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Rodeo, ranch style



Cole Fitzgerald throws his lasso at the Ranch Rodeo held Wednesday night at Weston County Fairgrounds. See more photos from fair week activities on pages 8 and 9. (Todd Bennington/NLJ)

Rally revenue Main Street finally attracts biker business

Alexis Shultz
NLJ Reporter

"It's been nice to see it busy in downtown Newcastle," observed Letea Wright, owner of T&A Brewery, in reference to the increase in the number of bikers who have chosen to stop and enjoy Newcastle's Main Street during the 75th annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. She noted that on Monday, the first official day of the rally, she served approximately 20 customers, all of whom parked their motorcycles downtown to stop and enjoy a drink at the establishment she and her husband, Andrew, opened last year.

"Everyone has given us such great compliments on the place, and they are happy to see it fresh and new. They said they can't wait to come back!" exclaimed Wright. She and Andrew refurbished the former Iron Horse Saloon

prior to opening the business, which they hope to eventually operate as Newcastle's own craft brewery.

T&A isn't the only downtown establishment experiencing an increase in business during this year's rally, as Wright remarked that Donna's Diner, which is located across the street from her business, is absolutely booming. She jokingly said that she wondered how all the customers fit into the small structure the diner occupies.

That business's owner, Donna Chmeler, was too busy Monday afternoon to participate in an interview with the News Letter Journal, but some of her customers were willing to reveal what motivated them to come to Newcastle, and what their perception of the town and surrounding area was

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County moves forward on event center negotiations

Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

The Board of Weston County Commissioners voted to accept results stemming from the first phase of negotiations over the Weston County Event Center at a special meeting held last Wednesday morning.

In doing so, the commissioners were apparently acting on the advice of attorney Ray Hunkins, their legal counsel on the matter, who also advised the commissioners to conduct the meeting as a closed-door executive session.

"Because you're going to consider the results of a negotiation with a proposal on the table for the first part and a discussion of strategy, the second part, and because this involves potential future litigation, I would suggest it would be appropriate to go into executive session," Hunkins told the commissioners via conference call.

In making the motion to go into executive session Commissioner Randy Rossman cited the third paragraph of article 'A' of Wyoming Statute 16-4-405, which allows for executive sessions "on matters concerning litigation to which the governing body is a party or proposed

litigation to which the governing body may be a party."

Following the closed-door session, which lasted longer than an hour, Commissioner Tony Barton moved that the commissioners "accept phase one negotiations on the scope of repairs, as recommended by Ray Hunkins, and enter into phase two, which includes our additional expenses."

Barton's motion was seconded by Rossman and passed unanimously.

"For the sake of the papers, I think we're moving forward in a positive direction and I think things are going to work out for getting past this," Commission Chair Bill Lambert told reporters from the News Letter Journal and the Weston County Gazette, who were present at the meeting. Commissioner Marty Ertman, however, seemed to indicate she was less confident in a quick resolution.

Commissioner Tracy Hunt was not present at Wednesday's meeting.

Constructed at a cost of more than \$1 million, the Event Center has stood unused since it was built in 2011 due to structural problems determined to be traceable to a major leak in the main water line into the building.

Hospital board demands better

Alexis Shultz
NLJ Reporter

Representatives from both Billings Clinic and its partner, Rural Health Partners, met with the Weston County Health Services Board on July 16 to discuss issues regarding the Electronic Medical Record system that has failed to perform up to expectations since its implementation on July 18, 2013.

Chris Stevens, an executive at Billings Clinic — the hospital system in Billings, Mont. that WCHS works with specifically for the Cerner and Lawson systems that are used for medical records and financial reports — explained to the board that while he understands their frustration with the issues they've encountered, his

agency hopes to continue to work with the hospital to resolve those issues as quickly as possible.

"There are some concerns that have continued to occur here within Newcastle, and we take that very seriously. It is important to us," professed Stevens, reporting to the board that he is personally working with WCHS CEO Maureen Cadwell and her team on several fronts to resolve the issues that have plagued the local hospital for some time.

While Stevens was quick to proclaim that Billings Clinic is determined to solve the problems in a timely manner, a number of board members and employees expressed frustration.

Board Treasurer Barry Peterson

told Stevens that the board feels that promises made prior to the decision to go with Cerner and the Billings Clinic have not been met, and that he believes those promises were made to convince WCHS to purchase over a \$1 million in software for the new system.

"We need to understand what you believe was promised," declared Stevens. "We need to identify those things... You have our commitment that we will do that."

He noted that as far as "tickets" — the term used to describe the document Billings Clinic receives when WCHS has an issue with the system — are concerned, representatives from both facilities will have to con-

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Human cases of tularemia confirmed

Alexis Shultz
NLJ Reporter

Tularemia, also known as rabbit fever, is a normal occurrence and "always out there," according to Wyoming Game and Fish Department Wildlife Biologist Joe Sandrini, but some alarm has been raised after it was reported that there are three confirmed human cases of the disease in Weston County.

"To keep it in perspective, we have experienced this in the past, usually with peaks in the rabbit population cycle as we have currently," Sandrini indicated, noting that regular reports of cottontails that have been found

dead in various parts the county are likely related to the bacterial disease that is characterized by ulcers at the site of the infection, fever and loss of weight in those who are infected.

According to an informational flyer provided by Sandrini, tularemia is a potentially serious illness that happens naturally throughout the United States and can be passed from animal to human through a number of different means. Tularemia is caused by a bacterium that can cause illness and death in animals.

Weston County Public Health Nurse Lori Bickford

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Lost but not forgotten:

Remembering Capt. Paul Piana

Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

"Word was received last week by Mr. and Mrs. August Piana that their son, Captain Paul R. Piana, has been reported missing in action since July 10th. He had reported to action in Korea only recently. ... He is known to be an expert pilot and instructor."

—News Letter Journal,
July 24, 1952

Falling as it did between the global upheaval of the Second World War and the political and social turmoil of

the Vietnam era, the Korean War has taken on the unfortunate designation of "the Forgotten War." This despite consuming the lives of several million people in total, more than 36,000 of them Americans, and ending in the political division of the Korean Peninsula that remains to this day.

The number of Americans still unaccounted for currently stands at 7,846, according to Department of Defense statistics.

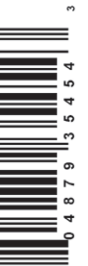
Among the missing is Capt. Paul Piana, a 28-year-old Marine Corps pilot from Newcastle whose ultimate fate is no clearer today than it was when he was shot down and presumed killed over North Korea 63 years ago, in the early morning hours of July 10, 1952.

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In Pensacola, Piana, at left, with fellow flight instructor Ed Rogal and a T-28 Texan. (Submitted Photo)

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Opinion

News Letter Journal

Our view

The Un-Official

Given the level of upheaval and unrest in county government, it would be easy to blame the Weston County Commissioners for all of the well-publicized woes, but a quick examination of the record tells a different story.

Since the beginning of the year, the commissioners have passed a resolution to form a countywide landfill district, created a county administrator position and filled it, identified and accepted through negotiation the specific repairs needed for the county event center, hired individuals to clean and maintain our deteriorating courthouse and approved a procedure for removing members of appointed boards, in addition to countless other actions that have been taken since the new board was seated in January.

Whether you approve of the important decisions listed above or not, the fact that action was taken in these areas is commendable because every one of the issues that was addressed had been brought to the attention of the Weston County Commission at least three years previously. No definitive action had ever been taken on any of them, and this commission should be applauded for demonstrating a willingness to accept the burden of leadership and make tough decisions like these so the county could finally move forward and tackle other business.

Unfortunately, the commission has also found itself in the position of dealing with relatively unimportant decisions — like the one they spent 15 minutes on two weeks ago over whether or not the word “unofficial” should be included in the newspaper publication of the minutes of their meetings.

We argued at that time that no other entity felt the need to publish such a disclaimer in their official publications, and that our readers are smart enough to understand that the minutes of meetings don't become “official” until the commissioners vote to approve them at the next meeting. After what happened with the knowingly inaccurate set of minutes we were instructed by the County Clerk to publish a few hours after that conversation took place, however, we withdraw our argument. We are now willing to acknowledge that the record provided to you by county government has been flawed since the beginning of the year, (see column below) and we don't know that any of the county's official public records, which are in the control of the County Clerk, could or should be called “official.”

Like all other members of the county's executive branch, as an elected county official, the County Clerk answers to nobody except the voters. The commissioners actually have little to no control over the way the duties of that office are handled, and the only real recourse that board has when performance of those duties (or any other county office) fall short of expectations is to cut that official's budget.

Unfortunately, that tends to harm the people of Weston County as much (or more) than it does the county official in question, and commissioners are understandably hesitant to take that chance. We saw this scenario play out in the federal government when the legislative branch enforced a sequester to control spending, and the agencies of the executive branch that answer to President Obama made every effort to ensure the spending cuts had obvious negative impacts on the citizens of this country.

Since the commissioners are powerless to demand change from the County Clerk because of this potential harm to us, the duty falls to you to make those demands yourself, and we strongly urge our readers to let the County Clerk know that the people of Weston County deserve better than what they are getting.

We intended to do so this week when we formally requested to be put on the agenda to discuss problems with the way minutes are recorded and made available to the public, but that request was denied — or, more accurately, ignored — by the County Clerk.

Since we were not allowed to do so, we ask that you, the citizens of Weston County, insist to the Clerk that minutes of county commission meetings be completed, reviewed by the chairman and made available to the public by the end of the week on which the meeting was held so they can be published in both Newcastle and Upton prior to the next meeting. This gives you a chance to see what was discussed and is being considered by the commission so you can provide input to your elected representatives before action is taken and it is too late to do so. We encourage you to tell the Clerk that you expect her to provide other information pertaining to county government (budgets, agendas, minutes and other public documents) to citizens who request that information (including reporters from both the News Letter Journal and Weston County Gazette) in a timely and accurate manner. Finally, we hope you will join us in demanding a commitment to accuracy and honesty in the recording and storing of public records, and an acknowledgment from the Clerk that agendas, minutes and other public records are not “hers.” Those records belong to the people of Weston County. She is simply the custodian of them.

To this point, it can be argued that the majority of the errors, omissions and inaccuracies have been relatively minor, but the current state of affairs dictates that eventually — and inevitably — a mistake will be made that proves costly for the people of Weston County. We sincerely hope you will demonstrate to county officials that you aren't willing to just sit back and let that happen.

Letters to the Editor

Partisan politics are simply a distraction

Dear Editor,

Don's letter of July 30 (We are paying for the rope that will hang us, page 2) does a great job of describing a large problem in our economy — buying more and more offshore and manufacturing less and less here at home.

The big question is: How did this come to be? Could it be that the CEO, Chairman of the Board and other interested capitalists saw an opportunity to reduce material and labor costs and thereby increase profits?

The question answers itself.

There was a fly in the ointment, seems there always is. There were onerous tariffs, quotas and other import restrictions that stood in the way. They needed a “fixer” to remove all those barriers to greater profits and subsequent wealth. Who should show up in this hour of need but your friendly local congress critter.

The deal was made. The congress critter would write and promote laws that would kill the tariffs, remove the quotas and throw out any other impediment to bigger, better profits. There is a small cost for this legislative service, the CEO and others would have to pay for the Congressman's next election and his home on the Potomac and a few other things.

Quite a few other things! No doubt, this arrangement started way back, probably before the WTO got together in Seattle. Subsequently there was NAFTA

and others.

It is simple, how this free trade thing works. Mexico can assemble and send to us all the Lincolns they want, tax and other impediment free. The USA can send to Mexico all the Corn (subsidized by the taxpayers) for which they can find railcars. That corn is also free of any taxes or other import fees.

