



RER comment period open

By Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

U.S. Forest Service District Ranger Steve Kozel and Jeanette Timm, project coordinator for Rare Element Resources' proposed Bearlodge Project, appeared before a sizable crowd at the Upton Community Center last Tuesday, April 15, where they outlined the Plan of Operation submitted to the Forest Service by RER and invited the public to submit written comments on the proposal.

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New security at elementary school

By Denice Piscioti
NLJ Reporter

Newcastle Elementary School parents and guardians will find a new security device in place at the front doors, beginning April 28. All the doors will be locked from 8 a.m. until 2:50 p.m. each school day. Visitors to the school will need to press a button on the new intercom system to announce their presence, and will be seen via a camera attached to the intercom, which is located beside the entrance doors on the brick wall.

"Keeping the students safe is our first priority. We just want to get better at monitoring who is in the building," acknowledged NES Principal Brandy Holmes. "It has a camera and an intercom, so when they push the button we can actually see them. We want it to be an environment that is still welcoming, and encourage people to come visit and see what we are doing and what we are about, but keeping our first priority about security."

There are telephones connected to the system at the front desk of NES Secretary Renee Miller and in Holmes' office, that enable them to speak to and view the person outside the building at the intercom. Unknown visitors will be asked to show identification to the camera. Once inside, guests will still be asked to check in at the office and wear a visitor's pass, just as they currently do.

On special occasions, noted the principal, such as holiday parties and parent-teacher conferences, the door will be unlocked to allow multiple guests to enter the building easier. However, she reassured, staff members will be at the entrance to watch the crowd.

Talk began of installing intercom systems and addressing security issues at Weston County School District #1 after the tragic shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut. Plans to install the

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125 reasons

We Love Weston County!



1 Newcastle

The county seat



This year the city of Newcastle celebrates its 125th anniversary. With that in mind, and recognizing the importance of the county seat to all of Weston County, the News Letter Journal celebrates in this edition "125 reasons we love Weston County."

The folks of Weston County — Newcastle, Osage, Upton and the surrounding areas — are of hardy stock, many with family roots dating back to 1889 when the City of Newcastle was incorporated, whether they were

ranchers, oil field workers, miners at nearby Cambria, or entrepreneurs arriving on scene to offer services to the growing development in the great Midwest.

A product of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, Newcastle wouldn't exist were it not for enterprising individuals taking stock in Cambria's coal that powered westward expansion across America.

Property was purchased where a spur left the main Burlington line to head north to the coal mines of Cambria and

the area christened "Newcastle" by the Cambria Coal Company's superintendent, J.H. Hemingway, reportedly based on his own coal-shipping hometown of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in England. Lots were put up for sale on Sept. 10, 1889. It was a quick settlement — as many early settlements in the West were — made in part by the addition of the Tubbs Town residents, who picked up their settlement lock, stock and barrel and moved it to

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2 Youth volunteers

Compelled to lend a hand

By Denice Piscioti
NLJ Reporter

Teenager Sierra Hammond decided to take up the challenge to make a difference after

reading "Do Hard Things," by Alex and Brett Harris. She recruited the help of Anna Gettinger, and together last year they began the organization Operation Table Scraps to

raise money that goes toward food and a well for a community in Asia where there is no clean water source.

"Operation Table Scraps is an organization that my best

friend, [Anna Gettinger] and I started for the sake of helping people in third world countries. So far we have been able to raise \$1,005.14, which is enough to get one Jesus Well right now," explained Hammond.

In May of last year, the young ladies began raising money for a well by holding a pancake dinner at the Four Square Church. With their first benefit, about \$325 was raised for the cause. Unfortunately

circumstances did not allow another money-making effort to be held last summer, but both Hammond and Gettinger did not give up.

To celebrate the one-year anniversary of OTS, another fundraiser was arranged, a bake sale at Shopko on March 22, with the goal of reaching \$1,000, the amount needed to purchase a well for a community through the organization Gospel for Asia.

Hammond acknowledges they would not have met the goal if not for the generosity of Newcastle. With only a few baked goods left on the table and \$400 away from the goal, Hammond and her friend Kathy Hepkner began calling everyone they knew, asking them to bake.

"This awesome community dropped what they were doing

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City looks to Campbell County for possible landfill solution

By Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

The Newcastle City Council voted at its regular scheduled Monday, April 7, meeting to authorize Mayor Greg James to sign a letter inquiring as to whether or not Campbell County will be interested in accepting solid waste from the city in the event the Newcastle landfill should have to close.

Dated Feb. 26 and addressed to Campbell County Public Works Director Kevin King, the letter has been circulating among a handful of local communities, according to James, and already bears the signatures of officials from Sundance and Central Weston County Solid Waste Disposal District (Osage).

"The letter simply asks if

[Campbell County] would give consideration to accepting solid municipal waste from any of the communities — Moorcroft, Hulett, Sundance, Newcastle, Upton, and Central Weston County Solid Waste Disposal District," James explained to the council. "[City Engineer] Bob [Hartley] is in favor of this. It commits us to nothing. It's merely asking if they are interested and at what cost."

James went on to tell the council that Hartley, who was not present at the meeting, indicated that attempts to contact Campbell County by phone about the issue had met with no response. James stated that, hopefully, the letter will elicit a definitive answer one way or the other from Campbell County officials.

The letter, which inquires as to what fees might be charged for shipping either baled or loose waste to Campbell County's Landfill Number 2, reads in part, "the cost to operate a small local landfill has become more than many small communities can afford. As a result some of our landfills are closed, in the process of closing, or facing expensive upgrades. We, the undersigned ... would like to open a dialogue with Campbell County about the possibility of shipping our municipal solid waste to your landfill."

Department of Environmental Quality regulations mandating the installation of expensive liners with leachate collection systems is cited in the letter as among the primary financial pressures facing small landfills.



3 SPRUCING UP

Amy Menerey/NLJ

Coal car replicas near the train tracks in Newcastle, filled with summer blossoms and greenery, help brighten Newcastle's downtown area. The brainchild of the unofficial group, the "We Go Girls," the cars and blooms are kept maintained with donations. The group also sells flowers to merchants to brighten business fronts, using the profit to maintain the coal cars and build more. Expect to see more coal cars near Stampede and the Highway 16 Bypass this Spring. Want to help? Contact Ann McColley at (307) 746-5877.

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Mostly Sunny
Hi 57, Lo 35



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the the newly christened city from their location east of Newcastle, near Beaver Creek.

The City of Newcastle was incorporated in October, and its first election was held Nov. 12, 1889. Crews from Burlington and the Kilpatrick Brothers and Collins Construction Company made quick work of building the foundation for the growing city, the railroad crew adding a seven-mile branch line north to Cambria by Dec. 1, and the Kilpatrick bunch erecting the city's first building before the year's end, used primarily as a supply shop and later becoming the Antler's Hotel.

The city's arrival came just short of Wyoming statehood, which became official on July 10, 1890.

Within three years the City of Newcastle boomed to approximately 1,000 people, and

Look throughout this paper for the "125 Resons We Love Weston County"

within the next few decades continued its growth, boasting celebrations, parades, a theater, a host of stores and supply houses, service industries, a library and the Weston County Courthouse (pictured), that graces the top of Main Street.

The News Letter Journal celebrates the people of Weston County in this edition, that continue the tradition initiated by those early pioneers. Whether they are ranchers that came to the area in search of new dreams, stone masons that quarried and built our historic buildings by the sweat of their brow, 'newcomers' who have come here to enjoy the laid-back lifestyle, sage-scented prairies and fine schools, or the movers and shakers that continue to make Newcastle and Weston County a great place to live, we salute you.

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the minute we called them and baked for us right then. So within two hours, our table was completely restocked! At 7:59 p.m. we broke \$1,000," she recalled. "It was really cool that we even raised so much because the Girl Scouts were there, too [selling cookies]. So it was really cool!"

They are also grateful to Stan and Jodi Sostrom, the previous owners of Black Hills Printing and Signs, for donating a reusable banner and 500 prints of fliers to give out — more than \$200 worth of supplies.

The duo will continue to raise money to help provide people in Asia with the necessities of life that we take granted — both food and water, Hammond told the News Letter Journal. They have set up a website at www.operationtablescraps.webs.com and a blog at operationtablescraps.blogspot.com. They also advertised for the cause with a float during the Parade of Lights.

Hammond said she was inspired to start the organization after reading a popular Christian book by teenage authors who have started a

rebellion against low expectations. According to a review on Christianbook.com, it is packed with personal anecdotes and stories of teens in action.

"I read this book, 'Do Hard Things,' by Alex and Brett Harris. It is about, why do you have to hit the magic 18, 21, 25, whatever, it was to be able to make a difference. So it just kinda started out like a fly-by-the-seat-of-your-pants kind of thing, hurry up and raise as much money as you can — which didn't work as planned. So we are really excited to make \$1,000!" she proclaimed.



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system earlier in the school year did not develop, so administrators instead have been working toward getting them in place before the next school year.

"It has been on the table for a while. We started talking about it last year. But it surprised us they showed up to put it in last week," Holmes told the News Letter Journal. "I was glad to see it. We are actually thrilled, though, to have the end of this year to work out all of the kinks — and we are contacting other schools who use similar systems to find out how they work it. We chose the elementary school to pilot it for a couple of different reasons. Our kiddos are younger, of course, so keeping an eye on them is different than it is in the secondary level."

Currently the office staff keep track of people entering the building, while several times a day they end up tracking down people that are unfamiliar to them. Also, Holmes noted, because the building is so close to the highway, individuals often stop to use the bathroom.

"In a small town, it is just hard, we know everybody — or we think that we do," Holmes said. When addressing the issue of wearing staff

badges, she noted, the response has sometimes been, "We don't need to do that, everybody knows who we are." But, she pointed out, although a parent might know their own child's teacher, they might not know other staff members. Badges help identify who a child or parent can turn to for help.

Cameras have also been placed at all of the doors to help the administration keep an eye on what is happening around the building. The extra eye out toward the modular classrooms used behind the school gives added protection the principal said she appreciates, especially when construction on the new addition begins taking place during the 2014-2015 school year.

"With construction, we will be doing our transporting from the mods a little differently next year. All doors to the main building will remain locked," she reported. "We will have adults bringing kids back and forth, but with the camera out there it will help, too. If parents come to pick up a child they can be sent over and Renee will have the camera up, and it covers the whole sidewalk over to the mods. We will have constant surveillance of that area."

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Our View

The reason we have a story to tell

Over the years we've struggled at times to come up with a theme for our annual Progress Edition, but this year it was a no-brainer. With Newcastle poised to celebrate its 125th birthday later this year (and the News Letter Journal just as eager to celebrate its 125th anniversary a couple of months earlier), it took us all of three seconds to decide on this year's theme — "125 Reasons We Love Weston County." We hope you enjoy the stories and photos we've shared with you in this issue, and ask that you not skip over those stories focused on the entities most responsible for the fact that Newcastle has not just existed for 125 years, but thrived — our local businesses.

At least a couple of times a month, somebody who works at the newspaper is told that the publication would be better if we didn't run so many advertisements, and used the space for photos or more stories.

We don't want to bore you with the details of newspaper economics, but let us assure you that the newspaper would not be better if we eliminated or somehow limited the advertisements that appear on our pages. Without advertisements, there wouldn't be any newspaper at all, and without advertisers the community wouldn't be on the verge of celebrating its 125th birthday.

Wyoming's history is filled with towns that magically appeared in response to a boom or some other burst of commerce or activity, but disappeared even more rapidly when the immediate need for the community had passed. We need look no further than a few miles north of Newcastle for an example of a "company town" that evaporated literally in minutes after the company responsible for its birth ceased operations. Newcastle survived while Cambria perished for the simple reason that the former had attracted a variety of businesses and boasted a diverse economy, while the latter was focused solely on mining coal and providing basic amenities to those who worked in the mines.

Newcastle also spawned at least four newspapers in those early years, a few of which eventually merged into the one you are reading today. Those newspapers sprang into existence because of the other businesses that chose to hang out a shingle in Newcastle, and relied on the papers — as the only real advertising medium of the time — to attract customers to their shops and stores. Together those businesses and the newspapers that promoted them all grew while Cambria withered and died.

Each year the Progress Edition is widely anticipated by our readers because of the wealth of information it contains, and the fact that most of it reflects positively on the community and its people.

The staff of the News Letter Journal gets excited about "Progress" for an entirely different reason. We look forward to producing this issue because it gives us a chance to sit down with local business people and create advertisements that aren't necessarily designed to attract customers, but rather crafted to tell the stories of the businesses that are the lifeblood of our community.

Newcastle and Weston County have survived countless booms and busts throughout the past 125 years, while other communities have faltered. Many of the advertisements in this paper are intended to help you understand why we've succeeded where others have failed. So take the time to peruse our ads, and discover some things you may not know about our local businesses and the people who have been the driving force behind them. Whether they have existed for 50 years, 50 months or 50 weeks, the stories they tell (in pictures and in words) are really pretty interesting. We hope they remind our readers that the town's 125th birthday is something we should all be proud of, but we should be even more proud of the businesses and the people that run them. Without them this community and this newspaper wouldn't exist.

Letters to the Editor

The more things stay the same

Dear Editor,
You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot lift the wage earner up by pulling the wage payer down. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred. You cannot build character and courage by taking away men's initiative and independence. You can not help men permanently by doing for them, what they could and should do for themselves.

—William J.H. Boetcker

We contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

—Sir Winston Churchill

So what have we learned in two millennia? The budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign land should be curtailed lest Rome become bankrupt. People must again learn to work, instead of living on public assistance.

—Cicero - 55 BC

Evidently Nothing

—Robert Harshbarger

My husband, Bob, sent these around five years ago. Still nothing seems to have changed.

—Jean Harshbarger

The Tortoise and the Harry (Reid)

Dear Editor,
 In Nevada the BLM set up another phony hurdle, and said the cows must go to make room for the turtle. What's really needed to save the tortoise is raven control, but that simple answer doesn't fit the bully's goal.

What they forgot to mention in the means to their end, is that in truth the cows are the turtle's best friend. The turtles need the old growth removed to make room for the new, and that critical job is just what cows like to do.

The BLM called in cash cowboys - professional cattle swipers, and came armed with tasers, attack dogs, and snipers. After they had removed Cliven Bundy's cattle off the land, things didn't go quite like the bullies had planned.

So many mad folks showed up who weren't gonna take it any more, that the feds came to their senses and opened the corral door. This whole sorry episode sure gave me the chills, but I smiled when the reprimanded cows headed off to the hills. Harry Reid fumed that this won't be over till later, how dare someone stand up to the BLM man-child dictator. Cliven won the first round, but I am still afraid, his future will include a Seal Team 6 style raid.

But, maybe this will slow down another shady Reid real estate deal, and anything's good that makes that old crook squeal. Cause compared to Harry, a dog's hind leg is much straighter. He needs to remember our inalienable rights were endowed by the Creator!

—Jim Darlington



Deadline for Letters noon on Friday

More Letters to the Editor

Feds stack the deck against public land grazers

Dear Editor,
 There has been a lot of discussion lately about Cliven Bundy and the heavy hand of the federal government from talking heads and legal experts. Glenn Beck (an absentee ranch owner), who owns a ranch in Idaho that he leases out and uses only to vacation on, tried to portray himself as someone who lives the ranching life, while condemning Mr. Bundy.

I have listened to Mr. Bundy while being 'interviewed' by the talking heads and the analysis by the legal experts, none of whom really listen to what Cliven is trying to say and are only interested in their own opinions and hearing their own voices. It's hard because Mr. Bundy is a simple man of the land, and he is trying to communicate to people in his own language, while they are looking down their noses and sneering at him with their minds already made.

Because I live, work and come from a family that ranches on 30,000 acres, about half of which is federal and state lease, I believe I understand Mr. Bundy's plight. I'm not saying I agree 100 percent with him or his practices, but because of my and my neighbor's customs and cultures I truly believe we understand his reasoning.

Mr. Bundy has said that he doesn't recognize the federal government as the legal title holder of the BLM (Bureau of Land Management) land. He states this is because when Nevada became a state in 1864, it was 'equal' with all the other States including the original 13 at the writing of the Constitution. Well, what does the Constitution say about Federal ownership of land?

• ART 1 SEC 8. ...to exercise like authority over all Places purchased by the consent of the legislature of the state in which the same shall be, for the erection of forts, magazines, arsenals, dock-yards, and other needful Buildings.

• ART 4 SEC 3. The Congress shall have power to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to prejudice any claims of the United States, or of any particular state.

What this says to me (and many others) is that when Nevada was a territory (Utah Territory) it was federal government property to be administered by the federal government. However, when it petitioned for statehood and was accepted, the federal government only had the right to have "forts, magazines, arsenals, dock-yards and other needful buildings" and the rest of the property in the territory needed to be

'disposed of' to the state without prejudice.

Since the Constitution was written to limit federal government power over the individual and the States you have to assume the framers would want the land within the states to go to the states.

It has been argued that the Nevada Constitution ceded the lands back to the U.S. According to the U.S. Constitution, that shouldn't matter as it was illegal for them to hold the lands as a sovereign in the first place! Also, when the western territories were trying to become states they would do almost anything to join the Union. Wyoming became the 'Equality State' by becoming the first state to give women the right to vote so they would have enough 'residents' to qualify for statehood. Knowing how politics work, it is not hard to see coercion from the federal government to force the western States to cede ground in order to gain admittance.

Some will say that "the courts have already settled this." To this I reply... "Yeah, the courts, even the Supreme Court are never wrong." I mean OJ was innocent right? It's important to note that the Bundy's represented themselves against the federal government and we all know the side with the most resources and best lawyers never wins in our legal system. What about Obamacare? If not for Chief Justice Roberts allowing the argument that a penalty could become a tax and essentially re-writing the law for Congress it would have been thrown out.

Then there is the fact that once it was deemed a 'tax,' the Bill had originated in the Senate not the House — but gee, no big deal, what difference do laws make?

Like court orders not allowing you to graze on land your family has grazed for over 125 years or Endangered Species Act regulations protecting a tortoise because cows and tortoises can't co-exist?

—Michael Chad Sears

All about crooks and thieves

Dear Editor,
 It wasn't until after the Great Depression and World War II that folks thought they had become rich enough to switch from FDR's New Deal to become Republicans. After all, it was the latest fashion. So much so that it became common knowledge that to get elected or appointed to any part of government in Wyoming (except governor) one must re-register as a Republican. Apparently the 'Herd Instinct' is strong in Wyoming.

While a majority of Americans suffered during the "Dirty Thirties" a few did not. Some of these few along with some fast learner, Johnnies-come-lately remembered that big money could be made in politics. Grants, loans, exceptions to regulations, cost

plus contracts, tax avoidance and many other "benefits" could be had at the stroke of a pen.

But one has to get elected to take advantage of this munificence. The competition for a seat in the Congress is brutal. Even angels would (and have) allied themselves with scoundrels if an electoral advantage is perceived. Thus, politics, as always, is recognized as a corrupt enterprise.

The contest between the parties is fought with advertising themes designed to attract voters and more importantly, campaign donors.

One of these themes (in the extreme) is that the government should not help any of its citizens and should not tax anybody, especially the capitalists. The other theme is that the government should do the opposite. All of those 'Philosophical' arguments are a subterfuge and of no real consequence — unless somebody falls for it. To take up the banner of a political party indicates only that one has succumbed to the manipulation of a cabal of self-serving 'public servant' imposters.

Right now the rules, the laws and the Constitution favor the office holders. Unfortunately, those politicians have no respect for either their fellowman or the country. It's all about the money, nothing else matters.

Mr. Rightwing was right when he pointed out that the Big Dog usually wins, but not always.

King George was the 'Big Dog' and he lost. Saddam Hussein was the 'Big Dog,' as were Mubarak, Franco, Gaddafi and countless others. They all lost, big time. Change happens when the people have finally had enough!

Our people have had enough! Enough wars for oil! Enough poverty for the profit of the super rich. Enough raping the environment for profit. Enough coddling of big bank and Wall Street thieves. Enough self-serving politicians.

Instead of revolution or civil war (a loss for everybody) changing the rules, the laws and/or the Constitution might weed out the political crooks. If we wait any longer it may be impossible to dislodge them peacefully. Even if a lot of "the people" show some enthusiasm for change it will still be a monumental task. No easy task given the strength and organization of the adversary.

There are a lot of groups looking to improve the lot of the American people. Almost all of them have web pages up — (something).org. Find the one or two that make the most sense to you, then get active. Remember this is not about conservatives vs. liberals or Republicans vs. Democrats.

What this is all about is crooks and thieves vs. the rest of us.

—Jerry Baird

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EVELYN SATTERFIELD KOSKI
Nov. 8, 1931-April 15, 2014

Mary Evelyn (Satterfield) Koski, 82, died on April 15, 2014, in Cheyenne. She is survived by three children, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Cremation services were performed on April 17.

Evelyn was born on Nov. 8, 1931, in Tillison Bend, Ala., and grew up in the Gadsden and Boaz area. She married Glenn Herring after graduating from high school and had two children from this marriage. In 1959, she moved to Wyoming and worked in a law office in the small town of Newcastle, where she met and married her second husband, Michael Koski, and had one child from this marriage. Later in life, Evelyn married a third time to Clyde Bales. Her life took her to many locations and she lived in Alabama, Wyoming, Georgia, New York, New Jersey and Vermont.

Evelyn had a wide variety in her career, working at Redstone Arsenal, then at various law offices, becoming a paralegal, and eventually retiring from Western Union in Atlanta.

During the late 1960s and early 1970s, Evelyn was a judge at the state level in the Miss America Pageant and frequently judged the Miss South Dakota, Miss Nebraska, Miss Colorado, Miss North Dakota and Miss Montana pageant competitions.

Evelyn also enjoyed traveling and seeing what this great beautiful world had to offer, visiting most of the states within the U.S., and she also traveled abroad, visiting France, Germany, Switzerland, Greece and Egypt. As much as she loved to travel, she was always happy to return home.

Evelyn passed peacefully on April 15, 2014, just before midnight. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Annie Satterfield; two sisters, Margaret Satterfield Carbonie and Dorothy Satterfield Herring; and three husbands, Glenn Herring, Michael Koski and Clyde Bales.

She is survived by her son, Steve Koski; and two daughters, Cynthia Goussard and Deidre Howard; three grandchildren, Angelique Goussard, Nicole Jameson and Aaron Koski; her sister, Jean Nappi; three great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Evelyn's life will be held at a future date in Alabama and Wyoming to remember this elegant and amazing lady, whose strength and determination were only matched by her love and compassion.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a local animal shelter.

Engagement



LOVE-BELT

Lana Love of Newcastle, Melvin Love of Isleton, Calif., and Glen and Nikki Belt of Wright wish to announce the engagement of their children, Jennifer Love and Travis Belt. The bride-to-be is a 2007 graduate of Newcastle High School and a 2012 graduate of the University of Wyoming. She is currently employed by Deloitte & Touche as a certified public accountant in Denver, Colo.

The groom-to-be is a 2006 graduate of Wright Junior-Senior High School and a 2011 graduate of the University of Wyoming. He is currently employed by Mountain Cement in Denver. A May 31, 2014, wedding is planned in Newcastle.

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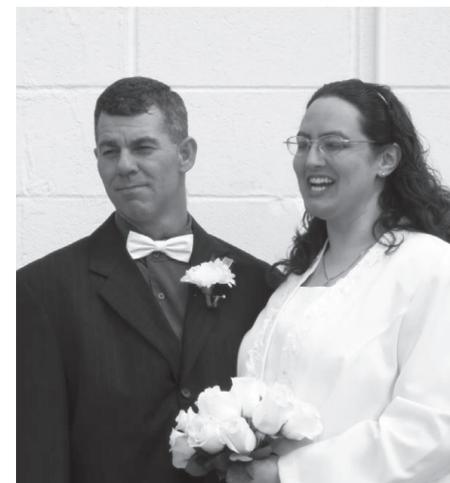
Wedding

STOCK-JAHRIG

In a small ceremony with their family, Julie Stock and Jason Jahrig were united in marriage on April 20, 2014, in Rapid City, S.D. The daughter of the bride, Kristina Stock, was the maid of honor and the son of the groom, Trenton Jahrig, was the best man. The bride was escorted down the aisle by her son, Austin Stock.

The bride is the daughter of Alan and Vicki Alton of Rapid City. The groom is the son of Bob and Ronda Buffington of Newcastle.

Also serving as attendants were the bride's daughters, Melody Stock and Salina Kaligotla. The couple will make their home in Rapid City, SD.



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- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Paul Holland, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Sunday School 8:45 am; Church Services 8 & 10 am; Nursery care available.
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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 Gary Force, 78 Old Hwy 85, 746-3504 or 278-0254, Pastoral Assistant Jason Logan 746-2974. Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11:20 am.
- ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Killian Muli, Upton. Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
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It's Time to Redecorate

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| Weekly Scripture Reading | | | | | |
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| Matthew | John | John | Hebrews | Hebrews | Hebrews |
| 28.1-20 | 20.1-31 | 21.1-25 | 4.1-13 | 4.14-5.14 | 6.1-20 |
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| WHAT'S UP | | Meetings & Events Calendar | |
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| DATE | TIME | EVENT | LOCATION |
| April 24 | 8:30 a.m. | Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) | W.C. Senior Center |
| | 11:45 a.m. | W.C. Health Services Foundation Chamber Coffee | Board Room |
| April 25 | 10 a.m. | NWS Statewide Tornado Drill | FOCUS |
| | 11:30 a.m. | W.C. Library Board Meeting | Newcastle |
| | 7 p.m. | AA Meeting | Newcastle Library |
| | 7 p.m. | Dance Music by Western Ramblers | Corpus Christi Church |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Square Dancing | W.C. Senior Center |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Bingo | Christ the King Church |
| April 26 | 6 p.m. | Meadowlark Dance Recital | VFW Hall |
| April 27 | 2 p.m. | Bingo | Crouch Auditorium |
| | 3 p.m. | Imagine No Malaria Walk | Corpus Christi Church |
| | 7 p.m. | AA Meeting | NHS Track |
| April 28 | 1 p.m. | Low Vision Support Group | Corpus Christi Church |
| | 7 p.m. | Square Dance Lessons | W.C. Senior Center |
| April 29 | 11 a.m. | Story Time | Newcastle Elementary |
| | 4:45 p.m. | Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) | Newcastle Library |
| | 6:45 p.m. | ALANON (746-9791) | United Methodist Church |
| April 30 | Noon | Newcastle Lions Club Meeting | Mondell Heights |
| | 7 p.m. | Ladies Firearms & Self Defense | W.C. Senior Center |
| | 7 p.m. | AA Meeting | Indoor Range |
| May 1 | 8:30 a.m. | Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) | Corpus Christi Church |
| | 4 p.m. | VFW Auxiliary | W.C. Senior Center |
| | 7 p.m. | W.C. Museum District Meeting | Anna Miller Museum |
| | 7 p.m. | Salt Creek Water District Mtg | District Office |
| May 2 | 10 a.m. | Open House | Mondell Heights |
| | 6 p.m. | W.C. Library Basket Auction | Flying V |
| | 7 p.m. | Square Dancing | Newcastle Elementary |
| | 7 p.m. | AA Meeting | Corpus Christi Church |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Square Dancing | Christ the King Church |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Bingo | VFW Hall |
| May 2-4 | 9 a.m. | Newcastle High School Rodeo | W.C. Fairgrounds |

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 24: Rayah Merdink
 April 25: Spencer Virchow
 April 26: Tracey Tupa
 April 28: Mr. & Mrs. Scott Haynes
 April 30: Cole Pzinski, Don Thorson



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100 YEARS AGO – APRIL 23, 1914

H.F. Alverson and Clarence Foltz sent two teams to Osage Wednesday to move Mr. and Mrs. Adam Beaver out to the ranch, where they will remain for the summer. Mr. Foltz will farm their place this season.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brown are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy Wednesday at their home on Deep Creek.

F.C. Bartholomew of the Howard area is planting potatoes on the banks of his reservoir, hoping to be benefited by the sub-irrigation as well as by probable overflow.

Harry Rhine of the Boyd area has just put a sign on his house: "Cook wanted." Now girls, here is the chance of a lifetime. One of the best-looking young men of the North Timber — one of the best natured ones too. Make application quick, for Harry says the first one that comes gets the job.

