, janitor supp, \$100.72, Anderson Environmental Services, misc, \$525.00, Apex Technology Solutions, comp software, \$1,136.79, AT&T Mobility, comm, \$953.63, Becky Hadlock, misc, \$5.00, Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial, brd of prisoners, \$163.73, Black Hills Plumbing, repair/maint, \$498.90, Black Hills Power, util, \$2,795.98, Black Hills Printing & Signs, brd of prisoners, \$20.90, Bobcat Service, janitor supp, \$1,122.25, Tom W. Bruce, mile/trvl, \$121.00, Byrand Streeter, contract wages/miles, \$1,248.88, C&J Newcastle Hardware, repair/maint, \$124.08, Cambria Supply, repair/maint/new equip, \$1,046.90, Cardiac Science Corp, brd of prisoners, \$570.88, Casey Thorson, janitor supp, \$820.00, Chemical Testing Program, brd of prisoners, \$47.00, City of Newcastle, util/dispatch/pub def/p-hlth exp, \$4,631.78, Collins Communications Inc, radio exp, \$167.00, Comtronix, misc/p-hlth exp, \$366.00, Consolidated Services, equip repair, \$65.00, CRA Payment Center, repair/maint, \$24.42, Culligan Water Conditioning, misc, \$21.00, Decker's Market, ag exp, \$10.33, Dixon Bros Inc, oil/gas, \$353.29, Fastenal Company, repair/maint, \$15.25, Focus, focus, \$1,125.00, Fred's Welding Service, repair/maint, \$329.09, General Security Services Corp, youth services, \$104.00, Godfrey's Brake Service, repair/maint, \$19.60, Grimm's Pump & Industrial Supply, repair/maint, \$974.17, Hansen & Peck, office exp/comp rsrch, \$3,901.37, Heartland Law Enf Training Institute, jailor school, \$395.00, Hillyard/Sioux Falls, brd of prisoners/janitor supp, \$235.36, Industrial Supply Co Inc, repair/maint, \$1,456.73, Jerry Shepperson, mile/trvl, \$197.50, Joseph M. Baron, miles/trvl, \$102.12, KASL, p-hlth exp, \$638.40, Kone Inc, misc, \$493.86, Law Enforcement Targets, equip/ammo, \$154.42, Lenard D. Seeley, mile/trvl, \$40.00, Lichen Research Center, comp software, \$1,000.00, Local Govt Liability Pool, insurance, \$23,444.00, Lori Bickford, p-hlth exp, \$83.79, Marco Inc, ag exp, \$537.42, Master Gardener Conf Registration, ag exp, \$135.00, MasterCard, school exp/mile/trvl/brd of prisoners, \$1,883.70, Max Masters, gis land rec, \$1,900.00, Michelle Sweet, p-hlth exp, \$16.18, Midwest Cancer Screening, p-hlth exp, \$31.60, Minute Lube Center, veh maint/fuel, \$127.90, Neve's Uniforms Inc, uniforms, \$250.74, Newcastle Ambulance Service, invol commit/ambulance, \$3,868.33, Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, chmbr, \$875.00, Newcastle Equipment Co Inc, repair/maint, \$140.00, Newcastle Motors, office equip/veh maint, \$1,141.83, News Letter Journal, print/publ/supp/p-hlth exp, \$2,240.74, Northern WY Mental Health, mntl hlth, \$2,500.00, Pamida, supp/brd of prisoners/supp/p-hlth exp, \$271.08, Power River Energy Corp, util, \$1,095.24, Power Plan OIB, repair/maint, \$104.58, Precinct Police Products, uniforms, \$742.50, Randy Rossman, mile/trvl, \$24.00, Rapid Delivery, post/freight, \$13.23, Reserve Acct-Pitney Bowes, post/freight, \$600.00, Roadrunner Disposal Service, util, \$55.00, RT Communications, comm, \$1,945.79, Ruth Collins, juror/witness fee, \$263.25, Safariland LLC, invstgtns, \$79.53, Safety-Kleen, repair/maint, \$433.67, Sanofi Pasteur, p-hlth exp, \$754.80, Servall Uniform/Linen Co, repair/maint, \$199.07, Shreds, p-hlth exp, \$87.60, Source Gas, util, \$2,367.56, Span Publishing Inc, misc, \$152.10, Spradley Barr Motors Inc, new equip, \$27,492.00, The Sundance Times, wic, \$69.00, Top Office Products, supp/p-hlth exp/ag exp, \$2,201.47, Town of Upton, landfill, \$2,500.00, Uber Geek Computers, ag exp, \$85.00, Ultra Max, equip/ammo, \$1,028.65, Upton Ambulance, ambulance, \$4,375.00, Upton Chamber of Commerce, chmbr, \$750.00, Upton Co-op LLP, repair/maint, \$48.66, Urban & Patterson LLP, special attny, \$241.00, Vaisala Inc, awos, \$898.00, Verizon Wireless, p-hlth exp, \$55.97, VISA, school exp, \$1,274.95, Walt Soper, jailors slry, \$60.00, WCS, comm, \$185.56, WCTA, misc, \$170.00, Wesco Gas, repair/maint, \$639.77, West End Water District, util, \$60.00, West Payment Center, law library, \$281.40, WC