What a sweet deal, the U.S. Company and its CEO, shareholders and others get more profits. The free trade partner gets more jobs.

The American worker gets a pink slip. Some of our presidents, senators and representatives have arranged this for us. Who else has the legislative power to cause this? It is a criminal, not a partisan, issue.

Let me repeat that. It is a criminal, not a partisan, issue. The problem is that presidents and congress critters are clever devils. They know that the electorate would rather talk about deflated footballs. So, they feel free to do deals wherever a buck is to be made.

They enlist the help of their whole party to blame the other party, but the growing blight on our economy is not the Republicans fault and neither is it the Democrats fault. It is our fault, we the electorate. We are the responsible party for this government of ours. Those of us who reside in deep blue or deep red states will have a hard time getting unhooked from the propaganda that has been so carefully constructed to absolve the dominant party of any and all wrongdoing. But we must, or we'll go the way of Greece.

—Jerry Baird



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Deadline for Letters is noon on Friday

The county must commit to respecting its records

The publication of the minutes of the meetings of the Weston County Commission have been a bone of contention for as long as I've been in the newspaper business.

I hoped that I had identified a solution when I proposed a few years ago that the News Letter Journal be designated as the county's official publication, and offered to have this newspaper then pay for publication in the Weston County Gazette as well.

The publisher of the Gazette and Commissioner Marty Ertman have always objected to the arrangement, however. After the commission approved the NLJ as the county's official publication by a 3-2 vote again this January, I was disturbed at the next meeting to hear Commissioner Ertman thank Gazette reporter Nick Trandahl for helping new County Clerk Cheryl Kregel prepare her first set of minutes — despite the fact that I had offered such assistance at the beginning of the year at an informal meeting of the commissioners and Kregel that I attended (but the Gazette didn't).

The minutes were poorly drafted and only got worse as the months wore on, but my concerns were alleviated a couple of months ago when Deputy Clerk Melanie Stevens took over the chore, and the quality of the minutes improved considerably.

Two weeks ago my peace of mind evaporated.

The minutes for the county commission meeting of July 7 had been

sent on July 16, I forwarded them to the Gazette, and set the minutes on page 14 of the July 23 NLJ. The following Monday, at about 3 p.m., my office received a call from Mrs. Stevens informing us that changes needed to be made to the minutes. I quickly sent an email to Stevens telling her that any changes needed to be sent to me immediately so I could forward them to the Gazette before their deadline, and cc'ed Gazette publisher Lisa LeVasseur to alert her.

I received no response from the Clerk's office that day, but was surprised to get an email from the Gazette saying, “We called to tell her those changes...”

I was concerned that the Upton newspaper was suggesting changes to the county minutes, but assumed they were for spelling or grammatical errors, and thought little more of it. That was especially true when I appeared at the commissioner's meeting the next afternoon to specifically discuss publication of the minutes, and there was no further mention of any changes from Kregel, Stevens or any of the commissioners.

At 5 p.m. that evening, as I was just about to send the final pages of the NLJ to the press, I received a response to an email I had sent Stevens at 7 a.m.

I was instructed to move a pair of discussion items that took place in the

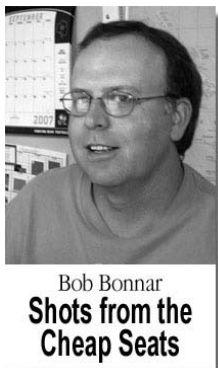
morning portion of the meeting (at a time when Chairman Bill Lambert had to absent himself from the meeting and Vice-Chairman Ertman had the gavel) and move them under the Discussion Items heading in the afternoon - even though the discussion actually took place that morning.

I was also instructed to remove a reference to Ertman as “Vice-Chair” and replace it with “Commissioner,” at Ertman's request, according to Stevens' email.

In a phone call with Stevens, I objected to the changes as being inaccurate, but she said Kregel told her to inform me to publish them because “that is what the commissioners approved this morning.”

To the best of my knowledge, the commissioners weren't aware that the changes had been made either, and I later called Chairman Lambert to confirm that the body had approved a different set of minutes than the ones I had been instructed to publish.

My frustration mounted when I saw that the Gazette actually published the original set of minutes (without the Vice-Chairman reference). The only other change was the addition of a “Discussion Items” header over the items that took place in the morning, which is the correction I had suggested to Stevens should have been



Bob Bonnar
Shots from the Cheap Seats

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Feeding the fair crowd



Leonard Nack serves up pancakes for Benjamin Mudd at the WCHS Foundation Pancake Breakfast Friday morning at the fairgrounds. (Todd Bennington/NLJ)

Tularemia

from page 1

told the News Letter Journal that hundreds of animals can carry tularemia, but in the Black Hills area it is mostly seen in rabbits and prairie dogs, as well as mice and other rodents. She also noted that deerflies, horseflies, and ticks can carry the bacterium from animal to human.

"There is no history at all that shows that the illness can be passed from human to human," she stated, indicating that it is, however, very contagious from animal to human.

That said, Bickford noted that there are a number of ways for someone to avoid contracting the illness.

She explained that animals can die from tularemia and it is important for individuals to wear gloves or other protective gear when handling a deceased animal that may be carrying the illness. She also made it clear there are a number of ways to contract tularemia, one of them being airborne, and people should wear a face mask when mowing their lawns or doing other outside work that may kick up dust that could be contaminated. Bickford also indicated that preventive measures mirror

those addressed for the West Nile Virus when it comes to contracting the illness through ticks or other insects.

"It is important to teach kids not to touch dead animals," declared Bickford, adding that it is also important to remind children to not handle animals that appear to be sick either. She said many children will feel the need to pick up and help such animals, which puts them in danger of contracting tularemia.

Tularemia comes in different forms, and also has a number of symptoms.

"Symptoms are often flu like, including body aches, sudden onset fever, headache and joint pain," professed Bickford, adding that swollen lymph glands also occur with the illness along with a dry cough that is more associated with contracting tularemia through breathing it in.

"If you have contact with the animal, skin ulcers may also occur," Bickford described, noting this reaction is most likely to occur through either direct contact with an animal or by being bitten by ticks or other insects that have contracted tularemia through

an infected animal.

Bickford said the most severe form of tularemia occurs when an individual inhales the bacterium, and can often lead to some type of pneumonia. She urged anybody who experiences any of these symptoms to seek medical attention immediately.

"We don't see a lot of death (from this), because usually people that have symptoms get medical attention," proclaimed Bickford, who noted that tularemia is treatable with an antibiotic.

Bickford reported that three cases of tularemia have been confirmed in Weston County. She said that while she was unable to state the manner in which the disease was contracted by any of the individuals, all three cases involved nothing out of the ordinary when it came to routine. She did say that all three cases were contracted through different means.

"We are concerned and watching it, but if people take precautions and seek medical attention when they see symptoms, hopefully the issue will not continue to spread," Bickford professed.

Protection from bigger beasts

While rabbits and other small mammals appear to pose a greater threat at present than mountain lions in Weston County, concerns have been expressed recently over sightings of the big cats around Newcastle. Wyoming Game and Fish has released a publication called "Living in Lion Country," and these are some of the tips the agency provides for protecting yourself.

- Do Not Feed Any Wildlife- By feeding other wildlife you inadvertently attract lions.
- Landscape For Safety- Remove vegetation to eliminate hiding spots.
- Install Outdoor Lighting- Keep the perimeter around your home well lit. This will make lions visible and discourage their activity
- Keep a close watch on your children- Bring them indoors between dusk and dawn, and teach them about lions and what to do if they come across one. When outside, make sure they are close to you and within sight at all times
- Control Your Pets- Roaming pets are easy prey and can attract lions. Bring your pets indoor at night, and do not feed your pets outdoors.
- Don't Hike Alone- When in lion habitat, hike in groups and make lots of noise to reduce your chances of coming across a lion.
- Never Approach a Lion- All lions are unpredictable but most will try to avoid confrontation, so give them a way to escape
- If you meet a mountain lion stay calm. Talk to it calmly but firmly and move slowly. Don't run. Back away slowly if you can safely. Sudden movement or running may stimulate the lion. Do all you can to appear larger. Raise your arms, open your jacket, and if a lion behaves aggressive throw stones, branches or whatever you can get your hands on without crouching down or turning. The idea is to convince the lion that you are not prey and may be a danger to the lion.
- If you are attacked, fight back. Lions have been driven away by prey that fights back. People whom have fought back have been successful using rocks, fishing poles, garden tools, and bare hands.

CORRECTION

The Wheelin into Fair photo on page 1 of last week's NLJ was misidentified. The man being pushed in the wheelbarrow is Eric Amdahl. We apologize for the error.

Hazardous Waste Collection Day



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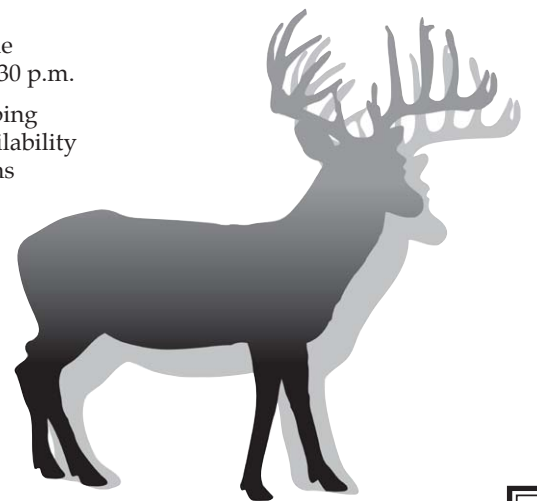
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Obituaries

Brenda Kathryn Russell July 26, 1951-July 28, 2015

Brenda Kathryn (Doell) Russell, 64, of Cheyenne, WY passed away on July 28th 2015 after a courageous three and half year battle with stage 4 lung cancer.



Brenda Russell

Brenda was the eldest child born to Louis Gabe Doell and Avenella June (Wilcox) Doell on July 26th 1951 in Moberge, SD. The family moved to Newcastle, WY right before her 13th birthday.

In 1969, Brenda graduated in the top 10% of her class from Newcastle High School. After graduating she moved to Cheyenne for the first time and then on to Salinas, CA. She soon decided that she was not content living in California and moved back to Cheyenne to live with her Aunt Bette Heck to whom she was extremely close.

Brenda attended Laramie County Community College and earned an Associate's Degree in Art.

Soon after graduating college she met Harrison Thomas (Tom) Russell, Jr. a native of Baltimore, MD who was stationed at F.E. Warren Air Force Base. She worked in a pizza parlor that he frequented quite often and they married only three months later. Seven months later they received orders to move to what was West Germany at the time. Their only child, Jennifer Elizabeth was born in Wiesbaden, West Germany.

They returned to Cheyenne when Jennifer was just 22 months old and lived there for several years. They then moved to Newcastle to raise Jennifer and to be near Brenda's parents.

Eventually Cheyenne became their home once again and then they moved onto Thornton, CO. After Jennifer graduated High School in 1992, they moved to Mahwah, NJ for Tom's career with UPS. In 1996 they returned to Cheyenne for the last time and Brenda began working at the Ceramic and Wood shop on the Air Force Base.

After 11 years there she left and began to concentrate on perfecting scrapbooking and handmade cards.

Brenda and Tom also spent time traveling to and from Vineland, NJ where Jennifer and her family lived.

Brenda was preceded in death by a baby sister,

her younger sister Noreen (Thomas) Gould of Ranchester, WY, both sets of grandparents and several aunts and uncles.