Friday and Saturday of last week we were visited by a blizzard and snow storm, the latter adding moisture to he ground. The fall wheat is looking fine, and the grass has a fine start.

George Stanton, of Buckhorn, was doing business in Newcastle yesterday. Mr. Stanton is running the Buckhorn creamery. He informs us that the output of the plant is light at present, being about 700 pounds of butter weekly. This institution is certainly turning out a good quality of butter.

A congregation of relatives

and friends assembled at the home of Mrs. Winifred Berry Tuesday to witness the baptism of Barbara and Berrie, the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Bond. Rev. R. O. Mackintosh, former rector of this parish, performed the ceremony.

75 YEARS AGO – APRIL 27, 1939

Announcement was made Wednesday that R.G. Syverson, faculty member of Newcastle High School, has been given a contract as athletic coach for the 1939-1940 school year. Mr. Syverson, who has had several years' experience in coaching in large schools, will succeed Coach Howard Strong, who did not make application for reelection.

Six carloads of 2-year-old ewes were shipped out of here Monday via the Burlington for Craig, Colo. The shipment numbered 1,320 head.

Approximately 1,500 CCC enrollees from the East Coast passed through Newcastle in three trains last Monday. The trains were carrying boys from mostly Camp Dix in New Jersey to points in Montana, Washington and Idaho.

Mrs. Arch Dixon was honored at a dinner Tuesday evening, given by Mrs. A.J.H. Dixon in celebration of Mrs. Arch Dixon's birthday. Attending were Mrs. Nellie Thoeming and children, Nellie, Bob and Karl, Arch Dixon and sons Jerry and Jimmy, the honored guest and the host and hostess.

A seven-and-a-half pound baby girl was born to Mr.

and Mrs. Harley Branscom of Osage. The baby has been named Edna Luella.

An enlargement of the Consumers Oil Company's refinery here, which has been under way for several days, will increase the plant's capacity about 50 percent. Geo. Culver, manager of the company announced yesterday. At the present time, the refinery is running about 1,150 barrels a day.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McElhane of the Clifton area are the proud parents of a baby boy born Sunday night at the Dave Fillingier home.

Dr. Clarenbaugh of Sundance was called to Mrs. Dave Rawhauser Wednesday. She is quite ill with the flu.

Frank Pollat, Wayne and Max, helped Henry Goodson dehorn cattle Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Elliott, J.E. Long, Chas. Lassen and Mr. and Mrs. John Knipp were Fairviewites in Newcastle Saturday.

Cecil Carter came down from Gillette Friday night and spent the weekend with his parents on Skull Creek.

Peter Smith motored to Cheyenne on business and also visited his parents, Gov. and Mrs. Nels H. Smith. Catherine Ann Smith accompanied him home, where she spent several days visiting before returning to Cheyenne.

Game Warden Lester Bagley announced the state fish and game commission has authorized the purchase of 450 acres of land in Teton County to be used as a winter feeding ground for elk herds.

A shower was given for Mrs. Ralph Hawthorne of Dewey at Mrs. Chet Taylor's recently. Those present were Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Gerald Darrow, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Darrel Hawthorne, Mrs. Hill and Lucille Hawthorne.

The Dewey High School voted to publish an annual this year.

The Minnelusa Oil corporation brought in one of the largest producers in the Leo sand in the Lance Creek field when its No. 3 H & M well tested more than 4,000 barrels of oil in a 20-hour period.

Nine Girl Scouts met with Capt. Dodge Friday afternoon and routine business. They, with Lieut. Reta Updike, and Mrs. Geo. Keisling, committee-



woman, took their lunches to the Scout campgrounds where they spent an hour outdoors and studied nature.

50 YEARS AGO – APRIL 23, 1964

Funeral services for Harold L. Roby were Wednesday afternoon at the McColley Chapel. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery. Harold Loomis Roby was born at Newcastle on Sept. 28, 1909. He was a life-long resident of Newcastle and ranched west of Newcastle.

Funeral services for Kenneth Howard Dickinson will be held this morning in the McColley Chapel. Burial will be in Gillette. He is an Army veteran of World War II and prior to his death was employed by Doc Fox Dodge and Body Shop.

Donald L. Hampton announced that he is resigning as Weston County Treasurer to accept a position as assistant cashier at the Union State Bank of Upton.

A preliminary schedule for Newcastle's 75th anniversary celebration on July 2, 3, and 4 has been announced by the anniversary committee. On the afternoons of July 3 and 4, a Northwest Ranch Cowboys Association sanctioned rodeo will be held at the Weston County Fairgrounds. Don Baldwin of Newcastle is the director and stock contractor for the rodeo.

A Columbia ewe on the Lawrence Popham ranch recently gave birth to quadruple lambs. This is a rare occurrence in sheep, and all were born with no deformity.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Popham, Ricky and Pauline were at the Ralph Houston's Wednesday to help with the shearing. John Garber and Charles Hamey were the shearers.

Anna Moyer, Pauline Marchant and daughter Annette visited at the Frank Sytsma, John Hutt and Clyde Bayne homes Sunday. They had dinner with the Bayne family.

Stanley Pzinski and Sonny attended the cattle sale at Sturgis Wednesday.

The Newcastle High School Hall of Fame Committee is seeking two new members

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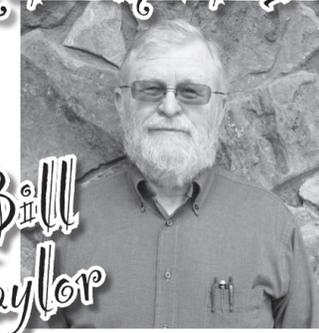


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Health services right at home

Proposal calls for renovation of WCHS in four phases

By Denice Piscioti
NLJ Reporter

A four-phase proposed plan has been developed through CTA Architects for updating the Weston County Health Services facility. Mike Glassing, a health care manager from the firm, visited the WCHS board meeting on Thursday to give them a report. The total cost of the estimated proposal is approximately \$13 million.

"You are not going to get a final report tonight. It is not completed. There are a lot of portions of it we are still trying to pin down. We do have a phasing plan [for] how we would break this up if we need to ... Obviously, within the phases there will probably be many phases," stated WCHS Chief Executive Officer Maureen Cadwell.

The first phase of the project would consist of the remodeling of the entry level with an area of 4,600 square feet, a renovation area of 6,200 square feet, patient wing addition of 2,500 square feet, and patient wing renovation of 4,300 square feet. Cadwell continued by saying the first area to be addressed would be the patient wing, starting with one side of the hallway then moving on to the other side. During construction patients would stay in finished rooms.

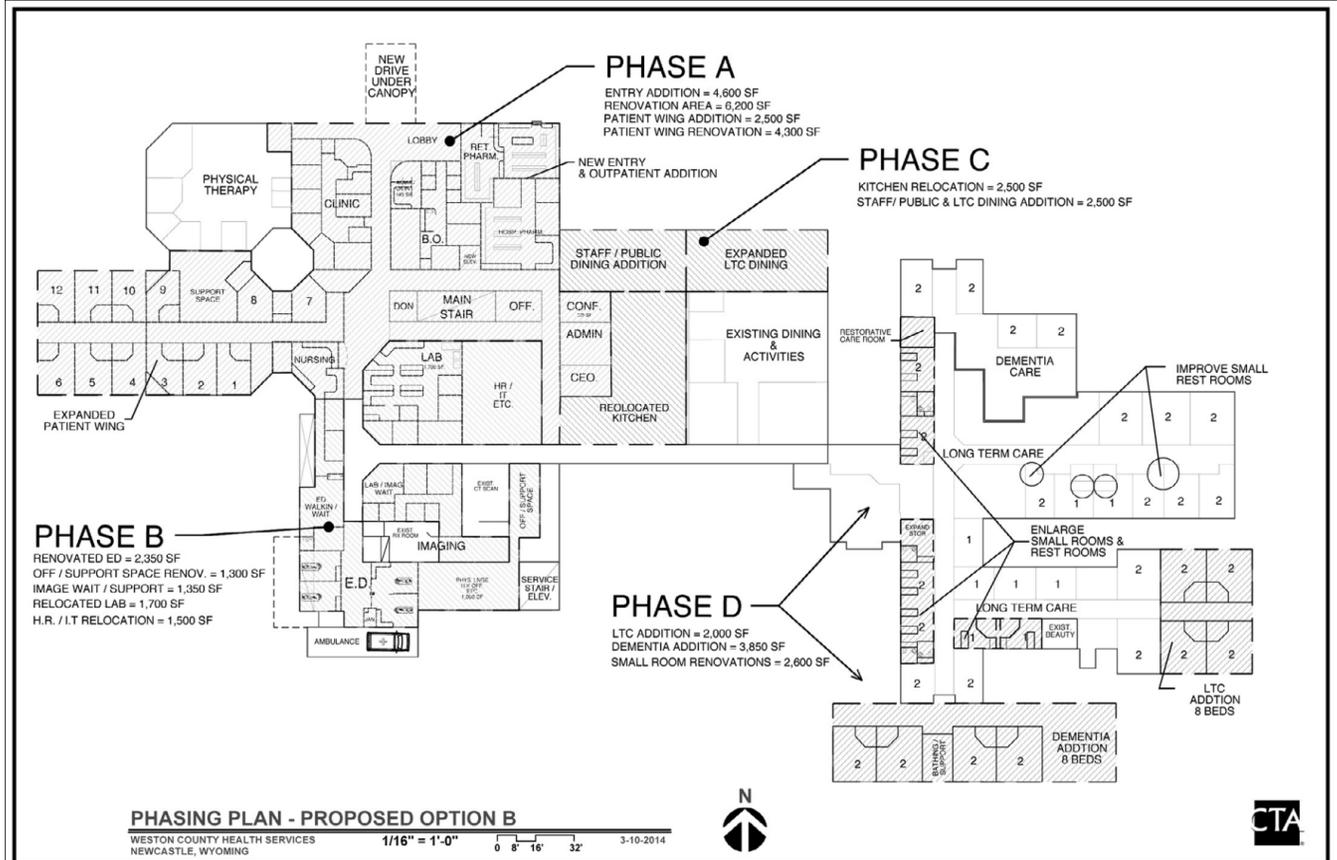
Also during the first stage, the boiler and chiller building system that heats and cools the facility will need to be upgraded.

WCHS board treasurer Barry Peterson asked if the expanded patient wing would interfere with the driveway to the emergency room. Glassing reassured him there was plenty of room and the expansion won't disrupt any traffic flow.

"It is six rooms additional with only three on each side," explained the architect.

The existing set of stairs will become a stairwell in itself, he went on, with it remaining in a fire-rated enclosure. It will be accessible from either side by way of an elevator.

From there, construction would begin on the new entry and outpatient addition in the front of the hospital, which will include a retail pharmacy and space for a clinic. The



logistics of where everyone will be housed during the building process has not been determined yet, Cadwell acknowledged.

After that is completed, the next phase of the plan will take place in the back of the building, beginning with the relocated lab of 1,700 square feet and human resources department with 1,400 square feet of area, and then continuing to the emergency department. 2,350 square foot of that department and the nurses' station will be renovated; office support space reconstruction will be 1,250 square foot, with 1,300 in the image remodel, including the waiting room.

Currently the kitchen is downstairs. The third phase will involve relocating the kitchen upstairs to include 2,500 square feet of space with an additional staff/public and long-term care dining addition and 600 square feet of minor remodel to existing space. The nice part, noted Cadwell, is that during the construction of the new kitchen, they

will not need to worry about relocating the existing one.

Glassing recently designed a kitchen for a long-term care facility of about the same size, he indicated, so he was able to use that to model the one for WCHS. The cost totals include equipment for the new kitchen.

The final phase of the proposed project would take place at Weston County Manor, starting with the relocation of the residents from the rooms that need to be remodeled. The high level addition will require a lot of logistics, which will be detailed before they are at that point, informed Cadwell.

"Do you have any estimation of the time frame of any of the phases?" Cadwell questioned the architect.

After pondering the answer, he stated the first phase has several steps within it and that building the additions first will cause less disruption. He estimated 18-months duration for construction for both of the first two

stages.

"In comp care we almost exclusively now get a general contractor on board ahead of bidding to help ... and really try to get things nailed down before ... turning a shovel. Because [a general contractor] can help with pricing and scheduling and working back and forth. It is almost like hiring them as a professional. They are running the job but you get all the front input with them, too, so it's not just, do a set of drawings and put it out to bid and see who you get. You still bid all the subcontract work," Glassing stated.

He asked for feedback from the board as to the direction of the planned phases. Peterson replied he was pleased with the new heating and cooling equipment being in the first phase because he feels it's crucial to the initial infrastructure.

"This is still a preliminary report. When will we have final recommendations or drafts? And how real-

istic are the cost estimates?" WCHS Chairman of the board Jill Sellers wanted to know.

The report given is a snapshot of the final one, answered the architect. He acknowledged there is a lot of information and he is trying to keep it to a digestible level. All the details will be in the report. Because his company does this on a daily basis, he replied, he is confident of the quotes given for the cost of the project.

"Health care ... is all we do, so we are continually seeing what the costs are running for various things. All I can tell you is we are pretty good at this. Our budgets and our estimates are never a bid, because you hit quirky things out there. Normally when you bid things, even from the estimates, there is a lot of up and down going on in there, and we are trying not to be the low bidder ... I put 15-percent contingency on this right now because there is a lot we don't know," he answered.



GETTING HEALTHY

People in the Weston County area are quite familiar with the Wyoming Health/Wellness Fairs offered a few times a year, and they readily take advantage of the affordable blood testing to assess their personal well-being. Those from miles around travel to take advantage of the testing, which can save an individual hundreds of dollars. In addition, each year Weston County Health Services sponsors the Spring Community Health and Trade Fair, held this year on April 19, at Weston County Senior Services center. At the fair individuals who have had their blood drawn have the opportunity to talk with doctors about their results, as well as peruse a myriad of information and sales booths. This year, 37 vendors were on hand at the event.

Morgan Sweet, Michelle Sweet and Lori Bickford man the Weston County Public Health table, at left. Marty Ertman, below left, visits with staff from Black Hills Dental. Below, Mary Ann Duncan, RN, offers information about Mondell Heights Retirement Home.

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Billing Schilling, president of the Wyoming Business Council, speaks in favor of the proposed Bearlodge Mining project at a public scoping meeting in Sundance April 15. Schilling cited China's dominance of the mining of rare earth elements as reason enough to support the project. Bruce Brown of Devils Tower appears immediately in the background.

Mine

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The scoping meeting was part of the first stage of the National Environmental Policy Act process associated with the proposed project. The NEPA process officially began in late March with the publication by the Forest Service in the Federal Register of a notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

"The law requires us to take public comments on proposals and to take those ... comments [into consideration] to help us formulate the issues ... as we move forward with the EIS. NEPA also requires us to look at alternatives to the proposal," said Kozel, adding that those alternatives are generated both internally by the Forest Service as well as by public input.

The Forest Service, he said, will be accepting public comments until April 30.

NEPA, Kozel went on to explain to those in attendance, also allows for input from "cooperating agencies," who have some jurisdictional role or who can otherwise provide advice or assistance. Currently the State of Wyoming, Crook County, Crook County Natural Resource District, and the Army Corps of Engineers have entered into cooperating status, he indicated, emphasizing, also, that a number of federal agencies will have permitting authority on one or another aspect of the proposed project.

Timm, who is overseeing the project's NEPA phase, gave a rundown of the proposal to those in attendance, mentioning the following over the course of her presentation:

- The Plan of Operation on the National Forest lands has two main components. The first is to construct and operate a mine north of Sundance. The other is to continue to do exploration activities within the Bearlodge Mountains surrounding the mining site. A connected action to the project will be a hydromet plant in Upton where processing of rare earths will occur. The plant will be located on private property and is thus outside Forest Service regulatory jurisdiction.

**Bearlodge Mining Project Meeting
April 23
6 p.m.
Black Hills State University/Spearfish or City School Admin Building, Rapid City**

- The overall life of the mine is expected to be 43 years.

- The area in question will be completely fenced off and closed to the public, thus preventing activities such as hunting, recreation or grazing.

- The project will make about 8.7 miles of National Forest roads inaccessible to the public.

- About 50 people will be directly employed in mining operations, with operations expected to take place five days a week over two 10-hour shifts.

- Power will be provided by Powder River Energy Corporation.

- Final reclamation for the entire area is expected to happen about two years after the closure of the mine. All infrastructure will be removed and roads that have been widened will be downgraded to their original width. The affected area will be re-contoured to approximate its original state. The mining pit itself will remain in place as a lake of 250 feet in depth that is expected to form naturally.

In regard to the Upton processing plant, which is outside Forest Service jurisdiction, Timm said it will fall under the regulatory authority of the state as well as federal agencies other than the Forest Service.

"The Forest Service has talked with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission about [the

plant]," she said, "and they have not made a determination yet about how they are going to process this. They are waiting for the application to come in from Rare Element Resources to determine what kind of role they need to play [there]."

The Upton plant is expected to operate on a 24/7 schedule with a staff of 50 personnel, according to Forest Service materials.

Those in attendance at Tuesday's meeting generally expressed support for the proposed project.

"Rare Element Resources is being dropped into our lap," said Bill Ackerman of Upton, reading from a prepared statement. "We can't afford to miss this opportunity to improve the health and viability of our communities."

The project, according to Ackerman, will potentially employ 138 people across the Sundance and Upton facilities, not taking into account indirect employment that could arise as a result of the expected influx of funds into both communities.

Delbert Eitel, chair of the Johnson County Commissioners, took a broader view, telling those gathered, "The reason I'm here is this project is going to benefit the whole state of Wyoming and the United States with the rare earth elements that they're going to [mine] here."

Comments on the project are due by April 30 and should be submitted to: Bear Lodge Project EIS, C/O Jeanette Timm, Project Coordinator, Bearlodge Ranger District, P.O. Box 680, Sundance, WY 82729-0680. They can also be emailed to comments-rocky-mountain-black-hills-bearlodge@fs.fed.us, or faxed to (307) 283-3727.

Additional meetings on the Sundance mine and Upton processing plant are scheduled to take place in Spearfish at Black Hills State University, and in Rapid City at the City School Administration Building on Wednesday, April 23. Both meetings are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. The simultaneous meetings will be done via video-conferencing.

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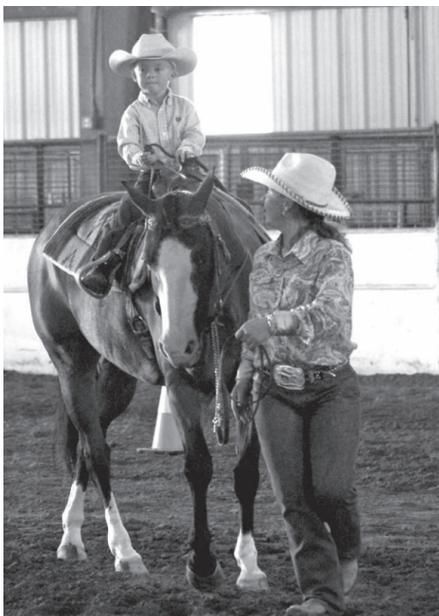
Assistant Principal Heidi Stutzman escorts the group of children recognized for doing good deeds to lunch. Logan Wynia, Harley Cookston, Jordyn Loebis, LaKace Lipp, Tyrell Harrington, Rebecca Lorenz

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39 ACTIVITIES

Weston County offers a bevy of fun events for children to participate in, such as learning games at Weston County Children's Center, water fun with Double AACES, or equine activities at the Weston County Fairgrounds. Pictured are Abby Elliott at a water fight; Judy Martens helping Brooklyn Guzman at the Children's Center; and John Sandrini being led by his mother, Shawnda Sandrini.



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Blue pinwheels, available at Weston County Public Health, are being displayed during April to provide awareness about Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Time to talk to your kids

By Denice Pisciotti
NLJ Reporter

Have you seen the silver and blue pinwheels in lawns? They are in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month. To learn more about the topic, the News Letter Journal asked a few questions of Lori Bickford, director of services at Weston County Public Health.

There are different types of abuse, she explained. Physical abuse includes slapping, pushing or hitting; sexual abuse is inappropriate exposure or touching; emotional abuse consists of excessive or frequent put-downs, or not validating a child's emotions; and then there are inappropriate threats and neglect.

"There are many ways a child can be neglected. Not taking care of a child's physical needs, such as failing to give a child clean clothes or clothes appropriate for the weather, poor hygiene, leaving a child alone at home, inappropriate responsibility for younger siblings, not enough food, medical care or a safe clean place to live," Bickford elaborated. "Emotional neglect can be not listening to a child, invalidating their emotions, not speaking to a child. Emotional abuse is screaming and yelling and telling a child things like he or she is bad or worthless."

Bickford explained that not leaving young children alone or unattended, and firmly communicating expectations of physical and emotional boundaries to all adults caring for children — including family members, step-parents and babysitters — will help protect them from abuse.

Teaching children self-protection skills includes helping them to learn the difference between right and wrong touches, even from people they know. They also should know assertiveness skills, how to physically and verbally defend themselves, along with saying, "no" and running away from the situation.

"I know it's uncomfortable to speak to children about abuse. Parents have a difficult time finding the words to explain to a child [that]

someone might try to hurt them. We think if we don't talk about abuse, it won't happen. But it does happen. It's important for parents to teach their children what is right and wrong, and how to get away from someone who is trying to hurt them," she acknowledged.

Bickford encourages parents to empower their children by teaching them to protect themselves and to speak up without fear or shame if someone has tried to hurt them.

If a child is old enough to understand stories read to them, they are old enough to talk about physical and emotional boundaries, including right and wrong touches, she stressed. It's important to use age-appropriate language when talking to them, however, and keep it simple.

Public Health also has written information and coloring books available to help parents talk to their children about unacceptable behavior.

Warning signs of possible physical abuse are unexpected bruises, burns or fractures, messy appearance, loss of appetite and disturbed sleep. Aggressiveness, depression, withdrawal or clinginess are behaviors of possible abuse, as well as a fear of a certain person or place, discomfort with physical contact and suicidal tendencies.

"Another sign is destructive behavior. For example, a child who tries to hurt himself or others, a child who destroys personal belongings, [exhibits] frequent lateness or absences from school and has an inappropriate interest in or knowledge of sexual acts [can all be indicators of a problem]," Bickford described.

Everyone is encouraged to report suspected abuse immediately by calling local law enforcement at 746-4486 or 911, Department of Family Services at 746-4657 or the National Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-422-4453.

Bickford can be reached for more information by calling Weston County Public Health at 746-4775, extension 106.

Silver and blue pinwheels are available at the office to be put in front yards or businesses in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Graduate awarded tool money

By Denice Pisciotti
NLJ Reporter

Garrett Borgialli, a Newcastle High School 2012 graduate, enrolled in the CAT ThinkBig program while attending Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown, S.D., and will graduate from the program May 9. He recently received the mikeroweWorks Foundation 2014 tools scholarship to aid him in his new career.

"The scholarship is awarded to students with 4.0 GPA. The big thing with it, though, is the school or program has to be Associated Equipment Distributors Accredited. The scholarship money is required to be used on tools, and it was for \$1,000," reported Borgialli to the News Letter Journal.

In a letter from the AED Foundation he was congratulated and awarded the scholarship, it read, because of his dedication and commitment to excellence in his academic program. It also said the construction equipment industry is a great one to work in, offering many opportunities for a rewarding and challenging career.



Courtesy of Marty Borgialli

Garrett Borgialli, with his teacher, Corey Mushitz, and fellow classmate, Justin Bach, at Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown, S.D. Borgialli recently received a tools scholarship from mikeroweWorks Foundation.

For two years he has been attending the program, spending nine-week intervals alternating between attending classes in Watertown and interning at Butler Machinery in Rapid City, S.D. Borgialli said he enjoyed the program, and though his future plans have not been decided, he is considering the many options open to him.

"I like it. It's good because you get the school aspect of learning and on-the-job training as well. The ThinkBig program has been great for me. I have had a great experience working for Butler CAT, and I would strongly encourage anyone to join if they are interested in being a heavy equipment diesel mechanic," he acknowledged.

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Blotter

April 13, 2014
Open door discovered. Open door discovered. Open door discovered. Vandalism reported. Traffic stop. Citation issued. Threat reported. Report of a dog at large. Suspicious activity reported. Phone threats reported.

April 14
Open door discovered. Open door discovered. Civil assist. Vandalism reported. Vandalism reported. Assist other agency. Five VIN inspections requested. Arrest Warrant issued. Vandalism reported. Parking complaint. Missing dog reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Report of a dog at large. 911 hang up. Domestic reported.

April 15
Open door discovered. Open door discovered. Three VIN inspections requested. Vandalism reported. Animal abuse reported. Parking complaint. Missing dog reported. Found property reported. Harassment reported. Report of a dog at large. Fire alarm reported. Traffic stop. Citation issued.

April 16
Civil standby requested. Civil standby requested. Found property reported. Two VIN inspections requested. Extra patrol requested. Traffic complaint. Report of a dog at large. Report of a dog at large. 911 hang up. Fire alarm reported. Fire alarm reported. 911 hang up. Traffic stop. Citation issued. Extra patrol requested. Missing dog reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

April 17
Structure fire reported. Ministerial assistance requested. Open door discovered. Minor in possession of tobacco reported, Citation issued. VIN inspection requested. Civil assist requested. Extra patrol requested. Civil standby requested. Found dog reported. Civil assist. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued.

April 18
Assault reported. Civil problem reported. Traffic hazard reported. Traffic complaint. Traffic hazard reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued.

Traffic stop. One arrest. Three VIN inspections requested. Arrest Warrant issued. 911 hang up. Warrant arrest. Lost property reported. 911 hang up. Report of a dog at large. Phone fraud reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic complaint. Report of a horse at large. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Suspicious activity reported. Child abuse reported.

April 19
Disturbance reported. Report of a dog at large. Assist other agency. Civil assist requested. Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. VIN inspection requested. Report of a dog at large. Dog impound. Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Verbal Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. 911 hang up. Assist other agency. Report of two dogs at large. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Report of a dog at large.

stop, Citation issued. 911 hang up. Assist other agency. Report of two dogs at large. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Report of a dog at large.



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Election Notice

NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE OF MUSEUM DISTRICT TRUSTEE ELECTION WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014.

All qualified voters are eligible to vote. The election will be held between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The polling places for the election are: Weston County Library in Newcastle, Osage Fire Hall in Osage, and the Community Building in Upton.

OFFICIAL NON PARTISAN ELECTION BALLOT WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING MAY 6, 2014

1-1, 1-2, 2-1, 3-1, 4-1, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3;

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SAMPLE BALLOT MUSEUM DISTRICT TRUSTEE ELECTION FOUR YEAR TERM

Vote for not more than three

- ___ Michael M. Mills
- ___ Terri Newman
- ___ Bill A. Morris
- ___ Cindy Rhoades

(Publish April 24, 2014)

Public Notice

NOTICE OF CONTRACTOR'S SETTLEMENT WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 FUEL STATION IMPROVEMENTS STATE OF WYOMING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 21st day of May 2014, final settlement will be made by Weston County School District Number 1 of \$43,725.20 for and on account of the contract of Leighton Construction and Services LLC for the Fuel Station Improvements project and that any person, co-partnership, association or corporation who has an unpaid claim against said Leighton Construction and Services LLC for or on account of the furnishing of labor, materials, team hire, sustenance, provision, provender or other suppliers used or consumed by such Contractor or any of the subcontractors in or about the performance of said work, may at any time upon to and including said time of such final settlement on May 20, 2014, file a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claim with the:

Weston County School District Number 1
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Newcastle, WY 82701

Failure on the part of a claimant to file such statement prior to such final settlement will relieve said Weston County School District Number 1 from all and any liability for such claimant's claim.

Weston County School District Number 1
By: Greg Gregory
Facilities Director

(Publish April 10, 24 and May 15, 2014)

Bid Notice

IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Sealed bids will be received by Weston County, Wyoming until 4:30 p.m. on May 5, 2014, at the Weston County Clerk's Office, Weston County Courthouse, 1 West Main, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701, for the Weston County Light Efficiency Improvement Project. The Weston County Light Efficiency Improvement Project consists of one Bid Schedule. Bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope with statement thereon, "BID ENCLOSED, Weston County Light Efficiency Improvement Project" and submitted to the Weston County Clerk's Office at or before the above stated time. Said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 1:30 p.m. on May 6, 2014 at the Weston County Courthouse/Commissioners Room, 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY 82701. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after the date set for opening thereof. Weston County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or technicalities in the bidding; provided, however, that any bid received after the time specified or without accompanying Bid Guarantee, as stated below, will not be considered.