Children's Ctr, chld ctr, \$3,750.00, WC Gazette, print/publ, \$20.00, WC Health Services, misc, \$35.00, WC Road & Bridge, veh maint/fuel, \$3,502.90, WC Sheriff's Office, post/freight, \$45.00, William Taylor, ag mile/trvl, \$138.00, WY Automotive Co, repair/maint, \$574.92, WY Dept of Health, p-hlth exp, \$549.00, WY Guardian Ad Litem, special attny, \$687.03, WY Health Council, p-hlth exp, \$115.92, WY Honor Conservation Camp, brd of prisoners, \$1,864.80, WY LECC, mile/trvl, \$70.00, WY Network, financial admin, \$201.25, WY Public Defenders Office, pub def, \$14,701.48, WY Technology Transfer Ctr, misc, \$45.00, Xerox Direct, ag exp, \$245.65. Net Payroll, \$131,709.02.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Tom W. Bruce, Chairman
Attest: Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk

(Publish April 12, 2012)

Foreclosure Notice.....

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE 2

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the "Note") dated August 28, 2006, executed and delivered by Robert P. Conley and Corrina L. Conley ("Mortgagor(s)") to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for GMAC Mortgage Corporation its successors and assigns, and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by said Mortgagor(s), to said Mortgagee, and which Mortgage was recorded on August 29, 2006, at Reception No. 687281 in Book 289 at Page 0821 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: GMAC Mortgage, LLC
Assignment dated: May 24, 2010
Assignment recorded: June 7, 2010
Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 719780 in Book 322 at Page 0464

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

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

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$84,499.41 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$82,525.17 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$2,410.14, plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale;

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

NOW, THEREFORE GMAC Mortgage, LLC, as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on May 1, 2012 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY, Weston County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 61 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., SECTION 35, TRACTS OF LAND IN THE SW 1/4 SW 1/4 OF THE SECTION MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

TRACT 7 OF THE GERALD MOORE TRACTS, ACCORDING TO THAT PLAT FILED ON MAY 8, 1992 IN THE OFFICE OF THE WESTON COUNTY CLERK, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING; AND TRACT 8 OF THE SAID GERALD MOORE TRACTS, LESS AND EXCEPT THAT PORTION OF TRACT 8 MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE WESTERLY CORNER OF SAID TRACT 8, GERALD MOORE TRACTS SAID POINT BEING MARKED BY AN ALUMINUM CAPPED REBAR AND IS THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 49°13'00" E. FOR A DISTANCE OF 208.70 FEET TO AN ALUMINUM CAPPED REBAR AT THE NORTHERLY CORNER OF SAID TRACT 8; THENCE S 40° 47'00" E. FOR A DISTANCE OF 173.85 FEET TO AN ALUMINUM CAPPED REBAR AT THE EASTERLY CORNER OF THE NW PORTION OF TRACT 8; THENCE S 52°52'46" W. FOR A DISTANCE OF 209.13 FEET TO AN ALUMINUM CAPPED REBAR AT THE SOUTHERLY CORNER OF THE NW PORTION OF TRACT 8; THENCE N 40°47'00" W. FOR A DISTANCE OF 160.49 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

WITH AN ADDRESS OF 24 SALT CREEK ROAD, NEWCASTLE, WY 82701, ALSO KNOWN AS 7 MOORE LANE, NEWCASTLE, WY, 82701.

with an address of 7 Moore Lane, Newcastle, WY 82701.