She is survived by her loving husband of 43 years, Tom Russell of Cheyenne, her only child Jennifer Durham, her son-in-law, CJ Durham of Vineland, NJ as well as her only two grandchildren, Jared Carter, 8 years old and Cheyenne Elizabeth, 5 years old of Vineland, NJ. Brenda is survived by her parents Louis and Avenella Doell of Newcastle, WY, one brother Louis (Christine) Doell also of Newcastle, WY, two sisters Shawn (Keith) Zabka of Cheyenne, WY and Crystal (Jeff) Lincoln of Meridian, ID and her niece Brooke Zabka of Cheyenne. She is also survived by a few nieces, nephews, cousins and several close friends.

The body has been cremated and will be buried in a cemetery in South Dakota where several relatives are already interred. There will be no viewing or memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the American Lung Society or charity of your choice.

Candice Amanda Smith - July 23, 2015

Candice Amanda Smith,

33, died Thursday, July 23, 2015 in a two vehicle crash.

Candice was born in Freeport, Texas to Jerry and Karen New.

She was a proud graduate of Texas A & M University and an engineer with Fluid Dispersal Solutions in Sequin.

September 6, 2014, she married Mason Spencer Smith, a graduate of Newcastle High School and Tarleton State University.

A rising engineer, talented musician, avid marathon runner and genuinely outgoing person, Candice was admired, respected and loved by all who knew her.

Burial was at Texas A & M Aggie Field of Honor at College Station following a funeral mass at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in New Braunfels, where she was an active member.

Candice is survived by her husband, Mason Spencer Smith, her parents, her mother and father in law, Doug and Pam Smith, other family members and a host of friends.

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Exodus 12:1-28	Exodus 12:29-51	Exodus 13:1-22	Exodus 14:1-31	Exodus 15:1-27	Exodus 16:1-36	Exodus 19:1-25
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Burn restrictions are back in place

Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

Restrictions on open burning imposed by the Weston County Commissioners that initially went into effect on April 17 were reinstated Friday, July 24, due to changing weather and fuel conditions.

"This year the commissioners have allowed us to temporarily lift or re-impose [the restrictions] based on conditions," Weston County Fire District Warden Daniel Tysdal explained to the NLJ.

Tysdal said he expects the restrictions to remain in effect for the foreseeable future, citing high temperatures, low humidity, and dry fuels as among the factors contributing to the decision to reinstate them.

"Obviously back there in May and June, when we were getting significant rain and everything was green, we were able to temporarily lift the restrictions," he continued.

Tysdal directed county residents toward the Weston County homepage, westongov.com, where a copy of the burn restriction resolution, which includes a detailed list of exemptions, is available as a pdf form. Burn restriction updates are available on the Facebook page of the Weston County Fire Protection District,

Tysdal additionally noted.

The fire district warden was also quick to point out that the restrictions are partial and apply only to those areas of the county, other than state and federal lands, lying outside the city limits of Newcastle and Upton. These other areas have their own restrictions regarding burning and those with questions should consult the relevant city, state, or federal authorities directly.

The goal of county officials is to place the least imposition on the public as reasonably possible, Tysdal said.

"During the evening hours from seven at night to seven

in the morning, when the temperatures are cooler, humidity is higher, winds are generally lighter, you can burn inside a barrel as long as it has a spark arrester on it in a cleared area and you have some way to put the fire out, whether it be a fire extinguisher, a garden hose, or something [comparable]," Tysdal explained.

Even attended campfires are still allowed provided the appropriate conditions are met, he added.

Tysdal went on to request of the public that, should the ban be temporarily lifted again, those who intend to conduct a controlled burn contact dis-

patch at the non-emergency 746-4486 number beforehand, so that fire department personnel are not called to respond unnecessarily.

As for city residents, Donny Munger, chief of the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department, confirmed with the NLJ that city ordinances do not allow open burning within the city limits.

"The only way you can have an open burn is if you get a permit from the fire chief and we don't usually do that," Munger explained, adding that only in exceptional circumstances are such permits granted.

Types of burning that are not banned *

The discharge of fireworks and all outdoor fires are prohibited in the unincorporated area of Weston County except as provided below. All exemptions require that fires be located within a cleared area ten feet in radius, and a shovel and fire suppression means must be present at site for these exemptions to qualify:

- Trash or refuse fires between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., inside containers provided with a spark arrester are permitted.
- Attended campfires contained within an established fire ring, no larger than three feet in radius are permitted.
- Charcoal fires within enclosed grills are permitted.
- Use of acetylene cutting torches or electric arc welders are permitted.
- Propane or open fire branding activities are permitted.

It is also important to note that internal or external combustion engines including chain-saws, ATVs and motorcycles must have approved spark arrestors.

* This information was extracted from Weston County Resolution 15-02 regarding open burning restrictions. The complete original is available toward the bottom of the county's homepage at westongov.com

New leaders in the league



Tracy Hadlock watches as Nathan Streeter takes a swing at the All School Reunion Golf Tournament early in July. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

Nelson Holwell and Guy Fullerton took over the top spot in the Newcastle Men's Golf League two weeks ago, but things are heating up with only a couple of weeks left in the season, and a pair of teams are tied for second place and only a point behind the leaders.

Holwell and Fullerton have scored 230 points to this point of the season, but Jeremiah Decker and Dan Halliday made a big move in Week 9 to take their tally to 229 points. Shane and Lance Crawford used a big week to reach 229

as well, and all three of the front-running teams overtook former leaders John Prell and Jim Bainer, who are tied for fourth with Gary Clark and Matt Conzelman at 224 points.

McKenley Williams continues to hold his position as the high-point individual golfer in the league with 115 tallies, but Halliday has closed the gap and sits in second with 112 points. Conzelman and Brett Reed have racked up 105 to hold down third place, while Keith Culver, Mark Sylte and Prell are tied for fifth with 104 points.

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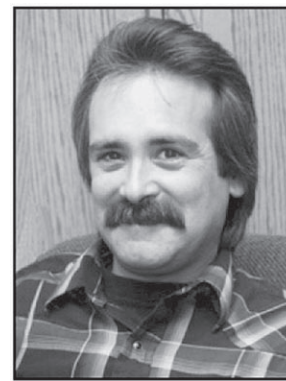
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Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thurs 6	12:00 p.m.	Chamber Board Meeting	WC Senior Center
	4:00 p.m.	VFW Auxiliary	WC Senior Center
	6:00 p.m.	Sumner Performance & Lecture	Crazy Horse Memorial
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
	7:00 p.m.	Salt Creek Water District	District Office
	7:00 p.m.	WC Museum District	Red Onion Museum
Fri 7	-	Masons	Newcastle Masonic Lodge #13
	-	Sprint Car Races	WC Fairgrounds
Sat 8	-	Sprint Car Races	WC Fairgrounds
	11:00 a.m.	NCA Preschool Grand Opening	Newcastle Christian Academy
Mon 10	1:00 p.m.	AARP Meeting	WC Senior Center
	1:00 p.m.		
Tues 11	1:00 p.m.	Artful Gals	WC Senior Housing
	6:30 p.m.	WC Fair Board	WC Fair Office
	6:45 p.m.	ALANON Meeting (746-9791)	Mondell Heights
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Health Services, Downstairs
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
	7:30 p.m.	Eastern Star	Newcastle Eastern Star #30
Wed 12	2:00 p.m.	Flowering Fingers	TBA
	3:00 p.m.	WCNRD Meeting	USDA Building
	7:00 p.m.	Mallo Board Meeting	Public Health Building
Thurs 13	5:30 p.m.	City Planning Meeting	City Office
	6:00 p.m.	Humane Society Meeting	Shelter
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
Fri 14	-	RPM Days	WC Fairgrounds
	Dark	Cambria Bow Hunters 3D Shoot	Past Mallow Camp Turn-Off, see signs
Sat 15	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
	8:00 a.m.	Cambria Bow Hunters 3D Shoot	Past Mallow Camp Turn-Off, see signs
Sun 16	-	RPM Days	WC Fairgrounds
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Circle Revival	Assembly of God Church

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- August 6
Cameah Stevens
- August 8
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Hawk II ♂
Roger Wright
- August 9
Jessica Yarnes
- August 10
Hawk/Been Anniversary ♀
Sammy Sewell
- August 11
Diane Christensen
Kelly Arp
- August 12
Mr. & Mrs. Billy Quick ♂
Jake Sylte
- August 13
Jim Dietz ♀
Christine Doell
Louie Doell II
Roland Schofield
Kylar Straube
- August 14
Eric Kregel
- August 15
Verna Schneider
Grace Sandrini
Kelby Tranas
- August 16
Mr. & Mrs. Duke Ottema ♀
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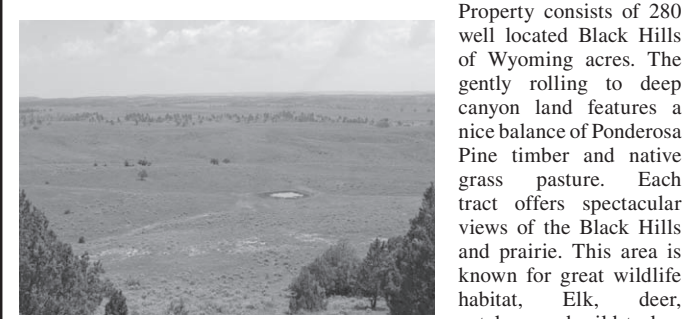
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Mia Peterson and Tyler Sower marvel at an opossum that made an unexpected appearance at the Weston County Fair last week. The Weston County Natural Resource District set up a booth at the fairground focused around a theme of "Wyoming's Wild Creatures!" There were several hands-on learning opportunities for children and adults who stopped by the booth to visit with WCNRD District Manager Lacey Gurien and experience the area's natural resources. Gurien had various animal pelts and antlers for fair attendees to identify, and she was also willing to provide opportunities to learn about little known species like the Swift fox or Virginia opossum — neither of which is commonly found in Weston County. Gurien said her primary goal in undertaking community outreach projects of this sort is to spark an interest in today's youth for conservation of our natural resources. (Todd Bennington/NLJ)

NRCS welcomes new hand to the crew

Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

Lee Simper, formerly of Cedar City, Utah, has joined the Newcastle office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service as its new range conservationist. He takes over for Ryan Mar, who held the position for several years.

Simper described himself to the News Letter Journal as fresh out of college, and indeed he did just graduate from Southern Utah University, but at age 30, Simper's turn to range management actually represents something of a second career. Formerly he worked as an auto mechanic, though he mentioned he has more recently worked summers as a wildland firefighter for the U.S. Forest Service.

In only his third week on the job, Simper said he is just



Lee Simper (Todd Bennington/NLJ)

getting settled in the area, having only found a permanent place to live the day before he spoke with the NLJ.

"So far I've been driving around getting to know the area. We work with ranchers

and contractors on thinning projects, to thin out the ponderosas, so wildlife can get in and also cattle can get in and graze in areas they wouldn't be able to," he explained of some of the job's fundamentals.

Asked about why he opted to return to school to study Agriculture in mid-career stream, Simper said his father had worked for the NRCS as a range conservationist for 35 years, and that while interested in mechanics, indeed one of his hobbies is restoring old cars, it wasn't where his passion lay.

"I liked being in the outdoors more than sitting around in the same shop working on vehicle after vehicle," he said. "I like having the skills to fix my own vehicles, but I don't like doing it day in and day out. This way I can get out ... and work in the outdoors."

Simper, whose wife works

locally in childcare, is involved with a church, and together the couple keep a dog, a German Shepherd/Black Lab mix as a pet.

In addition to tinkering with old cars, Simper listed hunting, fishing, camping, rappelling, climbing, and scuba diving among his interests. He quickly disabused the NLJ of the notion that there aren't places in the area to scuba dive, mentioning Pactola Lake in South Dakota and Alcova Lake near Casper.