Bidding documents, including technical specifications, may be obtained from the Office of the County Clerk, Weston County Courthouse, 1 West Main, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701. A bid guarantee in the form of a properly executed Bid Bond payable to Weston County, WY in the amount of not less than 10% of the total base bid amount shall be submitted with each bid. A Certified Check or Cashier's Check made payable to Weston County for an amount not less than 5% of the total based bid amount, drawn upon a Bank certified to do business in Wyoming, may be used for the Bid Bond. The successful Bidder for each bid schedule will be required to execute an Agreement with the County, in the form supplied in the Bidding Documents, within thirty (30) days after Notice of Award is issued. The Notice of Award shall serve as notice that the Agreement is ready for execution. The Bid Guarantee shall be forfeited as liquidated damages if the Bidder fails to execute the Agreement within thirty (30) days after the Notice of Award is issued, or fails to provide proper Bond or other form of Guarantee, as approved.

(Publish April 10, 17 and 24, 2014)

Budget Notice

CANYON IMPROVEMENT AND SERVICE DISTRICT BUDGET MEETING

This budget meeting will be held at the residence of Robert Humes, 140 Salt Creek Road on May 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

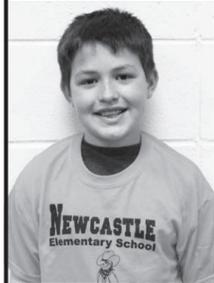
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Newcastle Elementary School • April 2014

Good Citizens

3RD GRADE: HOGAN TYSTAD



As I sit in my room and reflect on the school year looking for a standout student, I think about how all of my students have been a good citizen at one point or another throughout the year. As a teacher, I have to look way back to the first week of school and think who came in ready and willing to work, not even knowing their new teacher? Who was dedicated to being a model student by coming in responsible and caring for others right from the start? Then, I move to the middle of the year and think to myself which students still have the qualities of a good citizen, and there is one that really starts to emerge. I have watched this student put others ahead of himself during the holidays and truly care. So far, no missed assignments, not one planner left unsigned, not one day has went by that this student has not given 110% on his work. Next, I look at the year to date, and ask myself if this student has exemplified these characteristics all year long. Has he been thoughtful of others? Well, I did see him console a fellow classmate at recess that was having a rough day on the football field, when no one else noticed or cared. So, yes on that account. Has he been polite to classmates as well as teachers? Hmmm. I do remember having several adults in the building tell me how nice this young man is and that he always holds doors for others. So again, yes. Has he continued to put full effort into his work? This one was easy. This student is meticulous and has a sense of pride about his work every time he completes a task. So, yes. Check that one too. So, I ask myself why this decision is hard. My answer is that it's not. The third grade good citizen for the month of April is an easy choice. So, I am proud to name Hogan Tystad as my choice.

4TH GRADE: NICOLE WEEG



Our student has demonstrated qualities of a good citizen all year long. Her motivation to do her best, eagerness to learn, and willingness to help others has stood out in our classroom. She arrives at school ready to learn and tackle any obstacle that comes her way. She is a responsible, hard-working young lady. This student strives to understand new material and works diligently until she grasps the idea. Her classmates had numerous descriptions of her:

- N Nice as a kitten
- I Is as sweet as cotton candy
- C Clever as a fox
- O Outstanding friend
- L Loyal as a dove
- E Easy as pie to enjoy

- W Wise as an owl
- E Eager as a beaver to do the right thing
- E Enjoyable and as pleasant as a butterfly
- G Good as gold

Congratulations, Nicole Weeg

5TH GRADE: SKYLAR JENKINS



When Mrs. Miller asked me again for the name of the 5th grade good citizen, 22 names raced through my mind. All were candidates, but I had to narrow my options and find that one student who was worthy of this high honor. The first students I eliminated from the running were those who haven't been doing their fair share of the work in our classroom. Good citizens contribute their time and energy in order to make their community a better place. When citizens slack off, the entire community suffers. So, I was down to 18 names. The next to go were those who consistently misbehave at school. When members of a community make bad decisions, it not only reflects poorly on them, but it also tarnishes the reputation of the community. We are representatives of our community, showing others what our values are, and anyone who doesn't uphold our high standards, cannot be our good citizen. So, I took seven more names off of my list. Now I was starting to get somewhere, but there were still too many candidates to choose from. So, I thought about when I first became a part of this community. I realized that what I loved most were the friendly people that welcomed me and took me in. When people are friendly and welcoming, the entire community feels safer and more united. However, it's easier to stick with your friends than to reach out to someone. So I took off five more names. As I looked at the list of the six names that remained, I saw six very different people with different strengths and weaknesses, different personalities, different ages - and it occurred to me that anyone can be a good citizen if they really want to be. Sometimes, it's difficult to do all of the work and make all of the right decisions, but it's not impossible, and it's always worth it. These six students proved that to me this year. But as I read through the names, there was one person who I thought was more deserving than the others; one who proved again and again that he would succeed no matter what challenges lay before him. He is a person who understands the impact his choices can make and the value in contributing to the betterment of our classroom. His hard work and positive attitude throughout the year have been an inspiration. It is my honor to name our fifth grade good citizen. Congratulations, Skylar Jenkins.

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Mamie C. Krank
Weston County Clerk

(Publish April 17, 24, May 1 and 8, 2014)

Election Notice

NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE OF WESTON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT TRUSTEE ELECTION WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014.

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SAMPLE BALLOT WESTON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT TRUSTEE ELECTION – FOUR YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO (2) CANDIDATES
___ Barry Peterson
___ Georgenna Materi

(Publish April 24, 2014)

Deadline for Legals noon on Friday

Public Notice

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AIRPORT ENGINEERS NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY AIRPORT NEWCASTLE, WYOMING

The Mondell Field Airport will accept statements of qualifications until 5 p.m. on Friday, April 25, 2014, from qualified firms interested in providing Engineering Services for support of the Mondell Field Airport Five-year Capital Improvement Program. The Request for Qualifications document may be obtained by contacting the Mondell Field Airport Administration offices located at P.O. Box 699, Newcastle, WY 82701. Attention: Tuff Streeter, Airport Manager, Phone: (307)746-4666.

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Fun and Games

FAMOUS MOTHERS

- ACROSS**
- Swahili or Zulu
 - French lake
 - Marcel Marceau, e.g.
 - Type of squash
 - In the past
 - Engaged for a fee
 - Considered a representative of Allah
 - Month of Pearl Harbor attack
 - African antelope
 - *Chelsea's politically-minded mother
 - Funeral rite
 - Tell tall tale
 - Can of worms
 - Corn holder
 - Ranee's husband
 - Popular pet rodent
 - Acted like
 - Leave behind
 - Spacious
 - "Just along for the _____"
 - *"_____ Mia!"
 - Heroes
 - On the rocks
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 - Fit of shivering
 - "A Series of Unfortunate Events" author
 - The Three Tenors, e.g.
 - He is
 - Lunch stop
 - *Rob to new mom Kim Kardashian
 - *Minnelli's mother
 - One who moves from place to place
 - Bay window
 - *Biblical matriarch Sarah had this many children
 - More capable
 - Like a wave caused by the moon
 - Shot ____ in track and field
 - Japanese-American
 - Door fastener
 - Type of wood often used for furniture
 - Walk loudly

- Japanese capital
- Liver or kidney, e.g.
- Parkinson's disease drug
- Lunar path
- Music style with gloomy lyrics
- "Tosca" tune
- Purges
- _____ year
- Made in "Breaking Bad"
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The Score

Boys Soccer

Thursday, April 18
vs. Gering @ Scottsbluff, NE
Gering 7, Newcastle 0
Saves: Jerad Bell 23

Girls Soccer

Thursday, April 18
vs. Gering @ Scottsbluff, NE
Gering 8, Newcastle 0
Saves: Kelsey Wood 8

Men unable to put together two-game streak

By Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

Newcastle boys' soccer failed to carry the momentum gained last week from their first win of the season against Gillette's JV squad, dropping a game played against Gering in Scottsbluff, Neb., 7-0. The Dogie boys are now 1-6 overall this year.

Even so, Head Coach Kris Will said he wasn't at all disappointed in his team's performance against the bigger school.

"It was one of those games where the score didn't really tell how well they played," he reasoned. "It was great to watch. I was really proud of them."

Asked if this added mark in the loss column was a setback given last week's win, Will denied that was the case, saying he doesn't believe his team's

forward trajectory has slowed.

"No, because they played with all their heart," he stated. "They put it out there and they left it ... They really did try as hard as they could."

Indeed, the Bulldogs didn't score until around the 25-minute mark of the first half, and oddly enough, all seven of Gering's goals came directly before and after the break.

"There were four goals within 10 minutes in the second half, and then we held them off again," Will recalled.

"You could tell the kids' heads went down and that they were disappointed," he continued by way of explanation of the defensive lapse " ... but they must have picked it back up again, because you could see the intensity again. It was all within 20 or 25 minutes that [Gering] scored all [those goals]."

Things might have been even more lopsided, however, if it weren't for the efforts of freshman goalie Jerad Bell, who staved off a number of Gering shot attempts, and senior Trace Buckert, who committed himself to beating the Bulldogs to the ball.

"Trace Buckert was really a whole different person in that game," observed Will. "He was all over the field winning the ball ... He just really came to that game."

The Dogies had offensive opportunities of their own which they failed to capitalize on, including seven shots on goal and five crosses that Will reasoned could have easily been translated into scores.

"We had a lot of good opportunities. We just need to work on [our] finishing to get the ball in the net,"

— See Men, Page A15

Lady Dogies fall to Gering at Scottsbluff

By Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

The Newcastle High School girls' Varsity soccer team was disappointingly dominated by Gering in an away game played at Scottsbluff late last Thursday afternoon. With the 8-0 loss to the larger Nebraska school, the Lady Dogies' overall record this season falls to 2-7-1, with one of their losses coming by way of forfeiture.

"It wasn't that we played poorly by any means," said Head Coach Bryce

Hoffman of the match. "[Gering] is just a very good team. They're a level above us. They're where I would like our team and our program to be as we go forward in the future."

Newcastle was generally outclassed during the match, where they were surprised to face sophomore Noemi Marro, formerly of Torrington and the second-leading scorer in Wyoming last year, who is now lending her services to the Bulldogs.

Hoffman said his team was also not anticipating the stellar play of an

unnamed striker for Gering — No. 2 on the Bulldog's roster — who led all scorers with four goals against Newcastle.

"Last year she didn't do that to us, so she was a surprise for us," he related.

Few scoring opportunities of their own presented themselves to the Lady Dogies for the majority of the game, as they spent their time focused on defending against the Bulldogs' offensive onslaught.

"We were on our heels a lot playing

Gering," Hoffman admitted, "because they're really good on the ball, so we defended more than we were able to attack. Once we did get aggressive in the last 20 minutes of the second half, some good things started to happen for us."

Although after making some strategic adjustments and shifting some players around, Newcastle began to open up more offensively in that final block of time, it would prove to be too

— See Ladies, Page A15



▲ Sophomore Sierra LaCroix strikes a look of concentration as she sizes up the length of the field as while preparing to hurl the discus.

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Newcastle freshman Jacob Esposito plants his pole with a look of determination before launching himself impossibly skyward during Tuesday's pole vault event. ▼



Newcastle sophomore Taylor Allen clears the bar narrowly but successfully during the high jump. ▲

RACE TO THE BALL

Freshman pole-vaulter Rachel Henkle reports to Head Newcastle Track Coach Pat Hayman during the Race to the Ball Invitational hosted by the Dogies at Schoonmaker Field Tuesday. Originally scheduled to take place last week but cancelled due to weather concerns, the event featured three other schools besides Newcastle — Sundance, Hulett and Upton — competing across 17 events. ▼





Ready to fly

Savannah Williams grimaces while throwing the discus at Tuesday's Race to the Ball track and field meet at Newcastle High School. (Photo by Denice Piscioti/NLJ)

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High school rodeo team making the rounds

From April 11-13, the Newcastle junior and high school rodeo teams competed in Laramie.

On Friday, the junior team competed in two go-rounds, according to Emily Hartinger, rodeo advisor. Teigen Marchant placed third and fourth on chute dogging, first and second in goat tying, fifth placed in team roping, and reeled in another first and second in

ribbon roping.

Billy Soderberg placed first in team roping. Other competitors were Jake Deveraux and Cooper Deveraux.

The high-schoolers competed Saturday and Sunday. Ashton Marchant placed third Saturday with a time of 8.21, and second on Sunday with a time of 8.53 in goat tying, according to Hartinger. Abi Deveraux placed second

Sunday in the pole bending event, with a time of 21.271. Also on Sunday, Patricia Miller placed fifth in breakaway roping, with a time of 2.90. Kaprina Jones and Bryce Womack also competed.

The rodeo teams were scheduled to compete in Rock Springs the weekend of the 19th, and Big Piney this weekend, before competing on their home turf May 2-4.

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little, too late, and the Dogies were unable to make good on any of their late shot attempts.

"First half we had a couple shots on goal but not too many," said Hoffman. "The last 20 minutes [of the second half] we were able to get four other shots on goal, and really good opportunities, too. I'd like for us to be able to play the whole game with the [kind] of aggression the girls brought to that second half."

Hoffman cited the offensive efforts of sophomore Katie Spain and senior Savannah Davis late in the match's final stanza, saying he hopes to encourage more such play from them in the future.

Despite the loss, Hoffman also mentioned the contributions of Newcastle's defense as among the match's posi-

tives takeaways.

"In the first half ... we earned five off-sides penalties on [Gering]," he explained. "When you're doing that it means you're defensive back line is in pretty good shape. They're nice and flat in the back, so it's holding the offensive team in a position where they can't be behind you. I thought defensively we did a good job of keeping our shape, but [offensively] they were just able to capitalize on opportunities that we just weren't able to capitalize on."

"I thought [senior] Courtney Munger did a really good job in back," Hoffman continued of the Dogie defense. "We've had some injuries in our defensive back line and then we had another girl sick. She

had younger players around her and did a good job communicating with them, trying to keep them in the best position they could be in."

Building on the lessons learned last Thursday, Hoffman said that practice this week will focus on establishing and maintaining offensive control by keeping the ball contained within the opponent's half of the field and thus maximizing the Dogies' scoring opportunities.

This week Newcastle will get a couple of chances to apply those lessons and get back on the winning track with which they started the season. They are scheduled to return to Nebraska again this Tuesday to play Scottsbluff themselves this time around before taking on Rawlins in another away

game on Saturday at noon.

"Comparing scores, it looks like it should be a pretty good game," said Hoffman of the match with the Bearcats. "Torrington beat them 3-2. [With] us playing that 1-0 game with Torrington, I'm imagining that skill level-wise we'll be pretty comparable."

Turning to Rawlins, Hoffman said he expects that game to be a competitive one as well, but he wishes to see his team keep things from going back and forth by putting the Outlaws away from the get-go.

"I hope for our team to establish control of the game early, score some goals early and not let them hang around and come back. That's really what I'm expecting and hoping for on Saturday," the Dogie coach concluded.

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was his assessment.

To that end, Will said he will be working with the team in practice on the fundamentals so they can develop the finishing touch on the ball that he believes they yet lack.

"We've gone clear back to the basics," he explained. "We cross a ball in and they run through it ... [Also], there's a drill I do called 'long ball, short ball' ... One side shoots short and one side shoots long, so they get where they can shoot from the 18 [-yard box]. We also play 'penalty area clean-up,' which is two teams and you drop a ball in the penalty

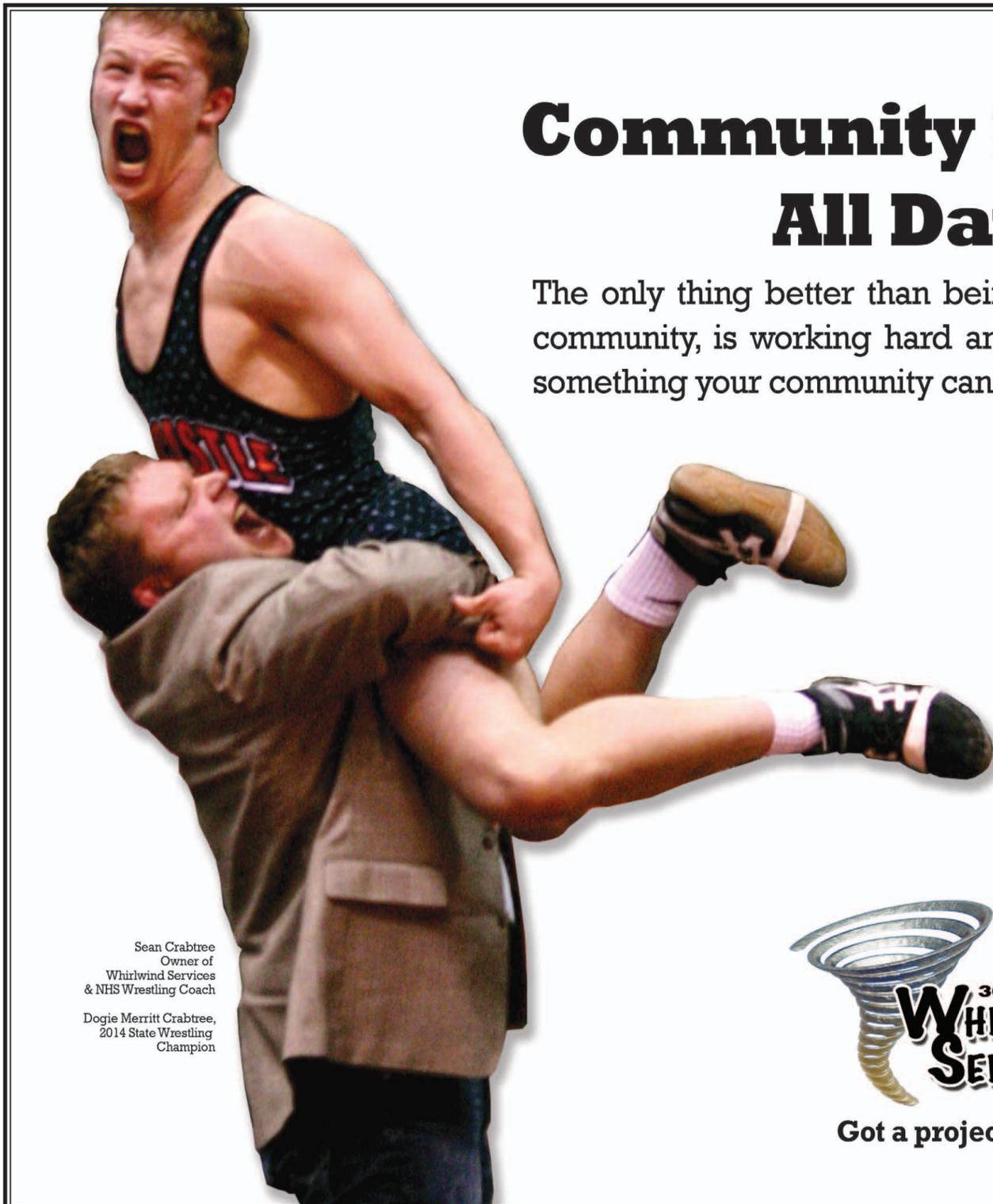
area and both teams try to [score a goal]. Those are just some of the things [we've been doing]."

Opportunities to display some finishing moves and get back on the winning track will come for Newcastle this week in the form of an away game scheduled for Tuesday against Scottsbluff's JV squad, which Will predicted to be on a similar level to Gillette's JV, and against Rawlins in another road game on Saturday at 2 p.m., following the Lady Dogies' match.

Weighing the Dogies' chances against the Outlaws, Will mentioned that both Newcastle and Rawlins have lost to

mutual opponent Torrington this year — Newcastle by a score of 7-0 and Rawlins by a score of 3-2 — but he really isn't concerned with such statistical trivia, preferring simply to see his team play and enjoy themselves.

"I usually don't tell the kids how other teams play," he concluded, "because I want them to just go out and play our game. We've been beaten so much in the past that [I want] to get away from all that ... instead of giving them statistics about who is doing what ... [I] just [want them] to go out and play [their] hearts out and play the game we trained for."



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10 Life lessons

Contributing to community

“If you do nothing more than attempt to develop a work ethic and a sense of pride for these guys, you might enhance or better their chance of staying out.”

Inmates work off debt to society

By Todd Bennington
 NLJ Reporter

For those whose notion of working on the chain gang derives from the popular 1960 song by Sam Cooke, Audra Dudzinski, Field Public Information Officer for the Wyoming Honor Conservation and Boot Camp, and Rob Akers, Conservation Camp Program Manager for the Wyoming State Forestry Division, have a few things to clarify.

“[The Honor Camp] is sort of a transition or re-entry facility in that we have a lot of guys who come here who are close to getting out,” explained Dudzinski, adding that the camp provides a variety of classes and other services to facilitate that transition, with inmates adhering to plans individually designed for them by caseworkers.

Hard work in the form of manual labor figures prominently in those plans, with qualifying inmates getting the opportunity to leave the camp to serve on State Forestry work crews. The intent is that such forays into the outside world may help inmates become acclimatized to being back in the community and allow for the development of some valuable life skills.

“Forestry’s a huge part,” continued Dudzinski “... because they have to get up in the morning and get all their stuff done in a short amount of time. They have to go to work, and they’re away from the camp all day long. They come back. They have their evening here. It’s like a normal job.”

“What we have here,” added Akers, explaining the arrangement between the two state agencies, “is a memorandum of understanding between the Wyoming Department of Corrections and Wyoming State Forestry. We’re allowed to supervise [and] work their inmates. I have seven crew supervisors who work for me here. We do community service projects, fight fires, and we just recently did the floods.”

Akers is referring to the fact that, in answer to a request from Homeland Security, both the Honor Camp and sister-facility Wyoming Honor Farm in Riverton dispatched two crews each this past March to deal with flooding around Manderson due to ice jams that caused the Big Horn River to overrun its banks. The efforts of the crews were prodigious, with five crew supervisors and approximately 30 inmates working more than 2,000 hours as they assisted local and state authorities in filling and placing roughly 70,000 sandbags — an estimated total of 1,134,000 pounds of sand.

This is not the first time the Honor Camp has been called on to send crews to assist in mitigating the effects of flooding, and the inmates can also be



Courtesy of WDOC

Wyoming Department of Corrections inmates place sand bags to combat flooding of the Big Horn River near Manderson in March. According to figures provided by the Department of Corrections, inmate crews helped authorities fill and place approximately 70,000 sandbags, a total of well over one million pounds of sand.

deployed statewide to fight fires for up to two weeks at a time, receiving the same training as do U.S. Forest Service crews, according to Akers.

The work projects the inmates partake in on a daily basis are somewhat more mundane, however, and typically consist of community service projects or thinning stands of timber for State Forestry within a reasonable driving distance of the Honor Camp.

“Our normal work goes from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.,” explained Akers of the daily routine. “Because travel is included in an eight-hour work day, we attempt to have very few projects in excess of about an hour-and-a-half distance from Newcastle ... We can go as far south as Lusk, as far west as Gillette, and as far north as Hulett. That’s the day-to-day projects.”

Projects at greater distances, and which take the crews outside the camp Monday through Friday, are possible, provided facilities exist where they can be fed and housed and a correctional officer is available to manage inmates in their off hours and at night.

“Those are projects like the state

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◀ Christ Episcopal Church is one of several churches in Weston County known for its beauty, shown here with summer's bloom gracing its red door.



▲ Prairie dwellers north of Newcastle get into the spirit of Christmas with festive mailboxes sure to make a postal worker's job more pleasant.

BEAUTY ALL AROUND 24

North of Newcastle, along Highway 85 is one of the area's most picturesque stops, the Salt Creek Overlook. Located along the recently designated Scenic Byway, the overlook offers an expansive view of Salt Creek Valley. A new development in the works by the Wyoming Club, on the opposite side of the valley, will offer similar views along with premiere housing and a championship golf course. ▼



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13 Talent in spades

Sharing her gift

Barton is a woman of many interests

By Denice Pisciotti
NLJ Reporter

"I always wanted to be an artist as a child — that's all I ever wanted to do. I was real introverted and I would sit and draw. Mom (Gladys Haggensen) would just rave about my drawings, so I give my Mom credit for encouraging me," Karen Barton of Upton told the News Letter Journal, as she showed her various artwork displayed in her home and studio.

She studied graphic arts at Spokane Falls Community College in Spokane, Wash., to ensure she could make a living at it. Computers were not used at the time Barton attended college, so instead she was required to take a lot of classes in painting and similar avenues because it was required.

"Every time I had a painting class the teacher would tell me I should stick with portraits — I could already draw portraits because I used to draw my friends all of the time in high school," she said. "So I never really got into the landscape, I stayed with portraits and figure drawing."

Even though she didn't graduate, Barton continued drawing. Hundreds of her portraits are displayed in many homes and business throughout the country. In 1988 she began drawing portraits to sell in her business, Portrait Creations. She works in oils, pastels, charcoal and graphite pencil.

"My main medium throughout the years is pastel. I can get a pastel to look like an oil. It is a very rich medium, very pretty," she smiled.

Today her work is much different from her first job as an artist. In 1978 Barton worked as a graphic artist at Keyes Art Service in Phoenix, Ariz.

"It doesn't exist anymore, but on the internet I found people I used to work with. What we did was yellow page ads. It was a whole company that did the whole process of the yellow pages. There were about 100 artists. In my section we were finish artists, we did the final ink of the drawings. Everything was done by hand," she recalled.

Barton has lived in this area of Wyoming for more than 30 years, first living in Gillette for about a dozen years before moving to Upton in 1991. She met her husband, Bill Barton, after he commissioned her to paint a picture of him with a horse as a gift for his father. Today she has a print of the painting hanging in her studio.

In Gillette and Upton she has

taught basic drawing class. She enjoys teaching, especially adults, she said. Barton is scheduled to teach a charcoal workshop entitled, "The basics of getting a likeness," through Eastern Wyoming College Outreach in Newcastle on Saturday April 26. The one day workshop will be held in Barton's studio where she will teach a method of drawing from photographs for a portrait, figuring proportions, placing, seeing and rendering the features.

In 1994, Judy Hess approached Barton about illustrating a book she had written, "Butch and the Rooster." The artist hesitated because she thought the publishing company would find someone to illustrate the book,

but she drew a picture up anyway for Hess to submit.

"Then she said, 'They are taking us!' She was originally from Hulett," she recalled.

In 2005, she painted a sculptured horse to raise money for Easter Seals in Gillette. Several horses were displayed at various places around the city. A dinner was held to auction off the horses, but it was not well attended and not all of them sold. Barton didn't know where her horse ended up. Years later, she learned it had been purchased and was in Sheridan.

"Then a few years later, this guy calls me. He was a journalist from Sheridan and he wanted to do an online interview about my horse. I said, 'Where is my horse? I don't know where it is.' He said, 'It's over in Sheridan, it's been there for about six years. It has been on the historical Sheridan Inn porch.' He has been sitting there all this time! And he fits so well, because what I painted on it was Devils Tower and a male and female Indian one side, and Devil's Tower and male and female pioneers on the other side it. So it fit their theme perfectly!" declared the artist.

She was also hired to paint a steer in



Denice Pisciotti/NLJ

Karen Barton of Upton breaks from her work as an artist and songwriter for a photo, in her studio. Inset, one of the many jewelry pieces Barton creates, a turquoise necklace.

front of the Coffee Cup in Moorcroft. On one side she recreated a painting she had done of her husband on horseback with a herd of longhorn cattle, and on the other is cattle being loaded onto a train.

When asked what she has not painted, Barton had to think. In her bedroom is a painting of ducks she had done after reaching out for knowledge on how to do it from a gentleman in the United Kingdom. For a contest she painted a horny toad, which currently resides on an easel in her studio because she wanted to change the background.

"I've even painted motorcycles — and I don't like painting motorcycles. But I have actually done that, too. I hate doing cars. I don't think I have ever done a car. There you go!" Barton answered.