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

GMAC Mortgage, LLC
By: Castle Stawiariski, LLC
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City Council Minutes

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES
Monday, April 2, 2012

Mayor Greg James called the Regular Meeting of Monday, April 2, 2012 to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were: Mayor James, Archie Callander, Linda Hunt, Roger Hespe, Jim Bunch and Iva Carter. Absent: Todd Quigley. Also attending: Engineer Hartley, Police Chief Jim Owens, Clerk/Treasurer Charita Brunner, and Attorney Peck.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Mayor James added an Executive Session regarding Personnel to the agenda prior to approval of the claims. Linda Hunt moved and Archie Callander seconded to approve the agenda for Monday, April 2, 2012 as amended. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Linda Hunt moved and Iva Carter seconded to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2012. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION: None.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION: Mayor James read a Certificate of Appreciation for Paula Mendenhall for the improvements to the exterior of her home at 115 East Road. He gave a Certificate of Appreciation to Mike Mills representing Wyoming Refining Co. for the improvements that they are making to their business. Mayor James also recognized the City of Newcastle Dispatchers for their work and reviewed a Proclamation for National Telecommunications Week. Kami Erland and Sherie Hilgenkamp were in attendance to receive their certificates.

Todd Quigley joined the meeting at 7:08 pm
CITIZEN'S BUSINESS – IN WRITING: 1. Mayor James read a 24-Hour Catering Permit request from Perkins Tavern to cater the Weston County Library Foundation May Basket Auction from 3:00 pm on May 4, 2012 through 3:00 pm on May 5, 2012 at the Weston County Senior Center. Jim Bunch moved and Linda Hunt seconded to approve the catering permit as requested. **MOTION CARRIED.** 2. Mayor James read a letter from Weston Co. Children's Center request-ing summer sewer averaging. Iva Carter moved

and Archie Callander seconded to approve the request as read. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS – VERBAL: None.
MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS: 1. Mayor James read RESOLUTION #2, SERIES 2012, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAINTENANCE OF HIGHWAY 16 THROUGH NEWCASTLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH W.S. 24-2-111. SPECIFICALLY MAIN STREET FROM HIGHWAY 16 BYPASS WEST TO SOUTH SUMMIT THEN SOUTH SUMMIT TO HIGHWAY 16 BYPASS EAST. Jim Bunch moved and Archie Callander seconded to approve RESOLUTION #2, SERIES 2012 as read. **MOTION CARRIED.** 2. Jim Bunch stated that Mike Lane of the People First Organization would like to start cleaning on April 28, 2012 at 9:00 am on South Summit to the Highway. 3. Jim Bunch stated that he attended Governor Mead's reception for representatives of the cities and towns. 4. Mayor James read a request from WAM for a voting delegate to the WAM Convention in June. Any decision on a vot-ing delegate was postponed until a later meeting.

Department Heads:
City Clerk Treasurer Charita Brunner: 1. informed Council on the progress of the FY 2011 audit; 2. reported on her participation in the Wellness Coalition Meeting she attended on March 21, 2012; 3. read a letter from WY DEQ regarding the construction on the Two Elk power plant in southern Campbell County; 4. reminded Council of the Office of State Lands video conference on April 9th from 10-11:50 am; 5. reported on the Northeast Wyoming Economic Development Coalition request for \$3000 in funding for the FY 2013. 6. She reported on the request from the Youth Services Program budget request for FY 2012-13; 7. She reviewed the 4th Quarter 2011 Economic Summary for the State; 8. She reported that she and the department heads and any Council members who want to can attend a meeting with the WEBT health insur-ance representative on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at 6:00 pm; 9. She reported on the State's con-sensus funding for Weston County for FY 2013-14. The final figure is still not firm.

