

News Letter Journal

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Winter blows in early

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

A few short weeks after the calendar announced Autumn's arrival, winter weather conditions descended on Newcastle and surrounding areas on Friday, blasting snow in as much as 55 inches, according to the National Weather Service, leaving many people without electricity and motorists stranded in their vehicles.

The storm, deemed Winter Storm Atlas, warranted road closures throughout northeastern Wyoming and southeastern South Dakota. Reports of road closures began around Newcastle on Friday afternoon. By 5 p.m. U.S. Highway 85 was closed from Newcastle north to the South Dakota State Line and south to Lusk. Mule Creek Junction east to the South Dakota line was also closed, along with Wyoming Highway 450 from Upton and Highway 116 from Newcastle.

By Saturday evening, Highway 85 remained closed north and south out of Newcastle, along with 450 from Upton. By 10 a.m. Sunday most roads were open, with the exception of 450 out of Upton and 85 north of Newcastle, which were open by Sunday evening.

Though Weston County received

BHP focuses on restoration, postpones other events

All available Black Hills Power employees are focused on restoring power to customers in the Black Hills and outlying areas, according to a release sent Monday. Because of these efforts, the utility is postponing the following events:

- Tuesday, Oct. 8: Spearfish Energy Efficiency Awareness Day at the Spearfish Senior Center
 - Thursday, Oct. 10: Newcastle, Wyo., Weatherization Day
 - Friday, Oct. 11: Rapid City Energy Efficiency Awareness Day at the Canyon Lake Senior Center
 - Saturday, Oct. 12: Black Hawk Wonderland Homes Weatherization Day
- "We are currently using all Black Hills Power staff to focus on 100 percent restoration effort at this time," said Jim Keck, BHP's manager of energy services. "We will reschedule our community events and make those announcements once power has been fully restored."

its fair share of the early season snow, the National Weather Service reported much higher snow totals to the north and along the I-90 corridor.

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By Saturday in Newcastle much of the snow from Winter Storm Atlas was already melting. In Frontier Addition, Ashlyn Mosset helps shovel snow with her friend Ava Williams.

WIC, DFS still open

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

Due to Congress not being able to agree to terms of a budget before the beginning of the fiscal year, on Oct. 1 government agencies were forced to shut down, affecting several agencies across the United States and locally as well. The closures have sent employees on furlough, closed national monuments to visitors and created uncertainty regarding what will happen if a resolution is not reached soon, however a couple local agencies assisting families remain open.

Local offices of the Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, Farm Services and the Natural Resources Conservation Service have been closed with only answering machines left to take phone calls. Staff were notified early in the week not to come to work.

As a contract employee providing janitorial services, Becky Vodopich received a letter on Tuesday letting her know the United States Forest Service office in Newcastle will be closed.

"It said they will contact me when I can go in the building. I feel for those that this is a hardship on. I have a full-time job but I feel bad for those who don't. I hope they are getting paid while they are not working. It's too bad it happened," acknowledged Vodopich.

She was also notified not to clean the BLM office, where she is employed by the owner of the building, because no one would be there.

With many government office closings across the U.S. affecting jobs and services available, it is good to know, however, that the Women, Infant and Children Program office in Newcastle that serves Weston and Crook counties continues to remain open, with plans to stay that way as

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• Wind gusts up to 70 mph accompanied the heavy snow in western South Dakota.
• Around 30 inches fell in the southern Big Horn Mountains and on Casper Mountain

Lead SD	Deadwood SD	Sturgis SD	Spearfish SD	Piedmont SD
55"	48"	35"	26"	35"

Winter Storm Atlas

Beulah WY	Lusk WY	Lander WY	Casper WY	Sundance WY
58"	20"	17"	16.2"	24"

Perkins offers 'something to do'

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Bruce and Julie Perkins, co-owners of Perkins Tavern for the past six years, have taken on a new project in the Newcastle Game Room, which was scheduled for its initial opening on Monday, Oct. 7, at 2 p.m.

The arcade, which is located directly next door to the tavern, was not exclusively the Perkins' idea, however.

"I just wanted to rent [the space] out and not have a hassle," Bruce confessed to the News Letter Journal, "but Angie stepped up and said, 'I'll manage it. I'll run it.'"

The Angie in question, Angie Round, an assistant manager at Perkins Tavern who has worked with Bruce since 2009, spoke passionately to NLJ about her motives and excitement at seeing the project finally come to fruition.

"It's a small community and there really isn't much for kids to do around here at



Todd Bennington/NLJ

Julie and Bruce Perkins, owners of Perkins Tavern, try out the pool table at the Newcastle Game Room with Angie Round, the Game Room's manager.

all. We have a little skate park ... and that's the only thing they have to do," she said. "I just really wanted to see some goodness come into the

community, and a place for the kids to be able to come to hang out. That was my whole purpose with the arcade ... I asked Bruce about eight

months ago if he would open an arcade," she recounted.

And so Perkins brought the proposal before the Newcastle City Council, where he said it

was met with quick approval.

"The City Council had no problem with [the arcade] whatsoever," Perkins added, "They said 'go right ahead.' It's something that was needed."

Explaining why she felt an arcade, in particular, would be the best fit for Newcastle, Round said she believes it will have the broadest possible appeal.

"I figured an arcade could bring all ages, and I figured [the West Main Street location] was perfect just because it's right uptown."

Asked whether or not Newcastle can support such an establishment, given the tendency of some residents to travel to Rapid City or Gillette to spend their money, Perkins said he believes the nature of his new establishment will allow it to draw in sufficient business. People go out of town to do their shopping, he explained, but as for entertainment, they tend to stay in the local area.

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Suicide:

Two self-inflicted deaths confirmed

By Bob Bonnar of NLJ

A pair of shooting deaths that occurred in the Newcastle area within a 48-hour period last week have pushed the number of suicides confirmed in Weston County in 2013 beyond the most ever recorded for a single year.

Weston County Coroner Roger Hespe has ruled suicide as the cause of death of a man who shot himself in a downtown business last Tuesday morning, and Hespe also confirmed this Tuesday that he has determined a second shooting death just outside of town two days later was the result of suicide as well.

"As coroner, I've determined both deaths are suicides," he told the News Letter Journal this week.

The first incident, which was

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Classes offer money management skills

What: Finance Classes
Where: Weston County Senior Services
Cost: \$100 (Scholarships available)
To register: Call 949-0869

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

Financial planning can be a struggle, but beginning on Sunday the community will have an opportunity

to learn how to better manage their money through a nine-week video class from Financial Peace University, made available through Gateway Fellowship Church and Pastor Jonathan Andersen.

"We really want you to come and be a part of it because we believe in it. Many people are familiar with Dave Ramsey through the radio program he has. It is a nine-week class that

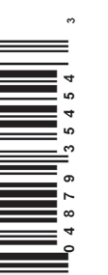
is set up to help people to take control of their finances rather than their finances be controlling them," explained the Pastor. "We are offering the class again on Tuesday nights so that shift workers can take part in it. So if someone can't come because they work on a Sunday hopefully they can make it over on a Tuesday each week."

The church purchased the video

series to provide the class, that will be held at Weston County Senior Services center at 6:30 p.m., in the Michael's Room, starting Oct. 13. Each family or individual who wants to participate pays \$100 for materials. The classes include discussion time with the accompanying workbook and activities to involve the entire

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WEATHER FORECAST	Thursday Cloudy Hi 60, Lo 38	Friday Rain/Wind Hi 51 Lo 28	Saturday Partly Cloudy Hi 54, Lo 34	Sunday Mostly Sunny Hi 55, Lo 33	Monday Rain Hi 46, Lo 28	Tuesday Snow Showers Hi 44, Lo 28	Wednesday Sunny Hi 52 Lo 32	INSIDE: • SaverSmart, Page 3 • Mallo, Page 6 • Model, Page 13 • Kohlbrand, Page 14



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Our View

Greater rewards

Regardless of party affiliation, the majority of us have come to realize that blame for the ongoing shutdown of the federal government lies with both Republicans and Democrats, but most of us would probably still insist that one side or the other is *more* at fault for the dysfunction that was obvious long before the shutdown began.

At the same time, most of us are shaking our fingers angrily in the direction of Washington, D.C., and loudly proclaiming that "it's all their fault!" That's why we really have nobody to blame but ourselves for the shutdown of the federal government, and the well-documented and long-lamented level of dysfunction that brought us to this point.

It's also the reason we have to hold ourselves accountable, as citizens, for an alarming trend of state and local government controversy and counter-productivity in Wyoming and Weston County, and it's why this newspaper has to step up and take ownership itself in the failings of state and local leadership we have felt called upon to identify and admonish.

After all, the government is not an entity independent of us. By definition, we are part of a government that is by the people, for the people and of the people, and one of this newspaper's primary duties is to provide the link between government and the people it represents. Although it has become stylish to accuse government of drifting away from that premise, it is honestly impossible for it to do so without the blessing of the people it serves, and when readers respond to news stories and editorials about questionable government practices with nothing more than outrage, accusations and demands for retribution, it demonstrates that this newspaper has driven a deeper wedge between government and the people, instead of bringing them closer, which is what we're really supposed to do.

The reason we have all failed—from public officials to the media to the people we are supposed to serve—is because it is easier to allow failure and blame somebody else for it than it is to risk failure and share responsibility for it yourself.

Much of that failure comes as a result of a tendency shared by government officials and media personnel alike to refer to the people that are an integral part of the system as "the people we are supposed to serve," while failing to remind ourselves that service is a two-way street. In our society, "the people" have a duty and responsibility to serve their government as well, and it's not a duty that begins and ends at the ballot box.

The ability to find solutions for the problems that confront us, both locally and nationally, lies in a commitment on the part of citizens to interact productively with those who are elected, appointed or hired to perform the functions of government, regardless of ideology or affiliation. On a personal level, it is far less hazardous to avoid ownership and point fingers at failure, but the result is far less rewarding. It's time for us to seek the rewards that come from taking the greater risk.

Calling it what it is

I knew that attending the ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) workshop held in Newcastle last week was going to be an uncomfortable experience, given the fact that a relatively public suicide had occurred in a downtown business only two days earlier.

When it started to become known to the 30 or so individuals who participated in the workshop over the course of the day on Thursday that another suicide had taken place that very morning, the level of discomfort increased.