Five years ago, she decided to use her artistic talents to make jewelry by trying to get a rock to stay in wire in a necklace. Beginning with a good book, she began experimenting, which she is

still doing.

"I love it! I just go crazy with it! They get really ornate and fun. There are endless possibilities that you can do with wire," she expressed.

She gets most of her rocks for her jewelry at Dakota Treasures in Rapid City, S.D., but she also hunts rocks. There are beautiful rocks to be found in the area, she confessed. She has the equipment to cut and shape the rocks into creations and has been successful with some of them, but it's time consuming, so she does buy the majority of them.

"I have been successful. I have sold quite a few at craft stores. With paintings, all my life I have just done commissions and have been successful with that. I charge a price for a portrait and take pictures and work from them," she explained.

Her talents don't end there, though. In 1999 she began writing music, something she even surprised herself with. She credits the beginning of her

music adventure with her keyboard, which she says will pretty much do it itself. To date she has written more than 60 songs and has recorded almost all of them.

Her study near her home houses her painting and jewelry making supplies, as well as a keyboard and equipment to record music with. She has recorded five CDs, singing all of the songs herself, she said, because she has not been able to find anyone else to sing them for her. Through technology, she can record her self singing different parts of a song to sound like multiple voices.

Radio station 103.1 in Pine Haven features a Saturday morning show hosing local artists, at 10 a.m. Every once in a while, Barton said, they play her songs, which just thrills her when she hears it.

"My genre doesn't fit with them at all, but they are nice about it. I play mostly Christian music. Once in a while I get off on a tangent that isn't Christian, but it is mostly Christian," she said.

She has no formal education when it comes to music, but someone suggested she write love songs, because that is where we all live. She thought about how lonely she was when she was single, so she wrote a song about love titled, "Nowhere to go."

There are times when painting that she gets bogged down with the details, she said. Making jewelry is enjoyable and flexible, but it's easier to let it all go with music.

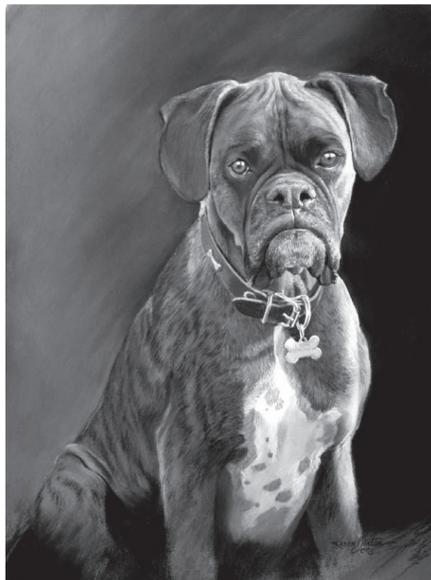
"It has been so fun! It has been just like a passion — I just can't quit writing. It's been a real expression," Barton enthused.

Barton will be leading the third annual Day of Retreat for Women of All Ages and All Faith Traditions, scheduled for June 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Newcastle, where she will also be sharing her songs. She can be found on Facebook and has a website www.karenbarton.com.



Karen Barton's commission portraits include four-legged friends. This pastel drawing of beloved family pet Oscar, owned by Linda and Ron Caylor of Moorcroft, was created a year before the dog passed away.

Barton painted this water color in 2001, from an old black and white photograph of Herbert W. Draine, her grandfather who was a sheep rancher in Broadus, Mont. A copy hangs in her studio reminding her that he always wore pants that were too big, with suspenders.



Inmates

fairgrounds in Douglas,” Akers explained. “We do projects there anywhere from 10 to 12 times per year. We’ve done project work for the City of Buffalo. We’ve done erosion-control projects on top of Casper Mountain ... but the majority of the work is within the hour- and-a-half limit.”

As for safety precautions when allowing convicted felons outside the confines of prison, Dudzinski explained that the inmates undergo a rigorous screening process before being granted the privilege of joining a Forestry crew and that some types of criminal activity automatically preclude an inmate from participating.

“There’s a really strict criteria that they have to fall under to be able to get sent out to Forestry. When [inmates] come here, they’re reviewed four different times before we give them a job in Forestry ... We look at their crimes, and highest severity inmates cannot go to Forestry,” she explained, adding that murderers, those convicted of assault with a deadly weapon, and those with gang associations are among those ineligible.

“We usually send two crews [out to a project],” added Akers of how the crews are managed, “and that will be between 10-14 inmates [in total]... So you’re talking anywhere between five to seven inmates per supervisor. Those supervisors are State Forestry employees or they work for me. They’re not correctional officers.”

“If they’re in a community

the crew boss is always with them,” Akers continued. “If we’re out in the middle of the woods and we’re cutting timber down, I require the crew supervisors to make a routine trip around and they see their crew members no less than every 20 minutes.”

Akers went on to note that though escapes from the Honor Camp have occurred, only one such incident has involved Forestry, and that State Forestry has been running inmate crews out of the camp since 1990. Both Akers and Dudzinski were also quick to make clear that correctional officers are always assigned to watch over inmates after work on those projects requiring overnight stays.

Reflecting on the joint program’s ultimate aims, Akers sounded a touch jaded by experience, though not overly so.

“If you do nothing more than attempt to develop a work ethic and a sense of pride for these guys, you might enhance or better their chance of staying out,” he reasoned. “I guess I come from the old school. I don’t think you’re going to rehabilitate anybody. People are smart enough to play the game, if they want to get out badly enough ... If nothing else you’re opening up their eyes.”

The Forestry Conservation Crew Program is a combined effort of the Wyoming Department of Corrections—Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp and Wyoming Honor Farm, both minimum security facilities, and the Wyoming State Forestry Division.

Keeping the summer hot

By Denice Piscioti
NLJ Reporter

Once again Newcastle will be the venue for enjoying an evening of relaxing and listening to music, at the third annual Warm Summer Night, scheduled for June 27 at the Newcastle Country Club.

The doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with a buffet dinner served at 6 p.m. followed by the music of Jeff Troxel, national flat picking champion, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Last year’s event was a fun evening out, reported community members who attended. Ruthie Spence told the News Letter Journal she would absolutely, positively attend again this year.

“My two cousins were here from Canada last year and we went to Warm Summer Night and had a wonderful evening. We enjoyed it so much!” she enthused.

The event was the brainchild of Cathy Dunford, who said she started the event to give Weston County residents a night of entertainment that was not a fundraiser. She stated everyone here is so generous and giving, so she wanted them to have an evening that was just about food, fun and friendship.

“The purpose is just to have people come out for fun. This is to say thanks for opening wallets, we just want you to have an evening out to enjoy. It’s a great community!” she proclaimed.

The money from ticket sales is used to pay for the event as well as future ones. This year Dunford is appreciative for the business donors that contributed to the event including Wyoming Arts Council, Wyoming Refining Company, Rare Earth Element Resources, Black Hills Power, Powder River Energy Corporation and the Weston County Travel Commission.

“Everyone enjoyed it last year! We



Courtesy of Jeff Troxel

Musician Jeff Troxel will be providing entertainment during the Warm Summer Night event, scheduled for June 27 at the Newcastle Country Club.

“We had a wonderful time with a lovely buffet, enjoyable music and a relaxing evening with friends. We will go again.”

— Jill Sellers

even danced. It was fun! There was a nice turnout and the music was better than the one prior. I absolutely, certainly plan on going this year. A save-the-date is in the office to remember to put it on our calendars,” revealed Sharon Ackerman.

Tickets for Warm Summer Night are \$20 per person, and can be pur-

chased by contacting Ann McColley, Norma Shelton or Linda Hunt, or at the Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce.

The event kicks off two days of activities in June. Night at the Museum is also scheduled for June 27, followed by Cambria Coal Mine Day, Touch of Wyoming Art Show and a street dance on Main Street on the 28th.



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HISTORIC BUILDINGS

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The Flying V — or Cambria Casino-Park as it was originally called — was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. Located north of Newcastle, off U.S. Highway 85, the English Tudor style building was constructed in 1928 to serve as a memorial to miners and traditions of Cambria. Plans were made to erect the memorial before the mines were shut down, yet the facility was opened in piecemeal fashion, according to the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office. It included a dance hall, a casino and featured a fresh-water pool supplied by the water of nearby Salt Creek. The compound is now owned by Larry and Twylla Napolitano. The Weston County Library Endowment will be hosting a basket auction at the Flying V on May 2, starting at 6 p.m., featuring a dinner and basket auction.

Upton’s Old Town reflects the early history of “The Best Town on Earth,” once known as Iron Town. Old Town consists of a sod house built in the mid 1990s and relocated cabins and other structures from the late 1800s and early 1900s. The cabins, which can be viewed year-round, sit at the original townsite and is a bustle of activity during the town’s annual celebration, Upton Fun Days. It is also the location of a farmer’s market during the summer months.



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Ad-Pro sideline becomes mainstay

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Then owner, Millie Cox, also did a big printing business. “As one time I printed the menus for all the cafes in Newcastle,” remembers Millie. In 1978 she decided to move the business out of her home and into building at its current location. At that time she shared the building with Farm Bureau insurance each occupying half of the space.

In 1979, Farm Bureau moved to the old Berry Hotel building.

“At that time I expanded into office supplies and selling Wyoming products.

“During Wyoming’s Centennial I did a booming business,” relates Millie. It was in the middle 1980s that her husband, Pete, became ill and in 1984 Millie sold the business as she could spend more time at home with him.

In 1988, widowed, and wanting to keep busy she decided to buy back the business.

“Everyone thought I was crazy for a hundred different reasons. There was no way a woman could run a business so no one would give her a loan, it was in a poor location, there was already an office supply store in town, several office product companies serviced Newcastle,” and on and on. No one thought I could make it.”

Ad-Pro is still going strong, operated

as a mother-daughter operation for awhile and then Millie turned the ownership over to her daughter, Marty Erman. It still offers all that Millie started plus many new services such as a UPS shipping point, and a public FAX, plus all types of unique items.

Even though Millie is gone from the business, Ad-Pro is still a mother-daughter operation. A third generation daughter operation. Marty’s 12-year-old daughter, KC, works in the business after school. Millie looks back now and remembers all the ups and downs of starting her own business, all the hard work and hard times to keep it going, and the confidence she had in her ability to do it against all odds.

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FALL COLORS

Courtesy of Lost Cabin Photo

One of few remaining cabins in Buckhorn, near the South Dakota border at Weston County's northern edge is framed by bright Autumn leaves. Buckhorn once held a post office and was reportedly named by the first postmaster, Isaac Sawyer.



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Good Citizens

Rita Tystad kisses her third-grade son, Hogan Tystad, after he was awarded Good Citizen of the Month at Newcastle Elementary School April 17. (Photo by Denice Piscioti/NLJ)

Nominations submitted to governor

On April 18, The Judicial Nominating Commission announced the nominees for the position of Circuit Court Judge, Sixth Judicial District, for Crook and Weston counties.

The nominees, Matthew F.G. Castano, Richard Douglas Dumbrill and Thomas R. Smith, were submitted to Gov. Matt Mead for his consideration. The governor has 30 days upon receipt of the nominations to appoint one of the three nominees to serve as the new district court judge.

Nominating Commission are three lawyers elected by the Wyoming State Bar, Bruce A. Salzberg of Cheyenne, Jeremy Michaels of Gillette and P. Craig Silva of Casper; and three non-lawyers appointed by the governor, Shelly Larson of Lusk, Gina Monk of Gillette and Janine Thompson of Cheyenne.

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- 65: Churches all work together to help those in need
- 66: Where an old-fashioned carhop will bring homemade food to your car
- 67: The American flag being flown at businesses and homes is evidence of local patriotism
- 68: The people mining coal & producing gas are your neighbors and friends
- 69: School spirit lives on, from generation to generation
- 70: The local docs know your medical history 'cause they've cared for three generations of your family



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Sharon Humphrey submitted the chosen name for the mule at the Provident Federal Savings and Loan building in Newcastle. The entry of "Tubb Town Trixie" was selected by a panel of three judges. Over 350 entries were submitted and the most popular name was "Rusty", which was entered by 18 persons.

The miner and the mule sculpture sits in front of what is now the Townsend Building, at the corner of Wentworth and Railway Avenue, originally the Provident Federal Savings and Loan building. The sculpture was commissioned in 1980, and on the five-year anniversary of the business a contest was named to 'name the mule.'

A clipping from the News Letter Journal, in 1981, featured the winner of the contest, Sharon Humphrey (now Sharon Materi-Huber.)

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The tale of Tubb Town Trixie

By Kim Dean
NLJ Staff

Ever heard of Tubb Town Trixie?

In May of 1981, 33 years ago, a metal sculpture of a miner and mule was erected two blocks south of Main Street in front of the building currently known as the Townsend Building — which also houses The Wyoming Club and Fossil Creek Designs — on the corner of Wentworth Street and Railway Avenue in Newcastle.

Newcastle resident Dorla Sackett recalled that Tubb Town Trixie's story goes way back to the Provident Federal Savings and Loan era, and she explained her duties at PFS&L as well as her role in selecting the design of the statue. Sackett was hired in June of 1976, prior to the opening of the Newcastle branch of Provident Federal Savings and Loan, which opened with two employees in September 1976 at 101 W. Main in Newcastle.

"It was myself and Ray Smith. I was the loan officer and she was the teller. Then we hired Denise Huber Thompson, she was my secretary. When she got married, we hired Micky Lyon," she added, saying the first official grand opening for new business was where the First State Bank's parking lot is now, and was located downstairs in the old Berry Hotel.

"We had a huge dinner and everyone was invited. It was in the basement of the Old Mill Inn. It was a formal occasion," Sackett said, explaining that pants were not allowed at any of the banks then, and all of the uniforms for women were dresses. "Robert Kimball was president over all the branches, and he was located in the Provident Federal Savings and Loan in Casper. He was very adamant about dresses," she said.

In January of 1978, Sackett was promoted to branch manager for the Newcastle office, and one year later she was named assistant vice-president of PFS&L.

Due to the growth of PFS&L, the decision was made to build a new facility. The site secured had a building on it, near the railroad tracks at the corner of Wentworth and Railway, the Del Mar Hotel, but that structure was moved to another location with plans to remodel it into a home.

Construction on the new PFS&L building began in December 1979. The new building was designed with energy efficiency in mind, and was made to naturally blend with its surroundings to aesthetically complement the community. Henry Therkindsen, architect and member of the American Institute of Architects, described the building as contemporary western.

The 2,486-square-foot, one-story building was designed on a full basement with a 784-square-foot covered carport. Energy Electric of Sundance served as general contractor of the \$444,000 project, overseeing 13 sub-contractors.

The new facility featured three teller windows, one sit-down teller window, two drive-ups, a friendship room for meeting use, night deposit and free parking. Covering the exterior of the building was a native stone veneer and hand-split cedar shake roof, and hand-carved wooden doors were installed at both entrances.

The same rugged beauty was carried inside with native stone facing of the vault, a cathedral ceiling with exposed timber trusses and suede wall covering.

The grand opening celebration began Nov. 13, 1980, with a week of festivities and several grand prizes offered, including an antique 10 peso gold coin, Black Hills gold jewelry, and 10 Bulova gold piece replica clocks.

"For the grand opening, because every other branch had a statue at their site, they kind of asked what I thought would be appropriate for this area. Gillette had an antelope in front of their Provident building. With the mining that was going on

here, mainly coal mining, I thought it should be something relating to it. With the history of Cambria coal mining, and gold mining in the Black Hills, it was the sculptor himself, Lyndon Faye Pomeroy of Billings, who came up with the prospector and the mule. This statue cost \$25,000 then," shared Sackett, who noted Pomeroy would sculpt a mini statue of his project, and duplicate another for himself, saying it was his wife's life insurance in case something happened to him.

Sackett recalled the tab for the building itself at close to a half million dollars, and the tab for the statue alone could have bought a home in town back then.

"It amazed me. They were pretty extravagant," she added about the entire PFS&L building project.

To celebrate PFS&L's fifth birthday open house, a contest was advertised notifying people they could win the interest on \$1 million for one day to 'name the mule.' The ad in the Aug. 20, 1981, News Letter Journal said, "the Pomeroy sculpture of 'The Goldhunter' depicts prospecting in the mid 1870s. We thought it would be fun to name the Jenny Mule."

Three judges combed through the 350 entries, and selected Sharon Humphrey's entry of "Tubb Town

Trixie" as the winner.

"Rusty" was the most popular entry, submitted by 18 people, as recorded in the News Letter Journal.

Now, more than three decades later, when asked where she came up with "Tubb Town Trixie," Sharon Materi-Huber explained that she was inspired by history of the original town located just east of Newcastle, named Tubb Town.

Tubb Town preceded the town of Newcastle, and the townspeople expected it to become a large city, however when the railroad bypassed Tubb Town, the town's residents figured if the railroad wasn't going to go to them, they'd take the town to the railroad. So they packed up and moved the entire town to the new location, dubbed "Newcastle," when lots went on sale in Newcastle in September of 1889.

Tubb Town was abandoned by Nov. 1, 1889, a mere two months later.

"I hardly ever enter contests. I always buy tickets for drawings, but never seem to win them," Materi-Huber said. She admitted it was a neat contest to win, saying the interest on a million dollars that day added another \$135 in her pocket, as well as garnering the claim of naming Newcastle's famous metal mule, Tubb Town Trixie.

TRADITION

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Amy Menerey/NLJ

▲ Visitors are always enthused to see signs of the Old West in Weston County, such as this group of horses making their way through snow drifts near Salt Creek. Horses today are still used for work and pleasure.

The iconic Red Butte, north of Newcastle on U.S. Highway 85, has been a guide for travelers across the prairies since civilization arrived here — and most likely for the Indians that lived here before them as well. The butte of red soil that contrasts vividly with a blue sky rises from the prairie to an elevation of 5,747 feet, capped by a six- to eight-foot layer of sandstone, shale and limestone that has kept it from eroding. An early 1940s amateur film of a thrashing crew for hire from North Dakota shows Red Butte much as it stands today. ►



▲ Cutting and baling hay is made easier these days with farm equipment, but residents of Weston County have been doing it since first inhabiting the area, providing feed for horses and cattle.



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Donations go to hospital upgrades

“Our hospital and foundation are so fortunate, because we have so many community members that support us.”
— Norma Shelton

New tub & lift among benefits

By Denice Piscioti
NLJ Reporter

Weston County Health Services Foundation is the charitable and non-profit organization that raises funds for Weston County Health Services, to complete projects needed at the hospital and Weston County Manor.

The organization’s primary fundraiser each year is a raffle, with half of the money raised going toward funding projects at the facility, and the other portion toward a scholarship fund for employees to further their education, according to Norma Shelton, Foundation board treasurer. Another primary source of money the WCHSF receives is memorials left to the organization. Some of these memorial donations are specified for certain projects, while other ones can be used where needed.

“We get quite a few because we are the non-profit charitable center for the hospital, and they are tax-deductible,” Shelton said.

The money is used for a variety of items, anything from flooring to essential equipment, or items that make the facilities more beautiful or comfortable, such as patio furniture.

“We did get a couple of memorial donations towards an ice cream maker for the Manor. And another was for a hide-a-bed in the hospice room in the Manor, so we have done those,” Shelton elaborated. “The rest of the memorials have been designated to go towards the bathing units — our big project this year. What this will do is upgrade the bathing units in the Manor that will service our 54 long-term care residents.”

The new walk-in bath tub was installed last year, which required enlarging the entry way so patients in wheel chairs would have improved access. Next on the agenda are patient lifts, requiring knocking down walls. This will help to ensure the safety of the residents and the staff in use of

these critical spaces. There will be better temperature control, and non-slip floors as well, she noted, adding that this renovation has been a long time coming.

“It is used every day and is an awesome piece of equipment. It is very therapeutic. It will be easier to use when more space is available. We are looking forward to the upgrade,” JoAnn Farnsworth Weston County Manor Director told the News Letter Journal. Both the bathing room and the shower room will be remodeled, she reported.

Powder River Energy Corporation Foundation Inc. also made a donation this year that will be used to finish the bathing units at the nursing home. Part of the money from PRECFI and Black Hills Power is going to go toward an education program, an upgrade of the Learning Management System, which will impact all 165 staff members — virtually the whole facility.

Julie Sindlinger, director of Human Resources at WCHS, approached the Foundation and asked them to help fund the system that offers on-demand clinical level training on site to all staff. She stated in a letter that the new system would provide on-site Continued Education Units needed to maintain professional credentialing in most professional areas. It will make 7,000 clinical level classes available to staff locally.

Sindlinger also asked for help with an additional part of the project, a Performance Review Center, to help measure job performance, quality and staff levels of competence that will ensure ongoing quality care for the community. She indicated this will allow administrators to better see lessons staff has taken, what they have learned, then applied, putting administrators in a better position to hold them accountable for patient and job outcomes.

“They asked us to fund a portion of this, with our raffle and with our couple of donations. We should be close to funding the part of that project that they have asked us to do,”



Denice Piscioti/NLJ

Weston County Health Services Foundation is the nonprofit organization for the facility, helping fund needed projects. Pictured standing are Karen Ackerman, WCHS board member Jill Sellers, Richard Ratts and Wayne Christiansen; seated are Norma Shelton and Kathleen Tavegie. Not pictured: Danny Decker and Leonard Nack.

Shelton said.

The Foundation was also approached at their last meeting regarding outside emergency lights. A light pole on the south side of the Emergency Room could be a safety issue when they are bringing in the Flight For Life, it was noted.

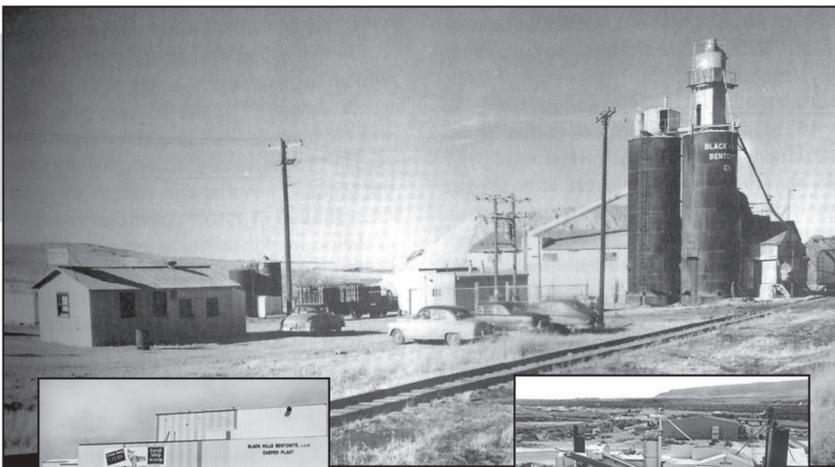
“If the wind was just right, we could have a real issue there. So that is a project we are looking into,” Shelton acknowledged.

The 2014 raffle has begun for an i-Pad Air, Kindle Fire and Bose SoundLink III. The winner will be drawn at the WCHSF pancake breakfast during the Weston County Fair

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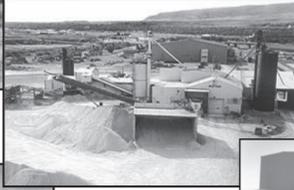
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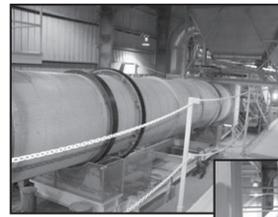
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MALLO CAMP

Restoration project needs submissions

By Denice Piscioti
NLJ Reporter

Mallo Camp is a recreation facility located in the northern corner of Weston County that is enjoyed by residents and visitors year-round — and has been for decades. In

2012, the Weston County Historical Preservation Board restored the oldest cabin at Mallo, No. 3, to preserve its history.

Next on the agenda is construction of Mallo historical exhibits to be placed inside the cabin. The Preservation Board received a grant to pay for aluminum signs — estimated at three feet by four feet — to be displayed as part of the exhibits. Bob Wilson has been recruited to assist the board in the building them. Displayed on the signs will be photo-

graphs that have been scanned from the Anna Miller Museum or requested for the project, said Alice Tratebas at a WCHPB meeting earlier this year, on Feb. 18.

The Preservation Board is seeking the public's help for the project as well. They still need photo submissions taken at Mallo throughout the years. They are specifically asking for Newcastle High School cross country photos from the meet held

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WCHPB

Progress Report

Cabin Restoration

\$13,900 Culture Trust Fund
\$2,000 Weston County Commissioners
\$2,500 Weston County Recreation Board
\$500 Wyoming State Historical Society
\$300 Individual donation
\$300 Individual donation
\$1,000 Powder River Energy
\$20 Weston County Historical Society
\$7,000 Wyoming Humanities Council

Available Funds

\$6,300: Weston County Treasurer, Paid by the Humanities Council for Grant awarded to Historic Preservation Board.
\$1,623.70: Weston County Historical Society
\$1,390: Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund
\$7,923: Cash available upon request by Board
\$3,090: Funding available upon submission of final reports to Cultural Trust Fund and Humanities Council
\$2,000: Additional funds requested in 2014 Weston County Budget
** Further fund raising is planned*



Then . . .



Photos from 1939 depict Homemakers Club members in a variety of activities, including nature hikes and learning about plants, socializing on the veranda of the old lodge, and lectures. One photo includes a demonstration of posture exercises; another a county agent helping women with handicrafts.



This photo, circa 1933, shows Homemakers from the Morrissy Club camping before the WPA Mallo Camp buildings were built. They rode to camp in Rosco Austins' Model A flatbed truck. (Photos courtesy of Weston County Historical Preservation Board/Anna Miller Museum)

Mallo

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at Mallo annually. WCHPB Chairman Lucille Dumbrill can be contacted if someone has photos they are willing to let be scanned for use in the displays.

"We are missing certain topics. We have not gotten any pictures from Girl Scouts, for example — and they were camping out there from the 1930s on — and some of the more recent activities," Tratebas informed the board.

She continued to elaborate on the items expected to be on the signs by explaining events that have occurred throughout the years. Those events have been divided into five topics, with a sign planned for each one, although that has not been finalized since the material is still in the editing and submission stage.

The five categories are as follows: Before Mallo was a camp; WPA construction; 4-H Camp, Homemakers camps; and most recent events. The fifth-grade Mallo Camp science and outdoor event is among the more recent events listed. Tratebas noted it is a key activity because, since its inception in the early 1980s, many people in the community remember a positive experience going to Mallo Camp in their last year of elementary school, and now readily support the project.

The finishing touches are still being detailed. The board would like to include furniture in the cabin from the 1930s or '40s. Another point of discussion still open is how the cabin will be lit. The members of the board have been working hard on this project, indicating its importance in preserving the past, and appreciate all that has been done to help them.

"The Weston County Historical Preservation Board has been gratified by the enthusiastic support it has received, not only in Weston County, but throughout this area and state-wide," Dumbrill noted.

... and Now



Historical Facts

• Mallo Camp is located on a portion of a 160.85 acre homestead parcel patented by Henry Mallo on Dec. 17, 1903.

• George Mallo acquired the land 10 years later through a Sheriff's Deed and sold the property to F. M. Schmalle on June 18, 1927.

• Schmalle sold the property to Walter Schoonmaker on Aug. 3, 1935. He then sold the property to Weston County for the sum of \$1, with the agreement that it be "dedicated as a memorial to Susie L. Schoonmaker, the grantor's beloved deceased wife."

He further designated an 80-acre tract never to be sold, rented or leased, or in any manner taken out of the control of the Weston County Commissioners, to be forever retained for use of the organizations and citizens of the county.

• On Aug. 23, 1935, WCC agreed to accept a gift of land to build a permanent recreation camp.

• Nov. 16, 1935, Wyoming granted allotment of \$246,304 for the Works Progress Administration to build the proposed recreation camp, which included assembly hall with offices, kitchen, an auditorium to seat more than 300 people, with a spacious porch and at least 10 cabins.

• At first it was named Mallo Canyon Recreation Camp, then in 1938 it became the Northeastern Wyoming Recreation Camp, consisting of a main lodge, 11 cabins, a bath house and swimming pool. Cost to stay was \$7 per person per week.

• In 1983, Campbell County School District #1 was the first school district to utilize Mallo Camp for fifth-grade students.