At 7:30 pm Mayor James stopped the meet-ing to hold a public hearing for the annexation request for a portion of the Wyoming Refining, Co. Mayor James asked for public comment. Ed Keisling requested clarification on the Annexation Report that was approved in March 2012. Mayor James explained that report to Mr. Keisling. Mr. Keisling then asked for clarification on what the Wyoming Refining Co. would do with the annexed property. Engineer Hartley explained specific uses that Wyoming Refinery had submitted in their plain. Mr. Keisling then addressed his con-cerns over the condition of Stampede Street. Terry Elliot began his comments on the public hearing by addressing issues that were not per-tinent to the Wyoming Refining annexation. Mayor James stopped Mr. Elliot in his comments and Mr. Elliot became agitated and left the council Chambers. Mayor James then asked twice for any more comments from the public. Attorney Peck then responded to Mr. Keisling's comments on Stampede Street. Iva Carter suggested that Mr. Keisling approach the WY Refining represen-tatives directly. Engineer Hartley then addressed Mr. Keisling's concerns about Stampede Street. Mayor James closed the public hearing on Wyoming Refining annexation at 7:45 pm.

At 7:45 pm Mayor James moved the meeting

on to a public hearing on proposed ORDINANCE #2, SERIES 2012 regarding carports. Attorney Peck explained the Ordinance. Mayor James asked for public comment on the ordinance. Mike Mills asked for the existing "rule" regarding car-ports. Attorney Peck responded. There was no other public comment. Mayor James then asked for comment from the Council. Mayor James closed the public hearing at 7:52pm.

City Attorney Jim Peck: Atty. Peck read proposed Ordinance #1, SERIES 2012 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF A TRACT OF LAND INTO THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING; CHANGING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE TO INCLUDE SAID TRACT; ESTABLISHING ZONING FOR SAID TRACT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Jim Bunch moved and Iva Carter seconded to approve Ordinance #1, SERIES 2012 on first reading. **MOTION CARRIED.** Archie Callendar asked that the record reflect that he refrained from discussion and vote on Ordinance #1, SERIES 2012 due to employment. 2. Atty Peck then read ORDINANCE #2, SERIES 2012 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13.22 OF NEWCASTLE ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 13, SERIES 1985 TO CLASSIFY A CARPORT AS A STRUCTURE; AMENDING SECTIONS 6.a(6)(d), 6.b(6)(c)(2), 6.c(6)(c)(2), 6.d (6)(c)(2), 6.e(6)(c)(2), 6.f(6)(d), 6.h(7)(c), 6.i(7)(c), 6.k(7)(c) AND 6.l(7)(c), OF NEWCASTLE ZONING ORDINANCE NO.13, SERIES 1985 TO PERMIT CARPORTS WITHOUT WALLS IN REAR YARDS ENTERED FROM AN ALLEY TO BE LOCATED NO CLOSER THAN FIVE FEET (5') FROM THE ALLEY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Jim Bunch moved and Archie Callander seconded to approve ORDINANCE #2, SERIES 2012 on first reading. **MOTION CARRIED.** 3. Attorney Peck asked the Council to consider the appointment of Don Hansen as the Assistant City Attorney in case Attorney Peck could not attend a court session. Iva Carter moved and Archie Callander seconded to appoint Don Hansen as Assistant City Attorney. Mayor asked for discus-sion. **MOTION CARRIED.** 4. Atty Peck reviewed discussion he has had with Bob Bonnar and oth-ers regarding open public meeting laws.

Roger Hespe excused himself and left the meeting at 8:02 pm.

Attorney Peck continued his comments on Open Public meeting laws. 5. He reminded Council that he will not be in attendance at the next regular meeting.