But so did the sense of urgency all of us felt in stemming the rising tide of self-inflicted deaths in our community, and the level of compassion and sincerity displayed by the people who took part in the workshop was commendable.

The fact that a wide spectrum of residents attended—from emergency responders to educators and other service professionals—was encouraging as well, and after experiencing the two-day session, I can confidently say that everybody who was there is better able to intervene and save the life of a person at risk for suicide.

I was also struck by the reality that it will take more than 30 people to construct a safety net in Weston County that will be truly effective in preventing the growing number of suicides we are experiencing, but I also believe everybody who lives in this community has come to share the urgency and desire to reverse what has become an alarming trend.

It would be great if every resident could devote two days of study to the issue, but that's not realistic, and it is unlikely that the 30 individuals who did participate in ASIST last week will be able to intervene in a significant percentage of the potential suicides being contemplated here in these troubling times.

That means those of us who have been trained have to be willing to share the information and tools we were given with as many community members as possible, because the opportunity for intervention won't always present itself at a school, or hospital, or police station.

The first thing we learned is that human beings, first and foremost, want to live, and that means opportunities for intervention do exist.

Unfortunately, those opportunities won't necessarily present themselves to trained professionals. They'll be revealed at home, at work or during casual encounters between friends, and our best chance to succeed lies in a community-wide willingness to intervene and save a life.

The second thing we learned is that the ability to save someone whose life is threatened by suicide lies in a willingness to ask a person the toughest question imaginable.

"Are you thinking about committing suicide?"

I can tell you that question is tough to ask because even a room full of people who spent two days talking about suicide had trouble asking that question in the role-playing exercise that marked the culmination of the training.

Even though we had been taught that successful intervention in a suicide requires us to ask a person if they were thinking about killing themselves, we all struggled to utter

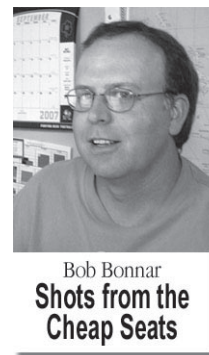
the question when we played the role of caregivers and *knew* the person playing the other role was considering suicide.

I could never give you all of the information or tools I received over the course of those two days, but I can tell you that I believe the first, hardest and most important step in saving a life is being willing to look at another person and ask them directly if they are contemplating their own death.

You might be surprised by the answer, and if the situation is bad enough, it's not an answer you'll want to hear.

But in Newcastle and Weston County, it's a question that *has* to be asked—in every home, every workplace and in any conversation with someone you care about. If you get the answer you're dreading, you might not possess the other tools needed to save that life, but you at least have a *chance* to help the person you care about identify the person or resource that allows them to take the next step in saving their life.

It's better than having no chance at all.



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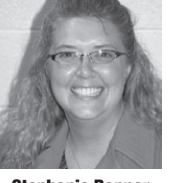
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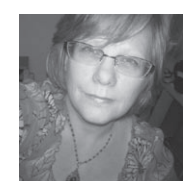
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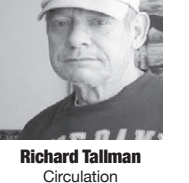
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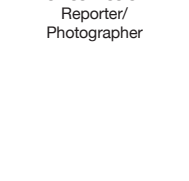
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A guide for helping with the pain of suicide

When the worst has happened and you have lost a loved one to suicide there is little that can be said to comfort you. SAVE (www.save.org) recommends the book "Suicide: Survivors – A Guide For Those Left Behind," by Adina Wroblewski, that many have found helpful during the grieving process. It does not take away the pain, but it has helped many to better understand suicide and the grief process.

It is okay to grieve. The death of a loved one can feel like sudden, unexpected and drastic amputation of a limb without any anesthesia. The pain cannot be described and no scale can measure the loss. We want so much for our loved one to return so that we can do something, and we ache knowing that it just can't happen. You need to know that it's okay to grieve.

It is okay to cry. Tears release the flood of sorrow of missing the one you love. Tears relieve the brute force of hurting, enabling us to "level off" and continue our cruise along the stream of life. Shedding tears is not a sign of weakness—it is a sign of our human nature and emotions of deep despair and sorrow. It's okay to cry. It is okay to heal. We do not need to "prove" that we loved the person who has died. As the months pass we are slowly able to move around with less outward grieving each day.

We need not feel "guilty," for this is not an indication that we love less. It only means that, although we don't like it, we are learning to accept death and its finality of the pain our loved one suffered. It's a healthy sign of healing. It's okay to heal.

GUEST VIEW

Bill Hawley

It is okay to laugh. Laughter is not a sign of "less" grief. Laughter is not a sign of "less" love. It's a sign that many of our thoughts and memories are happy ones and our dear one would have wanted us to laugh again. It's okay to laugh.

Grief. Grief is as old as mankind but is one of the most neglected of human problems. As we become aware of this, we begin to realize the enormous cost that it has been to the individual, to the families and to society, in terms of pain and suffering because we have neglected the healing of grief.

Essential to a grieving person is to have at least one person who will allow them and actually give them permission to grieve. Some people can turn to a friend or to a family member. Others find a support group helpful that will allow one to be the way one needs to be as they work through their grief.

Dealing appropriately with grief is important in helping to preserve healthy individuals and nurturing families, to avoid destroying bodies and their psyche,

their marriages and their relationships. You can postpone grief but you cannot avoid it. As other stresses come along, one becomes less able to cope if one has other unresolved grief.

It requires a great deal of energy to avoid grief and robs one of energy for creative expression in relating to other people and in living a fulfilling life. It limits one's life potential. Suppressing grief keeps you in a continual state of distress and shock, unable to move from it.

Our body feels the effects of it in physical ailments. Our emotional life also suffers. Our spiritual life suffers. When this occurs we often hear it said that the person is "stuck in grief."

When a person faces their grief, allows their feeling to flow, speaks of their grief, allows its expression, it is then that the focus moves from death and dying to promoting life and living. This is normal and okay, it is part of the grieving process.

Grief comes in waves. Some are tidal waves, some are small ripples. They all have a beginning, a middle, and an end. Ride out the storm, and know that this wave will pass.

(Bill Hawley is a former educator who lives in Buffalo and is now the Prevention Management Organization of Wyoming's Suicide Prevention professional for the northeast region of the state.)

Letters to the Editor

We consider ourselves part of the community

Dear Editor,

I am a part-time water hauler and I am writing in response to the Newcastle City Council's vote to close the water facility on Cambria. The reasons that were listed, although disappointing and far from impossible to solve, I can understand and accept. Save one.

"The high number of uses who are not residents of Newcastle or even from the state of Wyoming," is not just disturbing, it's insulting.

My husband and I live up Redbird Canyon. For those that don't know, that's in Custer County. We also have family and friends who live here as well as over in Custer Highlands. All of us at some point have had to haul water. Some of us still are. Yes, we get it in Newcastle. Why? It's the nearest town and it's where we do most of our business. I was born here, so I have always considered Newcastle my hometown, but all of us have spent the

better part of our lives here. And born here or not, many of the family and friends I speak of consider Newcastle home anyway. Some of us get organic produce from Patty. Many of us have antiques bought from Jerry. We enjoy Joe's prime rib on a Saturday night at the Pizza Barn. If we have money issues, we go see Mike. If we get stranded or lock our keys in our car, we call Kelly. And my license plates might say South Dakota, but I buy my auto insurance in downtown Newcastle, thank you, Raimee and Carrie. A couple of years ago when I inquired of the Weston County Fairgrounds manager the cost of boarding one of my horses there,

I was quoted the rate for locals and the Weston County Library has never once refused to check out their books to us because we would be taking them to our homes—across the state line. If we don't already work in Newcastle, we pass through it on our way to our Wyoming jobs, and when we bring

home our Wyoming paychecks a large portion of those paychecks goes to supporting the Newcastle economy. We buy our groceries here, do our banking here, see the doctors here, fill our gas tanks here, go to church here, and send our kids to school here.

But now the City Council wants to bar us from Newcastle water because we're "geographically undesirable"?

At the end of the day, it shouldn't matter where we water haulers hail from, local or otherwise. When we come to Newcastle to do any kind of business, including buying water, it benefits the community of Newcastle.

To Iva Carter and Roger Hespe, a personal "Thank You" for voting in favor of keeping this service open to the public.

To the City Council at large, on behalf of all the water haulers who use that particular facility, we respectfully request that you reconsider your decision to shut it down. For many, it will be much more than just an incon-



SaverSmart repairs begin

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

The doors of Newcastle consignment store SaverSmart, located at 640 S. Summit Ave., have remained closed since a Dec. 6, 2011, incident in which an out-of-control vehicle came crashing through the wall of the business nearest the street. Since then, a now badly faded sign has hung on the front door of the building which reads, "Closed for repairs, will reopen in about three months."

The apparent inactivity has left many residents wondering as to when, if ever, the business might reopen.

However, recent actions taken by the City of Newcastle seem to have precipitated a positive response on the part of the building's owner, Rand Williams of Williams Properties in Spearfish, S.D., and a blue building permit can now be seen prominently displayed on SaverSmart's front door.

At the Oct. 7 meeting of the Newcastle City Council, city engineer Bob Hartley reported that Williams had recently travelled to Newcastle to visit the site, and that Williams had secured the services of local contractor John Francis to finally

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Todd Bennington/NLJ

After sitting for close to two years with only boards covering a gaping hole in the building, work has begun to repair the SaverSmart building in Newcastle.

Atlas

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A Monday update from the National Weather Service indicated the top total was three miles southeast of Beulah, where 58 inches fell.

David Spillane, who lives northeast of Newcastle, reported he is usually prepared for winter weather, but Atlas caught him off guard. His generator, which he would normally get ready around mid-October, was still 50 yards away from his home, creating a dilemma in bringing it to the house for power. Using a little ingenuity, he found a way.

"I pulled the generator through the snow in my row boat. It was the only way to get it down to the house," he said with a smile. "I measured 25 inches of snow at my house."

Although Atlas dropped its heaviest snowfall north of Newcastle, areas to the south were also affected. Wyoming Highway Patrol out of Cheyenne reported high winds, heavy snowfall with blowing and drifting snow, creating white-out conditions in north-central and eastern Wyoming with hazardous conditions for motorists. Many of the roads in that area of the state were closed or impassable as well

over the weekend.