• In 1987, Martin Tysdal, Weston County School District #1 trustee, proposed that students from his school district participate Mallo Camp as well. He was later honored

for his vision at a special ceremony at Mallo, in 1989. Jack Pope, curriculum coordinator, along with J.L. Gay of Gertrude Burns Elementary School, put together a plan and in September 1988 the first fifth-grade class from Newcastle attended a three-day, on-site science camp, with approximately 100 students participating.

• Cabin 3 on the west side of the complex was one of the cabins that housed the boys who attended the camp, while the girls were in the cabins on the east side of the lodge.

• Soon Crook, Campbell and Niobrara 4-H clubs joined the camp and there were so many campers that the counties had to split them into two camp sessions. One memorable year, all four counties camped together. Mary Capps recalled: "The cooks worked from 4:30 a.m. until 10 p.m. I don't remember what I was paid, but I do remember it was not enough! All the counties never tried that again."

• Dianne Sweet was the head cook. • Mallo Camp got its name from the Mallo family that homesteaded in the valley in 1903.

• Cabin 3 was another homestead cabin built with axe-hewn flat logs fit together by dove-tailed notching. • The first county wide women's camp was held in 1933 at Buckhorn They moved it to Mallo in 1936 before the new lodge and cabins were built. The fee for three days of camp was \$3.25, plus 45 cents for handicraft supplies.

• The 1937 women's camp was the first to make use of the new recreation lodge and cabins.

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Today, Mallo Camp is still used by a variety of groups, including 4-H members, fifth-graders coming to explore and learn, and homemaker's clubs, such as the quilting club below.



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33: The churches serve as storm shelters in adverse weather

34: There is strength in numbers, especially fundraisers. People reach out to those in need. Weston County has some of the most generous

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36: The entire community shows up for Upton Fun Days activities

37: Home of the famous Dogie Burger

38: The hair stylist comes to your home to fix your hair and asks if she can scrub your floor while your perm is processing

113: You can make a phone call, place a grocery order and have them delivered that day

114: You can call your local retailer, and they will open after hours if you are in desperate need something

115: The towing company can also rent you a room until your car is repaired



Homegrown Talent

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Weston County's version of a future Patsy Cline in the making? Josie Smith, age 4, makes her debut singing "Frosty the Snowman" and "Yankee Doodle" accompanied by her father, Nate Smith, at Newcastle High School Rodeo Club's annual chili feed and slave auction fundraiser held Feb. 14 at Weston County Senior Services. (Photo by Todd Bennington/NLJ)

More reasons

We Love Weston County

- 96: Singing with the karaoke crowd on a Friday night
- 97: Stopping at the grocery store, then getting home an hour later because you had so much fun visiting with people you know
- 98: Partaking in the Cambria Coal Mine Days and Upton Fun Days festivities
- 99: Having the creativity to make your own hometown entertainment
- 100: Where shopping local includes a yard sale and lemonade stand
- 101: Everybody knows you
- 102: There is a helping hand around the corner
- 103: When you go for a walk, people stop and offer to give you a ride
- 104: Old-fashioned values never go out of style
- 105: Where accessing the great outdoors is a few minutes away
- 106: Homegrown beef can be found down the road on the ranch
- 107: The Humane Society, and their effort toward rescuing dogs
- 108: People live by the Code of the West
- 109: Where good teachers aren't just wanted, they are here
- 110: Your routine includes a cup of coffee with the gang on Mondays
- 111: Caramel rolls at the Senior Center on Friday mornings
- 112: Housed within the walls of the local post office is a wealth of history

Foundation

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in August. It will fund whatever hospital projects the hospital board brings to the Foundation to help fund.

As a separate project, Weston County Health Services Foundation received a donation from First State Bank to purchase a full sling patient lift with a scale. Another lift was needed to better care for Manor residents that aren't able to bear weight. The sling helps with safety of both the patient and the caregiver.

"Our hospital and foundation are so fortunate, because we have so many community members that support us. Health care is a complex business, and it's not just bricks and mortar. So we are thankful to the community for supporting us and helping us give the best possible care for the residents of Weston County," Shelton professed.



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- Dwight Eisenhower was president.
- The World Series was broadcast in color for the first time (The New York Giants beat the Cleveland Indians 4-0)
- J.R.R. Tolkien wrote *The Fellowship of the Ring*
- The first children received Dr. Jonas Salk's polio vaccine
- The black and white film, *From Here to Eternity* beat out a color movie, *Shane*, for the Best Picture Oscar
- Roger Bannister becomes the first man to run a mile in less than four minutes
- Matchbox cars, Yahtzee, Lincoln Logs and Scrabble make their first appearances on store shelves

1964

- The Beatles appeared on the *Ed Sullivan Show* and The Rolling Stones toured for the first time as a headline act
- Cassius Clay became Muhammed Ali
- *Mary Poppins, My Fair Lady, How the West Was Won* and *Cleopatra* all premier in the theaters
- The Warren Report is issued, concluding that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Jack Ruby is convicted of murder in Oswald's subsequent slaying.
- The Righteous Brothers perform *You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'*, for the first time. It has received more airplay on radio and television than any other song in history.
- George Whipple first utters the phrase "Please don't squeeze the Charmin."
- The miniskirt is introduced

1974

- OPEC ends the oil embargo
- Richard Nixon becomes the first president to resign a day after the House Judiciary Committee adopts three articles of impeachment against him. President Gerald Ford grants a "full, free, and absolute pardon" to him a month later
- The Miami Dolphins become the only undefeated NFL Super Bowl champions with a 24-7 victory over the Minnesota Vikings in Super Bowl VIII.
- Chris Evert and Jimmy Connors win Wimbledon
- Stephen King writes *Carrie*, and Roberta Flack's *Killing Me Softly With His Song*, wins the Grammy for Song of the Year
- Miller Lite launches "Tastes great, less filling" campaign
- The first UPC scanner is installed (in a supermarket in Ohio) and the first product with a barcode is a pack of Wrigley's Gum



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When Ed Decker's sons, Max and Thurman, built Decker's Food Center in Newcastle in 1954, the store featured the newest retail technology. The world had changed quite a bit since Ed opened his first general store in Melbeta, Nebraska in 1911, and the family knew how much modern conveniences were appreciated by customers in the rural communities they served.

That commitment to enhancing the customer experience through innovation has remained strong in the 60 years since the Newcastle store first opened. The original building has been enlarged five times and remodeled on numerous occasions.

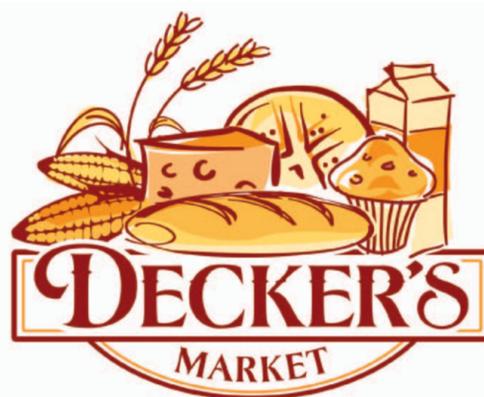
In 1960, the first expansion of the original 60 by 80 foot store took place with the addition of 3,200 extra feet on the back of the building, and in 1973 the size of the store was doubled with new construction on the west side. Then in 1996, another addition was built on the front of the store, and 640 more square feet were added to the west side of the building when two new coolers were installed. Today, the store is about 17,000 square feet, with a bakery, deli and a full-service floral department, as well as the traditional offerings of a supermarket.

The success of the Decker's formula wasn't limited to Newcastle, and Max and Thurman built a second store in Gillette in 1961, when Thurman's son, Gary, joined the company. Over the next 50 years, family members operated stores in 14 different communities over a four-state area.

The tradition of pairing the latest technology with great value and excellent service is carried on to this day by Max's sons, Danny and Kenny. Danny continues to operate the store in Newcastle, while Kenny manages the store in Lusk that was purchased in 1992. Danny and Kenny also operate a third store in Sundance that was purchased in 2011 from their cousin Gary. Another cousin, Edgar, operates a pair of stores in eastern Nebraska.



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1984

- The year begins with the break-up of AT&T
- The first commercial CD players go on sale
- *The Cosby Show* debuts on NBC, and Michael Jackson's *Thriller* wins Album of the Year at the Grammys
- Everybody talks about playing Trivial Pursuit
- The Terminator says "I'll be back," and Clara Peller asks "Where's the beef?"
- *Gremlins, The Karate Kid* and *Ghostbusters* blow up box offices
- The Soviet Union withdrew its athletes from the Los Angeles Olympics
- Apple introduces its user-friendly Macintosh personal computer
- Ronald Reagan collects 59 percent of the popular vote to beat Walter Mondale in a landslide and win re-election

1994

- The World Series is cancelled because of the player's strike
- The Nebraska Cornhuskers are crowned NCAA Football Champions
- *Forrest Gump* wins Best Film Oscar, and Tom Hanks wins Best Actor for the second year in a row
- NBC claims prime-time dominance with the debut of *Friends* and *ER* on Thursday night
- Nancy Kerrigan gets kneecapped by Tonya Harding's husband Jeff Gillooly
- Millions watch the slow speed chase of O.J. Simpson in the white Ford Bronco
- The White House launches its first web page, and "spamming" is introduced to the Internet vocabulary
- Michael Jackson marries Elvis Presley's daughter, Lisa Marie

2004

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6 Hometown girl

Representing the Cowboy State

Podio's reign comes to a close

By Denice Pisciotti
NLJ Reporter

On a Saturday night, June 22, 2013, at the WYO Theater in Sheridan, Weston County resident Rebecca Podio was crowned Miss Wyoming 2013, qualifying her to represent the Cowboy State in the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City in September of last year.

During her reign, she has represented Wyoming in 10 states, traveled 31,000 miles for more than 50 appearances, with an additional 450 miles for preparation for the pageant, and is scheduled to travel another 2,400 miles before her reign ends on May 31.

"My year of service has been more than I could ever imagine. It has been truly a wonderful experience and an honor to serve as Miss Wyoming," Podio told the News Letter Journal in a recent telephone interview.

Scheduling her appearances geographically has been essential in the vast state of Wyoming. She would plan to be at multiple events in the same region, compounding everything into one trip. Even so, with the use of technology she has been able to spend time with children in classrooms while being miles away.

"Nothing is close together here, which makes it fun, because I get to do different things than a lot of the girls get to do. And I have actually been Facetiming and Skyping with some kindergarten classes around the state. I get to read to them over Skype, and that has really helped to reach more kids," she acknowledged. "They get so excited that they can see and talk to you at the same time. I think they like it better than if I was actually in the classroom."

Many of the other Miss America representatives do not have full-time jobs, she indicated, so it has been a challenge organizing her time as a petroleum engineer at Osage Partners, doing all the production work for the Osage field, while meeting her obligations as Miss Wyoming, but it's been important for her to continue doing both. In addition, she helps with the company's subsidiaries in Casper and Greeley, Colo., so traveling is a big part of her duties that come with her title and her job.

"I have really had a great year! I



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A busy Miss Wyoming, Rebecca Podio, stops for a photo while holding a friend's pup, Roxi, at the Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt Saturday at Dow Park.

have got to do so much. I have been able to do a lot more than I thought I could do, because it has just worked out. My business manager [Patty Caywood] is great and she is just on top of the theory if I am going to travel I need to hit multiple things at a time everywhere I go," she smiled.

"I couldn't have had a better year. I am really glad I got to be in the first class to go back to Atlantic City [for the Miss America Pageant]. I think that really added to it, rather than being in Vegas for Miss America.

Now we are closer than any other class, too, because Miss Arkansas was only crowned three weeks before we went to Miss America. We were all learning the ropes of going to Atlantic City because no one had been there in eight years, so we all got real close real fast, because we were all stressed and freaked out," Podio reported.

Through her experience, she has formed lifetime friendships with other contestants. Some of her fondest memories of this year have

been attending events with other Miss America contestants.

Because her platform was community in the classroom, she has spent the last year visiting high schools, talking to students about gaining experience and skills to help them with lifelong success, such as knowing how to write emails and how valuable volunteering can be on a resumé. With the emphasis on community, she also visited organizations about the importance of getting into classrooms to bridge the gap of what

is taught in class and what is not.

"I even encouraged different organizations to go in and teach grade school students how to balance a checkbook, or to go in and talk to them about job opportunities," she added.

Children's Miracle Network is Miss America's National platform and one of the largest organizations they support with fundraisers. Because of this, the contestants visit all of

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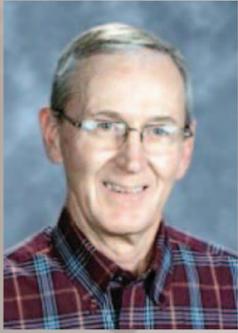
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Building the economy

Dixon Brothers christens new building

By Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

A handsome new office building at Dixon Brothers Inc.'s location off U.S. Highway 16 near Newcastle is the latest development for the trucking company now well into its sixth decade in business, but more construction is planned. In fact, the new office space was really only an incidental benefit of a broader remodeling project, according to company founder Jim Dixon.

"We needed to make shop expansions," Dixon explained, "and the only logical way to expand our shop was to put it on the west side where the old office was, so we planned on tearing the old office down and adding to the shop, which meant we had to relocate the office. [We] had to either rent something downtown or build a new one here, so we decided to build here ... This summer we'll add to the shop."

The plan is to get started this spring with completion scheduled for the end of summer, Dixon continued.

A few months' wait for the shop expansion is a just a drop in the bucket, however, when one considers Dixon founded the company with a single truck all the way back in February of 1960. Asked why he decided to make the foray in the trucking business to begin with, Dixon said he was simply pursuing a dream.

"My whole life I wanted to own a truck and drive it myself, and I had the opportunity."

The company grew quickly as changes to Interstate Commerce Commission rules forced him to look to expand, and about five years later Dixon brought in his brother Jerry as full partner. Today the business is truly a family affair with both children and grandchildren involved in its operation.

"It was a partnership and then a corporation. With my brother's untimely



Todd Bennington/NLJ

Jim Dixon, patriarch of family trucking business Dixon Brothers Inc., examines a model truck in his office near Newcastle in March. Dixon started his business with a single truck—a real one—all the way back in February of 1960.

passing in 2002 I bought his shares of the company from his estate, which left my wife and myself as the sole owners. Since then the children, who were working for the company, have become the owners."

Asked if there were any drawbacks to working with family, Dixon professed he's never felt that to be

the case.

"I haven't seen one yet. I think our family is exceptional. They're all reasonable and hard-working and they all get along. If a person has an idea they exercise that idea with the rest of the family. [The family] either adopts it or not. It's been a pleasant relationship."

It turns out, though, that when asked

about his recipe for business success, it's not a Dixon family secret but merely common sense that's at work.

"We treat our customer base fairly and any time they have a concern or an idea we sit down and discuss it and work out the logistics the best way attainable ... We still have the very first customer I started with in 1960," he said of McPherson Propane of Sturgis, S.D.

From the single truck and customer with which Dixon started, the company has now grown to consist of 95 trucks and a payroll of about 150, with terminals in North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Wyoming.

That growth has come despite the fact that doing business hasn't gotten any easier. In the ensuing decades since Dixon began, interstate transport has become increasingly regulated. Asked about his prediction of several years ago that the current regulatory environment will eventually force smaller carriers to either consolidate or get out of the industry, Dixon said he stands by his statement.

"It's approaching that now with the restrictions the federal government is putting on highway transportation. They're making it tough for smaller operators to comply with all of the new regulations. You've got to have a department that specializes in that, and it's tough if you have just a few trucks to afford another department in your business."

As to whether or not these stifling regulations are to be blamed on the current federal administration, Dixon said the answer was both yes and no.

"It started a number of years ago

but it's really, really increased over the last five years ... I think there's probably only one other industry that's involved in as much regulation as the trucking industry, and that's the banking industry," he reasoned, adding that the regulations in question deal with all aspects of the business from environmental concerns to highway safety.

Dixon has himself been a part of attempting to influence policies that effect the industry over the years through his involvement as a board member with the National Tank Truck Carriers and as one-time vice president of the American Trucking Association. A member of both organizations since the early 1980s, Dixon says his work in that regard has tapered off due in part to his aversion to the hassles of flying.

"I don't attend all of the meetings. I still correspond with them. Periodically I'll take in one of their annual conferences, but I used to travel to Washington [D.C.] three times a year to attend board meetings," he explained, adding that he still enjoys going to Las Vegas and other locations within driving distance for meetings.

Still, Dixon was quick to say that just because he has slowed down and handed over the day-to-day operations to his children doesn't mean that he's contemplating the life of a retiree.

"I'm here just really as an advisor. I help with any of the concerns that arise daily, but as far as retirement, if a person doesn't have an interest, you're not going to last very long. My interest is in coming out here just to see what's going on and to be with the people," he concluded.



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The coordinator behind the curtain

“We’re fortunate that in this county we have people who are really good at working together,”

Jorrey looking forward to retirement

By Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

Doug Jorrey, county coordinator for Weston County Homeland Security, is set to retire at the end of July after nine years in the position, leaving a gap which may prove difficult for the county to fill.

“The primary function of this office is emergency management,” Jorrey explained to the News Letter Journal, “but because of 9/11 we picked up some additional responsibilities in terms of being aware of security problems, and not just being prepared for emergencies, but trying to mitigate security issues [as well].”

From his office in the basement of the Weston County Courthouse, laden with radios and other communications equipment, Jorrey went on to explain that, on its most essential level, emergency management consists of adopting plans, policies, and procedures that ensure that the community, and especially first responders, are ready in case of an emergency and can effectively work together to mitigate its effects.

“[The Oil Creek Fire] was an incident that required us to set up shelters for people who were displaced by the fire,” Jorrey continued by way of example. “That was an incident that required the sheriff to patrol the fire area and to close roads if necessary. It required the Newcastle Police Department to patrol areas of the City of Newcastle to evacuate people, and all that had to be coordinated.”

In such instances the small basement office Jorrey shares with his part-time deputy, Becky Hadlock, is transformed into a bustling Emergency Operation Center for the county.

The office’s day-to-day concerns, however, are in setting up the infrastructure to prepare for such emergencies, particularly in terms of communications, and Jorrey cited communication between first response agencies and communication between the public and the dispatch center as his main priorities — in that order.

To that end he helped oversee the complete overhaul of the county’s radios and related communications equipment and the installation of an Enhanced 911 system, which allows dispatchers to know where a call, including those placed by cellular phones, is coming from.

“If you were injured and couldn’t talk and dialed 911, they would still know where that call was coming from. [Additionally], with the old system you could dial with your cell phone ... but cell phone 911 calls didn’t come in on a 911 line. It didn’t come in as a priority call. [They] came in on admin lines,” he explained.



Doug Jorrey, county coordinator for Weston County Homeland Security, grins while posing next to his official vehicle last Friday. Jorrey, who is scheduled to retire at the end of July after nine years in the position, is an Army veteran originally from Upstate New York.

Jorrey’s position also requires a degree of impartiality and sense of the “big picture,” as he manages the Homeland Security grants, federal money passed through the state, that he ensures are not only equally divided but are properly prioritized toward certain key areas.

“I have to coordinate,” Jorrey explained, adding that he has no actual authority to tell anyone what to do. “I have to get everybody to work together and if you don’t get the sheriff on your side and the fire warden on your side and various other people [on your side] and understand their needs and wants and go about working with them as a team, you’re going to have problems.”

“We’re fortunate that in this county we have people who are really good at working together,” he continued. “We have a limited number of resources, but we’re really rich in talented people who get the most out of their organizations by working together with other organizations.”

Asked about what qualities an ideal candidate to fill his position should possess, Jorrey answered that, like him, it would be helpful if they bring preexisting knowledge about some facets of the job but have no overriding personal commitment to any one field or agency.

“I understood aspects of security and law enforcement from the

Tornado warning rescheduled

A statewide tornado drill will be conducted by the National Weather Service and emergency officials around 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 25, as part of Wyoming Severe Weather Awareness Week, April 21-25.

The exercise is used to train emergency service organizations and educate people how to respond to a tornado warning. It was originally scheduled for Wednesday, April 23. 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 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 the Rapid City National Weather Service web site: www.weather.gov/rapidcity, the American Red Cross, and your county emergency management office.

Army,” he answered. “I really didn’t understand much about fire-fighting [initially] ... I was pretty well able to adapt my previous skill-set to this job, but I was not invested as a law enforcement official or as a firefighter. All I wanted to do is help them work together, and that’s exactly what I did in the Army as an operations officer in a combat brigade ... I’ve been lucky in that my background kind of played into this, but somebody who comes into this job has got to take the same approach [of balancing the interests of

different agencies].”

“I recommended to the [Weston County] commissioners,” he continued, “that we have a means to transfer information. No matter how much you write down there’s a lot of stuff that doesn’t get written down ... I’m hoping that there is some kind of mechanism that I can help whoever the replacement is, to pick up this job and start running with it right from the get-go.”

The person who fills Jorrey’s shoes will have a couple of challenges

awaiting them on the horizon as the rapid pace of technological innovation and increasing costs pose hurdles to the maintenance and replacement of equipment. The radios initially replaced county-wide in 2005 are now approaching 10 years old and will have to be phased out in a gradual and cost-effective manner, and the E-911 system is also in need of software and hardware updates.

“We have to upgrade that [E-911] equipment and the big question now is how we’re going to do that. We [currently] have the money to do it on our own. After 2020, I don’t know ... with the rate of taxation remaining fixed and the cost of maintaining the system going up.”

That’s still a few years away, however, and isn’t likely to continue worrying Jorrey as the Army veteran contemplates having more time to hunt and fish and to do some work on his home.

“I’ve been fortunate in this job to work with people who are consummate team players,” he concluded. “The first responders that I have worked with over the past nine years have been great at coming together as a team, and I have to also thank the commissioners for not meddling in my business ... They let me do what needed to be done. My success is related to the people I work with and the people I work for.”

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Newcastle grads recognized as people to watch

By Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

Jesse and Louie Mullen, both Newcastle High School graduates and former News Letter Journal employees, have been recognized by the newspaper trade publication "Editor & Publisher" (E&P) as two people to watch.

Co-authors Nu Yang and Ed Zintel of the magazine's "25 under 35" feature state they were looking for people who are young, bright and capable of tackling whatever the changing newspaper climate throws at them. People with business acumen to lead through trying times and vision to implement bold, new strategies to move their newspapers forward.

"At 28, J. Louis Mullen purchased the Green River Star, a faltering weekly newspaper in Green River, Wyo.," the E&P feature reads. "In the course of a few months he turned it into the second best weekly newspaper in the state according to the Wyoming Press Association Better Newspaper Contest. Mullen, the younger brother of Jesse Mullen of Civitas Media, who also was named to the 25 under 35 list this year, is a versatile newspaperman with outstanding editorial vision. He has increased his [run of paper] sales significantly since buying the paper, increased staff and returned what used to be an excellent paper to its former



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Brothers Louie Mullen, 28, above, and Jesse Mullen, 30, below, were recently named to Editor & Publisher's "25 under 35" list of entreprenuering newspapermen.

self. He was also recently selected to represent Wyoming to the National Newspaper Association."

When asked by E&P how he accom-

plished the turnaround, Louie had this to say: "It does feel like the paper took off like a rocket and I think I can say I lit the fuse, but look, the fuel was there.

It was put there by the Kennedy family, who sold me the paper, and by a lot of publishers who came before me, and by the staff who I think didn't know how passionate they could be about their community. My biggest issue is always wanting to fix everything immediately but change takes time. That goes for people and the product. For me, I pick a goal and head in that direction. Occasionally we have to correct course, but as long as the ship is steered in the right direction, I can wait."

Turning to the accomplishments of older brother Jesse, 30, the E&P features continues, "Since joining Civitas Media in April 2013, Jesse Mullen has led the transformation of copy desks at eight newspapers with circulations between 10,000 and 50,000 while hiring a staff of 20 paginators to create a new pagination hub for the company based in Miamisburg, Ohio. He has worked as an editor, night editor, copy editor, general manager, ad rep and more since his start at a weekly newspaper in Newcastle, Wyo. during high school. Civitas Media has made Mullen a part of the company content committee and he leads a style committee comprised of regional editors, regional revenue leaders, managers, designers and other peers. Mullen says he's optimistic about the future of journalism and print journalism in particular."

Asked by the E&P authors what his greatest challenges have been in the transformation, Jesse had this to say:

"Hiring capable and passionate people is always a challenge. The travel and the hours can be exhausting but the reward is that all of our papers have a larger pool of talent from which to pull, and our reporters are better able to focus on reporting. We now have dozens of newspaper men and women who are able to dedicate their time specifically to presenting a reader-friendly and engaging product. Weekly editors that used to lose an entire day building the paper, or night editors that had to spend half a shift pulling wire, are better able to edit and report on their communities. In many ways, it's a return to traditional newspapering. Ultimately though, finding a good chair with proper back support has been the most difficult challenge. My teams spend a lot of time seated and it's amazing the difference padded arm rests make."

Contacted by the News Letter Journal for comment, both Louie and Jesse attributed much of their success within the industry to their formative years spent with Newcastle's own weekly paper.

"I first started working for the News Letter Journal when I did janitorial duties, mopping the floors Wednesday mornings at 5:30, doing the dusting, [and] vacuuming," recalled Louie. "... I also rolled film, back before you guys had digital equipment ... I started shooting for the paper in, I think, seventh grade and shortly after that I turned to writing stories. Every summer I worked for the newspaper full time and also worked during the school year covering sports and working on Progress edition stories. The News Letter Journal was ... my first job with any real responsibility."

Jesse, in turn, admitted that he never had any intention of going into the industry, but that it was a natural fit given that he'd picked up much of the skills he needed growing up with the News Letter.

"I remember during swim meets when Todd Quigley was coach and I had to take pictures for the paper, Todd would get [upset] and say, 'Hey Jesse are you here to swim or are you going to work for the newspaper?' It's this thing that we've been doing our entire lives."

Questioned on the matter, the brothers, who are only about 18 months apart in age, admitted to being in competition with one another.

"There's definitely a little bit of sibling rivalry, but if Louie does well that just pushes me to do well, too," Jesse admitted, adding that a third Mullen, 25-year-old Lloyd, is also a newspaperman, working for the Mason County Journal in Shelton, Wash.

"I want to be better than my brothers," admitted Louie in turn. "I want to be better than my dad [News Letter Journal co-owner Tom Mullen] but I've got a long way to go. They're extremely talented at what they do."