"I haven't been down there, but I researched it," he said.

Asked how long he intends to stay in the area, Simper said he is yet unsure.

"I'm here to get some experience. I might be here five years or I might be here longer," he reasoned, adding that he hopes those who need range work done will come call on him at the NRCS office.

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tinue to meet daily to iron out the problems. Stevens indicated that WCHS will always have some number of tickets that need to be resolved, but that it is important is to look at the number of tickets and their projected completion date. He asserted that the focus then needs to be on making sure the problems identified in the ticket are addressed, and the number of them submitted is going down.

"My sense is, from the other facilities, that 25 to 35 is going to be the base number for tickets and that this number will go up and down," stated Stevens. "The things we can control are the work being done, the level of work being done, and the date." He quickly assured the board that the present situation has nothing to do with employees at Billings Clinic not wanting to do the work required to address the local hospital's issues with the system.

Cadwell indicated to the News Letter Journal in an interview outside of the July 16 meeting that the WCHS board and

hospital employees feel the issues they are facing, however, are the result of a lack of expertise at Billings Clinic when it comes to both the Lawson and Cerner systems.

She explained that Billings Clinic brought four facilities onto the systems at the same time, including WCHS, and that this could also be the cause of some of the issues in tickets being not solved in a timely manner. She suggested that the lack of expertise and a shortage in the number of employees available to help resolve issues encountered by these facilities is most responsible for the problems being experienced.


"I told them it was going to be a pain. I warned them from experience that things need to be tweaked and fixed," Cadwell told the News Letter Journal, explaining that she had not yet assumed the CEO position when the initial decision was made to sign with Billings Clinic and Cerner, but she had been through the process of implementing new software at her previous job, and that no matter what, system issues

will always arise.

"We are two years into it now and we continue to have problems," Cadwell indicated, agreeing that some help tickets can be expected, but that WCHS feels that things were not being addressed in a timely or accurate manner.

As has been previously reported, WCHS has not paid their bill for the systems in a few months, but Cadwell did clarify that the expense is being recorded. The bill is just not being paid at this time, and the facility is still working with Billings Clinic to try and get the issues resolved.

"I don't believe the issue is with Cerner, and I know it's not with Lawson," declared Cadwell, adding that she believes the issue falls with the middle man, Billings Clinic. Cadwell said that at this time the facility does not want to change direction when it comes to the EMR system they are using, but will rather continue to work with Billings Clinic to get the issues resolved in order.



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The center lane in downtown Newcastle has been blocked off to allow motorcycles to park there during the Sturgis Rally. (Alexis Shultz/NLJ)

after visiting for a short time. In fact, a couple that made the trip to Sturgis from Boston, Mass. and would only identify themselves as Ken and Pam, declared that Donna's Diner provided them with the best meal they have encountered since reaching the Black Hills. They also noted the beautiful scenery in this area as one of the reasons they chose to make their way from Sturgis to Newcastle.

Another group enjoying a meal at Donna's had traveled from Utah for this year's rally explained that they made the trip to Weston County after stopping to visit friends in Casper on their way to Sturgis, and hearing that Newcastle provided an enjoyable interlude from the hectic rally atmosphere in the northern Hills.

That echoed the sentiment of a group of men lounging at the tables located in front of

Perkin's Tavern and enjoying a drink. They joked that they could not reveal their names because they were part of the witness protection program, but declared that their reason for coming to Newcastle was simply "to get the hell out of Sturgis!" They indicated that traffic in close proximity to the rally is "horrible" this week, and declared that they enjoyed their short visit to Newcastle, and the opportunity it gave them to avoid crowds, long lines and longer waits.

Bruce Perkins, the owner of Perkin's Tavern, said he began to see a significant increase in business during the daytime hours in the days leading up to the rally, and indicated that the number of rally participants who are stopping in Newcastle is up tremendously from previous years.

"Business is booming. This is the fourth day (Monday

that we have been totally swamped from the time we open our doors at 10 a.m.," stated Perkins. He continued that while drink sales are up significantly, the local bar has handled a large number of lunch orders as well.

"We have been serving between 75 and 85 hamburgers and fries a day. They come in, they have lunch and a beer, and they go on their way," said Perkins, who admitted that it would be nice for local establishments to experience these types of crowds every year.

"Finally we are getting the rally traffic we should have been getting the whole time," he reasoned, indicating that he hopes more local businesses take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy the increase in business made possible by the number of bikers who pass through during the rally each year.

Construction brakes for bikers

Alexis Shultz
NLJ Reporter

Road construction season has been underway for a couple of months, but in anticipation of the increase in traffic being experienced during the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, construction projects have been put on hold in this area until the week of August 17.

"Everything is shut down for this week," announced WYDOT Resident Engineer Joni Kachelhoffer.

She told the News Letter Journal that she had just received the calendar for road work that will commence on or around August 17, however, and motorists who have just gotten used to traveling in Weston County without the delays associated with rally traffic will be forced to increase their alertness levels again and slow down for construction workers and equipment that they will be encountering across much of Weston County.

Kachelhoffer reported that the most significant of the projects slated to begin the week of August 17, will be the final paving of Highway

16 east of Newcastle. She predicted that the project — which marks the completion of a complete reconstruction of that stretch of road performed last summer — should take just about four weeks. Kachelhoffer indicated that paving will begin at Dixon Brothers and go all the way to the Wyoming/South Dakota state line.

She also noted that Highway 16 west of Newcastle will see construction work later in the month, as chip sealing has been scheduled for August 22 and 23 from Newcastle to the airport.

"We are also going to be chip sealing Highway 116 between Upton and Sundance starting on August 17," stated Kachelhoffer, who indicated that the work north of Upton will be completed by August 20. Crews will then shift their focus south of Upton, and Highway 116 will be chip sealed on August 21 and 22 before the crews move to the Newcastle area to finish their work in this area.

"These are the only things I know for certain at this time," proclaimed Kachelhoffer, who explained that those are the only projects on WYDOT's current calendar of jobs that are positively going to happen within the next month.

Frontier raid results in arrest

A search of two homes in Frontier Addition on July 3 has resulted in an arrest by the Weston County Sheriff's Office of Newcastle resident Brenda Rose Sewell, 52, who lived in one of the homes that was searched by members of the Lusk Police Department. The Newcastle Police Department and WCSO cooperated in those searches.

According to a press release issued by Weston County

Sheriff Bryan Colvard, Sewell was arrested without incident at her home at 104 Frontier Avenue on approximately 7 p.m. on Friday, July 31. Although LPD was not involved directly in the apprehension, Colvard indicated that Sewell was transported to Lusk, where she is currently being detained. The Sheriff said that NPD did assist in Sewell's arrest.

Colvard indicated that Sewell has been charged

with two felonies in Niobrara County. The first count is for unauthorized use of personal identifying information resulting in costs in excess of \$1,000, and the second felony count is for theft of greater than \$1,000.

The release indicated that, if convicted, Sewell faces a maximum punishment of 10 years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine for each of the felonies.

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TAKING THE RANCH TO THE ARENA

Zac Steele was named as the "Top Hand," and Jessica Grubbs claimed the honor of "Top Cowgirl" at the Ranch Rodeo held last Wednesday as part of the Weston County Fair festivities, but neither rider was part of the team that claimed the overall championship in the event.

That honor went to "The Team," as Cole Fitzgerald, Jake Fosheim, Jessie Fosheim, Eric Amdahl and Sheyanne Fosheim took the title in a competition that pits representatives of area ranches against each other in

a contest of skill that reflects actual tasks performed as part of working operations in Weston County.

While the top cowboy and cowgirl in the event weren't part of the championship squad, it serves to reason that the best horse of the night performed for the titleists, as Fitzgerald's mount, "Top Dog," was named "Top Ranch Horse" in the competition.

The second place team in the overall competition went to the Perino/Lambert outfit, with Keri Lambert, Will Lambert, Zac

Steele, Preston Perino and Shane Hartinger keeping the pressure on the eventual champions all night long. The Full House Horse Sale took third place, thanks to the efforts of Jake Deveraux, Davin Tysdal, Cooper Deveraux, Craig Deveraux, and the Junior Rodeo's Senior All-Around Cowgirl, Abi Deveraux. Fourth place in the competition went to Nate Smith, Danny Williams, Lucas Stolhammer, Melinda Stolhammer and Ivan Brovont, who represented the Cee Heart Quarter Horse Team.

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ADULTS A BIT QUICKER

The adults proved to be faster than the kids at the ninth annual Pig Wrestling hosted by the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce last Monday, but only by the slightest of margins.

The "Thunder Chickens," sponsored by the Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp, turned in the fastest time of the night on July 27 when Laura Christensen, Jody Purviance, Nathan Streeter and Dustin Stout put their pig in the barrel in only 17 seconds. That was only a half-second faster than the Junior Champions, who were sponsored by Dog Gone Salon. The "Hawg and Dog" team of Josiah Stroh, Benji Foote, Hannah Foote and Noah Horland completed their task in 17.5 seconds.

The Pee Wee champions weren't quite that fast, but they outpaced their teenage counterparts when the "Sisslin' Piggies," sponsored by Kelear and Misty Harrington, wrestled their pig into the barrel in only 28 seconds. JJ Lipp, TJ Harrington, Jayde Harrington and Ava Williams were nearly eight seconds faster than the Teen champions. The "Hog Riders," made up of Dillon Ehlers, Johnny Walker, Mason Piscioti and Braden Rushton, and sponsored by Weston County Weed and Pest, got the job done in 35.5 seconds.

Plenty of money also changed hands at the event, with those who purchased the winning teams in the calcutta auction that preceded the event claiming more than \$4,000 in earnings. The biggest winner of the night was Matt Stroh, who won \$1,680 for sponsoring the Junior Champions, followed by Leighton Construction, who won \$982.50 for sponsoring the teen champs. Brandon and Dawn Williams claimed a score of \$890 when they purchased the pee wee winners and Preston Perino went home with \$550 as his prize for backing the adult champs.



Top left: Danny Williams ropes a critter during the Ranch Rodeo. Top right: Hailey Wehri shows her sheep. Center left to right: Eric Amdahl completes his leg of the relay at the Ranch Rodeo; Matt Gregory gets down n' dirty at the Renegade Mud Bogs; Norma Shelton serves up a tasty meal at the Cowbelle barbecue. Above: Dustin Stout, Laura Christensen, Jodi Purviance, and Nathan Streeter, the WHCC Thunder Chickens, claim victory at NACoC Pig Wrestling. Below: Shelby Tidyman and Emalee Sweet shower their sheep in preparation for showing. (Photos by Todd Bennington, Denice Piscioti, and Alexis Shultz/NLJ)

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JUNIOR RODEO

A total of 41 contestants competed in last week's Junior Rodeo, and more than 30 volunteers pitched in to help put on the events and crown champions in four different overall categories Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Senior Boys and Senior Girls.

The Senior Boys and Girls All-Around champions were Teigen Marchant and Abi Deveraux, while Bryce Womack and Kaprina Jones were named reserve champions in those age groups. Taten Engle and Jayde Harrington claimed the All-Around titles for the Junior Boys and Girls, and Tell Tavegie and Brook Martell were the reserve All-Around winners in those categories.

There were five different events in each of the age groups, but some of the events did differ for boys and girls, and between the junior and senior age groups.