Travelers were advised to stay in their vehicles and not try to walk for help or to seek shelter in towns rather than stop and park on the road or at a road closed gate.

"If you become stranded in your vehicle on the highway we suggest you leave your dome light on inside your vehicle, make sure your exhaust remains unlogged from built-up snow and crack your window slightly for fresh air," cautioned a press release from WHP.

Due to mail trucks not being able to get to Newcastle, only mail from within the city limits was delivered on Saturday. The storm had its effect on four-legged creatures as well. Reports of cattle loss in South Dakota have been widespread, though none have been reported from the Weston County community as of yet.

In a press release dated Oct. 6, Black Hills Power stated they had been working around the clock for 72 hours to restore service to 28,000 customers affected by Friday's weather. By Sunday evening 15,000 customers were once again with electricity, but another 14,000 were still waiting for power to

be restored.

"We appreciate our customers' patience and support throughout this effort. There are many factors that make it difficult to determine power restoration times during a major storm restoration effort, but one of our biggest challenges is getting access to areas that are still snowed in," Vance Crocker, vice president of operations at Black Hills Power stated. "The recent winter storm dropped more than 48 inches of wet, heavy snow in some places and caused tree branches and trees to fall over roads and power infrastructure. Heavy snow also built up on power lines that impacted Black Hills Power's structures and transmission lines."

Likewise, Powder River Energy Corporation, a company which supplies electricity to Weston County residents, reported on Monday afternoon they still had 700 customers without power from the snow-storm that pounded the area.

PRECorp officials estimate it will take several weeks to repair broken poles and broken cross-arms throughout the service area. Members will be contacted if they are going to have extended outages.

Shut-down

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long as possible.

"We believe we will be able to continue operating the WIC program in Wyoming for the next couple of weeks at least, probably until the end of the month. Beyond that, we are unsure what may happen," Kim Deti, Public Information Officer for the Wyoming Department of Health told the News Letter Journal in an email Monday.

She continued to say there is a concern, though, that other programs that may be affected are in review, along with their funding details.

"Obviously, the longer this situation continues, the more complications we may experience. Importantly, Wyoming Medicaid is the largest program offered by the Wyoming Department of Health. It is funded with a combination of state and federal dollars. Medicaid is not affected by the federal government shutdown," she explained.

Tourists vacationing in the area have been disappointed to find national treasures Mount Rushmore and Devils Tower not open. Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce Director Susan Love told the News Letter Journal that at first the travelers are disappointed when they come the Visitor's Center, however they are happy to learn they can still drive through the Badlands and go to the Crazy Horse Monument, which is a privately funded attraction.

"There has been about one visitor a day since the shutdown. Their initial reaction is to be upset. But then they are happy they have found something to do," Love stated.

She recalled one couple in particular was concerned about the safety of individuals stopped in the road to take pictures of Mount Rushmore because the parking lot had been blocked to detour people from entering.

Love also said hunters are missing information normally provided by BLM, but not many seem affected by the closing because they planned ahead.

According to a press release from the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, the federal government shutdown has had a minimal effect on access to federal lands throughout the state, specifically in regards to hunting. Although some areas are closed, opportunity still exists to use State of Wyoming-owned lands, which remain accessible by the public.

Weston County School District #1

Status of specific public lands:

- State of Wyoming Lands – Open and accessible.
- US Forest Service (USFS) – Hunting access remains open on USFS lands. Closures include developed sites (including campgrounds, offices and visitor centers)
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – Hunting access remains open on BLM lands. Closures include developed sites (including campgrounds, offices and visitor centers)
- Thunder Basin National Grassland – Hunting access remains open

Superintendent Brad LaCroix told the News Letter Journal he was not aware of the shutdown affecting the local school district in any way as of this point.

Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead wrote in a press release late last week that state employees whose positions are funded in whole or in part by the federal government are affected in some way by the federal shutdown, which began Tuesday, Oct. 1.

The federal shutdown has required the State of Wyoming to place 233 federally funded employees on furlough, effective Monday, Oct. 7, according to the release. The furloughs affect employees with positions that are funded in whole or in part with federal funds that ceased to be available.

Wyoming employs 9,867 individuals and of those, 1,600 positions are funded in whole or in part by federal funds. The 233 employees immediately impacted are paid with funds not available without a federal budget on Oct. 1. The number of employees subject to furlough may grow if the federal shutdown continues past Oct. 30 however.

The release continued to say 233 individuals are employed by the Departments of Environmental Quality, Family Services, the military, and Parks and Cultural Resources. The furlough impact on each employee will vary depending on the salary percentage of federal funds to other funds, including state general funds.

However, when Tonjua Messmer of Division of Family Services was contacted in the Newcastle office and asked if their office had anyone on furlough, she replied she had not heard of it applying to them.

"We have had calls asking, but no, it is not affecting us," she assured.

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CORRECTION

In the Oct. 3 NLJ, on Page 7, the information regarding Gen Roan's family was incorrect. Her children in attendance at her 99th birthday were Jack Roan of Gillette, Barb Hanson of Newcastle, Jim Judd of Thermopolis, Marcella Carson of Newcastle, and Mike Judd of Longview, Texas.

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Obituaries

SCOTT FRANCIS FISHER
Feb. 28, 1960–Oct. 1, 2013

Scott F. Fisher, 53, died Oct. 1, 2013, in Newcastle.

He was born Feb. 28, 1960, in Rapid City, S.D., the son of Owen and Lois (Haskell) Fisher. He attended school in both Rapid City and Hill City, S.D.

He married Kim Bintliff at Elkhorn Springs, S.D. on July 2, 1988. The couple lived in Newcastle, where Scott was a heavy equipment operator for a coal mine near Gillette. Although they lived in Newcastle, Hill City was always considered home.

Scott loved his family and the outdoors. He especially enjoyed fishing, which was his passion.

Surviving him are his wife, Kim; his mother Lois Fisher, and step-father, Rob Kinney; his brother, Tim (and Rhonda) Fisher; his children and grandchildren, Erica (Jay, Mitchell and Bryce), Luke and Sarah (Kaitlyn, Tristin and Tracin), and Garrett and Chelsee; as well as his nieces,



Scott Fisher

nephews and extended family.

Memorial services were planned for 10 a.m. on Oct. 7 at Serenity Springs Funeral Chapel in Rapid City, with Deacon Pat Coy officiating. Honorary bearers were Todd Morgan, Steve Hartel, Tim and Mike Fisher. A reception was to be held following services at the senior center in Hill City. His ashes will be resting overlooking Sheridan Lake. He will be joining his father, Owen; his son, Owen; his brother, Mark; and his nephew, Zack.

HELEN G. WOLFE
April 7, 1931–Sept. 30, 2013

Born Helen Gladys Eatherton, the daughter of Harold Tousey Eatherton and Viva Leona Jelley, in Sturgis, S.D., she was a graduate of Newcastle High School.

Gladys married Ray Ernest Wolfe on June 1, 1949, at First United Methodist Church in Newcastle.

Gladys died Sept. 30 at Weston Manor Nursing Home in Newcastle.



Helen Wolfe

Mrs. Wolfe worked for several people in Newcastle, caring for their homes, and later worked at Black Hills Power and Light Company. The couple moved to Worland, but returned to Newcastle where their three children were born. They also owned and operated a mechanic and wrecker service while in Newcastle. They moved to Anaconda, Mont., for a short time, then to Butte, where she was employed at a doctor's office as a general office manager until she retired and moved to The Bitter Root Valley in Corvallis, Mont. She returned to Newcastle for her remaining time, back where it all began.

Surviving her are her three children, Gary Wolfe of Green River, Anita Skeeter Wolfe of Newcastle, and Kim Fox of Hamilton, Mont.; four sisters, Caroline, Betty, Alyce and Jeanie; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A service to celebrate her life will be held Friday, Oct. 11, at First United Methodist Church in Newcastle, with Rev. Paul Holland officiating. A time of refreshment will follow services in the church Fellowship Hall.

Private interment of the urn will take place at a later date.

Bookfest and Feast set for Saturday

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

The second annual Bookfest and Feast will kick off at 8 a.m. on Saturday at the Weston County Senior Citizen's Center in Newcastle.

The breakfast and fundraiser, which runs until 11 a.m., is organized under the auspices of Raising Readers in Wyoming, a non-profit established for the express purpose of encouraging the development of literacy and appreciation of reading in children from an early age. As the organization's official website states, "Raising Readers in Wyoming encourages parents to read to their young children

by providing beautiful new books as part of their well child health care visits."

The Bookfest, which receives support and sponsorship from a number of local businesses and organizations, will feature a variety of fun activities. These will include the reading of children's stories, face painting, and arts and crafts.

Door prizes will be given out, and attendees are encouraged to come dressed in a non-frightening costume to receive an extra door prize ticket.

Those who bring a gently used book with them to donate will be given a chance to win a Kindle Fire tablet computer.

Donated books will go to the Weston County Bookmobile, which will also be on display at the event.

Central to the Bookfest's fundraising efforts will be a bucket raffle, in which participants are allowed to put their tickets toward those items that are of special interest to them. Among the prizes on offer will be a handmade quilt, Kindle Fire, and a wagon full of items valued at more than \$500. Money raised will go to benefit Raising Readers in Wyoming.

In keeping with the 'feast' part of the event's name, a hearty breakfast will be provided free of charge to those in attendance.

A number of local organizations will also be on hand with staffed resource tables ready to share information about the services they provide with the general public.

The News Letter Journal's own Denice Piscioti, who is serving as the Bookfest's raffle committee chairperson, encourages everyone to turn out for the festival-fundraiser.

"It's a great event," she enthused.

Questions about the Bookfest and Feast can be directed to Brenda Ayres at 307-746-2206.

More information about Raising Readers in Wyoming can be found at their website, raisingreadersinwyoming.org.