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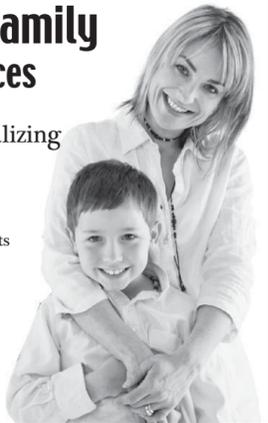
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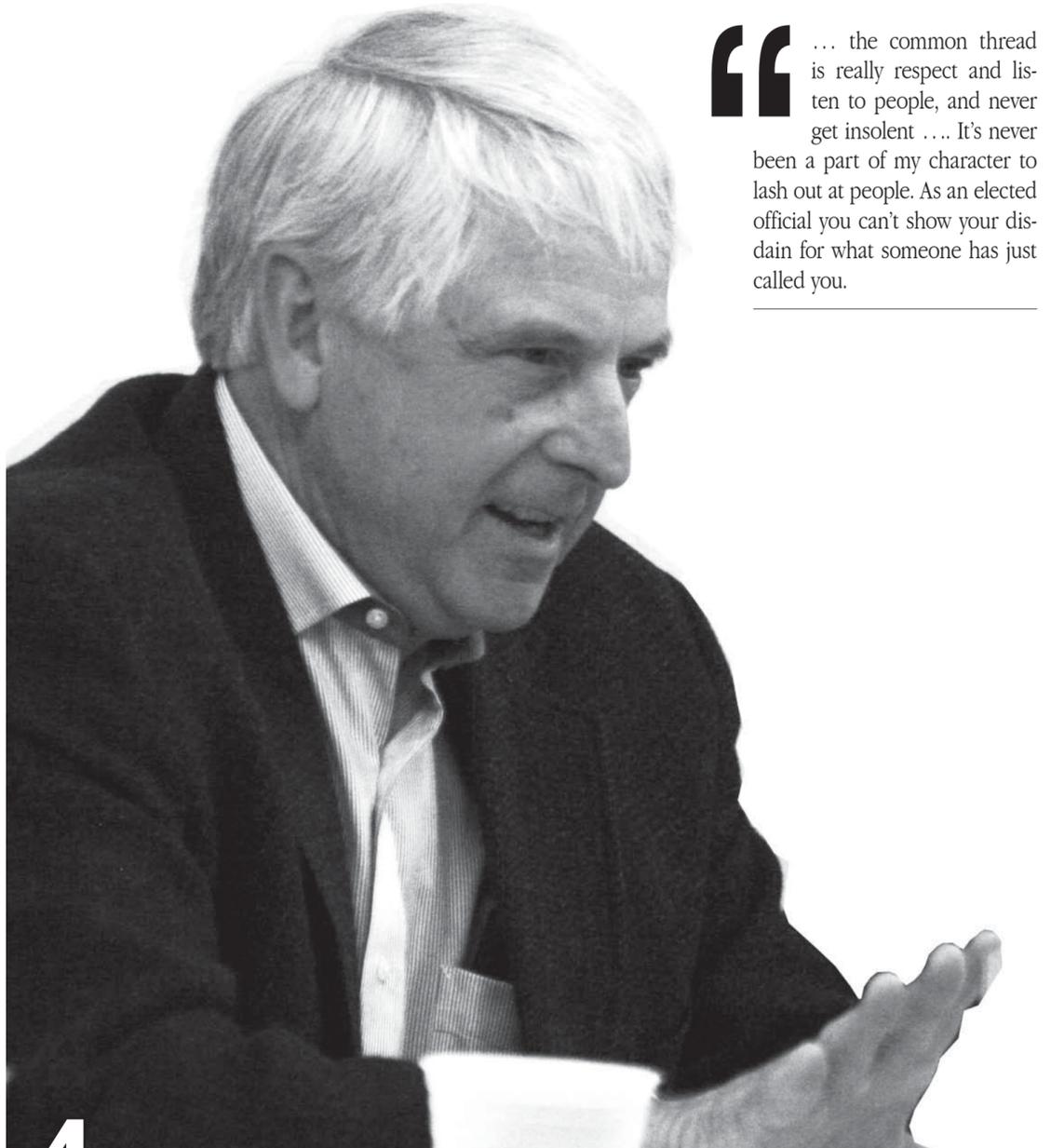
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A chat with Mark Semlek

By Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

After spending 23 of the last 30 years as an elected public official, serving for the last 12 of them as representative of House District 01 in the Wyoming House of Representatives and before that as a School District trustee and county commissioner in Crook County, Rep. Mark Semlek announced in March his desire to step away from public life. He recently sat down with the News Letter Journal to discuss what the final takeaway is from his time in the political spotlight. His extensive answers have been abridged due to space considerations.

NLJ: Why retire?

Semlek: My decision ... was difficult and done over a period of a few years. It was mostly driven by the need to devote more time at home. [As] I am self-employed [as a rancher], I have the luxury of being able to come and go when I want to, but when I leave sometimes nothing gets done ... I just feel the need to work on some uninterrupted projects with a head that's kind of clear. I could tell during the end of the last two sessions that it was getting harder for me to do legislative updates. It was kind of a subliminal sign to me that it's not that easy [for me] to do what I thought was needed to be done with respect to constituent services ... It's been a big privilege and an honor to serve the people this way, but I just feel it's time for me to step aside.

NLJ: Not all interactions with constituents can be positive ones. Do the daily demands placed on you as an elected official wear on you after a while?

Semlek: When you are an elected official you are a public servant. If you don't like that, don't run for the position. You are at the disposal of the people who elected you or who have some interest in that seat or topic ... and you run into them [everywhere]. For them, at that time, it's the most important thing in their life even though it may be one of a hundred or a thousand things that you're dealing with. You respect that relationship between an elected official and a constituent and you take time to hear what that concern is ...

It's been very few times in my 23 years as an elected official, very few times, that I've had people who were insolent, rude, or demeaning to me ... That happens with public issues because certainly not everybody ... agrees with their senator or representative. If it's an issue that is personal to them, they will let you know passionately ... If you have integrity and good character that will provide respect for you even if they might not agree with you.

My hearings on bill typically ran [long]. I never cut anybody off although the clock was always there and I knew what time it would take to wrap up an issue.

NLJ: Is there no temptation to become enamored with the power you have? (Semlek is currently Chair of the House Agriculture and Select Water Committees.)

Semlek: I've never considered it to be power. For me it's a leadership role that really comes with the responsibility of conducting a meeting in the way that I think would be pleasing and appropriate to the public that is there ... I have never used the authority that is vested with the committee chairman to bury a bill or to make anything go away, or not to hear a bill unless it was requested by the sponsor.

Maybe it's just semantics, but to me it's a high calling being in a leadership role where the public and committee members are watching you to see how you're going to deal with that. I don't consider [retiring] giving up any power ... I don't consider my role as a committee chairman to be a bully pulpit. I've never used it that way and would find it contrary to civility and appropriate use of authority. Some do, I just don't do it.

NLJ: Is there a Machiavellian aspect to state-level politics?

Semlek: I don't think so. In nearly 12 years of being in the Wyoming Legislature I've not seen any blatant misuse of power or corruption as such. We affectionately call it mischief — although perfectly legal and probably perfectly ethical — instead of corruption. It comes from issues ... with local government funding. Over the years we've seen some mischief there where a group of legislators who can get a majority vote where [they] can benefit their constituents more by a particular funding formula. It's not by trading votes. I've never seen any indications [of that]. I don't think it happens. Maybe I'm naïve ... [But] almost always there are legislators who will go to the microphone and call out the perceived inequities with the plan. You don't use the word "mischief" on the floor normally, and you certainly don't talk about "corruption" ... But you point out to your colleagues the potential unfairness with a particular budget amendment that might handsomely benefit a few people but doesn't do the most good for the most people. [Fortunately], the last six years ... we've settled into a revenue sharing formula that might not be perfect but [has broad acceptance].

NLJ: How has your perspective evolved since you first became involved in politics at the school board level? Looking back

“ ... the common thread is really respect and listen to people, and never get insolent ... It's never been a part of my character to lash out at people. As an elected official you can't show your disdain for what someone has just called you.”

at your former self, have your reasons for wanting to be involved in the political process changed?

Semlek: I don't know why [but] I've just always found myself interested in helping people organize, solve problems and make decisions. There is certainly some naivety at the beginning of the process because it's unfamiliar to you ... how to [best] go about being effective in problem solving and decision making. The common thread through all of that is “listen to your constituents.” At least on the legislative side, they have generally brought me the best ideas that I have forwarded through the legislative process, which eventually became laws ...

My first two public service positions I was kind of baptized with fire because the school district had some tumultuous things going on in Crook County. The difference in opinion as to whether or not Crook County should build some new school buildings ... was a very divisive issue [and] at that time required a bond issue. I think we had failed seven bond issues up to the time that I was elected. When I went to the county commission ... I was [appointed] to fill the unexpired term of a previous commissioner who decided he wanted off the board. There was an issue in Crook County about putting in a resolution where we had building permits in the county and then we [had] put a moratorium on the building permits. The first public meeting that I went to as someone who was kind of looking at maybe, upon the encouragement of others, [putting my name] in the hat to be appointed, there were 300 people who filled the auditorium at Sundance High School and they were all mad, so I was baptized with fire again.

I was appointed and the first meeting we had we rescinded the moratorium. I remember being in the commissioners' room in the courthouse in Sundance and there were 50 or 60 people in the lobby and they were all mad ...

In each step of the process as an elected official you learn from the previous one and each office is different but there are similarities, and again the common thread is really respect and listen to people, and never get insolent with them even though ... you've just been berated. It's never been a part of my character to lash out at people. As an elected official you can't show your disdain for what someone has just called you.

I think there's a transition that [many people] make from first coming into elected office to better understanding how you go about gathering information for problem solving and decision making. [At this point] most issues that come before the Legislature ... I could give you some history on — which makes me feel like a part of the institution.



MURALS

While Newcastle's downtown boasts two murals — this one on the side of the Black Hills Printing building, the other on the Modern Cleaners building. Weston County's most historic murals, though, are housed within the Western Bar in Upton, painted by J.W. Benson in the mid 1950s. The Newcastle murals were a product of the Newcastle Mural Project Task Force, painted by Del Iron Cloud. All of the murals add visual interest by depicting Weston County's past and present, and make the county a unique place to visit.

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Spring into E-motion

Jessalynn Centifanto
Summer Solace

The raw expression of emotion on display in all its forms — dancing, painting, drawing, poetry and prose, screaming, bursts of laughter — it doesn't matter how it's expressed, is startling and refreshing. Experiencing an honest piece of art or an honest moment with someone makes you feel alive and human. When barriers come down and there's nothing left but your humanness it's freeing.

Dirty snow, muddy yards, gray, empty trees and skies, Spring is here and the hope of new birth is the only thing keeping hope alive in this gray naked world. In many ways it's the ultimate metaphor for where we often find ourselves. Sometimes it has to get ugly before it can be beautiful. Sometimes you have to be honest and even exposed in all your bare-branches honesty before you can produce new life. It's important to come to that place where you can deal with the ugly because you do have hope for something beautiful coming after.

With every day that it gets just a little bit warmer and every time a sunbeam hits my face I'm reminded once again that I am alive. Spring is the beginning of Summer in all its barefoot, sun-kissed, naked freedom and a little part of each one of us feels inspired to have a rebirth of our own.

So get ugly with someone. Get honest. If you feel like dancing — even if you have no moves — then dance like a crazy person in a grocery store. If you feel like crying don't be afraid to let it all out and get it behind you. Don't care if your face gets swollen and your eyes puffy, don't try to hold it in, let it out and let the new beginnings begin. As you begin to break down barriers for yourself it's not only freeing for you, but for others, because they realize that maybe they're not the only one that's human. Be the courageous one and start with being real yourself.

Maybe you feel like laughing so hard it makes your cry, so do it. Forget about polite laughter or being sophisticated; laugh like you mean it and when you want to, because that's real.

Be real. Do yourself the honor of allowing yourself to live in the freedom of the person you are, not the one that you are in public, but the one that you are when there is no one watching. That person that cries, laughs till they cry some more, dances like a crazy person, tells stupid jokes nobody gets and laughs at themselves anyway.

If you feel like expressing something visually but you're not an artist, paint something anyway and frame it, brag about it, don't think about how 'good' or 'bad' it is, don't be ashamed to show people, just let it be what it is, an expression of you.

Tell someone something that you haven't had the courage to say; tell someone you love them, tell someone they hurt you, tell someone you have to move on and then do it. Move on "for real" this time, set yourself free to do everything that you haven't had the honesty to do. Go do what you were given life to do — live! Make this Spring a real spring of new life for yourself and give others the space to live too.

MOTORCYCLES

In early August, motorcycle enthusiasts clamor to the Black Hills and surrounding areas for the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. Newcastle's Main Street median is blocked off to offer riders easy parking while they enjoy the fare of downtown merchants.



Semlek

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NLJ: Wyoming seems to have a rather unique and insular political environment, but one with lots of national concerns creeping at the margins or evident in adjacent states, e.g. the recent legalization of marijuana in Colorado. Thoughts?

Semlek: I'm not sure I can answer that other than to say that the Republican Party nationally has ... been somewhat reluctant over the last five years to incorporate what I believe is the — I'm not saying it's the prevailing political perspective in Wyoming — but more of the Tea Party ... I think the base of Wyoming Republicans is more [toward] that conservative, almost Tea Party perspective. That's ... the nature of our state in that we [have] a lot of private sector business, natural resource development, those free-enterprise economies that have driven Wyoming's workforce for 50 years, agriculture [being] first. Independent, self-reliant, that's been the ... perspective that a lot of us have. [We're] not necessarily looking for a lot of government assistance. I think the nature of how we have developed our economy since statehood has led to more of an independent, conservative or libertarian ... perspective.

NLJ: How do you balance a principled belief in limited government with the reality of social disintegration and the resulting existence of people who are ill-equipped to take care of themselves or their dependents?

Semlek: Nationally our culture has migrated over time to more government assistance and less dependence on our own selves ... That was the big debate in the last presidential [race] about the "46-percenters" that [Mitt] Romney mentioned, the percentage of our society that relies on government programs. Do we allow consenting adults to die in a gutter because

they've made choices ... that led them into a life that's not very productive? Is it our role as a government to come in to give them a leg up? Well, we do that. Even in Wyoming we have a number of programs. However, they're means tested, which is an important aspect of public assistance in my book ... I'm most concerned about those who can't help themselves, who haven't had the opportunity to make bad choices, and that's the children.

I am most concerned that the government at times needs to step in to help them, but wherever there is a child who has an [adult] in the family who is willing and able... that person needs to look [after] that child foremost. I just feel we need to help those who are the most defenseless in our society ... The other category is adults who have found themselves in a situation that is beyond their control. We need to help take care of those who are physically [or] mentally incapacitated. Again, my first choice would be for families to take care of them as much as they can, but families reach their limit financially.

I am resistant to creating large-scale programs up front. We need to continue to monitor what the [actual] needs are.

NLJ: As a politician, aren't you limited to putting a metaphorical Band-Aid on what are ultimately social and moral problems?

Semlek: We can't be all things to all people. The wisdom really is, what is the appropriate time to intervene to lessen the cost of the remediation that will be required that falls upon the state ... I think we've done a pretty good job over the years of being responsible and aware of the number of challenges that our citizens have out there, and trying to provide them with an appropriate amount of assistance. Some of that falls back to

the question of, what is the appropriate role of government, and I've asked myself that over a number of years, is this really something that government should be doing and in some cases I think it's fairly clear that [it is]. The culture and the family unit have really changed and it effects public policy.

Generally [public assistance] programs have done nothing but expand ... It helps families, but once you cross that threshold of saying that it is appropriate for the government to help in this way ... it becomes somewhat of an entitlement and it's going to grow."

NLJ: Final thoughts?

Semlek: It's been a great experience. I've enjoyed working with people and working with my colleagues. Mostly I've been interested in respecting the process. That's just been something that I've felt strongly about. You gain credibility and you gain respect ... and if you want to get things done at the Legislature ... one person can't get it done. You need to form relationships with people who trust you — and vice versa.

Most people don't have the capacity to know all things about all issues, so if you've dealt fairly with ... people, and you've represented your opinions and their opinions with respect, you develop those relationships where you can get stuff done. There's not too many "I's." I did this. I did that. You won't hear that coming from me because the good ideas that I really had came from my constituents. It was my task to make that concern of theirs into a public policy that would get acceptance from the majority of the Legislature ... It's just part of doing the business of the people ... I've got a few more months and several committee meetings ahead of me and I'll do it the best way I can, and then kind of slip out of the picture.

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DUDE LOOKS LIKE A LADY

What else do we love about Weston County? The editor of the local paper will don stockings or a dress for entertainment or education, shown here teaching lessons at Vacation Bible School. News Letter Journal's editor, Bob Bonnar, also appeared recently in the Bird Cage Theatrics' play, "The Imaginary Invalid," donning tights and yet another wig — as a man.

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Every day you lose water through your breath, perspiration, urine and bowel movements. For your body to function properly, you must replenish its water supply by consuming beverages and foods that contain water. Lack of water can lead to dehydration, a condition that occurs when you don't have enough water in your body to carry out normal functions. Even mild dehydration can drain your energy and make you tired. Some other symptoms of dehydration include headaches, nausea, dizziness, heat illness and heat stroke.

The easiest way to tell if you're dehydrated is to look at the color of your urine. The clearer it is, the more hydrated you are. If your urine is gold or deep yellow, you need to drink more water. If you're concerned about your fluid intake or have health issues, check with your doctor or a registered dietitian.

Divide your weight in half, and that's how many ounces of water you should drink per day. For instance, a person who is 200 pounds, should drink 100 ounces of water per day to be adequately hydrated. The Institute of Medicine determined that an adequate intake for men is roughly about 13 cups of total beverages a day. The adequate intake for women is about nine cups of total beverages a day.

Your water needs depend on many factors, including your health, activity level, where you live, and if you are pregnant or breast-feeding. While sports drinks contain extra sugar and calories that can benefit a real endurance athlete or someone in an extremely hot environment, for most people water is always a better choice, both physically and economically.

Here are the recommended water intakes for each factor:

Exercise. If you exercise or engage in any activity that makes you sweat, you need to drink extra water to compensate for the fluid loss. An extra 1.5 to 2.5 cups of water should suffice for short bouts of exercise, but intense exercise lasting more than an hour (for example, running a marathon) requires more fluid intake. How much additional fluid you need depends on how much you sweat during exercise, and the duration and type of exercise. During long bouts of intense exercise, it's best to use a sports drink that contains sodium,

as this will help replace sodium lost in sweat and reduce the chances of developing hyponatremia, which can be life-threatening. Hyponatremia is a condition in which the amount of sodium (salt) in the blood is lower than normal. Also, continue to replace fluids after you're finished exercising.

Environment. Hot or humid weather can make you sweat and requires additional intake of fluid. Heated indoor air also can cause your skin to lose moisture during winter time. Further, altitudes greater than 8,200 feet may trigger increased urination and more rapid breathing, which use up more of your fluid reserves.

Illnesses or health conditions. When you have fever, vomiting or diarrhea, your body loses additional fluids. In these cases, you should drink more water. In some cases, your doctor may recommend oral rehydration solutions, such as a sports drink with electrolytes. Also, you may need increased fluid intake if you develop certain conditions, including bladder infections or urinary tract stones.

Pregnancy or breast-feeding. Women who are expecting or breast-feeding need additional fluids to stay hydrated. Large amounts of fluid are used when nursing. The Institute of Medicine recommends that pregnant women drink about 10 cups of fluids daily, and women who breast-feed consume about 13 cups of fluids a day.

Here are some easy ways to get more water during the day:

- Drink a glass of water when you get up in the morning, before you have coffee or tea.
- Keep a cup or water bottle by your desk at work. Take several sips of water each hour. If you don't have a desk job, carry a container of water with you, and take sips throughout the day.
- Take a drink whenever you pass a water fountain.
- If you get tired of drinking plain water, add a packet of sugarless flavoring to your water. Or put a slice of lemon, lime or orange in plain or sparkling water.
- You also get water through food. Some fruits and vegetables contain lot of water, such as watermelon and lettuce.

Total water intake includes drinking water, water in beverages, and water contained in food. People consume 80 percent of their daily water in beverages, and 20 percent of their daily water in foods, according to the USDA. In addition, when you are participating in vigorous physical activity, it's important to drink before you even feel thirsty. Thirst is a signal that your body is on the way to dehydration.

Sources: (www.mayoclinic.org; www.pbs.org; www.usda.gov; www.webmed.com)



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Extension Notes

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Tackling global challenges

NHS grad looks at warming trend

By Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

For Chris Field, a 1971 graduate of Newcastle High School, man-made global warming isn't just one of a number of controversial topics of contemporary political debate but instead is something to which he's dedicated the better part of his professional life to addressing.

Asked about his current research interests, the Stanford University professor and founding director of the Carnegie Institution's Department of Global Ecology doesn't seek to bewilder or beguile with impressive sounding scientific terminology, but instead speaks plainly.

"I think the simplest description is climate change impact. Sometimes that means taking a piece of real estate and artificially changing the temperature or the composition of the atmosphere and just seeing what kinds of plants and animals grow there ..."

Such communication skills are important for Field, because in addition to his work with the university, he also serves as a volunteer for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the body which issues reports in support of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. His work as co-chair of the IPCC's Working Group II leans as much toward the field of management as it does the scientific.

"We have a big report coming out in a couple of weeks and one of the things we're working very hard on is making sure ... that we have the science presented as clearly and accurately as we can," explained Field, likening himself to the CEO of the report preparation process and adding he is responsible for coordinating the efforts of roughly 300 scientists as they put together the IPCC's 2,000-page Fifth Assessment Report.

There's a strong educational component as well to Field's work with the IPCC, and he insists he's only presenting facts and is not in the business of proselytizing about climate change. Field even claims to lament what he says is the undue politicization of the issue.

"I feel like a lot of the debate has been distorted by the idea that this is mainly about politics," he told the News Letter Journal, adding, "What we try to do in the scientific community is provide information that's policy relevant but not policy prescriptive. What we mean by that is this is the scientific information that a policy maker or a business owner ... would like to have access to [in order] to make smart decisions."

"We're trying not to say anything about what decisions you should or



Stanford University's Chris Field, co-chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Working Group II, is a recent recipient of the BBVA Foundation's Frontiers of Knowledge Award for his work on the subject of ecosystem management in the battle against climate change.

Photo courtesy of Liz Mangelsdorf

shouldn't make," Field continued in explanation of his work. "If the question is should [we] build a new power plant or develop a new oil field, there are all kinds of factors that go into those decisions that are in addition to what we know about climate change. Our goal in the IPCC is to provide the scientific information ..."

Even so, Field works from the assumption that climactic change as a by-product of man's industrial activities is a reality, even if there may be some room for disagreement on the finer points of the issue.

"I totally respect people who have different world views than I do," he said. "[However,] one of things that I think is really important is for people to recognize that there is a lot you can disagree on as far as action on climate change, but there are also a lot of facts and the facts are just the facts."

When brought to his attention that skepticism in regard to climate change abounds within the State of Wyoming, Field suggested that questions of cause

aside, at minimum it has to be agreed that the climate has warmed.

"For folks my age, I'm 60, who've lived in Wyoming all their life. They've seen the climate change a lot. The winters aren't nearly as cold as they used to be. Spring comes a lot earlier. There's still the cold winter and there is still a lot of variation, but you can't have lived for 60 years in Newcastle and not have seen the climate change. It just has. It's changed almost everywhere. So the idea that the climate's changed is one that most people, if they step back and think about it, would get."

As to the cause of this change, Field suggested that it was really a matter for the scientific community to determine.

"There's no reason that somebody who doesn't come from a scientific background would be able to tell you whether or not humans have caused it or not," he said, "and that is a hard question. Even the scientific community has struggled for a long time to

pull together the information on that."

Field went on to suggest that such skepticism on the part of Wyoming residents is due in large measure to a state economy driven by fossil fuels, but that concerns about CO2 admissions need not mean an end to such industries. Field speculated that in addition to alternative energy sources like wind and solar power, fossil fuels might still be utilized cleanly through a technique by which CO2 is buried or "sequestered" and that such a process might even become a major source of jobs for the state in the future.

Asked about recent closures of coal-fired power plants in the area owing to more stringent EPA regulations, Field described coal as a major atmospheric pollutant that kills thousands of people annually, but also suggested the closures owe more to fuel prices than to the EPA's crackdown.

"My impression is that all the closures of coal-fired power plants that have occurred over the last few years have actually been because gas

is cheaper than coal ... That may not be the dominant narrative, but so far the regulations from the EPA haven't taken hold. There certainly is a long-term prospect that regulations could require different kinds of coal-fired power plants or closing [some plants] ..."

Field, who says he still visits the Black Hills area at least once a year, left off by saying that he continues to think of Newcastle as home and attributes his interest in environmental concerns to the time he spent growing up in the area.

He suggested the following for those interested in learning more about the topic of climate change:

Website: globalchange.gov

Publications: *Addicted to Energy: A Venture Capitalist's Perspective on How to Save Our Economy and Our Climate* by Elton B. Sherwin, Jr.

Climate Change Evidence and Causes: An overview from the Royal Society and the U.S. Academy of Sciences



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11 Hospitality

Hometown appeal

“ If [travelers] just drive in and we don't put a good foot forward ... they just drive out.”

Carter looks to pass on hotelier tradition

By Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

Newcastle native Iva Carter came into the hospitality industry on a leap of faith, taking up ownership of The Pines Motel on East Wentworth Street partly at the urging of daughter Tiffany, then 16, who had worked off and on for the previous ownership.

“Tiff said ‘mom, let’s do that. I promise I’ll help,’ and let me tell you what, that kid has helped. She is my right-hand man. She’s been everywhere from the roof to under the motel,” said Carter of her daughter, who now lives in Rapid City but remains a co-owner.

“She calls me the jack-of-all-trades, a little bit of plumbing, roofing, drywall, office [work], bookkeeping, just kind of everything,” Tiffany agreed of her role, which is now limited to what she can accomplish on weekend visits.

Even with her daughter’s help, however, the elder Carter soon found that the running of The Pines, originally built in the 1950s by the Nygard family, involved a steep learning curve, and was much different from the catering service she had previously operated. Failure, though, was unthinkable, even if she knew virtually nothing about the business going into it.

“I put everything I owned into this motel, everything,” Carter recounted. “If I wouldn’t have made this work, we would have been sleeping in the car. Not making it happen just wasn’t an option. We did it, and I’m really proud of that fact.”

That was 10 ago years ago this April 29, and Carter has now turned The Pines into a prosperous business, totally remodeling the motel since she purchased it and never having to touch a line of credit she had initially taken out with the bank as a precaution. The motel’s daily running still demands her full attention, however, as evidenced by her continually ringing phones.

“The motel is 24/7. It truly is,” Carter said. “I run it from start to finish. I do everything that there is to be done here. I do have some great help. I’ve got some great gals who do cleaning and stuff for me, but I clean right along beside them. I do my own bookwork and I do my own sales ... I pretty much do the whole thing.”

All that work keeps Carter on her toes, as she likens the hospitality industry to a game where you have to



Iva Carter, proprietress of the Pines Motel for the past 10 years, is now looking to retire to dedicate more time to her artistic passions, a transition she describes as “bittersweet.”

Todd Bennington/NLJ

be constantly one or two steps ahead of what’s going on around you.

“Probably the hardest part is determining how to run your business,” she explained. “What do you charge for a room? What’s fair? How do you keep up with [rising expenses], with tourism dropping off because of fuel [prices]? You’ve got to stay on top of every bit of that.”

“Now, because things are so much more expensive people don’t even motel-up until 8 or 9 o’clock at night,” she continued, mentioning the motel was once booked by 4 or 5.

“I think it’s because they’re trying to get a little further down the road before they have to stop and pay for a meal. The economy has changed ... It definitely makes a difference in the way you do business.”

Carter said she is thankful she hasn’t struggled to find guests, and that she is able to stay booked year round, adding that her biggest customer demographics include business people, the visiting extended family of local residents, and, of course, summer tourists.

“If you take care of your customers, they’ll take care of you,” Carter said

of her philosophy for keeping guests coming back. “I think treating each guest as they come into that door as the first and the last that you’re ever going to have and never forgetting that ... It makes them want to be here.”

Asked if the hotel-motel industry contains an element of ruthless competition, Carter said she doesn’t believe that to be the case, at least not in Newcastle, saying she is friendly with other local business owners and hopes to see them succeed as well.

“I’ve always run this business with what I’ve needed to survive,” she explained. “I don’t play it off how other people are doing theirs. I put out the best product I can. I do what I have to do to take care of these people and what I feel is best for me and for them, and to make this place operate. So I’ve never looked at it as a competition ... When [people start a business in Newcastle] I really wish them the best. I know how hard it is to get things going.”

Indeed, a desire to see Newcastle develop is what motivated Carter to become involved with the city council, she said. That and a need she felt to have something to occasionally take her mind off of the otherwise all-consuming motel.

“When that position [on the city council] came open, I was just newly into the motel,” Carter explained, admitting she knew nothing of the workings of local government when she first got started. “I want our town to be as good as it can get. My business is

dependent on that, as are a lot of others ... If [travelers] just drive in and we don’t put a good foot forward ... they just drive out.”

Carter, though, is now keen to move away from the business side of things at least. Having found an interest in pottery and other artistic pursuits, she’s looking to sell The Pines. It’s a decision she admits is a bittersweet one.

“I have invested my life in here and Tiffany’s,” she said, choking up. “We did a lot to get this place up and going ... We put our heart and soul into this.”

“It is a little bit sad. The motel’s been really good to us. The community support has been fantastic ... We’ve really gotten to know the people of the town through the motel,” added Tiffany, noting it’s also afforded the pair the opportunity to meet people from all around the world, some of whom they remain in touch with.

As for her retirement plans, Carter, who hosts a local group of art enthusiasts who gather in her garage on a weekly basis, says she intends to stay in the area and sell her ceramic work throughout the Black Hills and just generally “goof off.”