Clockwise from top left: Quint Perino rounds the final pole during Junior Rodeo; Parker Stevens goes for a white-knuckle ride at the Junior Rodeo; Dylan Tidyman leads his award-winner during the Junior Livestock Sale; Lei and Nick Lopez hop-hop-hop towards the finish line while Dillon Kenney, Skylar Jenkins, and Christian Santos tug with all their might at the Weston County Commissioner's Fun Night; Jacob Rhoades shares his 4-H rabbit with the crowd (Photos by Todd Bennington, Denice Piscioti, and Alexis Shultz/NLJ)

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First Day of School: August 26

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Piana

Formative Years
 The son of Italian immigrants, Piana's destiny to become a pilot seems to have been confirmed early on. Elsa Hayman, Piana's junior by several years, recalled the older Newcastle High School student as someone who was always passionate about planes. His room, she said, was filled with model aircraft - models which the younger kids weren't allowed to touch.

But despite the intensity of this passion, Piana also seems to have been of an easygoing nature and universally liked. Hayman's younger sister, Pat Trosello remembered Piana as having been of an especially "sweet disposition." Jim Piana, Paul's elder brother by two years concurred, remembering his younger sibling as someone who never got into any trouble growing up.

"He was a hell of a nice fellow, out of this world," Jim told the NLJ. Having briefly attended the University of Wyoming following his graduation from Newcastle High School in 1941, Piana began to make his desire to fly a reality, becoming involved in the V-5 Naval Aviation Cadet program, which offered flight training to both enlisted and civilian candidates in an effort to groom them for potential service in Naval aviation. Enlisting in the Marine Corps in 1942, Piana would eventually earn his officer's commission as a pilot.

As older brother Jim, himself an Army veteran of the Second World War's European theater remembers it, out of an initial class of 485 V-5 enrollees, Piana was one of only three to make it all the way through the program, and the only Marine, the other two concurrent graduates having been Navy Ensigns. Piana was evidently an officer of superior quality, earning, his brother Jim further recalled, the Outstanding Serviceman Award in 1943, indicating he was a standout, not just in the Marine Corps, but across all the services.

WWII
 By the time of his commissioning Piana was flying the high performance F-4U Corsair, an aircraft that, though designed for service as a carrier-based fighter-bomber, was initially fraught with technical problems. It also proved difficult to land safely due to a nose made elongated in order to accommodate the plane's large engine, which tended to obscure the pilot's field of vision.

Eventually Piana found himself in the Pacific theater with the VMF-452 squadron. The "Sky Raiders," as they were called, were based aboard the ill-fated *USS Franklin*, a carrier which had already undergone extensive repairs following kamikaze attacks suffered in late October of 1944.

On March 19, 1945, while conducting bombing runs against the Japanese mainland, Piana was among the last fliers to leave the *Franklin*, taking off in his Corsair just minutes before a Japanese dive bomber attack ignited munitions on the carrier, causing catastrophic damage and the loss of more than 700 crew members.

"When they came back from their mission, there was nothing to land on," related Piana's nephew and namesake, a well-known rock climber in his own right and son of Piana's older brother Jim. "Of course they had radioed. They knew by then. A couple of the planes couldn't find a carrier to land on and had to ditch in the ocean. My uncle didn't, he landed on the Bunker Hill."

Less than two months later the *USS Bunker Hill* would itself suffer devastating damage and massive loss of life, more than 300 killed, due to kamikaze attacks.

Following the war Piana at one point left the service, returning to work near Newcastle in the oil industry, but grew restless. He returned to the Marine Corps and flew multiengine transports across the Pacific. The assignment was perhaps meant as penance for having left the Corps, his nephew speculated.

Later Piana would take up a position, one to which he was perhaps better suited, as a flight instructor, alternating between Cherry Point, N.C. and Pensacola, Fla. At one point, he was among those who helped popular radio and later television personality Arthur Godfrey earn his twin-engine rating. A photo provided by Piana's nephew shows the pilot seated at a table with Godfrey at a dinner party the celebrity threw for both Piana and his other instructors.

"From Pensacola/Cherry Point he got orders to report to Korea and was pretty sure he would be in the F7F Tigercat," said his nephew. "It was the F7F3N, which was the third version of that plane. They changed the beautiful sleek nose on it and put a blister on it with radar. Then they cobbled in a [separate] cockpit ... for the radar operator. The radar operator was in the back all bunched up because it wasn't designed to have two people in it. The radar was mostly for getting there and back."

“The blood of the heroes is closer to God than the ink of the philosophers and the prayers of the faithful.”

—Baron Julius Evola, Italian philosopher

Korea
 "As soon as the first flare went, of course, the trucks put out their lights and tried to hide. They knew bloody well what was coming, and they wanted no part of it. ... But of course, to shoot up a bunch of trucks, you've got to go right down on top of 'em; you've got to work under the flares, and that's where the Russian Roulette factor comes in."

—USMC Capt. Russel H. Stoneman, quoted in "Find them by Flare" by Ken Stone
 According to the NLJ edition of July 24, 1952, Piana



Cpt. Piana receives an award for flying 1,000 accident free hours in February 1951. (Submitted Photos)

left Newcastle on April 21 of that year, presumably after having visited family on leave. Arriving in theater, he flew nighttime interdiction missions against truck convoys in an effort to disrupt Communist supply lines. The work required the twin-engine Tigercats to swoop down beneath illuminating flares, released by a larger accompanying aircraft, in an attempt to strafe the trucks. The F7F crews often found themselves flying, in the dark of night, only a few hundred feet above uneven terrain.

"They had napalm [but] it didn't have an ignitor in it because it would splatter farther," recounts his nephew. "Then they'd come back with their 20mm [cannons] and shoot into that and it would burn up the trucks and the supplies. As soon as they heard the planes come down on them, everybody would jump out of the trucks and run for the woods."

Bill Henson, Piana's radar operator, recalled based on flight log information that the pair flew their first mission together on June 6 and their longest, of 4.6 hours, on June 25.

"While our time together was short," Henson told the NLJ, "two months was a long time then. I do think that Paul was an excellent pilot who took his profession and job seriously and did a great job, pressing in the attack when needed. I always felt very comfortable flying with him."

Final Flight
 "... Whatever else may happen in an F7F, the radar operator isn't apt to leave it! If the aircraft gets clobbered the odds against anybody getting out are about 99 to one, and the odds against the radar operator must be pretty close to 100 to one."

— USMC Capt. Russel H. Stoneman
 Piana and Henson embarked on their final flight together in the early morning hours of July 10. Henson described the

mission, to locate and destroy a truck convoy hidden in partial shelters along a main supply route, as an uneventful one until the actual attempt came to strafe the trucks.

"About halfway into the run, I felt the impact of a round on the [aircraft]," said Henson. "We were then at about 200 or 300 feet [in altitude]. I ... noticed flames coming from the port engine and notified Paul. He asked me for a steer home and started a climbing turn to 180 [degrees]. He attempted to fire out the remaining rounds from the port guns, but had to stop because of vibrations."

"Shortly after this Paul told me to bail out," Henson continued. "... He feared that he couldn't maintain control of the [aircraft]. I then transmitted to our flare plane that we were heading 180 [degrees], passing 1,800 feet [in altitude] and were leaving the plane. I told Paul that I was leaving [and] would see him on the ground ..."

Henson said that he followed training protocol in bailing out of the crippled aircraft, though he opened his chute immediately rather than wait to the count of three to pull his cord. Though not in any danger of striking the plane's prop blades, there was the potential of hitting the aircraft's tail surfaces, he said. To his knowledge, Henson is the only radar intercept officer to have ever successfully bailed out of the F7F.

"I landed just below a ridge line," Henson continued of his harrowing hours spent on the ground in North Korea, five or six miles south of Sariwon, today a city of more than 300,000. "After removing [the] flares from my Mae West [life jacket] I left the immediate area. I could hear ammo exploding but could not determine if it was our plane. ... I continued to move along the ridge line, pausing to listen and rest. At one point I thought I heard Paul

— See **Piana**, Page 16

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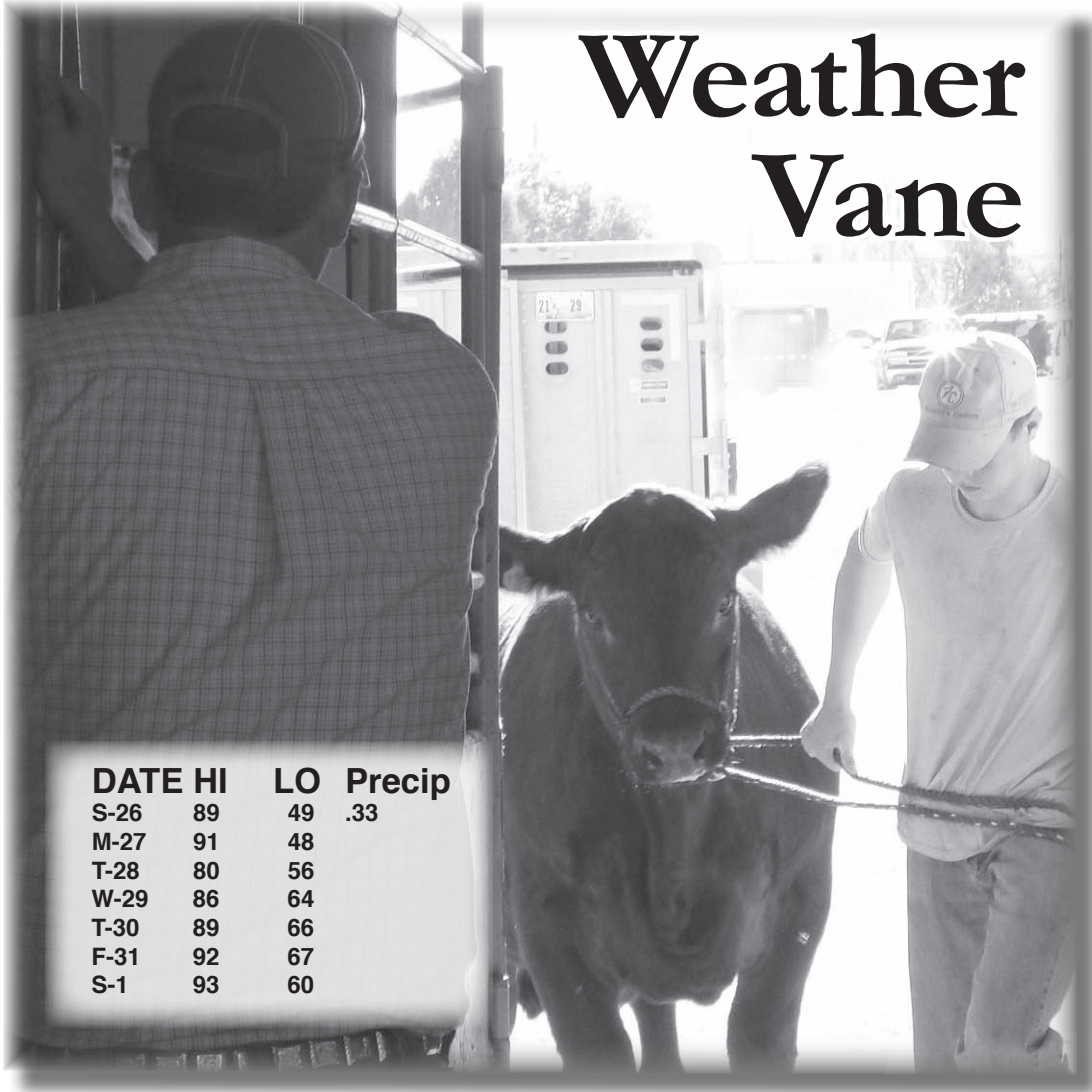


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July 20
 Suspicious activity reported. Accident reported. Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic complaint. Two VIN inspections requested. Welfare check requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. 911 hang up. Traffic stop, Citation issued.