City Engineer Robert Hartley: 1. reported that the City had received a request from Mrs. Butler who owns two plots in Block 3 of Greenwood Cemetery to plant two burr oak trees on her plot. City Foreman Sankey checked the site and saw no problems with the proposed plant-ing. Iva Carter moved and Jim Bunch seconded to authorize Mrs. Butler to plant two trees on her plots at Greenwood Cemetery. **MOTION CARRIED.** 2. Eng. Hartley gave a brief report on the work schedule of the shop crew. 3. he is working on the Special Improvement Districts for Salem and Houston and for Gray Addition. He requested that the Council schedule an open public meeting for the residents of those areas. Mr. Hartley stated that he has spoken to Dan Baxter of Kaiser and Co. bonding company. The initial meeting will be to inform the residents of the cost estimates and see if the interest was still high enough to continue with the special district process. A tentative date was set for Monday, May 14, 2012 at 6:00 pm possibly at the Forest Service Building. Mr. Hartley will schedule and notify the newspaper. 4. He requested a Street Committee meeting on April 9th at the end of Butte Street at 3:30 pm. 5. He reported on the recent Parks Committee meeting regarding pro-posed bike path additions. The City will try to obtain TEAL grant funding for these paths. Mr. Hartley asked to set up a public hearing for May 7, 2012 regarding the proposed Master Plan for Bike Paths. 6. Iva Carter asked for the status on the Animal Containment Building. Chief Owens responded to the licensing requirements for euthanasia officers.

Chief of Police Jim Owens 1. stated that Officer Ramsey completed the Law Enforcement Academy as on March 29, 2012. Chief Owens requested a 50 cent/hour raise for Officer Ramsey retroactive effective March 29, 2012. Todd Quigley moved and Linda Hunt seconded to approve the request as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.** 2. He requested approval of hiring Randy Dixon as the Police Department IT person at a rate of \$60/hour for the first hour and pro-rated by quarter hour after for any time in excess of the first hour. Estimate of complete training of Officer Locke on the computer system would be 15-20 hours and then on an "as needed" basis. Jim Bunch moved and Archie Callander second-ed to approve the request to contract with Randy Dixon for an "on call" IT person as presented. Hours used reporting was requested by the Council. **MOTION CARRIED.** 3. Chief Owens presented the April 2nd Activity Report. 4. There will be a Police Committee Meeting prior to the April 16, 2012 regular meeting.

There was no other NEW BUSINESS or OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor James asked for a motion to go into Executive Session regarding personnel. Archie Callander moved and Linda Hunt seconded to go into Executive Session at 8:47 pm; **MOTION CARRIED.** Iva Carter moved and Linda Hunt seconded to return from Executive Session at 9:04 pm. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Archie Callander moved and Linda Hunt sec-onded to pay claims against the City for April 2, 2012. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Linda Hunt moved and Todd Quigley sec-onded to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Claims: Ad-Pro, supplies, \$666.52; Adams Machining, reseal cylinder, \$259.84; Advanced Communications, house charges, \$30.00; Angela Holliday, hall cleaning 3/16-3/31, \$360.50; Asphalt Zipper, bits, \$616.50; AT&T Mobility, cell phones, \$157.52; BH Plumbing, vac down 17 units, \$409.00; BHP&L, electricity, \$8927.08; BCBS of WY, retiree ins, \$294.12; BCBS of WY, employee health ins, \$31,290.13; Bryand Streeter, airport wages, April, \$1072.08; City of Newcastle, WA/SW/GA, pool, City Hall, LEC, Fire Dept, \$250.53; Coleman Field Services, ripper lift cyl-inder repair, \$2391.77; Croell Redi-Mix, concrete, \$1213.00; Dale Tire, foam fill, \$6240.00; Energy Labs, water sample test, \$60.00; Environmental Products, supplies, \$735.33; Front Range Fire, graphics pkg, \$2878.02; ITC Inc., bathroom lighting repairs, \$2162.94; James Peck, April retainer, \$2800.00; Jenner Equipment, parts, \$405.78; John's Electric, lighting troubleshoot, \$189.00; MasterCard, supplies, travel, training, etc, PD, City Hall, Engineer, \$4370.12; Midwest Tire and Muffler, tires, \$769.93; Municipal Emergency Services, supplies, \$1473.67; Neve's Uniforms, shirts, pants, etc., \$539.96; Newcastle Ambulance, monthly ambulance fees, \$8333.33; Norco, supplies, \$400.79; Northwest Pipe, supplies, \$2201.02; Oil City Supply, valves/nipple, \$121.65; Powder River Energy, electricity, \$411.09; RENEW, monthly recycling/garbage offset, \$1176.50; Robin Gray, reimburse CDL, \$20.00; RT Communications, tele, \$1117.72; SourceGas, natural gas, \$2258.89; USA Bluebook, marking paint, \$245.90; Weston Co. Fire Protection, ½ cost install exterior door, \$200.00; Weston Co. Treasurer, LEC share expense, \$1032.28; Weston Co. True Value, plywood, \$122.70; WY Automotive, sup-plies, \$38.85; WY Fire Chiefs Assn, member-ship dues, \$160.00; QTRLY DISTRIBUTIONS: Chamber of Commerce, \$3250.00; FOCUS, \$1625.00; Newcastle Recreation, \$10,000.00; No. WY Mental Health, \$1625.00; Weston Co. Children's Ctr, \$2250.00; Weston Co. Health Serv., \$1375.00; Weston Co. Humane, \$4250.00; Weston Co. Senior Ctr, \$7500.00; WATER DEPOSIT REFUNDS: Barb Mayfield, \$66.26;