Weighing the appeal of The Pines Motel to a potential new owner — who would be the motel’s fourth in what is now its seventh decade of existence — it seems an easy sell.

“This is perfect,” Carter said, surveying the motel’s grounds. “It’s quiet and secluded and that’s what gets us a lot of business. People like it back here.”



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Podio from page C1

the hospitals associated with the Miracle Network in their state. It's a task that's normally easy, Podio explained, because every state — other than Wyoming — has a Children's Miracle Network Hospital. So instead of visiting the hospitals in her state she has traveled to the hospitals in surrounding states, Utah, Colorado, South Dakota, Idaho and Montana.

"Rapid City Regional is with Children's Miracle Network and I am going over there to work their telethon next month to raise money for Rapid City," she informed.

Podio also has enjoyed partnering with Cowboys Who Care Foundation of Fort Worth, Texas. Professional cowboys, Dallas Cowboy football players and Oklahoma State University athletes deliver cowboy hats to children in treatment at a Children's Miracle Network Hospital.

"We are going to Oklahoma City later this month and the kids at the children's hospital are already writing letters to Cowboys Who Care, about how excited they are, because the OSU basketball team is going to the hospital. So these kids in Oklahoma are so excited and they are excited about cowboy hats because a lot of them are going through treatment where they lose their hair. It is just a huge impact that I see with them, more than any of the organizations I work with," acknowledged Podio.

Currently she is working with other Miss America contests on an online auction project to raise money for the organization, featuring autographed cowboy hats with signatures from sport teams and Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders. The purposes is two-fold, to raise funds and awareness, she noted.

Cowboyswhocare.org states their belief is that there is nothing more precious than a child's smile. The nonprofit

Submitted photo
Miss Wyoming Becky Podio waves to the crowd during the Central Wyoming Fair Parade in Casper.

group was formed to help put a smile on the face of a child with a life-threatening illness, by providing support and free cowboy hats.

"It is our belief that a cowboy hat is still a symbol of bravery, honor and now, with your help, compassion," states the website's home page.

Throughout the year, Podio has had many great experiences, one of which was serving as the master of ceremonies at the start of the International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Races in Jackson Hole. It is a qualifying race for the annual Iditarod trail races in Alaska, and the largest race in the lower 48 states.

"It was a big appearance! I am actually going back to Jackson and Cody at the end of May as my last appearance as Miss Wyoming, with Miss Idaho and Miss Montana, for the opening ceremonies of Yellowstone," she added.

Her next exciting adventure will be completed with Miss South Dakota and Miss Nebraska as the ROTC commissioning keynote speakers at the ceremony at Mt. Rushmore. But the best part for Podio is her little sister, Marina, will be among those being commissioned as officers from Army ROTC. This will happen after she graduates from Chadron State College in May.

"It is really cool. They will have four schools being commissioned from the ROTC in the Army and three of us get to do it together, so that will be really fun! As far as we know we will be the first set of Miss America contestants to speak at a military commissioning," she reported.



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The work of Miss Wyoming is not always glamorous! Becky Podio, Miss Wyoming 2014, helps announce teams at the starting gates of sled dog races in Jackson.



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8 Dedication

Loyalty to future of youth

Mills named 'Greatest Football Fan'

By **Todd Bennington**
NLJ Reporter

They're all Ron Mills' kids, and not just his own two adult sons and handful of grandchildren. The breadth of the 1958 graduate of Newcastle High School's family extends to all current and former Newcastle students and athletes, and perhaps beyond.

Indeed, the beloved school board trustee, sports statistician, small business owner, and former bus driver counts no less than five of his fellow school-board members as among those whom he used to haul to school on a daily basis, a fact he graciously says he never uses as leverage against them.

Recently the long-time Dogie supporter, a fixture at football, basketball, and track events where he can be seen keeping track of vital statistics with

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Denice Piscioti/NLJ
Ron Mills poses with Newcastle High School student-athletes Merritt Crabtree, Wade Gordon and Phil Jagelski, while displaying his Greatest Football Fan award



“ I want to stress it's for kids. Even though I got the award, the kids are who got me the award . . . This is [for] football, but my kids are [in] all sports and academics.”



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RODEO

Amy Meneray/NLJ

Keeping the tradition of the Old West alive, high school rodeo events are just as entertaining for those who come to watch. Other rodeo events throughout the summer include the Weston County Junior Rodeo, on the last days of the Weston County Fair, and Gymkhanas.

More reasons

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- 71: Enjoying car/motorcycle/go-kart races during warm summer nights at the Newcastle Speedway
- 72: Farming, gardens, crops, flowers, flowering trees in spring
- 73: Getting mud on tires
- 74: The skate park
- 75: Summer days lazing at the LAK or Osage Lake
- 76: People offer to share fresh garden goodies
- 77: Ranchers help each other with branding — among other things
- 78: Our beautiful Wyoming blue skies and cotton-ball clouds
- 79: Exploring Boles Canyon
- 80: A can-do attitude

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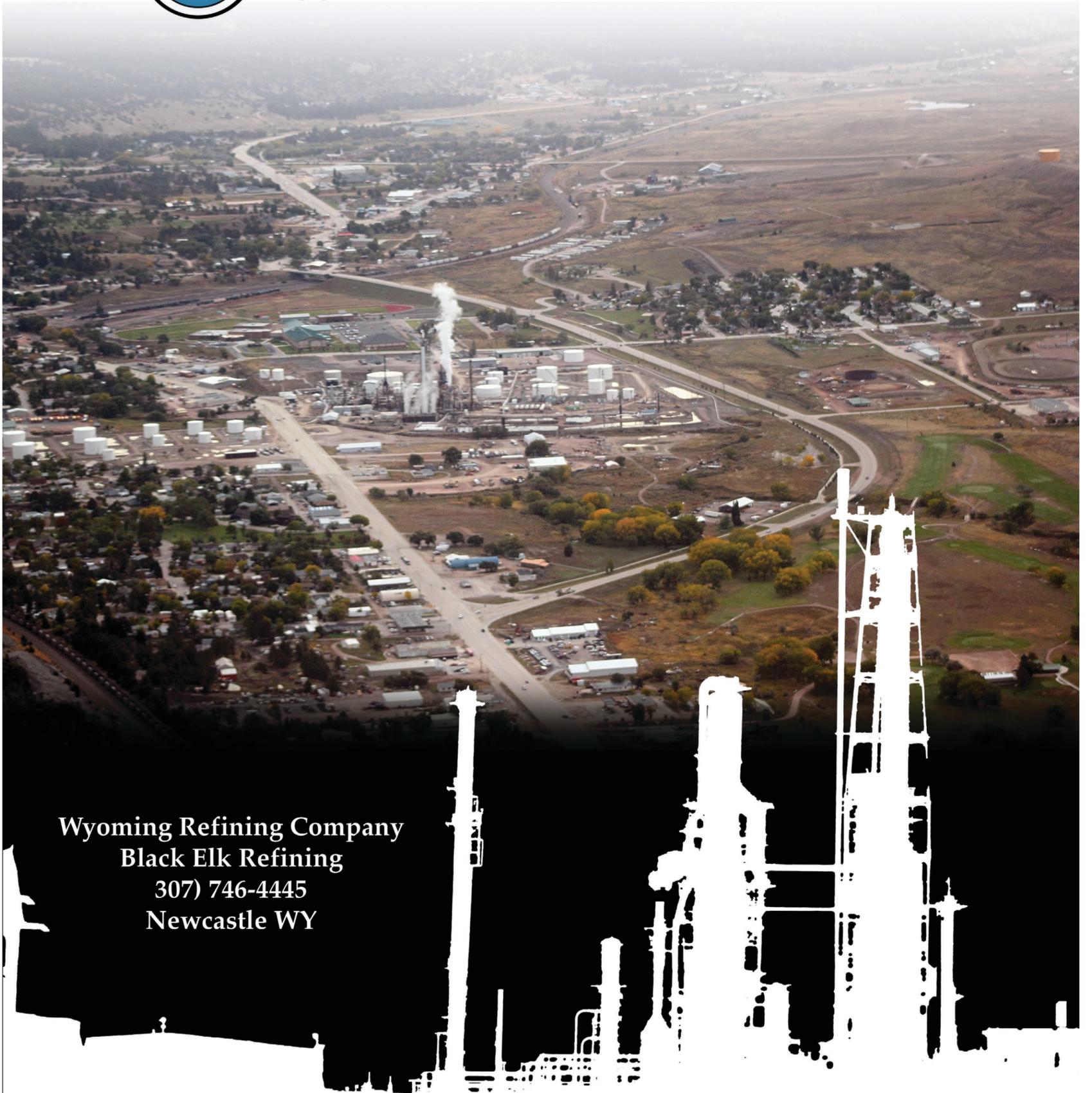
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Keeping shooting sports active

Money given comes back around

By Denice Piscioti
NLJ Reporter

“Generosity is giving more than you can, and pride is taking less than you need,” poet Khalil Gibran said.

As a volunteer with the Friends of the National Rifle Association, David Manzer saw people working hard for the benefit of others, even when they may have needed help themselves.

He was so impressed, that 11 years ago he became an NRA field representative so he could work with individuals he says are the salt of the earth, who work hard for a cause they believe in.

“I have seen on several occasions where people give back money so that some other project in some other town can get their feet under them and get started,” Manzer explained. “I don’t know of any place I’ve ever seen where people will give back thousands and thousands of dollars they could use for their program, but they see someone else that needs it more and they give it back — and that is an amazing thing as well. I’ve seen them do it time and again. That very first year, that is what sold me on it. The amount of care they take spending that money is amazing.”

The NRA Foundation is the country’s leading charitable organization in support of shooting sports, having awarded thousands of grants in support of educational programs since its inception in 1990.

“The NRA Foundation supports those organizations and programs that ensure the continuation of our proud shooting and hunting heritage,” states their website, nrafoundation.org. Weston County Friends of the NRA is a charitable branch of the NRA Foundation. With only volunteers, they help raise money to be given in grants to support groups throughout Wyoming. The first year Manzer was associated with the organization as a volunteer, in 2000, he was a delegate on the state fund committee.

Every county’s Friends of the NRA sends one person to be on the committee. That first year, he recalled, Wyoming had less than \$100,000 to spend. This past year they were just shy of \$490,000 to spend, an indication of how much the organization has grown in the past decade.

“We sat as a group of people and gave away a half a million dollars in the state of Wyoming. It’s a pretty amazing thing, let alone [the fact that] it’s money they earned. That is lots, and lots of volunteer hours,” smiled the NRA representative.

Yet that amount was only half what was earned statewide, he further explained, because half of the money raised goes to the National NRA to be used for programs across the country. Once the money is split every net dime made is spent on shooting sports.

In September of 2013, Friends of NRA announced it had raised a record \$51 million for 2013 nationwide, with year-end forecasts expected at around \$65 million. Wyoming was in the top 15 in the country for its fund-raising effort. Weston County ranks 29th in the nation out of about 150 events.

Even more amazing, he pointed out, Weston County Friends of the NRA’s 2013 banquet was the first event in the history of the Wyoming program to net



more than \$100,000. “Wyoming raises the most per capita,” he added.

At the 2014 Friends of the NRA banquet, held at the Weston County Senior Services Center on April 5, more than \$93,000 net money was raised, Rick Rothleutner, committee chair, told the News Letter Journal. Overall, with the banquet and other Friends of NRA events, more money was raised this year than last, he said.

Several Wall of Gun events, where raffle winners pick their gun of choice, will be held later this year in Weston County and the committee of about 30 individuals will continue to hold gun raffles as well.

Manzer is an NRA employee, a senior field representative, paid by the NRA, which was founded in 1871. The NRA Foundation began in 1990, a ghost operation with all volunteers, enabling them to spend all the money raised on shooting sports. Wyoming has about 200 volunteers. The foundation spends no money on politics, but it makes the NRA strong, paying for all 178 programs run by the NRA nationwide. NRA programs must apply to the foundation exactly the same way the state level does, through a grant process. Each county has a representative to the state grant board.

Manzer said they had a lot of money this year and were able to give out more



Todd Bennington/NLJ

At the annual Friends of NRA banquet, held April 5 at the Weston County Senior Services Center, David Manzer, top, describes one of the many weapons available for auction. Above, Troy Cade checks out some of the other items. The banquet is one of the group’s largest fund-raisers of the year.

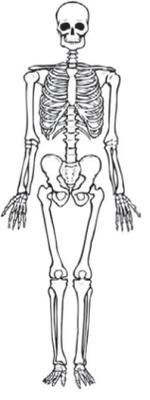
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HAPPY TRAILS

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A portion of the Newcastle pathway system was installed last year in front of Wyoming Refining, above. Inset, a pedestrian on the Highway 16 Bypass. The walkways around Newcastle are being updated, repaired and expanded for additional ease of use throughout Newcastle, for children and adults alike.

Building recreation connections for the community

By Denice Piscioti
NLJ Reporter

Walking or riding bikes while admiring the beautiful Wyoming landscape is more enjoyable when there are safe places to go, which has been the goal of the City of Newcastle as well as several individuals who have been a driving force toward that effort.

Linda Hunt, Newcastle City Council member, has been instrumental in developing trails in and around Weston County. In 2012, the city introduced the Pathways Master Plan, which delineates planned areas of expansion to the existing pathway system in Newcastle, to provide students in the community safe paths of travel to school, and to encourage them to get outside and be active.

"This was done with a grant from the Wyoming Department of Transportation in the Safe Routes for Schools Program. This was primarily to get access to the schools for the younger kids, from eighth grade on down, and to encourage them to exercise and walk to school rather than ride the bus. That is what that whole program is all about. The DOT was funded for that program through the Federal Highway Administration," City of Newcastle Engineer Bob Hartley told the News Letter Journal.

Bearlodge Engineering and Surveying worked with the City of Newcastle to develop a plan for the "Safe Routes to School" grant. In the proposal for the grant, it said it will provide many other benefits to the entire Newcastle community, because members of all ages will be able to access the various city parks and recreation facilities throughout the city, enticing them to walk and bike around town.

"Essentially, the pathways could be considered to be one piece of a community-wide 'wellness' program," stated the report.

The project officially kicked off last summer, with a walkway constructed and trees planted along Stampede Street. The planting of more trees is planned for this year. The concrete for the next path on the Pathways System Master Plan will not be poured this year, however, because the Safe Routes for School grant — which is the primary source for funding the project — has been renamed the Transportation Alternative program and cannot be applied for until June 1, Hartley said. That will not stop progress, though, because in the interim they will complete projects already started.

"The State of Wyoming included money for us to plant grass seed, so all of our grass seed will be going in at the same time. Shortly after we get done with the trees, we will be out there planting grass seed. That is all going to be happening and really ought to change the looks of that by the end of the summer, with the rest of those trees," the engineer stated. "This summer the boulevard part of it should be pretty



well finished."

Hunt explained that, in addition to the grant, about \$25,000 in 14 months was raised for the "Greenways" project from different events. The past two years Wine Fests raised money with both live and silent auctions, while featuring the talents of local artists. Tony Sandoval, owner of Lunatic's, also raised close to \$3,000 of the grand total by holding Mickelson trail rides. First State Bank was generous with donations, as were several private donors, Hunt indicated.

Through a \$500 grant acquired from the Newcastle Tree Board, shrubs will be planted later this summer, as well as oriental grass that was purchased through a separate grant Hunt obtained. Rocks will be used to decorate different areas and two more stone benches will be added along the pathway.

"There are also going to be iron sculptures going up at the five existing benches. The inmates made them with Sam Hunter in Maintenance — from scrap metal — a more modern-type sculpture," added Hunt.

Lights on the walking path near Newcastle Elementary School have been an ongoing project for about 18 months, which will light the path in the winter months when it gets dark earlier, allowing grade-school students to safely use the walkway. Also, brush near the path to the elementary school has been removed to eliminate places for wildlife to hide.

Individuals and businesses along the pathways have been doing a good job of beautification as well, Hunt complimented. Weston County Health Services plans to add two stone benches near the facility and Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce has talked about adding an expanded metal table so tourists walking along the path can stop and visit at the office.

Area parks are also part of the city's overall beautification project. At Centennial Park trees have been added, the walking path upgraded, a new bridge installed, and last year the sidewalk below the overpass was upgraded, which was

funded by the Department of Transportation.

"We tore out a bunch of that sidewalk that was all heaved. It trapped the water in the underpass so the kids quit using it. We got all that out of there now so it actually drains," Hartley explained.

Washington Park, used by tourists and locals, was upgraded with canopies and new iron trash cans. In addition, new benches were purchased from funds given by a silent donor, Hunt acknowledged.

Last year, at Railroad Park off of Main Street, picnic tables were added along with a pergola made of railroad rails. Hartley credited the unique idea of the structure to Hunt.

"That will be there after everything else has toppled — there will be this pergola [made] out of railroad rail," he smiled. "It's kinda cool."

Hunt's personal goals of increasing walking paths aren't restricted to just the city, though. She spearheaded the creation of the Serenity Trail, north of Newcastle, near the Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp, and on Oct. 17, 2010, it was officially opened. It has since become a popular walking and mountain bike trail.

She is now working toward creating another trail for the community and visitors to utilize. Dubbed the "Flying V Trail," farther north off Highway 85 near the historic Flying V, the trail is nearly finished, though not officially open yet. Hunt explained that much of the trail has been logged since 1991, so the trail follows what was already there. Once weather permits, it will be finished.

"We are going to build a perimeter, we figure, three miles-plus around. We are going to have all these spokes ... not a perfect shape, [but similar to] a bike wheel. The guy had a landing in the middle with roads going out from it. Plus we are going to use the old, old worn cattle trails, and mountain bikers really like that. We are using the whole acreage," Hunt said.

Recycling is something Hunt said she tries to do when working on these projects. On the Serenity Trail, the back side of old aluminum city signs were cut into four-by-four squares and turned into a diamond to make signs for the four-mile-long trail.

"Industries at the honor camp make stuff out of license plates, hence the cowboy part is a spare piece, so I had them cut them in ovals and of course make a nail hole in the top and bottom, and those will be the trail markers [on the Flying V Trail]. There are different colored license plates, and I had to get special permission from the trademark in Laramie for the buck and horse logo. So I have their permission to do so," Hunt reported.

The councilwoman appreciates all the support received from the community for these projects, saying she hopes everyone will enjoy using them.

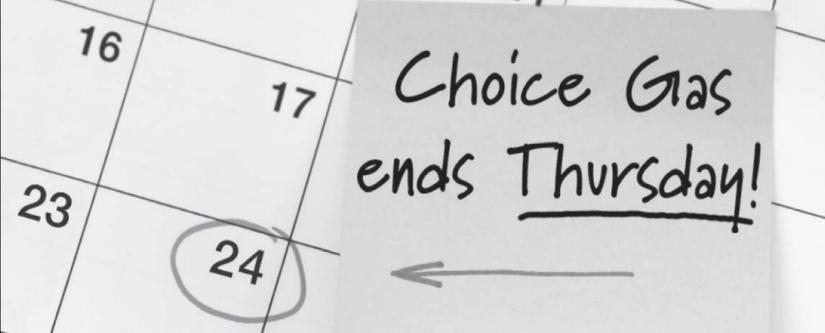


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We Love Weston County

116: Families are proud of their history and pass it down the family tree

117: Playing at the park tops the list of must-dos

118: The county fair and junior rodeo are a premier summer event

119: Weston County, the place where many a cowboy and cowgirl are born and made

120: Graduates far and wide look forward to the All-School Reunion

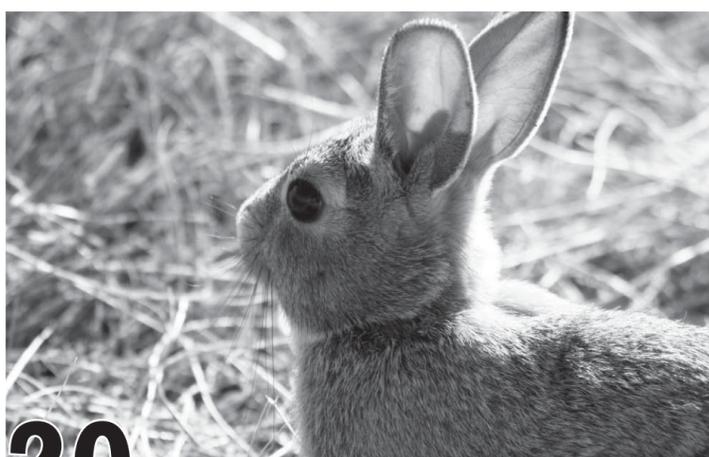
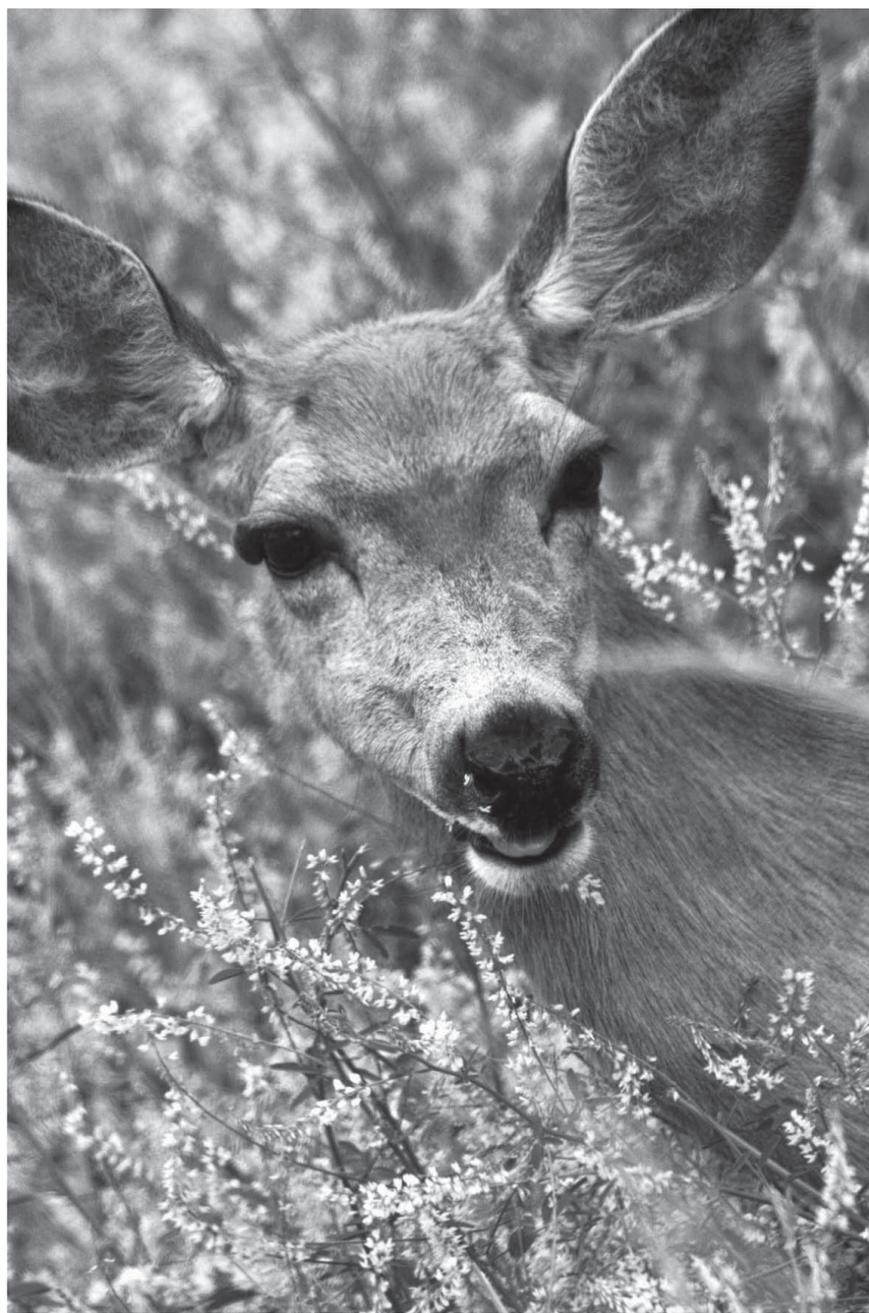
121: A day of fishing at LAK, MW or Osage Lake

122: Camping, fishing or exploring at Mallo Camp. Weddings and events too!

123: An abundance of wildlife and a plethora of birds

124: Fifth-graders learning gun and archery at the annual Mallo Camp event

125: Amazing sunrises and sunsets — picture perfect!



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WILDLIFE

While hiking in Weston County you're likely to see some wildlife — or perhaps just the tracks left behind, such as these bird prints left in the snow (below) on the Serenity Trail north of Newcastle, mostly likely that of a killdeer. Keep your eyes open, since deer, antelope, mountain lion, rabbit, grouse, crow, vultures, hawks or even a bald eagle might be seen while out and about.



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9 Passing it on

The family that plays together ...

“I like competition a lot, because I like to do all sorts of sports and just go out there and have fun and race ... Sure I'd like to get first, but half the time you don't really get to.”

Racing is family affair for Parks

By **Todd Bennington**
NLJ Reporter

“I think it's in the blood,” Davina Parks told the News Letter Journal of her family's interest in motor sports. “Ever since I've known Ryan he's raced something. He went from mini sprints to now big sprints. He's been doing that for a long time.”

Davina's husband, Ryan, an electrician by trade, readily agreed with his wife's assessment as he explained how he got involved with the racing of the high-powered, dune-buggy-like sprint cars he favors.

“I think racing has been in the Parks family, my dad's side of the family, for quite a while,” he said, “but for me it got started at the local track here in town, [Newcastle Speedway], racing mini sprints. I did that for a little bit, and then I met some people who race full-size sprints over in Rapid City. I kind of got hooked up with them and worked on their cars, and then finally came up with enough money to buy my own.”

The Parks family, who live — appropriately enough — on Breakneck Road outside Newcastle, includes a younger generation who have taken after their father and are keen to pursue high speeds themselves. Sons Dennon, 14, Payton, 12, and Triston, 8, all took home go-kart racing trophies at a recent monster truck rally in Rapid City where Payton took first and his brothers each took fourth place in their respective age-based classes.

“They race with WyoDak [Karting],” explained Ryan. “Basically Sturgis, Gillette and Newcastle is where they race ... They'll do a few races in town, a few races in Sturgis, and the majority of them at the Gillette Thunder Speedway.”

Ryan, who surprisingly never raced go-karts himself in his youth, said the family had the opportunity to acquire a few and are now hooked, with each of his sons maintaining their own. A true family affair, they often race against two cousins from the Sturgis area, and Ryan and Grandfather Al help the boys work on their vehicles.

In only their second season of competitive racing, Ryan said his



Todd Bennington/NLJ

Dennon, 14, Payton, 12, and Triston, 8, with go-kart racing trophies, above. Below, the Parks kids work on one of their karts. Inspired by their father, who races sprint cars, the boys will be racing their second season this summer, in Sturgis, Gillette and Newcastle.

boys are just now beginning to hit their stride as go-karters.

“We just kind of got our feet wet last year and now we're ... just starting to figure things out and [learn] where we need to improve.”

Dennon, however, not content to stick with his go-kart, said he aspires to race the full size, 360-cubic-inch sprint cars known as “big sprints” that

his father races at Rapid City's Black Hills Speedway. Such full-size cars can reach speeds of approximately 140 miles per hour on a half-mile track, in comparison to the go-karts' top speed of 40-60 miles per hour, according to Ryan.

Davina isn't so sure about her son's Dennon's ambitions.

“I like watching them, but as they

get older and want to get into other things, I'm probably not going to like it so much,” she predicted. “I think the go-karts are not as [dangerous]. If they were to wreck ... they [aren't as likely to] get hurt.”

Ryan said he isn't certain his boys' move to the bigger vehicles is going to happen anytime soon either. While admitting the full-sized sprint cars

are involved in their share of crashes — though he's never sustained an injury himself — he cited the expense as much as safety concerns, noting that sprint car racing is a hobby that doesn't come cheap.

“I've got a lot of support. I've got sponsors and a partner who helps me with it. I couldn't do it by myself,” he explained, mentioning Sean Crabtree of Whirlwind Services, Mike and JoAnn Farnsworth, Billings-based Montana Seals and Packing, and the William Insulation Company out of Casper as his primary sponsors.