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- **CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS:** Bishop Greg James, 120 Ash, 746-4131. Sunday Sacrament Meeting 9 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am.
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- **ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Killian Muli, Upton. Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
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Weekly Scripture Reading						
1 Corinthians	Amos	Amos	Amos	Amos	Obadiah	
11:17-34	1:1-15	2:1-16	3:1-15	5:1-27	9:1-15	1-21

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Oct. 10	5:30 p.m.	City Planning Commission Meeting	Council Chambers
	7 p.m.	W.C. Museum Dist Meeting	Anna Miller Museum
Oct. 11	10 a.m.	Chamber Coffee	News Letter Journal
	7:30 p.m.	Square Dancing	Newcastle Elementary
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
Oct. 12	5 p.m.	Humane Society Poker Tournament	Newcastle Country Club
	5:30 p.m.	Wine Fest	Fountain Inn
Oct. 13	2 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Church
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
Oct. 14	1 p.m.	AARP Meeting	W.C. Senior Center
	6 p.m.	FOCUS Board Meeting	FOCUS Building
	7 p.m.	Square Dance Lessons	Newcastle Elementary
Oct. 15	9 a.m.	W.C. Commissioners Meeting	W.C. Courthouse
	6:45 p.m.	ALANON (746-9791)	Mondell Heights
Oct. 16	9 a.m.	W.C. Senior Services Meeting	W.C. Senior Center
	Noon	Newcastle Lions Club	W.C. Senior Center
	1:30 p.m.	W.C. Weed & Pest Meeting	Weed & Pest Office
	6 p.m.	W.C. Humane Society	Shelter
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
Oct. 17	6 p.m.	W.C. Health Services Meeting	Board Room
Oct. 18	10 a.m.	Chamber Coffee	RENEW
	5 p.m.	Harvest, Haunts & History	Anna Miller Museum
	7:30 p.m.	Square Dancing	Newcastle Elementary
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Oct. 10:** Jeremiah Decker, Levi Tysdal
Oct. 11: MacKenzie Conzelman, Taylor Conklin
Oct. 12: Lauren Steveson, Bruce Clapham
Oct. 13: Tyler Lewis, T.J. Coy, Bill Wilberg, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Cote
Oct. 14: Patti Smith, Ted Ertman, James DeMerritt
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100 YEARS AGO – OCT. 9, 1913

Victor Lissolo was in camp last Saturday. He brings some fine cabbage to our local market.

The Fuel Company is cleaning and fixing the reservoir which had been practically destroyed by the cloudbursts last summer.

The Farmers' Society of Equity Local Union Post will give a dance at Boyd Hall Oct. 18. The managers of the affair promise a royal good time to everyone. The best music will be furnished and also a fine supper.

Miss Jessie and Master Charles Harris arrived in Clifton Sunday. They are going to stay with their aunt, Mr. Wm. Painter and go to school here for a while.

Don't get excited friend Boyd. Contributor-who-could-not-send-his-paper-back-east sounds to us like one of those people who, when he gets mad at a neighbor, proceeds to lecture that neighbor's children. The criterion used by the New-Journal news gatherer is, "Will the subject of this item be pleased, will it make good reading and would I like it myself?" and when need comes to stab, the Honest Smiling Club "hits straight from the shoulder," or at least that is the aim. We are sorry if Contributor got in the way when some needed attacks were made. We advise him to remain away from church for he might get wounded by the minister; and refrain from reading his Bible for his thin skin will surely be terribly punctured by the careless prophets of old.

Mr. and Mrs. S.R. Dixon came in from the ranch Monday, and reported the roads to be heavier with mud than they had ever seen them.

The Ten Cent Tea given by the Ladies Aid at the home of Mrs. Horton yesterday afternoon was well attended and a very pleasant occasion.

Nelson Holwell was in town Friday from his home on Skull Creek, and in about two weeks intends taking his well drilling outfit into the country west and south of Newcastle where he has several wells to drill.

M.J. Kohns shipped down from his ranch a few days ago 14 head of Poland Chinas which were bought by J.J. Klodt, J.E. Mead and Ira Wilcox. Mr. Kohns sold the greater part of his fine lot of hogs to a man in Colorado and shipment was made several days ago.

75 YEARS AGO – OCT. 13, 1938

The Updike Brothers, Osage Oil Field operators, were reported to have started drilling their No. 1 well.

Work is going ahead rapidly on the installation of water meters in Newcastle residences. Approximately 75 meters have been installed in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Sundstrom and family arrived in Newcastle on Tuesday from Boulder, Colo. They plan to spend about two months in Newcastle as Mr. Sundstrom will be employed as a mason here.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Schulze and Mr. and Mrs. John Novak, both of the Prairie, motored to Lead Friday. Miss Edith Watson entertained

the members of the Bid and Bye Club last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. R.I. Olinger was hostess to the members of the Twentieth Century Club last Thursday afternoon at a three-course luncheon served at one o'clock.

Mrs. Kits Grieves, Mrs. Thos. Shoemaker, Mrs. Chas. Grieves Sr., and Mrs. Red Jarett spent Tuesday in Rapid City.

Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Douglas entertained at a luncheon last Saturday at the Antler's Hotel when they had as their guests Dr. and Mrs. Lorin Wood and sons Alfred and Lorin Jr., of Fort McKenzie, and Mrs. Mary Wrede.

Mr. and Mrs. B.W. Huber announced the marriage of their daughter, Helen, this week, to Jimmy Rodes of Custer. The ceremony occurred in Gillette on Oct. 1st. Mr. and Mrs. Rodes will make their home in Custer, where Mr. Rodes has employment.

Mrs. Les Hays returned Wednesday night from Jersey City, N.J., where she has been visiting relatives for the past two months.

Red Owl Food Stores Ad: 10 rolls bathroom tissue for 45 cents; apples \$1.47 a bushel.

The student welfare office announced that 232 university enrollees have been given part-time jobs on the campus.

Claude Adkins, of Fairview, sold 10 head of horses at Moorcroft Saturday.

A good crowd attended the meeting at Clareton Wednesday night, when Gov. Leslie A. Miller, Pat Flannery and Jack Gage delivered messages of interest to voters.

Mrs. Vernon Hurd, Mrs. Walter



Hurd, Mr. Lloyd Schneider and Mrs. Bob Schneider, attended the Bridge Betsy Club at Etta McCoy's Thursday.

50 YEARS AGO – OCT. 10, 1963

The board of directors of the National Bank of Newcastle announce the opening of the bank on Oct. 21. On that day, the bank will conduct its first day of business and will have open house.

Weston County's first United Fund gets under way Monday. The drive to raise \$9,068.43 for six agencies in a united effort is expected to be completed Nov. 2.

The raging Newcastle Dogies completely overpowered Cheyenne St. Mary's Gaels last Wednesday to hand the Gaels their third consecutive loss and their first win for the Dogies in their last four games.

Mick James of Newcastle is the new president of the North-West Ranch Cowboys Association.

Plans for the Harvest Moon Festival were made by the Women's Society for Christian Service when they met in the church parlor of the First Methodist Church recently.

Mrs. Robert Meyer was hostess to members of the Odds and Ends Club at her home last Thursday evening with Mrs. Frank Humes as co-hostess.

Jack & Jill Market Ad: One-quarter bushel apples for 99 cents; two-pound can coffee for 99 cents.

The Dogies had more wins in their second home cross-country meet here at the Weston County fair grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bandura, of the Boyd area, were callers on Mr. and Mrs. Hank Fowler Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. David Peterson, Diana and Jean of the Prairie area drove to Plains, Mont., Wednesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Lappe. They returned home Sunday evening.

The play cast for the all-school play was posted last Monday. The cast was chosen by Mr. Farrell and Mrs. Shurley. The title of the play has not as yet been released.

Jim Pitts, Newcastle High School senior and president of the Saddle and Sirloin FFA Chapter, has completed an outstanding year through the FFA. In his freshman year he started his registered flock by drawing on the chapter sheep. FFA Advisor Mr. Rowles' advice will also help Jim through his schooling and lifetime.

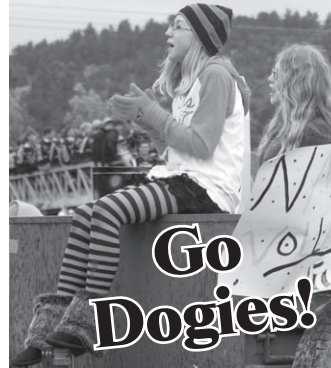
From the Vault of the Anna Miller Museum:

Bill Pettingill delivered mail via horse-drawn wagon from Newcastle to Boyd. This photo was taken in 1916.



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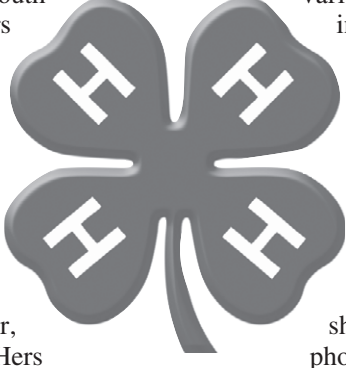
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Generations

Local 4-H getting bigger and better

Weston County's 4-H director, Stacy Madden, recently announced another record year for the local youth program as 4-Hers across the country celebrate their hard work and success during National 4-H Week and hold Achievement Day celebrations.



"This year, Weston County 4-Hers have a lot to brag about, and we will be wrapping up our 4-H year celebrating all the hard work of 4-H members, leaders, and community supporters at our annual Achievement Night, Oct. 27," Madden proclaimed.

Along with all the successes of Weston County 4-H members, the program as a whole has expanded and grown to meet the increasing involvement and commitment of its members and leaders. Membership in the program has grown nearly 20 percent, Madden reported, evidenced by member enthusiasm and increased involvement.

"This year alone 4-Hers had the opportunity to expand their knowledge, confidence,

and skills by participating in a number of clinics and workshops focusing on a variety of topics including parliamentary procedure and club officer training, meat quality assurance, leather craft, modeling and buymanship, shooting sports, photography, leadership and team building, showmanship and fitting, livestock care, delivering presentations, and record keeping, among many others," Madden reported.

Additionally, the hard work of local 4-H members was showcased at the Weston County Fair, with increased participation in all areas including livestock projects, static exhibit projects, and 4-H contests. Madden also pointed out that the Weston County delegation competing at State Fair grew nearly 20 percent, representing the county well while enjoying concerts and the midway.