July 21
 Protection Order issued. Assist other agency. VIN inspection requested. Vandalism reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic complaint. Shoplifting reported. Drugs reported. Prowler reported. Report of a dog at large. Report of a dog at large.

July 22
 Open door discovered. Parking complaint. Two VIN inspections requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Report of a dog at large. Theft reported. Ministerial assistance requested. Report of a dog at large. Motorist assist. Assist other agency. Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Assist other agency. Domestic problem reported. Assault reported. Trespassing reported.

July 23
 Open door discovered. Medical assist. VIN inspection requested. Report of a dog at large. Medical assist. Threats reported. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, No action. Drugs reported. Assist other agency. Suspicious activity reported. Accident reported. 911 hang up.

July 24
 Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Four VIN inspections requested. Civil standby requested. Traffic stop, Written warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Open door discovered. Medical assist. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Weather Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued. Open door discovered. Child abuse reported.

July 25
 Hazard reported. Found property reported. 911 hang up. Civil problem reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Report of a dog at large. Noise complaint.

July 26
 Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Dog bite reported. Found property reported. 911 hang up. VIN inspection requested. Traffic stop, Citation for speed. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop. Citation issued. Drunk pedestrian reported. Traffic stop. Written warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop. Citation issued. Traffic stop. Written

Warning issued. Traffic complaint. Civil standby requested.

July 27
 Suspicious activity reported. Minor accident reported. Found property reported. VIN inspection requested. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Lost property reported. No Trespass Order issued. Minor accident reported. Weather Warning issued.

July 28
 Arrest Warrants issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Suspicious activity reported. Found property reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Extra patrol requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Parking complaint. Assist other agency. Medical assist. Two VIN inspections requested. Traffic stop Written warning issued. Traffic stop Citation issued. Traffic stop written warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, written warning issued. Traffic complaint. Traffic stop, citation issued. Traffic complaint. Traffic stop. Verbal Warning issued.

July 29
 Report of a dog at large. Suspicious activity reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Hazard reported. 911 hang up. Parking complaint. 911 hang up. Found property reported. Traffic stop citation issued. Traffic Stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. VIN inspection requested. Parking complaint. Report of a dog at large. Suspicious activity reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. VIN inspection requested. Parking complaint. Report of a dog at large. Suspicious activity reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Residential alarm reported. Assist other agency. 911 hang up. Drugs reported.

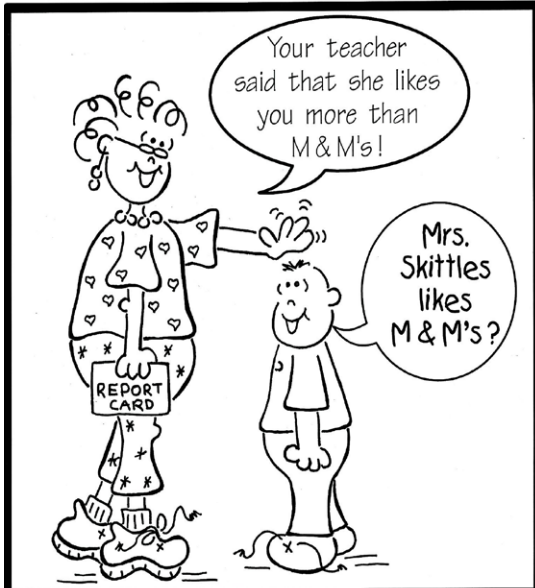
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 911 hang up. Welfare check requested. Open door discovered. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic Stop-Citation issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Assist other agency. Traffic complaint. Assist other agency. Traffic stop citation issued. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. VIN inspection requested. 911 hang up. Traffic stop Written Warning issued. Parking complaint. Traffic stop citation issued. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, written warning issued. Traffic stop, written warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Trespass reported. Traffic stop, citation issued. Traffic stop, citation issued. Barking dog complaint.

July 31
 Barking dog complaint. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. VIN inspection requested. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic complaint. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. 911 hang up. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Arrest Warrant issued. One arrest. Traffic stop, written warning issued. Traffic stop, ERO issued.

August 1
 Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Gas drive off reported. Message delivery requested. Traffic Stop, citation issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Suspicious activity reported. Found dog reported. Report of gunshots. Report of a dog at large. Report of a dog at large. Barking dog complaint. Report of a dog at large. Motorist assist.



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 Cheryl Kregel, Weston County Clerk
 (Publish August 6, 2015)

Fun and Games

BACK TO SCHOOL

- ACROSS**
- Bewildered or confounded
 - Cul de _____
 - Rum cake
 - Church bell sounds
 - Anger
 - Give a green light
 - Dogma
 - ____ Aviv
 - Cancer sign?
 - *Higher education result
 - *L in LMC
 - "Yakety _____"
 - W.'s advisor
 - Tube in old TV
 - *Classroom pests
 - Catching sight of something
 - "Jack and the Beanstalk" instrument
 - ____ Scotia
 - Ownership document
 - Sixth month of civil year
 - *Classroom ball
 - It's a long story
 - Fat or wax
 - Kindred
 - Resembling wings
 - Destiny
 - Volcano in Sicily
 - Japanese capital
 - *You work with it in shop class
 - *Where most of American History occurred
 - *Difference between public and private school
 - **_____ and (#34 Down)"
 - Saw logs
 - Like arctic air
 - *Digital text
 - *He's in the class play
 - *Driver's Ed classroom
 - Kitchen appliance
 - "The _____ Not Taken"
 - Lamb's mother
 - Iron Mike
- DOWN**
- Pertinent
 - Got ready to drive
 - Healthy
 - Lament for the dead
 - Stellar
 - Place or location
 - "We _____ the World"
 - *Usually in orchestra but not marching band
 - Foggy view?
 - *_____ mater
 - Uncouth one
 - Wrong
 - As good as it can be
 - Augmenting
 - "_____ Got the World on a String"
 - Canceled
 - *Marker's predecessor
 - *r in a math formula, pl.
 - Golf bunkers
 - Kind of soda pop
 - Leaning Tower city
 - *The "boot" in Geography class
 - Aquarium scum
 - **(#61 Across) and _____"
 - "_____ and proper"
 - Not much
 - Boredom
 - More dewy
 - Also
 - Declare with confidence
 - Chilled
 - Cornered
 - Nicholas II of Russia, e.g.
 - To a remarkable degree, British
 - I, to a Greek

- Walked on
- Greek muse's strings
- A long, long time
- Not happening
- Crow sound
- Boy toy

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Weston County Commission Minutes

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES July 21, 2015

The regular meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 9:00 a.m., Chairman Bill Lambert presiding. Present were Commissioners: Tony Barton, Tracy Hunt, Marty Ertman, Randy Rossman, County Clerk Cheryl Kregel, Commissioners Administrative Assistant Dan Blakeman, and Assistant Deputy Clerk Melanie Stevens.

Good of the Order

Commissioner Rossman gave the invocation and Commissioner Barton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Ertman requested the RFP for the Courthouse Architect and an update on the Forest Service meeting she attended be added to the Discussion Items. Commissioner Ertman requested the 2016 FY Budget Approval to be extended from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., with the scheduled afternoon guests being worked in. Commissioner Barton moved, Commissioner Hunt seconded, to approve the amended agenda. **Carried.**

Commissioner's Administrative Assistant

Chairman Lambert extended the Boards welcome to Dan Blakeman, Commissioner's Administrative Assistant. Blakeman thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to work for Weston County.

Homeland Security

Scott Rager, Homeland Security Supervisor, came before the Commissioners regarding the criteria for lowering the flag to half-staff. Rager proposed having one minute of silence, including lowering the flag to half-staff on Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 10:45 a.m. to honor the four U.S. Marines killed on July 16, 2015, returning the flag back to full staff at the conclusion. The Board had no objections. Later Rager informed the Board that he had received both a Governor's and a Presidential decree ordering flags to be flown at half-staff ending at dusk on Saturday, July 25, 2015.

Discussion

Commissioner Hunt spoke with the Board about having the Fair Board members attend a training class. Chairman Lambert stated he had spoken to one Fair Board member and was informed that they had discussed this at their past meeting. Commissioner Ertman noted that this had been offered twice in the past. Commissioner Rossman also discussed a conversation with Rick Williams regarding the condition of the fair grounds. Williams plans on running a blade there the next time one is in town.

The meeting recessed at 9:21 a.m. and reconvened at 9:26 a.m.

21 Electric

Josh Liggett, Owner of 21 Electric, presented the Commissioners pictures and a bid to repair and replace wiring in the Weston County Courthouse attic. Commissioner Hunt moved, Commissioner Rossman seconded, to approve 21 Electrics bid of \$1650.00 to replace and correct the wiring and lighting. Discussion ensued; Commissioner Ertman mentioned the RFP for an architect to come evaluate the courthouse including the attic and would hate to see corrections be paid for multiple times. **Carried.**

The meeting recessed at 9:45 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

Weston County Commissioners Fun Night

Commissioner Ertman talked to the Board about Commissioners Fun Night on Thursday, July 30, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the WC fairgrounds.

She asked for volunteers to bring supplies and help run the numerous events. Commissioners Barton, Rossman, and County Clerk Kregel all volunteered. Ertman mentioned having a County Commissioners float in the parade but multiple Commissioners stated prior obligations.

Rare Element Resources

Mike Finn, RER, returned to update the Commissioners on the progress with their continuing projects. Finn also spoke about the Molycore Mine, the only rare-earth mine in the U.S., filling Chapter 11 bankruptcy. He stated this could either benefit or hurt RER.

Weston County Commissioners Renewal Scholarship

Three applicants were eligible for the 2015-2016 WCCRS. County Clerk, Cheryl Kregel spoke with Daniel Strong, University of Wyoming, who confirmed that all three candidates were students at the University of Wyoming and currently meet the GPA criteria. Kregel mailed letters to the candidates on May 15, 2015 but hadn't received any responses. Discussion ensued; Commissioner Ertman stated because no one had replied to the Commissioners that money should be turned back to the State. The Commissioners felt that all three candidates were qualified and placed the three names into a drawing. Chairman Lambert drew a name and Commissioner Rossman read it out loud. Erin Lynn Crawford was drawn as the scholarship recipient, with Abigail Hutchinson and Catherine Halliday as the alternates.

Planning Board

Cheryl Kregel, County Clerk, asked to use the county credit card for registration fees and room reservations for Nicole Fitzgerald to attend the 2015 Western Planning Schooling. There were no objections.

Discussion

Commissioner Ertman attended the U.S. Forest Service meeting regarding the prairie dog issue on the Inner Disciplinary Team. Ertman talked about the changes that they have proposed, including some shooting and poisoning approaches that will then be presented back to the Governor. Ertman sees these changes as a step in the right direction.

County Engineer Report

Jerry Hunt, County Engineer, spoke about the two HVAC RFP's that were opened on Friday, July 17 2015. Powder River Heating's bid was \$248,600. Their approach is to continue using the current boiler and chillers with modifications. Valley Plumbing and Heating's bid was \$588,000. The approach they took included going to a heat pump for both heating and cooling, along with providing a designated heat source to help the heat pump when it's cold. Hunt noted a big difference between the two approaches was Powder River also wants to look at the air handling system. Commissioner Rossman moved, Commissioner Barton seconded, to accept and enter into contract negotiations with Powder River Heating. **Carried.** Jerry Hunt mentioned that Timberline Services had completed the dust control on HWY 85 and have begun working on Grieves Rd. He mentioned the Green Mountain Rd portion came in under bid and could conceivable lay another 5,000 tons of gravel down. Hunt has calls out to different roofing companies for the Sheriff's Office and he will get with Rick Williams and discuss going forward on the Road and Bridge shop floor repairs.