Asked what it is that they like so much about racing, Ryan's oldest boys didn't take long to formulate their answers.

“The competition,” said Dennon. “I like competition a lot, because I like to do all sorts of sports and just go out there and have fun and race ... Sure I'd like to get first, but half the time you don't really get to.”

“I guess I just like to go race with friends and have fun,” Payton chimed in, “and see who's got the better car and who's going to win all the time, and just try to beat who's ever winning and then they have to try to beat you. It's just fun in competition.”

Triston, the youngest, seemed less certain.

“It's really kind of scary once you ... turn and it's kind of slick,” he said, though he also agreed go-karting can be pretty exhilarating as well.

Of the members of the Parks family, however, it's their father, Ryan, who seems to be having the most fun of all, admitting he enjoys helping with his sons' racing endeavors more than he does pursuing his own.



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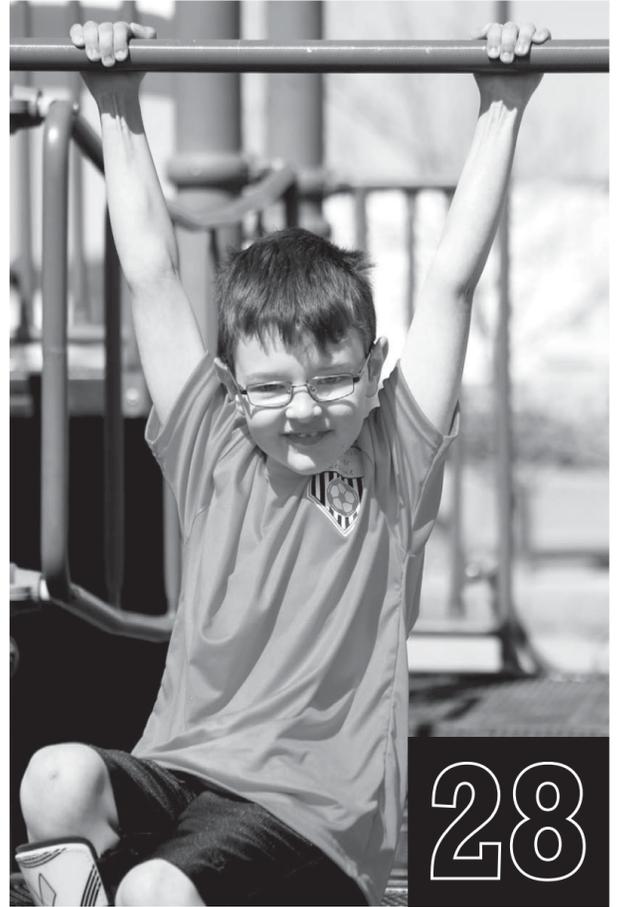
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Clockwise from above: Tasha Phillips helps her nephew, Chance King, gather Easter eggs Saturday morning at Centennial Park. Stevie, Scott, Susie and Liz Callison are ready for the hunt at Dow Park. Augustus Turner enjoys the playground equipment at Centennial Park. Bill Boulden and Dr. Willis Franz, members of the Lions Club, at Dow Park. Andy Wolfe and granddaughter Madison Wolfe, at Centennial Park.



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Easter Eggs

THE HUNT IS ON!

Youngsters had two chances Saturday to hunt for Easter Eggs in Newcastle, at both Dow Park and Centennial Park. At Centennial Park, the 9th Annual Easter Egg Hunt was hosted by First Baptist Church, with plenty of hot dogs, chips and cookies served after the hunt to refresh tired souls. Children enjoyed playing on the playground equipment before and after the hunt. At Dow Park, The Lions Club played host.

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Passing it on to the future

“... He turned me loose and I got an escape. He was asked not to pin me, just to humiliate me. I never forgot that the rest of my life.”
— Lance Wineteer

Wrestlers recall glory days

By Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

A number of former Newcastle wrestling standouts appeared at this year's 3A East Regional Wrestling Championships, held at the Dogie Dome on Feb. 21-22, to hand out awards to today's top athletes. After the conclusion of events, a handful of these elder statesmen — Bob Dilts, Bill Lunney, Lance Wineteer, Walt Christensen and Doug Carr — got together over dinner to discuss the good old days and exchange some good-natured jibes.

“Three-time state champion, and he never shot one takedown in his life,” proclaimed Billy Lunney, class of '72, as he laughingly introduced Lance Wineteer, a 1973 graduate.

“When Lance was a freshman,” Lunney continued, “we went down to the state tournament ... We went by the power station outside of Casper and our coach told Lance, ‘Now that's a riverboat over there. They do gambling on it.’ Lance, until he was a sophomore, believed that was true. He lost so much faith in our coach when he found out that was a lie.”

Choosing to neither confirm nor deny Lunney's remarks, which seemed to have some factual basis, Wineteer instead waxed wistful of those days when wrestling was something more than an individual sport, mentioning how the entire Dogie team used to sit and watch each match attentively, with the exception of the next wrestler, who would be warming up in preparation for his own match.

“If I was going to say anything about our team,” Wineteer said, “it would be that there was so much camaraderie that each match set the stage for the next one. If the guy in front of you did well then it was your obligation to do well and half the time you wrestled for your team rather than for yourself ...”

“It was more of a team sport back then,” Bob Dilts, class of '71 agreed, adding that being part of the team meant being highly flexible.

“My senior year I wrestled from 145 to 185 pounds, wherever [Head Coach Gary] Campbell wanted to stick me ... [He'd say] you've got to wrestle at 175 pounds, but you've got to make 145 the next night ... He did that to me my whole senior year. But I got to wrestle, so it didn't make any difference.”

Admitting the sport may have actually improved in some facets, Wineteer suggested that it's probably a good thing that regulations concerning weight cutting have become much stricter.

“We used to wear rubber suits in our wrestling room at 108 or 106 [degrees] for three hours and leave there and go lay on the furnace stacks for a couple more hours,” he recalled of what sounds like a nightmarish routine.

“Do you remember we used to stay at the Skyline [Motel in Casper] and we didn't get to stay anymore,” added Dilts on the topic. “I was eight pounds over before I had to wrestle the next night for the finals, so I did sit-throughs on top of the toilet all night long with the shower on high and it melted all the sheet-rock in the bathroom and it fell in. We were asked not to come back there anymore.”

“But you made weight,” Lunney chimed in.

Much of the conversation centered on memories, some more fond than others, of former Newcastle High



Todd Bennington/NLJ

Front left, Bill Lunney, Walt Christensen, Doug Carr, Lance Wineteer and Bob Dilts pose for a group photo at the Fountain Inn back in February. The group came together to help hand out awards at this year's 3A East Regional Wrestling Championships, and to reminisce about their own days as Dogie grapplers.

School Biology and P.E. teacher Gary Campbell. Campbell, now 83 years old, served as Newcastle's wrestling coach for years despite having never practiced the sport himself.

“He was a basketball player,” Wineteer laughed. “He learned the game. When he became the head coach he didn't know anything. I don't think he had even ever watched a wrestling match.”

Even so, all agreed Campbell brought an unorthodox but effective approach to the program.

“Instead of sitting on the mat and yelling [like the other coaches],” Dilts recalled. “Campbell kept a notebook of everything you did wrong while sitting quietly away. [He] rarely went to the mat and never said anything to you [during meets].”

“I remember when I was a freshman,” Dilts continued, still marveling at his former coach, “Pat Thorpe was a senior, and he was a decent wrestler [but] Campbell talked him into placing third at State and that won the state championship for the team. He just knew how to talk to people.”

Wineteer had his own stories to tell of the methods of Coach Campbell, whom he said once had suspended him from school for three days after Campbell caught Wineteer sneaking a dip from the coach's Skoal can — something Wineteer said he'd been doing for the better part of three years.

“There was a wrestler,” recalled Wineteer, “Mike Mills was his name, from Casper, and he was working on his fourth state championship. I had an attitude because I was something in junior high and I couldn't hardly win a match my freshman year ... Before the match [Campbell had a conference with Mills and the opposing coach]. That guy beat me 48 to 10 or 12 points, but I didn't earn

them. He turned me loose and I got an escape. He was asked not to pin me, just to humiliate me. I never forgot that the rest of my life.”

Of course Lunney, too, had his tales to tell about the inimitable Dogie coach.

“One time we were working on takedowns and I did a snap down on him and I knocked him out on the mat. I stood back thinking, ‘what did I do, kill him?’ I was a freshman. I didn't know what happened. He woke up and grabbed my legs and took me down ... I couldn't believe I did that.”

Though Campbell was unable to make the trip to this year's regionals, Lunney displayed a plaque the former wrestlers had made up for him, emblazoned with what they said was the coach's catch-phrase.

“Stay away from those skirts, fellas,” it read.

“Nobody ever followed that advice,” Lunney clarified.

As the group passed around a copy of the News Letter Journal dated Feb. 25, 1971, an edition that featured Campbell and his team on the front page as regional team champs for that year, the conversation turned to wrestling strategy, technique, and how the sport has and hasn't changed in the ensuing decades.

“Probably 90 percent of the matches are still won running the same six moves that we ran 40 years ago,” Wineteer observed, “so the art of wrestling since the Greeks hasn't really changed ... All those other moves, to me, put you at a risk.”

“A head and arm is one of the riskiest moves you could do, and I'd do it because I kind of figured out the balance,” Dilts said, with a daredevil glint still apparent in his eyes.

Sometimes the ends hardly seemed to justify the means, as Wineteer and Walt Christensen (class of '72) recalled some of the stunts they used



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— Bill Lunney

to pull just to give themselves the competitive advantage.

“I used to have to wrestle a kid from Torrington,” Wineteer recalled. “I believe he was a Golden Gloves boxer. I didn't really know if I could beat him. He was fast as lightning. He was strong ... But he was a terrible hot-head. Every time I wrestled him I would shake hands and reach out and pop him, which cost me a point for unnecessary roughness, but he would turn the color of a ketchup bottle and then I could wrestle him if he didn't beat me up ... He knew it was coming every single time, [but] he wasn't smart enough to tell I was messing with his head.”

Recalling the hotel stays the

night before state tournament finals, Christensen said, “There was this grocery store right next door. Hell, we'd already weighed in so we'd go [shopping]. Pickled pigs feet, pickled herring, anything that made your breath stink, we got a lot of that.”

“We never cheated,” Lunney quickly cautioned. “We played rough but we never cheated. We might have pushed the rules one time [though] ... Doug [Carr, class of '74] stepped on the scales ... and we knew he was going to be a little overweight. So Lance got on one side and I got on the other and we squeezed his cheeks [and lifted him slightly].”

“And he had soft cheeks,” Wineteer confirmed, as they all laughed.

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7 Bringing it back

Grads plan Wyoming future

Button, Branscom find calling in veterinary medicine

By Denice Piscioti
NLJ Reporter

Two Newcastle High School graduates and FFA members have found their calling in the field of veterinary science, with plans to return to Wyoming to work when finished with college. Lindsey Branscom is currently a student at Colorado State University and Susie Button has been accepted to Iowa State University in the Fall.

The road to a career

After graduating from NHS in 2010, Button began her college education in Torrington, earning an Associate of Science degree in pre-vet medicine from Eastern Wyoming College. She chose the college because she received a scholarship to be on the livestock judging team, which also offered her the opportunity to travel across the United States.

"For our national contest we went to Louisville, Kentucky, my sophomore year and the National Western in Denver. That was a really cool experience!" she professed.

Going to school in Torrington was enjoyable, she told the News Letter Journal, and if she could have attended all four years of college there she would have. Since that wasn't a possibility, she continued her education at the University of Wyoming in Laramie and will graduate May 10 with a Bachelor of Science in Animal and Veterinary Science degree.

"I think going straight to UW would have scared me, so I think I needed to go to a junior college first. It was a lot more of a home environment," Button stated.

While attending school, she has been working in the Wyoming state veterinary lab in two parts of the lab, necropsy and tissue trimming. The first area is where autopsies are performed on animals to determine the cause of death. In the second, they examine tissues such as lumps from animals to find out what it is.

"If someone brings in a cow that just up and dies, we take care of that, and we work with the pathologist to figure out what happened. We take tissues and other samples to look at histology so they can figure out what the disease process was," explained the student. "They put the tissue in formalin, which is formaldehyde and water, and they will mail it to us. We measure and draw it and dye the part that is not skin to help the pathologist see where the end of the tissue is. We put them in shallow cassettes and then we take them to another part of the lab."

Button says she's learned a lot from working in the necropsy lab, more than she would have working in a vet clinic for a summer, because different things from all across the state come into the lab every day. The pathologists examine everything, Button said, so she has had the opportunity to work on snakes, Clydesdale horses, bison and pronghorn, to name a few.

To work in the necropsy lab, students are required to be enrolled in pre-vet classes. The pathologists she works with in the lab all have teaching commitments with the University, so in working with her instructors in the lab she better understands the lessons in class.

"Lindsey and Susie will be great assets to the veterinary profession and to agriculture as well. My advice for vet school is to try everything, you never know what direction your career may take."

— Alicia Vigil, DVM



Courtesy of Susie Button

Susie Button tends to a dog while interning at Salt Creek Veterinary Clinic. She is currently pursuing a degree in vet medicine, with plans to return to Wyoming when her education is complete.

"It is kind of fun, they quiz us all the time in necropsy while we are at work. They keep quizzing you until you don't know an answer, then they give us that as homework. It's kind of fun," she smiled.

Aside from growing up on a ranch with her parents, John and Stacey, Button worked with animals in 4-H and FFA, showing a little bit of everything — hogs, cat, dogs, horses and cattle — and breeding both heifers and steers. She is excited for what she will learn in four years of veterinary school.

When asked why she chose the field of veterinary medicine, she said honestly she didn't know what else she would want to do, it just seemed like the right fit.

"I'm not afraid to get my hands dirty or go all day covered in somebody else's blood or feces," she confessed.

The experience in the state lab, as well as interning at both Salt Creek Veterinary Clinic and Belle Fourche Veterinary Clinic, has given her the opportunity to view different aspects of the field, affirming her career choice.

In August she will begin Iowa State University of Veterinarian Medicine in Ames, Iowa, where she plans to study a variety of animals, but mainly large ones.

"I am really excited. I would like to come back to Wyoming and work, mainly on beef cattle. I don't want to be intimidated when someone brings me a hog or a ewe, I want to know what I am doing," said the student.

A similar path

Branscom, a 2008 NHS grad, is in her second year at Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine. In her education and career choices she took a similar path as Button. She too began her college education at a junior college, attending Casper College before continuing her undergraduate education at the University of Wyoming, where she graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Science.

She didn't have the opportunity to work at the state vet lab while

pursuing her degree, however, she just learned the exciting news that she has received an externship for 10 weeks this summer there.

"I applied for it and they said I was the chosen one, so now I get to be there," Branscom told the NLJ in an interview by phone from Colorado. "I am really excited! I get to rotate through the different departments of the state vet lab and experience all the things they do. It will be nice because I have never worked in a lab before, just the clinic setting."

She said enjoyed attending UW and is happy to have the opportunity to go back, to work with some of the professors and learn from them in the career field, as opposed to the classroom. Another advantage she sees is getting to know future co-workers in the veterinary occupation.

Her focus is also on the care of large animals, but she also wants to be able to do the everyday routine of small animal care, because she, too, wants to come back to work in Wyoming when her education is completed, in two years.

When asked what her advice would be to anyone attending vet school, she replied that it's a big commitment, so it's important to be sure it is the right path for you.

"It's great! If this is what you love, it's awesome. You finally have every course you are in about your career field. It's not like undergrad, when you have all the courses everyone is taking; every course you are in right now is interesting. It is different but enjoyable," she said.

There is more work involved, consuming more time, but, Branscom explained, it's also more pleasurable because the focus of her education at this point is strictly in her field of study.

This is exactly what Button is looking forward to when she begins her first semester of vet school.

While at CSU, Branscom has been involved in several clubs as well as the Equine Reproduction Laboratory. There, she was able to participate in overnight watches with the mares about

to foal, ready to assist them when their babies arrive. It's an experience she enjoys, she related.

She also has helped her professor, Dr. Nancy Irlbeck, with lambing night shifts at her farm, so Irlbeck can get some sleep.

"That is a lot of fun, too. It's fun to be out there with the lambs," she said.

Ironically, she was poultry judge at FFA and helped the club in that area. She didn't work with other animals because she felt she received plenty of experience on the family ranch with her parents, Clay and Jodene Branscom. Being involved in the organization did influence her decision to become a vet, but it wasn't what ultimately influenced her decision.

"I think my internship at Salt Creek Vet in Newcastle was my deciding factor. I interned out there for two years in high school and did some observation hours during the summer when I was home from college. And being able to be there and help with appointments and go with Dr. [Alicia] Vigil on field calls, I think that, right there, I was exposed to the actual career — and I knew from there, I like this, this is what I want to do, I can handle the situations. That internship was the deciding factor," the student reasoned.

From working on her family's ranch she knew she wanted to go into a medical field. Her first year at Casper College was working toward a degree in physical therapy, but during her second year in college she changed her career path.

After that she knew what she wanted to do, and the eight years of school commitment would be worth it and something she could handle. She was accepted into both CSU and Washington State University, but location helped her decide which school to attend.

"I think it's a great career! I don't want to discourage anyone. It's not impossible. Yea, it's eight years, but it is totally do-able, and if you are committed to it, you can do it. You have to have the love and passion for it though," concluded Branscom.



Courtesy of Lindsey Branscom

Lindsey Branscom, NHS grad studying veterinary medicine, holds "Miss Moo," a lamb that was born blind and needs a little extra care and love, while on a night lambing shift at Dr. Nancy Irlbeck's place.



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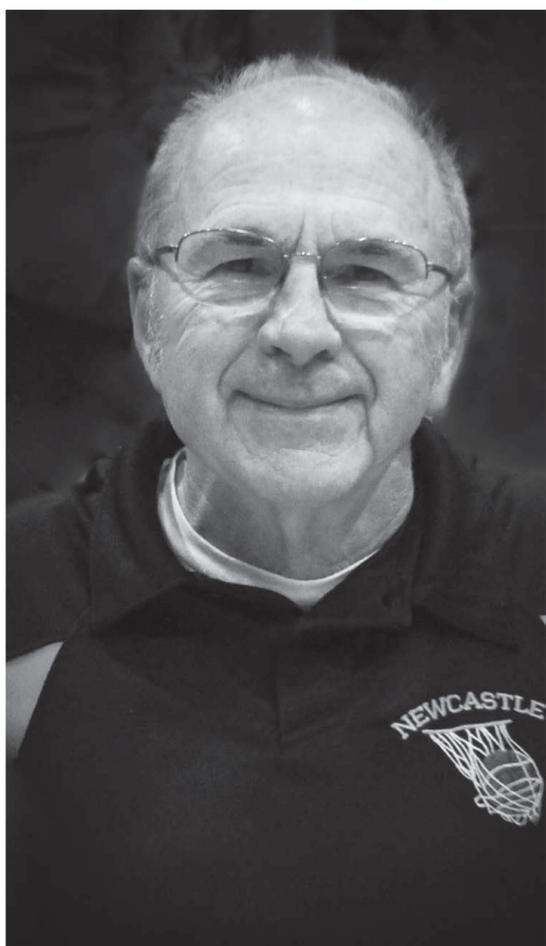
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clipboard in hand, was honored for just one facet of his involvement with Weston County School District #1, which began as a bus driver in the fall of 1968 on the "Osage Route." The Wyoming Chapter of the National Football Foundation & College Football Hall of Fame bestowed upon Mills the title of "the Greatest Wyoming High School Football Fan" at its 20th Annual Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet, held in Laramie on March 22.

Among the achievements the foundation cited in honoring Mills were the more than one million miles he is estimated to have logged while driving Dogie athletic teams before finally retiring fully as a bus driver in 2000. That's in addition to the 450 football games, 1,600 basketball games, and 270 track meets he is thought to have attended throughout the past 46 years, and it doesn't even begin to take into account all the band trips, swim meets, field trips and middle school football games he's been an integral part of over the years.

Asked to comment on Mills' devotion to the Dogie cause, Newcastle High School Athletic Director Todd Quigley, who submitted Mills for the award, said the bus-driver-turned-school-board-member's involvement with the district during the past five decades

indicates a serious commitment to the youth of the community.

"As long as I've been here — I've been here 25 years," Quigley stated, "Ronnie has been involved as either a bus driver, a board member, a statistician or in some [other] capacity ... It's just the kind of guy he is. He prides himself on being from Newcastle, prides himself on what he does for 'his kids.' He's recognized throughout the state in basketball, football, and track by other officials, teams, and coaches for always being on the sideline or at the scorer's table."

In fact, Mills readily admits that he would likely still be driving students to activities if he were allowed to do so.

"When I got on the school board in 2000 [I had to retire completely]," he explained with a hint of regret. "You can't draw a wage [from the school district] when you're on the school board, and that's when I gave up the driving part of it."

Though he was recognized for his contributions to football, Mills, who can't remember quite exactly when his trademark motto "they're all my kids" came into being, says he never played favorites with any one activity or age group, although he admits, "I miss the little ones. My kindergartners and first-graders,

because those you can kind of give a hug to and start their day out right."

"The kids have treated me very well," he went on, while also acknowledging that as a bus driver they did manage to test his patience at times.

"Most of the kids are good kids. You get those one or two that give you trouble, but 99 percent of the kids are good."

Asked who is a bigger Dogie enthusiast between himself and orange-clad super-fan Allen Friesen, Mills said he owns a fair share of orange T-shirts himself, courtesy of annual contributions from Quigley, but thought it was probably a toss-up, while admitting that Friesen is able to make it to more away games.

Much like Friesen, Mills said he never was much of an athlete himself, or a student for that matter, turning out for football and track for only one year apiece during his high school years — and perhaps that's part of the reason why he's so keen to encourage others to excel both athletically and academically.

"I wasn't really a good athlete. I weighed 130 pounds soaking wet when I was in high school. I wasn't really big enough to compete with the big guys," Mills recalled.

Questioned as to what his favorite sport as a spectator

is, Mills vacillated a bit but seemed to settle on basketball, citing its faster pace and more personal nature.

"I probably get wound up more in basketball than I do football," he said, adding that it's easier to tell who is who out there on the court and that the Dogie Dome has the advantage of being among the best gyms in the state in which to play.

"The score can change so quickly in basketball," Mills continued, "[but] I love my football because I [get to] go up and down the sidelines and do my stats there."

Mills went on to say that the National Football Foundation award has a very special significance for him.

"The thing I probably want to stress ... more than anything, [is that] I was honored to be associated with everybody who was nominated there and got the awards, especially the young senior athletes ... They didn't get that award for just being a football player [but for their involvement in the community and academic excellence as well]."

"I want to stress it's for kids," Mills continued of the award, becoming emotional. "Even though I got the award, the kids are who got me the award ... This is [for] football, but my kids are [in] all sports and academics."

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than 40 grants, with \$97,137 going to grants in Weston County alone: Mallo Camp received \$45,300, Weston County 4-H Council \$4,100, Upton Young Guns \$24,518, Wyoming State Youth Hunter Education Challenge \$10,709 and the Upton Gun Club \$12,510.

"That is a lot of money coming back to Weston County. The people here are extraordinarily generous! So they deserve having some of it come back," declared Manzer.

In Weston County the biggest grant awarded in 2013, and the third largest in the state, was for the Mallo Camp range. It was complete in September of 2013, prior to the Newcastle Elementary School fifth-graders going to the camp for their annual outdoor/science event. The shooting range at Mallo Camp was started with a \$5,000 grant a few years back, recalled Manzer. Last year the Mallo Board was asked to submit a grant for the shooting range, to complete the project, which they did. They received the \$45,300 and it was fully funded.

"We built a small range with a 25-yard backstop, 50-yard backstop and a 100-yard back-

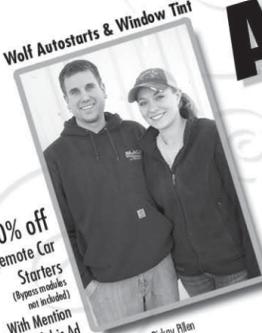
stop. We bermed them and put backstops and then did some leveling out — dirt work and that kind of thing. We put some gravel down and put the benches on there; benches were built for the whole thing. It is a public range, completely open to everybody," he acknowledged.

The second-highest grant received in the county went to the Upton Young Guns Club. That money will be used for the more than 20 members to attend the national shoot in Pennsylvania in July, along with supplies for them to practice. Registration for the event is \$800 per person, stated Rothleutner.

The state fund board decides how the money is spent. Manzer is the secretary, keeping the minutes, but as an NRA employee he has no say in where the money goes.

"I do not have a vote on how their money is spent. It is left entirely up to the people that earn the money, how they want to spend it. Of course there are guidelines," he said. "They are good-hearted people that give their money to a cause they believe in. It amazes me what people will do for you, and all you have to do is ask."

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Saturday, April 26, 2014 - 10:00 AM

The following personal property will be sold at public auction located at the ranch 747 Skull Creek RD, Osage, WY. 7.5 miles north & east of Osage on Skull Creek Road. Watch for Signs.

TRACTOR, SNOWMOBILE & EQUIP: Yamaha Phazer 2 snowmobile; Ford 801 speedomatic tractor w/Ford front end loader; wood general 8 HP wood splitter; 3 pt. 6' blade.

ANTIQUe & COLLECTIBLE TOOLS: implement wrenches including: IH, JD, Oliver, Case, P&O, SOO Line RR, Bell System, Delaval, Studebaker, National, VBP, Monmouth, Planet Jr, Iron Ace & Man; planes: Stanley 5, 6, 7, 5 handyman, 78, 181, 1951, 194, 46, USA, Lakeside, Gambles Millers Falls, Shelton; Routers: Stanley 70, 71; Spoke Shaves: Stanley 65, 51, 53, Union 60; Forge & Tools: Anvil; hardies; Homestake pick; cross cut saws; many misc. farm, ranch animal tools.

GUNS & TRAPS: US Springfield Armory mod. 1898; Rem. mod. 514 .22 bolt rifle; Rem. Target Master mod. 41 .22 bolt rifle; Mauser Action 8mm bolt rifle w/scope; Win. Mod. 97 12 ga. shotgun; foreign Military rifle w/1943R markings; Asst. ammo; scabbards; Newhouse: 2-#0, #1, 2-# 2 1/2, 91, 5-#4, 3-#3, 3-#2, #14; lg. selection of Victor & Conabear.

SIGNS & BAR ITEMS: Standard Service; McCulloch chainsaws; RR stop tanker; Daylight Donut; Upton Feed & Supply; Lg. Standard sign; Culver Lumber sign; Lions Club sign; Skelly regular glass globe lenses; disk bowling alley machine; 1 cent peanut machine; Sturgis bike week posters; and more.

FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD, KITCHEN & GLASSWARE COLLECTIBLES: roll top desk; metal rounded ice box; rope bed (rare); copper broilers; **Local collectibles:** Cambria dollar, Cambria .25 token, Royal Pool Hall .10 & .25 tokens Newcastle, 1957 Craig Chevrolet Lucky Penny, Craig Chevrolet cigarette lighter, Updike BRO. key fob, picture thermometers: Upton Refinery, Shorthorn Dairy, Sly's Food Market, M&M Service, Newcastle Mercantile; Upton Cash Store Beater jar; '35, 36 & 37 Dogie annuals; '35 NCHS class picture; milk glass, carnival, pressed, cut, CA Cape Cod red glassware; red wing crocks; cast iron; & MUCH MORE TO NUMEROUS TO MENTION.

GAS ENGINES, SADDLES, TACH, RANCH & COLLECTIBLES: cast iron bell; JD engine; IH engine; 4 cast iron water pumps; Radio Flyer wagon; wood wagon wheels & hubs; lightning rods; implement seats; bone crushers; wagon wheel (tire) shaper; potato digger; metal army boxes; **Tach items including:** McClellan Calvary saddle; collars & hames; bridles & bits; cinches; hobbles; hackamores; rope makers; log & ice tongs; fishing lures & rods; cream cans; deer mount; scales; numerous more items yet to be discovered & not mentioned.

Auctioneers Note: Jerry has collected for years and the time has come to shift down a gear, something for every collector at this auction. Many treasures yet to be discovered. Bring a friend we will be selling in 2 rings for part of the day.

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