— See 4-H, Page 7



Accomplishments

Gettinger gets national scholarship

The Wyoming Department of Corrections announced that recent Newcastle High School graduate Adam Gettinger has received a Susan M. Hunter Scholarship for the 2013-2014 school year from the Association of State Correctional Administrators.

Adam, who is the son of the Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp's education manager, Dan Gettinger, is attending Casper College this fall with a major in vocational technical education.

"This is a very competitive scholarship program that recognizes the educational achievements of just a few children of the thousands of correctional employees from across the nation. We are proud that ASCA has chosen to celebrate Adam's potential through this scholarship award," WDOC Director Bob Lampert stated. He is also a member of ASCA.

Adam is one of the 20 recipients chosen throughout the country for this \$1,000 award. ASCA's scholarship program provides a gift of education funding to those children of correctional staff who are working hard academically but need financial assistance to continue their educational endeavors. The scholarship was named as a lasting tribute to Susan M. Hunter, former chief of the Prisons Division at the National Institute of Corrections, who lost her battle with breast cancer on March 4, 2004.

Scholarship applicants are evaluated on academic performance and an essay. Adam submitted an essay describing

his career goals and what the scholarship would mean for his undergraduate education. He will have the opportunity to re-apply for the scholarship each year if he maintains a high GPA.

"I'm proud of him. I think it's neat that he was able to get the scholarship and that someone from Wyoming has gotten it. It's a great opportunity for DOC families to help to finance college," Dan said.

"The hard work definitely pays off. Studying hard and taking high school seriously was worth it because it's the foundation for the rest of my future, confirmation that, wow, I did good and this is good," Adam added.

Ayres a semi-finalist

Newcastle High School graduate Jessica Ayres, a junior on Hastings College Bronco Forensics team, was a semi-finalist in Impromptu at the Debates on a Plain, held Sept. 28 and 29 in Hutchinson, Kans., and Sterling, Colo. The team placed fifth overall at the competition.

Borgialli named to President's List

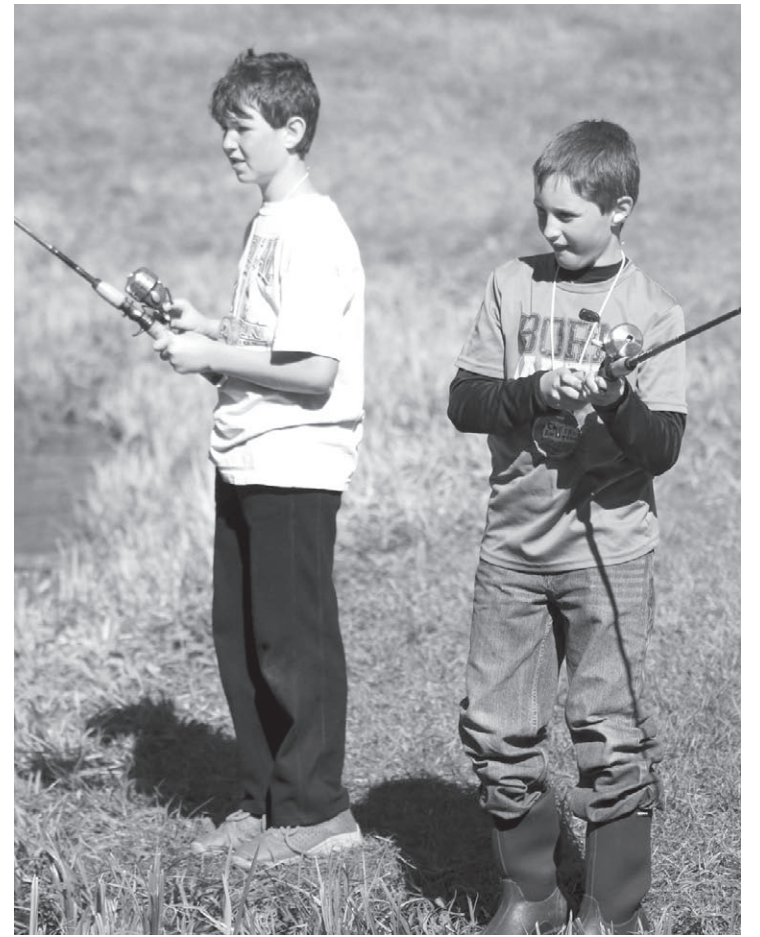
Garrett Borgialli has been named to the President's List at Lake Area Technical Institute of Watertown, S.D. The President's List is a list of outstanding students who, through their initiative and ability, have indicated a seriousness of purpose in their educational program. The President's List is limited to full-time students who have achieved a semester grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0. Borgialli's GPA for the semester was 4.0.

Science & Adventure

The week of Sept. 25 fifth-grade students from Weston County School District #1 and #7 enjoyed an outdoor learning experience at Mallo Camp north of Newcastle. During their stay students enjoyed fishing, archery, learned about Wyoming wildlife and wilderness skills, panned for gold, examined bugs in a microscope, played games and enjoyed singing, dancing and having fun. The adventure began for fifth-grade students at Mallo in 1987 when nearly 100 students from both Gertrude Burns and Kitty Moats attended a science camp there.



Clockwise from top: Ethan Mills examines pond organisms through a microscope. Landon Engle and Chris Fullerton try their hand at fishing in the Mallo pond. The Upton mascot, the Bobcat, a.k.a. Kristy Lewis, with Ethan Mills, Jensen Edwards and Devon Lapier. Lapier and fellow fifth-graders pan for gold.



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Bruce Perkins, owner of Perkins Tavern and the Newcastle Game Room, along with Angie Round, manager of the Game Room, post a sign at the new business.

Game Room

Perkins went on to emphasize that the arcade, which will feature a Dogie theme, is currently a work in progress. Though it already features foosball and pool tables, a pinball machine, and a number of video games, Perkins mentioned he is currently working with a vendor to secure even more options for customers.

All games operate on quarters, and a change machine and vending machines will be on

hand for the convenience of patrons, Perkins added.

Because the Newcastle Game Room is intended as an all-ages establishment, Perkins and Round have instituted a number of strict policies geared toward the protection of their customers.

No unattended children will be allowed under the age of 12, and no alcohol or smoking will be tolerated on the premises. Posted signs read “no bul-

lying,” and an attendant will be on duty at all times.

Round, who will act as the manager of the new establishment, mentioned she also intends to host birthday parties on the arcade’s second floor.

The Newcastle Game Room will be open 2 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

A grand opening event is scheduled for Oct. 18.

Suicides

reported to law enforcement at 9:34 a.m. on Oct. 1, resulted in the death of Scott Fisher, 53, of Newcastle. The Newcastle Police Department’s Incident Report states that Fisher walked into the Behind the Chair beauty salon where his wife was at work, and shot himself twice with a handgun after “words were spoken.” There were two other witnesses in the salon at the time of the shooting.

The second incident was reported to law enforcement at approximately 6:50 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 3, and occurred just beyond

Newcastle city limits, at 21 Kenwood Drive. According to the Weston County Sheriff’s Office Incident Report, Lyle Lake, 74, of Newcastle, was found dead in his driveway as a result of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. A handgun was discovered under the victim, and although there were no witnesses to the shooting, Hesper and two law enforcement officials, one from the Newcastle Police Department and another from the Weston County Sheriff’s Office, agreed that the death was the result of a suicide.

Finances

class, allowing support and an exchange of ideas.

Andersen stated there are already more than 19 people signed up for the class, including a couple of family groups. It’s not too late to register, he said, as people are welcome to show up on the first night of the class with the fee and he will order their materials to participate with the group. However, the first class is the deadline for joining. Also, scholarships are available, Andersen noted.

“Dave will teach on the video each night, with those small group things being a part of it. You can invest in the class as much as you want; there is a book that comes with the packet that you will get. There are some articles and things that you can consider as homework,” Andersen added.

Additional tools are also available on Ramsey’s website, www.daveramsey.com, to be used for planning a budget, such as a calculator that helps calculate how fast a loan can be paid off if extra money is added to the payment each month.

Ramsey also offers online budget software, for an annual fee, which Andersen himself uses.

“I have really enjoyed using that. This will be the second time that my wife and I have taken this course. The class has been offered in the past. We are trying to make it as widely available as we can,”

the pastor admitted.

Child care will be available at the senior center so kids can watch videos or play with toys while their parents learn. The service is free, but they are welcome to give the baby sitter a love offering.

Another benefit of the course, Andersen expressed, is how enjoyable Ramsey is to listen to. His good humor and common sense makes the classes fun, not boring at all.

“The principals are just so solid. If you start living by them, it is just really a helpful tool,” he commented.

There are seven steps Ramsey teaches, Andersen explained, the first of which is to have a \$1,000 emergency fund.

Another is to pay down your debt. For example, if you have five debts, start paying off the smallest one. Once it is paid off, the next month the money available is then applied on top of the next smallest debt, adding to the amount of money that is used to pay debt down.

“If your second debt was \$100 a month, when you get your first one paid off. All of a sudden you are paying \$150 on your second debt, so it’s going to go down faster. Then when you get that one paid off you take the next \$150 you were paying on those two things and you put it on your third thing, so it just snowballs and pretty soon, before you know it, the average

person pays off \$8,000 of their debt and can be on their way to what Dave Ramsey calls ‘financial freedom,’” Andersen explained.

The exciting part is there is something to learn for everyone, no matter what level they are, from new investors to those saving for retirement.

Another suggestion of Ramsey’s he describes as ‘free cars for life.’ The individual buys a car that will get around, paid for with cash. While that car is used, the person pays themselves car payments, putting the money aside. After a period of time thousands of dollars can be used to purchase another car for free without having to borrow money.

“It is just common sense, a lot of it. It is really helpful, especially if you use the principals and live by them,” Andersen noted.

Andersen hopes community members will take advantage of the course.

“We are excited and looking forward to it. We would be happy for more people to join us!” encouraged Andersen.

Earlier this fall Andersen began teaching another course available through Financial Peace University, a high school curriculum being taught to 10 home-school students. It features economics on the level of juniors and seniors, an in-depth finance class which gives students class credit to graduate high school.

4-H

“Lastly, 4-H summer camp was a huge success,” Madden said. “The ‘Are You Tough Enough?’ theme and fun activities helped increase participation nearly 25 percent from last year. Camp also gave more teens the opportunity to build their leadership and teamwork skills as they acted as mentors and role models for campers to look up to and ensured everyone was safe and having fun.”