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

(Publish April 12, 2012)

Budget Notice

NOTICE OF BUDGET AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of Weston County Commissioners proposes to amend the county budget for the fiscal year 2012 in the following particulars:

Increase the General Fund portion of the 2012 fiscal budget by \$6,167.13, because of an unan-ticipated Homeland Security Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Grant/Coroner Allocation, received from the State of Wyoming and allocate the money to an expenditure account.

Increase the General Fund portion of the 2012 fiscal budget by \$10,761.62, because of an unan-ticipated Homeland Security Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Grant/Sheriff Allocation, received from the State of Wyoming and allocate the money to an expenditure account.

Increase the General Fund portion of the 2012 fiscal budget by \$55,637.24, because of an unanticipated Homeland Security Grant/Weston County Allocation, received from the State of Wyoming and allocate the money to an expendi-ture account.

All three Homeland Security Grant Awards are 100% allocations, which do not require a local match.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this unanticipated budget matter will be consid-ered and acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners at a meeting on April 17, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

DATED this 4th day of April, 2012.

Board of County Commissioners
Weston County, Wyoming

(Publish April 12, 2012)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Osage Improvement and Service District and Osage Water District shall have a public hearing to take public comments on the dis-tricts rates and budget on April 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The public hearing shall be held in the Kitty Moats Complex in Osage Weston County Wyoming.

OISD & OWD Board of Directors

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Foreclosure Notice..... FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the "Note") dated September 29, 2005, executed and delivered by Ernest L. Stalcup and Lesia D. Stalcup ("Mortgagor(s)") to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Blue Ribbon Mortgage, LLC its successors and assigns, and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by said Mortgagor(s), to said Mortgagee, and which Mortgage was recorded on September 30, 2005, at Reception No. 679449 in Book 282 at Page 0210 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
Assignment dated: February 11, 2012
Assignment recorded: February 27, 2012
Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 733536 in Book 335 at Page 0210

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

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

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$67,999.36 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$58,398.13 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$9,601.23, plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale;

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

NOW, THEREFORE JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on April 24, 2012 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY, Weston County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 18 OF ROSS ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

with an address of 203 East Wentworth Street, Newcastle, WY 82701.

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

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

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Correction

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS,
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS,
ELECTED OFFICIALS, DEPARTMENT HEADS,
AND FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
FEBRUARY, 2012

Christine Rawlings-County Attorney Secretary was listed in error.
Rickey R. Peck is the correct County Attorney Secretary.