Discussion

Commissioner Ertman talked about the RFP for the SHPO Grant is currently inadequate.

Bid Notice

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Blakeman mentioned that he'd like to work with Commissioner Ertman on this and they will be in touch.

Visitor Comments

Chairman Lambert opened the floor to visitor comments. None were heard at this time.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. All were present.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Commissioner Rossman moved, Commissioner Barton seconded, to approve the Consent agenda items including the District Court Monthly Statement \$861.15, Report of Earnings or Collections Monthly Statement \$12,139.00, Catering permit for Buckhorn Bar & Grill Aug 1-10, Minutes from July 7, 2015 Regular Meeting & Executive Session, Minutes from June 23, 2015 Executive Session, and RABE Elevator service agreement. **Carried.**

Letter of Resignation

Commissioner Rossman moved, Commissioner Ertman seconded, to accept with regret, Marilyn Schmoker's resignation from the WC Fair Board. County Clerk Kregel will send her a letter thanking her for her service.

Discussion

The Commissioners reviewed Justin Mills' request for a Fair Board position. Commissioner Barton moved, Commissioner Hunt seconded, to appoint Justin Mills to the WC Fair Board for the remaining term that expires 2017. **Carried.** They also discussed a request from Bob Hartley for the WCSWD board. The Board will hang onto Hartley's request until they have received enough requests to form a board.

County Attorney

County Attorney Curley informed the Commissioners the State has adopted the Uniform Rules for use of County Boards Equalization Books. Commissioner Ertman questioned if repeal is needed for the Board of Equalization Rules that the WCC adopted on August 27, 2012. Attorney Curley will follow up with the Secretary of State on this. County Attorney Curley discussed the proper way to label the minutes when printed in the News Letter Journal and Weston County Gazette. He stated the minutes are in fact "unofficial" and should be labeled as such. Bob Bonnar, NLJ, stated the minutes had been printed as "unofficial" in the past and changed earlier this year. The minutes will be printed as "unofficial". Commissioner Ertman moved, Commissioner Rossman seconded, to approve the WIC contract and the Public Defenders contracts as presented. **Carried.**

The meeting recessed at 1:56 p.m. and reconvened at 2:05 p.m. All present.

Community Enhancement Grant Letter of Support

Linda Hunt asked the Commissioners for a letter of support for the City of Newcastle. Commissioner Rossman moved, Commissioner Barton seconded, to send a letter to the Wyoming Business Council supporting the Community Enhancement Grant. **Carried.**

2016 FY Budget Discussion

Discussion ensued over the Extension Office Secretaries Salary, Administration, Road and Bridge, WCSWD, Homeland Security Deputies Salary, and the County Attorney's Secretary and Deputy Attorney's Salaries. Discussion ensued regarding the cost increase for a county wide hourly raise of \$0.50 per hour. Commissioner Rossman moved, Commissioner Ertman seconded, to give a \$500.00 onetime appreciation bonus to all county employees in December. The Commissioners expressed their utmost appreciation for all of the county employee's hard work to Weston County. **Carried.**

WC Fairgrounds Manager

Randee Davies introduced herself as the newly hired WC Fairgrounds Manager. Davies stated she's been working getting the fairgrounds ready for the WC Fair and about the different structures that need repairs. Commissioner Ertman mentioned that Dan Blakeman is available to assist with finding potential funding for issues such as repairs and improvements.

Weston County Event Center

Ray Hunkins, Hunkins Newton Law Firm, joined the meeting via conference call at 3:12 p.m. to discuss the Weston County Event Center. Commissioner Rossman moved, Commissioner Barton seconded, to enter executive session under W.S. 16-4-405 (a)(iii) on matters concerning litigation to which the governing body may be a party to. **Carried.**

The meeting entered executive session at 3:16 p.m. and returned to open session at 4:12 p.m. with all present. The conference call ended at 4:07 p.m.

Approval of the 2016 FY Budget

Commissioner Rossman moved, Commissioner Barton seconded, to approve the 2016 FY Budget. **Carried.**

Home Inspection Agreement

Commissioner Hunt moved, Commissioner Barton seconded, to allow the Chairman to sign the home inspection agreement from Hayman & Associates as presented. **Carried.**

The meeting recessed at 4:17 p.m. and reconvened at 4:17 p.m. All present.

Discussion

Chairman Lambert mentioned Rick Williams, Road and Bridge Supervisor, called in and asked for authorization to go look at a used tractor/mower for possible purchase. There were no objections to his request. Curley presented the County Road Utility license for Chairman Lambert's signature. Applications will be given to Rick Williams for review and then brought to the Board for approval.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Bill Lambert, Chairman
Attest: Cheryl Kregel, County Clerk

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WCSD #1 Warrants

WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 GENERAL FUND WARRANTS OVER \$500 JULY 2015

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WYOMING ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION	\$2,030.00
ASSET SYSTEMS	\$1,120.79
BW INSURANCE AGENCY, INC	\$193,924.00
GATEWAY AUTO SUPPLY	\$1,193.48
GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES & NEWSLETTER JOURNAL	\$524.00
NORTHWEST EVALUATION ASSN	\$1,303.00
DOROTHY SYLTE	\$11,470.00
TIE	\$851.63
WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DIST -	\$840.00
BLACK HILLS POWER & LIGHT CORP	\$305,677.03
ELDER EQUIPMENT LEASING OF WYO	\$22,856.01
GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES & HAWKINS, INC	\$1,243.10
HOBART SALES & SERVICE	\$6,128.50
MARCO	\$802.91
MATTHEW J BATCHELDER CO. INC	\$713.10
NEWCASTLE FIRE SUPPRESSION, LLC	\$7,060.54
NEWSLETTER JOURNAL	\$4,540.00
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POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORP	\$3,621.67
PSUG EVENTS, LLC	\$942.39
PURCHASE POWER	\$4,414.44
SOURCEGAS	\$1,226.64
VISA	\$3,000.00
VISA	\$1,494.20
VISA	\$1,428.14
WELLS FARGO EQUIPMENT FINANCE,	\$2,063.50
Checking Account Total:	\$24,761.43
Grand Total:	\$622,353.77

BLACK HILLS STATE UNIVERSITY	\$1,200.00
CASH BOX CERAMICS	\$824.24
CASPER COLLEGE	\$1,750.00
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DECKER'S MARKET	\$1,324.58
EASTERN WYOMING COLLEGE	\$2,250.00
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	\$500.00
UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING	\$2,500.00
VISA	\$9,192.01
WOODY'S	\$2,575.25
CASPER COLLEGE	\$1,000.00
Checking Account Total:	\$24,866.08
NEWSLETTER JOURNAL	\$624.00
BLACK HILLS POWER & LIGHT CORP	\$3,386.00
SOURCEGAS	\$911.25
Checking Account Total:	\$4,921.25
DALE BUCKINGHAM ARCHITECTS LLC	\$11,470.00
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VAN EWING CONSTRUCTION, INC	\$320,441.12
DALE BUCKINGHAM ARCHITECTS LLC	\$10,122.87
Checking Account Total:	\$347,845.86
DERKSEN FLOORS, INC	\$17,700.00
CRUM ELECTRIC	\$1,613.19
WEATHERCRAFT CO. INC	\$4,000.00
Checking Account Total:	\$23,313.19
WESTON COUNTY CHILDREN'S CENTER	\$2,000.00
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BLACK HILLS POWER & LIGHT CORP	\$534.58
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Hearing Notice

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A TRACT OF LAND IN SECTION 30, T45N, R61W DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SECTION 30, T45N, R61W 6TH P.M. & THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF STATE HIGHWAY #16; THENCE RUNNING S 88° 43' W ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID HIGHWAY #16 FOR 626.1 FT TO THE N.E. CORNER OF SAID TRACT SURVEYED; THENCE RUNNING S 88° 43' W FOR 626.1 FT ALONG
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- BONHAM JOHN CRAIG
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T43N R62W SEC 5 ACRES 320.00
S2SEC 6 ACRES 310.42 LOT 6 (35.23), LOT 7 (35.19), E2SW, SE
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- SMITH ROBERT G
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300.00 W2NENW, NWNW, S2NW, SW
27 ACRES 160.00 E2E2
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- 0104**
FULLER MICHAEL J
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88 SALT CREEK RD
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35 SKULL CREEK RD
LASHMETT JUDY A EUTSLER
46630942000500
LOTS 14, 15, 16 & 17, BLOCK 9, NEFSY ADDITION, OSAGE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
577 NEFSY AVE
REED CHRISTINA L
46630941200200
LOTS 3, 4, 5 & 6, BLOCK 13, NEFSY ADDITION, OSAGE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
309 WILSON AVE
REED CHRISTINA L
46630941200100
LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK 13, NEFSY

- ADDITION, OSAGE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
388 METZ ST
WOOD CHARLES V & AMY C
46630941900500
LOTS 13, 14 & 15, BLOCK 8, NEFSY ADDITION, OSAGE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
LOTS 13, 14 & 15, BLOCK 8 ARE ALSO DESCRIBED AS A TRACT 75 FT X 130 FT, LOCATED IN N1/2SE1/4 OF SECTION 9, T46N, R63W
348 PARK AVE
\$64.08
- 0150**
AIMONETTO CHERI & JOHN A
45612910001300
A TRACT OF LAND IN THE SWNE OF SECTION 29, T45N, R61W, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING ON THE EASTERLY R.O.W. LINE OF SAID C B & Q RR COMPANY AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE WEST LINE OF EAST RAILWAY ST WITH THE NORTH LINE OF WARREN AVE (MAIN ST) IN THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE; THENCE WESTERLY NORMAL TO SAID EASTERLY R.O.W. LINE & IN THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID WARREN AVE, PRODUCED WESTERLY A
\$86.17
- AIMONETTO LOLA D
45612820900700
LOT 10, HOWELL ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
\$179.71
- AIMONETTO LOLA D
45612820900800
LOT 5, HOWELL ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
100 SKYLINE DR
AIMONETTO LOLA D & CHERIE AN
45612821200100
ALL OF BLOCK 5, FAWCETT ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
100 SKYLINE DR
COOPER DANA SCOTT & TERRI LYN
45613012700300
LOT 3, BLOCK 23, FOREST HILL PARK ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
230 WEST RD
COTE MICHAEL L & CHRISTINA
45612841803000
LOT 13, BLOCK 3, DUFF GRAY SECOND ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
1658 SAGE ST
DIXON LESLIE ROBERT
45613012100400
LOTS 9 & 10, BLOCK 6, FOREST HILL PARK ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING LIFE ESTATE TO ALMA KRAMER; LIFE ESTATE TO CARL EARNEST SEELEY
304 1ST AVE
GAUDSMITH KEITH B
45612911100200
A PORTION OF LOT 3, BLOCK 3, ORIGINAL ADDITION SUBDIVISION OF OUTLOTS B & C, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING NORTH 40 X 125.43 FT OF LOT 3 & 40 X 40 FT OF VACATED CLARK STREET.
27 N CLARK ST
GREEN CHRISTIE R
45612920500800
LOT 16, BLOCK 2, GREENWOOD ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
723 WOOD ST
HENRY MYRNA M
45622540701800
LOT 19, BLOCK 3, WEST SADDLESUBDIVISION OF ARNOLD 1ST EXTENSION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
3309 STIRRUP ST
HOKANSON BRUCE
45613013100400
LOT 6, BLOCK 38, FOREST HILL PARK ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING LESS 37 FT WEST OF THE FENCE MH IN BRUCE D OR DIANE HOKANSON
208 7TH AVE
HOKANSON BRUCE & DIANE
45622540500400
A PORTION OF BLOCK 7, EAST SADDLESUBDIVISION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF CACTUS DRIVE WITH THE WEST BOUNDARY OF BLOCK 7, EAST SADDLESUBDIVISION, AS THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 00° 02' W ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF BLOCK 7 FOR 148.11 FT TO THE NW CORNER; THENCE N 81° 58' E FOR
3291 CACTUS DR
MC DOWELL LEW MICHAEL
45612921800300
LOT 15, BLOCK 1, WEST ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
503 PINE ST
MUNOZ ARTEMIO & ERENDIRA
45612941601900
LOTS 44 & 45, PLAINVIEW ADDITION #