New and existing 4-H programs were also expanded this year, giving youth more opportunities to try new things. The second year of the Farm School Program, which allows members who live in town to raise livestock at the fairgrounds, grew, with more animals and more members participating. Further, the annual Catch-A-Calf and Catch-A-Lamb contests were expanded to include hogs and goats allowing a great start for 4-H members to learn more about livestock and production agriculture.

The 2012-2013 4-H year also brought state

honors and awards to members and leaders of the Weston County 4-H program, Madden pointed out. Cindy Rhoades was recognized as the Wyoming State Outstanding 4-H Leader, and Dean and Sue Kettley were recognized as the Wyoming State Partners of 4-H.

“Additionally, teen leader Rhyse Rhoades was selected from a pool of candidates across the state to represent the state of Wyoming at the National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. — a fantastic opportunity and honor for such an outstanding teen leader,” Madden expressed.

“The 2012-2013 4-H year has been a huge success, and so much of this success can be attributed to the dedicated leaders and community members that continue to donate their time and efforts to helping Weston County youth,” she continued.

4-H Appreciation Day will be held Oct. 27, starting at 5 p.m., at the Youth Exhibit Hall at Weston County Fairgrounds.

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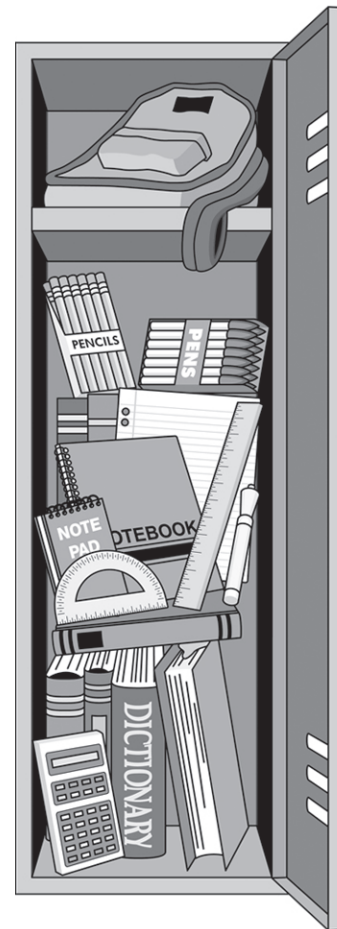
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Wine Fest on tap

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Local wine aficionados will have the opportunity to wet their palates on Saturday at the second annual Wine Fest to be held at the Fountain Inn.

The event, which opens to the general public at 5:30 p.m., will feature not just wine tasting, but a wine basket auction, dinner, and art displays by several local artists working in a variety of media. Those on hand to display and sell their works will include Christopher Amend, Colton, Craig and Ty Cummings, Jimmie Josephson, and April Silbaugh.

Prior to the event opening to the public, local high school students will be given the opportunity to view and discuss the work with the artists.

Though now in its second year, the Wine Fest has actually been five or six years in the making, according to Linda Hunt, who founded and organizes the event with grant-writing assistance from Norma Shelton. It can be viewed as serving in conjunction, Hunt said, with several other local events, organized by herself and others, whose purpose is to enrich the local community by offering social and cultural opportunities to residents.

Hunt was also quick to emphasize her desire to promote and benefit local businesses and individuals.

The purchase of a \$25 ticket to the Wine Fest, Hunt went on to explain, allows attendees to view the art on display and enjoy a dinner complimented by samples of five different wines, each of which have been specially selected for the occasion.

Sommelier duties at the event — that's wine steward for the uninitiated — will be performed by Kara Sweet.

Hunt, who admitted she has only become a wine enthusiast herself in the last three or four years, went on to tell the News Letter Journal that she encourages everyone to attend, even those with no particular interest in wine.

"The Fountain Bar will be open to serve people whatever they wish to drink," she noted.

Asked if wine culture in general still comes with the elitist connotations it might once have held for some, Hunt said she doesn't believe that is the case any longer.

"In this day and age, with all the small breweries and wineries, I don't think it's thought of as a snob thing anymore. You can get some really good wine for six bucks a bottle, or you can spend three hundred if you want to," she said.

After the dinner and tasting, Mark Stenson will preside over an auction of wine baskets, though there is more on offer in the baskets than merely the nectar of Bacchus.

"Most of the baskets include wine, but some may just have the ingredients to make a Mediterranean style dinner, for people who may not want the wine," Hunt said.

All proceeds from the auction will go to benefit Newcastle Greenways, another project Hunt is involved with, which works to develop and maintain local hiking trails, bike routes, parks, and other community infrastructure.

According to promotion materials, a limited number of tickets will be available for purchase at the door, while advance tickets can be purchased from Hunt, Sweet, or the Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce.

The best season of all

FALL

Jessalynn Centifanto
Winter Solace

The return of pumpkin spice lattes, cozy wool sweaters, scarves, boots, beautiful colors and the crunch of fallen leaves underfoot are a few of the many reasons Fall is my favorite season. This list would not be complete however without mentioning the crisp fall air that gives you the excuse to cuddle a little closer to the one you love — Fall is the most romantic season of all.

Forget Valentine's Day in its end-of-winter gloom, cheap chocolates and cheesy over-the-top affectations of love, Fall is everything a romantic like myself could dream of. No one judges you for wanting to curl up with a fuzzy blanket and a hot cup of tea to write and sketch and the cool crisp air draws everyone just a little closer. The gloom and unbearable cold of winter hasn't hit yet but it's just cold enough to make everyone believe in hugs.

Homecoming gives young high school kids the courage to ask their crush out and love is in the air. Football season gives men an excuse to let out their inner cave-man as they scream at TV screens across the nation, and women the opportunity to appreciate what a beast of a man they married — even if they do have to roll their eyes. There's something about a man being a man that makes a woman come alive.

Halloween will soon give every adult an excuse to dress ridiculous and be a kid again and give kids the opportunity to dress up like their heroes. Young children will have the greatest sugar high they've had all year and provide stories of hilarity and family black-mail for years to come.

Thanksgiving brings together all the ones we love the most and provides everyone an excuse to break any diet plan they ever had. It reminds us of everything we have and that gratefulness gives birth to the sharing and giving of what we have with those who have less. Thanksgiving reminds us of what we have and where we've come from; it reminds us of the sacrifice our forefathers made and the obstacles they overcame to give us the freedom we have today. Thanksgiving warms our hearts and homes with the smells of family recipes and all the things we love the most. There is nothing better than good food and people you love to share it with.

Black Friday will be hot on the heels



Amy Menerey/NLJ

The vibrant colors of Autumn were partially hidden Friday as Winter Storm Atlas covered trees with snow and ice, weighing down branches.

of Thanksgiving — one of the greatest ironies of all time — to remind us of all the things we still want, the day after we give thanks for all we already have. But for better or worse, it will bring together family and friends in one of the greatest excuses women have for the biggest shopping spree of the year — and even draw the men in too.

Fall is the culmination of the all the things I love so much about life and the

great country we live in. I mean, what is more American than football and Thanksgiving? I will be the first to say that our country has lost much of its fundamental values that made it such a great nation, but there are still so many things that are truly beautiful about this great nation we are privileged to be a part of. I hope you enjoy them as much as I do in this beautiful season we call Fall.

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repair the damage to the building.

What had been problematic from the City of Newcastle's perspective these past few years was not that the business was slow to reopen, but that the damage created by the incident — quite literally a gaping hole in the wall leading directly inside the store — was slow to be addressed and posed a potential safety hazard. Until very recently, the sizable opening created by the vehicular accident was only partially obstructed by a collection of loose, un-nailed boards leaning against the outer wall of the former business.

City attorney Jim Peck explained to the News Letter Journal that although the City of Newcastle would prefer

that the building be fully repaired and beautified, there are no legal grounds for making such a demand. Peck went on to explain that currently the city's only interest is in seeing that the building be made to conform to attractive nuisance laws. In other words, the city only requires that the hole be properly sealed, so as to prevent anyone from gaining easy access, and the structural integrity of the building confirmed, Peck elaborated. A letter to that effect was sent from the city attorney's office on or around Sept. 16 to Williams, according to information provided by Peck and Hartley.

Hartley told the News Letter Journal on Sept. 26 that, in response

to the letter, Williams had contacted him within the previous week and he believed the issue was well on its way to being resolved. Williams' stated intention, Hartley said, was to eventually reopen the business. Williams was, notably, previously cited in the News Letter Journal as having said he intended to begin renovating the building in October 2012.

Hartley said that Williams had given him no explanation as to why the building had gone neglected for so long, but felt that after speaking with Williams he had no reason to doubt the sincerity of Williams' stated desire to see the building repaired. Hartley emphasized that Newcastle tries to

accommodate owners in such cases by giving them ample time to settle insurance issues, though it is unclear as to whether or not an insurance claim was a factor in this instance.

When contacted for comment on the morning of Sept. 27, Williams confirmed that he intends to repair and possibly reopen the store.

"We are absolutely going to fix the building and seriously explore reopening the store, provided it can be made profitable," he said. "We appreciate the community's patience," he went on.

Williams was reluctant to go into the details regarding why the property has gone unattended for so long,

owing, he said, to the complexities of the issues involved.

"We've had a very full plate," he offered, "it doesn't help [Williams Properties] to have damaged, unproductive buildings."

Francis, owner of John Francis Masonry, confirmed with the News Letter Journal that Williams had secured his services to repair the SaverSmart building. Though he couldn't provide a definite time line for when work might be done, he said he felt repairing the damage to the building poses a straightforward rather than difficult case, and that he would get to the project as soon as soon as possible.

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Sports

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Gridders crush Wright

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Dogie football trounced Wright on the road 41-16 on Monday, in a game played to make up for Friday's scheduled contest at home, which was

cancelled due to the snow storm.

As has often been the case this season, the Dogies were the first on the board. This time, however, a determined Newcastle wasn't about to lose its early lead.

"We got the ball first and put in a good drive. We had to handle adversity right away, though, because we got in the end zone, but it was called back for holding. Finally, though, we punched it in," said Head Coach Matt

Conzelman of the Dogies' first touchdown. "Anytime you can get that first score, it sets you up well."