(Publish April 12, 2012)

Foreclosure Notice..... FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the "Note") dated March 3, 2008, executed and delivered by Mary Wert ("Mortgagor(s)") to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Loanleaders of America Inc. its successors and assigns, and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by said Mortgagor(s), to said Mortgagee, and which Mortgage was recorded on April 10, 2008, at Reception No. 702636 in Book 306 at Page 0256 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Assignment dated: November 1, 2010
Assignment recorded: November 8, 2010
Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 723305 in Book 324 at Page 0990

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

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

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$138,156.15 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$134,904.96 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$3,251.19, plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale;

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

NOW, THEREFORE Nationstar Mortgage LLC, as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on May 1, 2012 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY, Weston County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

LOTS 18 THRU 22 AND LOTS 23 THRU 44, BLOCK 22, FIRST ADDITION OSAGE, WYOMING AND ALL THAT PORTION OF SUNSET AVENUE OF FIRST ADDITION, OSAGE, WYOMING, ADJACENT TO LOTS 23 THRU 44, BLOCK 22, FIRST ADDITION OSAGE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING, ON THE EAST AND ADJACENT TO NE1/4NW1/4, SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 46 NORTH, RANGE 63 WEST, 6TH P.M., WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING, ON THE WEST.

with an address of 889 Cedar St, Osage, WY 82723.

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

Nationstar Mortgage LLC
By: Castle Stawarski, LLC
330 S. Walsh Drive, Ste. 202
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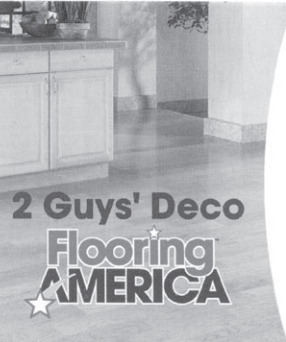
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By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

The Newcastle High School choir room was busy last fall as students prepared for auditions for events that weren't held until this spring, but the hard work, and a considerable degree of talent, paid off when five NHS students — Sarah Mark, Kristina Mireles, Gideon Baldwin, Conrad Farnsworth and Taylor Tavegia — accompanied choir instructor Jan Ellis to the American Choral Directors Association Northwestern Division Conference in Seattle, Wash., from March 15-18.

Mark also earned acceptance to the 2012 American High School Honors Performance Series, which allowed her to participate in that production at Carnegie Hall.

On even numbered years, the ACDA holds the conference for the northwestern division of the United States, which encompasses six states, and offers the experience of not only participating in a large choir, but also in separate men's and women's

choirs. Both choirs sang six contemporary songs at a concert held on March 18 at the First Presbyterian Church in Seattle.

"It is interesting to hear the gender-based choirs," Ellis smiled.

The men's choir was conducted by Andre J. Thomas. The Owens F. Sellers Professor of Music is director of the Choral Activities and professor of Choral Music Education at Florida State University. Thomas has also distinguished himself as a composer and arranger. He wrote the last song, "Until I found the Lord," that the choir performed during their concert.

"It was a great experience! It was definitely the most fun out of all the events this year!" proclaimed Tavegia.

"It was fun being in a choir that is so big you can't hear yourself," added Baldwin.

The director for the women's choir, Giselle Wyers, also wrote one of the songs performed by the ladies during their concert. It was entitled, "The Waking." Wyers is assistant professor



Photo courtesy of Carole Mark
Sarah Mark, Gideon Baldwin, Conrad Farnsworth, Taylor Tavegia and Kristina Mireles ham it up in Seattle, Wash., after performing at the American Choral Directors Association Northwestern Division concert.

of Choral Studies and Voice at the University of Washington, where she conducts the University Chorale and teaches courses in choral conducting and voice.

Because some of the students from Washington were missing their prom to attend the conference, the stu-

dents were treated to a semi-formal dance on an Argosy Cruise on the Friday night they spent in the Pacific Northwest. Also during their stay in Seattle, the students had the privilege of experiencing some highlights in the city, including a trip to the famous Space Needle.

The first song the men's choir sang was written by Dr. Jeffrey Ames, whom Mark had the opportunity to spend five days learning from in New York City, as one of the finalists at the performance series at Carnegie Hall. Ames was a conductor there, along with Dr. Charles Peltz and Jeffrey Grogan.

Along with performers from all across the United States and Canada, Mark preformed on Feb. 22 at the world-famous Carnegie Hall. The Honors Performance Series was created to showcase accomplished individual high school performers, allowing them to study under master conductors and perform in the celebrated venue, according to a press release announcing the event.