- 2, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
118 SHERIDAN ST
REYNOLDS RODNEY G & MELANIE J
45623610101500
A PORTION OF LOT 34, BLOCK 1, EASTSADDLE SUBDIVISION FIRST ADDITION ALL OF LOT 34 LESS THAT PORTION DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 34 & THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S 89° 38' 00" E ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF LOT 34 FOR 114.00 FT TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT; THENCE N 33° 13' 43" W FOR 210.08 FT TO INTERSECT THE
3234 SECTION LINE RD
SEEKINGS AARON
45612913700600
30 FT X 45 FT OF LOT 4, THE SOUTH 60 FT OF LOTS 5 & 6, BLOCK 14, ORIGINAL ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
113 S SUMMER AVE
VARNER COLBY J & AMBER D
45622541207900
LOT 9, GATEWAY ESTATES, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
3283 SAGE CIRCLE N
VINES F AUDREY
45613310201700
LOT 17, BLOCK 2, DUFF GRAY SECOND ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
1637 S SUMMIT AVE
\$1,420.72
- 0700**
LAMBERT NORMAN & ODETTE
47662220003200
T47N R66W SEC 22 ACRES
5.00 N2ENWNW COUNTY RD 52-EXEMPT .48 OF AN ACRE IN SECTION 22 FOR SODA BUTTE RD
228 SODA BUTTE RD
PHEAK NHOUN & KASIE M
47661330003300
A TRACT OF LAND LYING IN THE SESW OF SECTION 13, T47N, R66W, BEGINNING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE WESTROW OF WYOMING HWY 116 WITH THE NORTH LINE OF WESTON COUNTY RD. #18 WHICH POINT LIES S 89° 27' W FOR A DISTANCE OF 2874.73 FT FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SEC 13; THENCE S 88° 51' W FOR A DISTANCE OF 550 FT ALONG THE NORTHROW LINE OF SAID COUNTY ROAD #18;
5 SODA BUTTE RD
\$1,336.54
- 0703**
BARTON BILLIE V & KAREN F
47642140003900
T47N R64W SEC 21 ACRES 20.00
S2NESE
61 OLIVER RD
MILLS JUSTIN D & MYLA D
47641810011600
A TRACT OF LAND WHICH LAYS IN THE NE ° OF SECTION 18, T47N R64W OF THE 6TH PM, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING AND IS MORE PARTICULARLY AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT THAT LAYS S 34° 31' 14" E A DISTANCE OF 1652.56 FT FROM THE NORTH ° CORNER OF SECTION 18 AND IS THE POB; THENCE N 49° 31' 27" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 646.19 FT TO AN ALUMINUM CAPPED REBAR; THENCE S 37° 26' 32" E FOR A
2374 HWY 16
SWANSON WILLIAM A & BRENDA L
48651140014800
T48N R65W SEC 11 ACRES 120.00
SWSE, NESE, NWSE
12 BARTON RD E
\$312.51
- 0750**
ADAMS MICHAEL D & NAOMI E
48653513300200
LOTS 22 & 23, BLOCK 1, PARK HILL ADDITION, UPTON, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
\$92.12
- BAYSINGER CAROL 1/11 INT ETAL
48653540012300
T48N R65W SEC 35
ACRES APPROXIMATELY 1.25; A TRIANGULAR TRACT OF LAND IN THE SWSE OF SECTION 35 LYING EAST OF HWY 116 S NOTE: HAVENO METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION DESCRIBING THIS PROPERTY. TOTAL ACRES APPROXIMATELY 1.25 ACRES ET ALLINDA GAYTAN (1/11), KAREN KOPPELCKE (1/11), JAMES HANSON (7/11), PAULINELAVALLIE (1/11)
\$82.49
- BEARS TOBY & BARREDO KAREN
48653540200800
LOTS 11, 12, BLOCK 14, EAST ADDITION, UPTON, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
717 BIRCH ST
BROWN PATRICK L & SARA M
48653510902100
A PORTION OF LOTS 8 & 9,

- OGDENS RESERVATION A TRACT OF LAND IN LOT 9 OF THE S/D OF THE NENE OF SECTION 35, T48N, R65W, A/K/A OGDENS RESERVATION DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT THE N.E. CORNER OF SAID LOT 9 ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF PINE STREET; THENCE SW ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT & ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID PINE STREET FOR 130 FT; THENCE IN A WESTERLY
1243 PINE ST
BROWN PATRICK L & SARA M
48653510902200
A PORTION OF LOT 8, OGDENS RESERVATION A TRACT OF LAND LYING IN LOT 8 OF THE WEST PORTION OF BLOCK 10 OF OGDENS ADDITION TO UPTON DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE SW CORNER OF THIS TRACT, AT POINT OF INTERSECTION BETWEEN OGDENS & FAGANS ADDITION, WHICH POINT OF INTERSECTION IS A 1 INCH PLANTED STEEL PIN, THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID S/D LINE FOR 56.7 FT TO A PLANTED STEEL PIN, WHICH IS THE NW
DONNER CURT R
48653540200700
LOT 10, BLOCK 14, EAST ADDITION, UPTON, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
723 BIRCH ST
EHRMAN JOHN W & EILLEEN
48653514200600
LOT 1, BLOCK 3, CORDINGLY ADDITION, UPTON, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
\$111.95
- ERLAND DONALD E & KAMI I
48653513300300
LOTS 24 & 25, BLOCK 1, PARK HILL ADDITION, UPTON, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
816 ASH ST
FOLKNER JIM & CHERYL
48653530400600
LOTS 33 & 34, PERRYS FIRST ADDITION, UPTON, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
\$77.71
- FOLKNER JIMMY & CHERYL
48653530400500
LOTS 27, 28, 29, 30, PERRYS FIRST ADDITION, UPTON, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
\$135.34
- FOLKNER JIMMY A & CHERYL V
48653531302600
LOT 3, ORIGINAL ADDITION, UPTON, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
645 RAILROAD ST
FOLKNER JIMMY A & CHERYL V
48653530800300
LOT 7, BLOCK 2, THIRD ADDITION, UPTON, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
634 1ST ST
KILLION DAVID E
48653511300500
E2S2N2 OF BLOCK 3 FAGAN ADDITION, UPTON, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
1253 MONTANA AVE
LAMBERT ODETTE & NORMAN
48653541402800
THE NORTH 140 FT X 16 FT PORTION OF LOT X, ALL OF LOT Y, FIRST ADDITION, UPTON, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING LESS THAT 177 SQ FT TRACT CONVEYED TO WYDOT IN PHOTO BOOK 313 PAGE 508
820 2ND ST
MITCHELL VICKIE L
48653531302700
LOTS 4 & 5, ORIGINAL ADDITION, UPTON, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
\$81.12
- SUBBIE CASIMIR T JR
47650210100600
LOTS 26 & 27, YOUNG ADDITION, UPTON, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
\$87.26
- THIBEAULT ROLAND
48653520021200
T48N R65W SEC 35 ACRES 3.98
AN UNPLATTED TRACT OF LAND LYING IN THE SWNW OF SECTION 35 AND LYING BETWEEN HWY 16 AND THE RAILROAD. NO CURRENT SURVEY OR WRITTEN LEGAL DESCRIPTION AVAILABLE FOR THIS TRACT OF LAND.
\$142.38
- VANDERSNICK JOSEPH K & PAMELA J
48653541300400
LOT 6, BLOCK 10, NEIMAN ADDITION, UPTON, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
1003 4TH AVE
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call my name and I replied but heard nothing more. I heard a search party close by several times. Just after dawn, I saw one of our [air craft] in a low orbit and was able to signal him with my flashlight. He gathered a low cover of several planes until they were able to get a helicopter in and extract me about [9 a.m.].”

Henson said that one of the pilots of the other aircraft thought he had spotted another chute on the ground at one point and the helicopter pilot radioed for permission to linger in the area. Further search, however, turned up no trace of Piana or the F7F.

“I felt comfortable that he had gotten out OK,” Henson recalled of his perceptions at the time. “I still don’t have any answers after 63 years. If he did get out, what happened then?”

Family Grief

True to the spirit of maternal love, Piana’s mother, Irene, long maintained hope for her son’s eventual return.

“She kept thinking that Paul was gonna come home, you know,” said older brother Jim, now 94. “Well, dad and I more or less figured that Paul was gone. We thought he’d lost his life in the blowup of the plane. Mother had a cousin in WW1 that the Russians had prisoner for 11 years and he came home, and she kept thinking Paul was going to come home. After mom died I let them put Paul’s name [on the Weston County Veterans Memorial]. He’s on the courthouse plaque up there.”

As Pat Trosello, Piana’s junior by about a decade, remembered it, Paul’s room became something of a shrine to his memory.

“When I used to go to Paul Piana’s mother’s house with my folks to visit,” Trosello said, “there was one room. She had airplanes. I don’t know how she did them, from the ceiling. You didn’t go in there. That was in memory of her son.”

Enigma

Though perhaps merely the inevitable result of the passage



Cpt. Piana on leave at the officer’s club in Tokyo. The photo was taken about a week before he went missing near Sariwon, North Korea. (Submitted Photo)

of time, there now seems to be an air of mystery that shrouds Piana, even for some of the people who knew him.

Mary Capps, one of the 65 graduates of the class of ‘41 recalls that “all the girls were in love” with Piana, but that, with she being a country kid and he a city kid, they didn’t have much opportunity to mingle. Mary Butler, also of that same graduation year, lived much nearer Piana and recalled walking to school with him and later being impressed by his status as a Marine Corps pilot. He was a friend, she said, but not a really close one.

“In retrospect, I wish I had known him better,” she said regretfully.

Henson, who continued in the Marine Corps, eventually serving in the F-4B Phantom in Vietnam before retiring from the service in 1966, and who now lives in Knoxville, also indicated that his personal knowledge of Piana is limited. As an enlisted man he had minimal social interaction with Piana, a commissioned officer, knowing him mostly in the professional context of their flights together and associated mission briefings and debriefings.

Perusing the photo albums provided by his nephew provides some clues to the man Piana was, but only a few. There’s handful of casual shots

of beautiful women, presumably friends or girlfriends, glamorous in that distinctively 1940s and 50s way. There are photos also, stemming from Piana’s two years spent in China following the Second World War, of a pagoda and Piana striking a strong pose in front of what appears to be a segment of the Great Wall.

His nephew pointed to a particularly intriguing shot of two Chinese peasant girls doing laundry in a river. Their shy, somber-looking faces are turned toward the cameraman, presumably Piana. In another shot Piana is a world away, in dress uniform together with a Naval officer in the jovial air of Mardi Gras in 1951. The pair stand on either side of the Queen of the Mardi Gras, as part of her honor guard.

His nephew said he hopes to find relatives of some of the people pictured in the Mardi Gras photos in the off chance that he might learn something more about the uncle whom he was named after but was born two years too late to have ever met.

“I always wanted to know who this other Paul was,” he said.

But perhaps the best answer to that question is really the simplest.

“I’ll tell you,” said Jim Piana, “Paul was a fantastic pilot.”

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