Indeed it seems to have, as the

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Schedule

Newcastle

Cross Country			
10/10	VJ	Buffalo Invite	A 2PM
10/11	V	*Glenrock Herders	A 7PM
10/14	JV	Torrington Trailblazers	H 4:30PM
10/18	V	*Tongue River Eagles	H 7PM

Football			
10/11	V	*Glenrock Herders	A 7PM
10/14	JV	Torrington Trailblazers	H 4:30PM
10/18	V	*Tongue River Eagles	H 7PM

Girls Swimming			
10/11	V	Douglas Bearcats	H 4PM
10/12	V	Gillette Invitational	A 8AM

Volleyball			
10/12	9	9th Gr Conference Tourney at Glenrock	H 9AM
10/12	VJ	*Wheatland Bulldogs	H 11AM

Upton

Volleyball			
10/8		Oelrichs SD @Oelrichs	4:15/5:15PM
10/10		Newcastle JV @Upton	4:5PM
10/11		Kaycee @Kaycee	5:6PM

Football			
10/4		Southeast @Foder	6PM
10/7		JV Twin Spruce @Gillette	4PM
10/11		Niobrara County @Lusk	7PM

The Score

NMS Volleyball

8th Grade
Sept. 23-27
8B NMS 2W, Sundance 0
8A NMS 0, Sundance 2W
Wright Triangular
NMS 0, Wright 2W
NMS 0, Upton 2W
(No games last week)

Swimmers ease up before final showdown

By Kelsey Wood for NLJ

"Buffalo was a lot of fun," Jae Whitney shared, after the Newcastle Ladies Dogies swim team competed at the Buffalo Invitational last week.

"It went really well! The girls are working hard and this was the first meet we have seen time-drops since the Newcastle Invite," Coach Jenny Pederson recognized.

On Thursday, Oct. 3, the girls had their chance to size up against the Douglas Bearcats and the Bison at Buffalo. Not only was this meet exciting for the girls because they dropped time, it was also a relief.

"We hit a mental and physical roadblock but I feel like we are on the tail end of it. We will start to see significant time-drops throughout the next three weeks," Pederson explained.

As the aqua-jocks slowly lower times, they also need further improvement in technique. To have an advantage against other swimmers at the state competition, they'll need to concentrate on fixing flaws — even small ones.

"We are fine-tuning their strokes at this point and making small changes to the way they swim. Although it may not look like it from an outsider, coaches are able to see the improvement of the girls and it showed in Buffalo when we had girls drop time," Pederson explained.

The teammates also realize that along with fine-tuning their strokes, they need to keep up their team spirit.

"For us to accomplish our goals and keep getting better, as

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Cross Country boys continue to win

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Picking up where they left off at Hot Springs the week before, the Newcastle cross country boys took five of the top nine positions to again take first place, this time at the Sturgis Invitational on Thursday.

Tristan Mitchell was first for Newcastle, and third overall in a crowded field of teams, completing the five kilometer run in 16:59. He was followed closely by Justin Francis, Trace Buckert, Andy Nelson and Trenton Parsons, who placed fifth, sixth, seventh, and ninth respectively, all coming in at around the 17 minute mark.

"That's how you win a meet," was Dogie coach Pat Hayman's straightforward assessment. "When you put five runners in the top nine, you know you've won."

Hayman, ever the competitor, welcomed the fact that Sturgis Invitational organizers didn't see fit to hold a separate category for Junior Varsity runners at last Thursday's event, meaning both Varsity and JV squads were compressed into the same race.

"When they do unlimited entries in Varsity, it's kind of nice," he said, "because if you have over seven people, they can actually race each other for the Varsity spots. Not that you can't compare times, but it's good when you have someone there you know you have to beat to get on the Varsity squad. It's a lot fairer," he opined.

Asked if this created unnecessarily divisive competition among teammates, Hayman told the News Letter Journal that anyone losing a Varsity spot has no one to blame but



Denice Piscioti/NLJ

Sprinting toward the finish, senior Tristan Mitchell came in first place for the Dogies at the Sturgis Invitational where the NHS team also placed first.

Results

Sturgis Invitational Oct. 3, 2013

Men

Team Scores

- Newcastle 30
- Sturgis 47
- Spearfish 93
- Rapid City Stevens 95
- St. Thomas More 98
- Hulett 162
- Rapid City Christian HS 171

Individual Results: 3. Mitchell, Tristan 16:59; 5. Francis, Justin 17:07; 6. Buckert, Trace 17:20; 7. Nelson, Andy 17:27; 9. Parsons, Trenton 17:35; 21. Tidd, Matt 18:35; 27. Rhoades, Marshall 18:49; 29. Laddy, Brandon 18:55; 3. Henkle, Alex 19:07; 42. Winter, Kieran 20:04; 50. Rhoades, Rhyse 20:58; 56. Hossfield, Flint 21:45

Women

Team Scores

- Sturgis 33
- Custer 55
- Rapid City Stevens 77
- St. Thomas More 79
- Hill City 112
- Newcastle 127

Individual Results: 10. Ausman, Calbi 17:39; 21. Chord, Laura 18:57; 27. Houser, Kaylin 19:17; 38. Michaelis, Heather 20:48; 43. Williams, Hannah 21:56; 44. Hanson, Lynell 21:59

8th Grade Boys

- LaPierre, Zach 19:37

8th Grade Girls

- Bock, Kellar 13:51; 19. Vandersnick, Tessa 15:23; 24. Mitchell, Isabella 16:16

6th and 7th Grade Boys

- Rhoades, Jacob 13:44; 59. Duzinski, Collin 14:24; 97. Purviance, Peyton 17:31

6th and 7th Grade Girls

- Wagoner, Makenzie 13:37; 16. Mitchell, Ashley 13:53; 21. Jeppesen, Kassidee 14:02; 26. Mitchell, Ely 14:13; 35. Rush-ton, Emily 14:24; 38. Liggitt, Paige 14:30; 69. Whitney, Marlie 16:06; 71. Hadlock, Christina 16:12; 74. Stith, Shelby 16:18

themselves. "There's nothing subjective about it. If you pick out-and-so for the Varsity football team, there can be some very valid arguments that someone else should have that spot, especially in the mind of [a given player's] parents ... But I never have parents come ask me 'why is this kid beating my kid by a quarter of a mile?' They can see it. Everybody can see it. We don't have those kind of problems," Hayman

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Ladies come up short against Douglas

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

The Dogie volleyball gals had everything to gain and nothing to lose last Thursday when they faced 3A East conference leaders Douglas. Unfortunately, Newcastle came up short in the close contest, falling to a strong, senior-laden Bearcat team 19-25, 24-26, 25-27.

The tough loss dropped the Dogies' record to 3-3 in conference play and 11-8 overall.

Before that, however, the Dogies took on the

2A Sundance Bulldogs at home on Tuesday of last week in a non-conference match that would prove to be a tougher than expected challenge for Newcastle, who apparently came into the contest just a touch overconfident.

"It was a tough, rough game for us," Dogie coach Maja Jechorek recalled. "Coming from experience, it's hard to play an opponent that's not quite on your level ... teams that are still honing their skill set can be unpredictable. I'm not taking anything away from Sundance at all. They're a smaller team, but

they were tough."

Indeed, the Bulldogs seemed to have initially caught the Dogies sleeping, besting them by 15 in the first game. Newcastle, however, would come back to edge Sundance by two in the second contest before surging to dominate the match's last two stanzas. Final scores: 10-25, 25-23, 25-16, 25-16.

Jechorek was candid when speaking to the News Letter Journal about her team's less than stellar

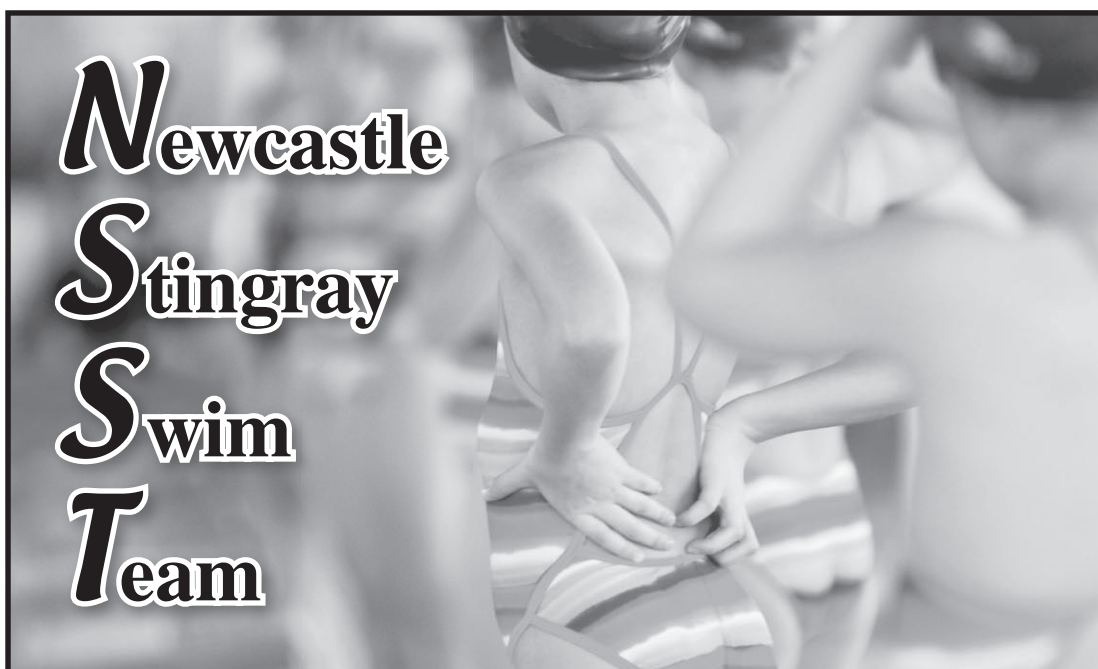
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Football Stats

41 Newcastle		Wright	16
336	Total Yards		118
10	First Downs		2
38	Rushes		32
253	Rushing Yards		62
3/5	Passing Comp./Att.		2/13
83	Passing Yards		56
3	Turnovers		1
8/53	Penalties/Yds.		1/5

Individual Stats
 Passing: Triston Roberson 3/5 52 yds.; Dillon Ehlers 1/1 31yds.
 Rushing: Dillon Ehlers 8/111 yds.; Merritt Crabtree 9/79 yds.; Phillip Jagelski 4/51 yds.; Jake Villanueva 3/13 yds.; Triston Roberson 7/14 yds.; Ricky Larson 4/2 yds.
 Receiving: Wade Gordon 2/49 yds.; Dillon Ehlers 1/23 yds.; Trayton Farnsworth 1/11 yds.
 Defensive Points: Wade Gordon 41; Merritt Crabtree 12; Dillon Ehlers 12; Colton Hall 10; Bradon Rushton 8; Joey Hall 8; Ricky Larson 7; Triston Roberson 6; Garrett Liggett 4; Trayton Farnsworth 4; Preston Rushton 4; Phillip Jagelski 3; Alec Walker 3; Zac Rasmussen 3; Jacob Esposito 2; Bryce Womack 2; Jake Villanueva 2; Mason Pisciotti 1; Colton Sweet 1; Johnny Walker 1

Dogie defense stepped up next to stop a Wright drive, though only after the Panthers were able to secure a first down, and Newcastle continued to rack up touchdowns while holding Wright scoreless until the second half.