Speechsters qualify for nationals

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

Four Newcastle High School Speech team members did well enough at the Hole in the Wall District Tournament, which encompasses the east side of Wyoming, to qualify for the National Tournament in Indianapolis, Ind., on June 9-15.

The team also took home the prestigious Small Schools Sweepstakes Points Award for earning the most points out of all the teams in their division.

"The most important tournament of the year, and we brought home the sweepstakes points award. I am so proud of my team for acquiring the most points all year!" boasted NHS Speech Coach Andi Peterson, who is assisted by Jim Stith.

When the coaches and team were sitting at the award ceremony in Cheyenne they thought they were in the big school category, so Peterson said she was shocked to hear Newcastle's name announced as the winner of the small sweepstakes category. She said she is proud of the students who participated throughout the long speech season this year, because all of them helped the team acquire the points necessary to

win the award.

The announcement of the Sweepstakes Award put the team on Cloud Nine, especially after four seniors — Palak Patel, Kaylee Pitchford, Brianna Kringlie and Kristina Mireles, almost all of whom have been on the team for four years — received individual honors. Patel and Mireles qualified for Nationals with a first place in public forum debate, while Kringlie qualified with first place in the Senate for Student Congress. Pitchford has been nominated for the National Forensics Award because she earned an average of 750 points in two years. Of the four, Mireles is the only one who didn't compete throughout high school, having joined the team this year.

"These kids are going to get nationally recognized in a book that will be published, and their names will be in it with an article about each of them. It is really prestigious for the kids to go so far. All their dedication and hard work is rewarded in the end," Peterson said.

Joining the seniors in competing in the tournament were Mason Sundstrom, Dylan Walker, Alex Henkle and Jae

Marie Whitney. Prior to the March district competition, the team went to the Wyoming State Tournament, where they competed against teams they had not seen all year. Peterson said that tournament was successful as well, with the students earning more points than they had in the previous year. They did not come home with a trophy from State, but Sebastian Cote, Walker, Mason Sundstrom, Henkle, Whitney, Pitchford and Kringlie all performed well.

Peterson said she has challenged team members to try new things this season, and one student competed in poetry for the first time, placing 15th out of a field of 60 students.

"Mason Sundstrom does drama and humor, and he went in and performed. It was amazing to read the judges' ballots. He made one judge cry in a round," the coach described. "It really helped Mason. It built him up so much to know he had an effect on somebody with his piece."

Having the district competition after the State Tournament is good for the team, Peterson said, because the district on the west side of the state holds the events in the opposite order. The coach felt it boosted the confidence of the individuals on the Newcastle team when they beat opponents who had already qualified for the national tournament.

"They have been one heck of a strong team. They have been there for each other, an amazing amount of support for each other. I am so proud of them!" Peterson said.

The team will have a special fundraiser before school is out, a pie-throwing contest involving six specially selected people from the community, each with a donation box in front of them for an opportunity to toss a creamy treat in their face. A bake sale or car wash will be included. Peterson said she is appreciative of the community's involvement and wants to continue to include them in the teams' activities, to show that gratitude.



Classmates reunited
Sixty years after they graduated from Newcastle High School, members of the Class of 1952 gathered in Apache Junction, Ariz., to reminisce about their old school days and catch up on their lives since the Fab '50s. Pictured are Doug McCoy of Newcastle, Barbara (Olmstead) Shibock of Prescott, Ariz., and Billy Wagner of Burnsville, Minn. (Photo courtesy of Doug McCoy)



Photo courtesy of Andi Peterson
Andi Peterson and Jim Stith, NHS Speech coaches, accepted the plaque for the Small Schools Sweepstakes Points Award.

Education in brief

- Top winners announced at 57th science and engineering fair**
- The 57th annual High Plains Regional Science and Engineering Fair took place March 23 on the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology campus. More than 350 students from schools in western South Dakota and eastern Wyoming competed at the fair, and a number of Newcastle High School students earned awards.
- There were prizes awarded in four categories in the senior division, including Biology, Engineering, Physical Sciences and Social Sciences. Local winners in these categories were:
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