By halftime, at which point the score was 41-0, Conzelman said he was well into substituting his second stringers to allow his starters a rest and provide some of his younger players with on-field experience.

Still Conzelman said he didn't believe the Panthers, who are winless as of yet this season, were at all pushovers.

"They were ahead at one point in their game with Big Horn, and held [conference leader] Burns to 20 points. They've been pretty tough on some teams. They have a couple good players ... Realistically they're probably just a little bit low on players," Conzelman reasoned.

Neither was Conzelman willing to downplay his own team's performance by ascribing the win solely to Wright's shortcomings.

"Our guys played hard. They out-hit and out-hustled that first half. They did what they needed to do," he stated.

Still, his team's performance didn't escape Conzelman's scrutiny entirely.

"Two things we need to improve on are our

penalties and turnovers. Those turnovers are still huge. If it's a closer ball game then they mean a bit more, obviously," Conzelman reflected.

Conzelman said he believes that Wright's inability to take advantage of Dogie turnovers was actually one of the biggest factors in the game, one that has cost the Dogies dearly in previous match-ups with other schools this season.

"Nothing against Wright, but maybe they're not as good a caliber as a team like Burns, Big Horn or Lusk. I think if we would cut down on the turnovers and penalties against these other schools, no one could stop us offensively ... When we're full power on that offense, and we're moving the sticks — I think we're hard to stop," Conzelman went on.

Yet the Dogie win against Wright was still a big one to celebrate, keeping Newcastle in the running for a playoff spot.

"We're still alive," Conzelman confirmed with seeming relief of his team's post-season aspirations.

The stakes continue to be high for the Dogies, who will need to continue their winning ways.

"From now on every game is bigger," Conzelman continued. "I talked to the guys last night. Their belief in themselves, their belief in their teammates [has gotten us to this point], and they need to continue to believe that they can do this. This is a short-lived victory for us. We enjoyed the win yesterday, but today it's back to work. We have three days to prep for Glenrock."

Asked what kind of team Newcastle will be facing in the Herders on Friday, Conzelman pulled no punches in telling the News Letter Journal that Friday's game will in fact be a tough one.

"Our guys know what Glenrock's like, especially [our] seniors, juniors and sophomores," he said. "It's a smash-mouth game. [Glenrock] generally runs a lot more than they pass. I call it a scrum, because it's just hard-hitting and physical."

Asked what else he'd like to add, Conzelman said Newcastle enjoyed an enthusiastic cheering section on Monday considering it was an away game. He continued to express his appreciation for all those fans who made the trip to Wright to show their support for the Dogies, despite conditions he described as cold and soggy.

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For information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person/s involved in the death of Katherine Grace Coffee.

On the morning of June 3, 2011, the body of **Katherine Grace Coffee, also known as Katy Coffee**, age 35, was discovered in her home in Newcastle, the victim of an apparent homicide. Her death is being investigated by the Newcastle Police Department and the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation.



Anyone with information about the crime or knowledge of Coffee's whereabouts on the evening and night-time hours of Thursday, June 2, 2011, are asked to please call the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation at (307) 682-1796, or the Newcastle Police Department at (307) 746-4486.

Coffee's family has offered a \$50,000 reward to anyone that can provide information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person/s involved in this crime.

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explained, emphasizing the clear-cut nature of the sport.

Neither was there anything subjective about the reality of the Varsity girls' seemingly disappointing sixth-place finish at Sturgis in a field dominated by the host team. The week before at Hot Springs the Lady Dogies matched the boys by taking first.

Newcastle cross country runner Lynell Hanson speculated that it wasn't so much the case that the Dogie girls had a poor showing, as the fact that they were up against stiff competition from a number of larger schools at the Sturgis meet. Most of the female Dogie runners are, like herself, in their first or second year of competition, she added, and thus relatively inexperienced compared to the boy's squad. Top male Dogie runners such as Trace Buckert and Justin Francis, for example, are by comparison grizzled veterans, having each turned out for cross country six years in row, they told the News Letter Journal.

Further complicating things at Sturgis, not just for the girls, but for all the Dogie runners, was that the course wasn't exactly the easiest that Newcastle had experienced this season. There was the fact of a significant obstacle — a large hill — that had to be overcome.

Francis, though, suggested it wasn't a problem for most of the Dogie runners.

"It depends on how you attack the hill. Tristan [Mitchell] and I took it easy before we got to the hill, so we could power up the hill and pass everybody, but [Trace Buckert] had a different idea," Francis said.

"I had people right next to me pushing me on," explained Buckert, picking up from Francis. "I had Andy Nelson, my teammate, right next to me, helping me go up the hill. I also had other teams right in front of me that I was trying to catch up to."

"[The girls] just looked at it like the hill we run in our morning runs," added Hanson. "Just thinking that helps you get up [the hill] so much better because it seems less threatening."

All agreed that the Sturgis course was actually a bit shorter in comparison to most of those they've run.

As for what's in store for the Dogies this week, the answer is fearfully, another monster hill, this time at Buffalo where Newcastle attends its last meet of the regular season on Thursday.



Denice Pisciotti/NLJ

Lynell Hanson, NHS senior, strides to the finish line on Thursday in Sturgis.

"It's a tough course," Mitchell said of the Dogies' next racing venue. "There's one giant hill that's at least 200 meters long."

"As long as we can stay strong on that hill, I think we'll all do okay," added Buckert.

"We have [competing] teams to push us, and we have our teammates," Francis said, completing the thought of the teammates so obviously well-attuned to one another.

Asked about their motivation and mind-set while racing, all the Dogies interviewed

had their own unique ideas. Mitchell, though, provided as good a summation of the Dogie cross country philosophy as any, one that seemed to encompass most of the others.

"Anybody can beat anybody any day. As long as you have the heart to finish the race," he reflected. "Sometimes you have more than the other person. Sometimes they have more than you have to give. It's all in who wants it more in the end. That's how I look at it."

His teammates all seemed to agree.

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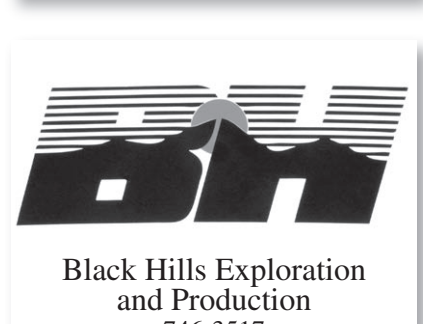
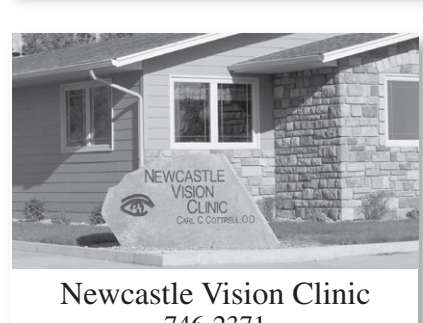
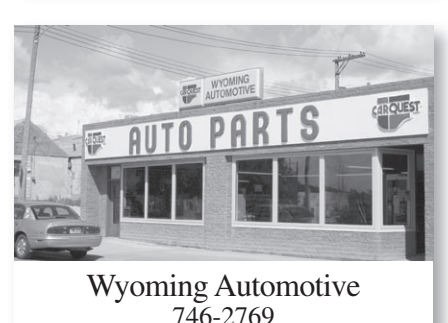
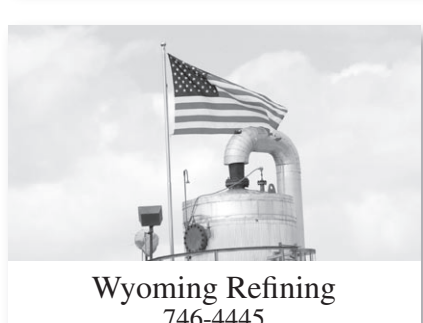
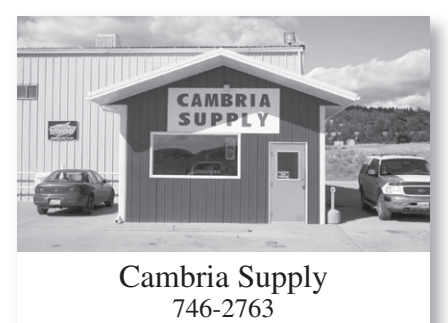
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Lady Dogie Swimming & Diving



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Back row from left: Coach Jenny Pederson, Kelsey Wood, Jessica Pastor, Shaylee Curren. Front row from left: Mikenna Waggener, Tracey Whetsell, Cora Lambert, Jae Whitney, Kinlee Whitney, Rachel Henkle.



Spirit leaders grace the field

Dogie Dukes & Dazzlers Motto:

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By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

For several years Newcastle High School has not had cheerleaders to motivate the Dogie spirit at sporting events. Earlier this spring Weston County School District #1 Board of Trustees approved NHS having a cheer/spirit club after a proposal from Priscilla Pruitt. Because it is a club, students can participate in it even if they are involved with another sport team with the school.

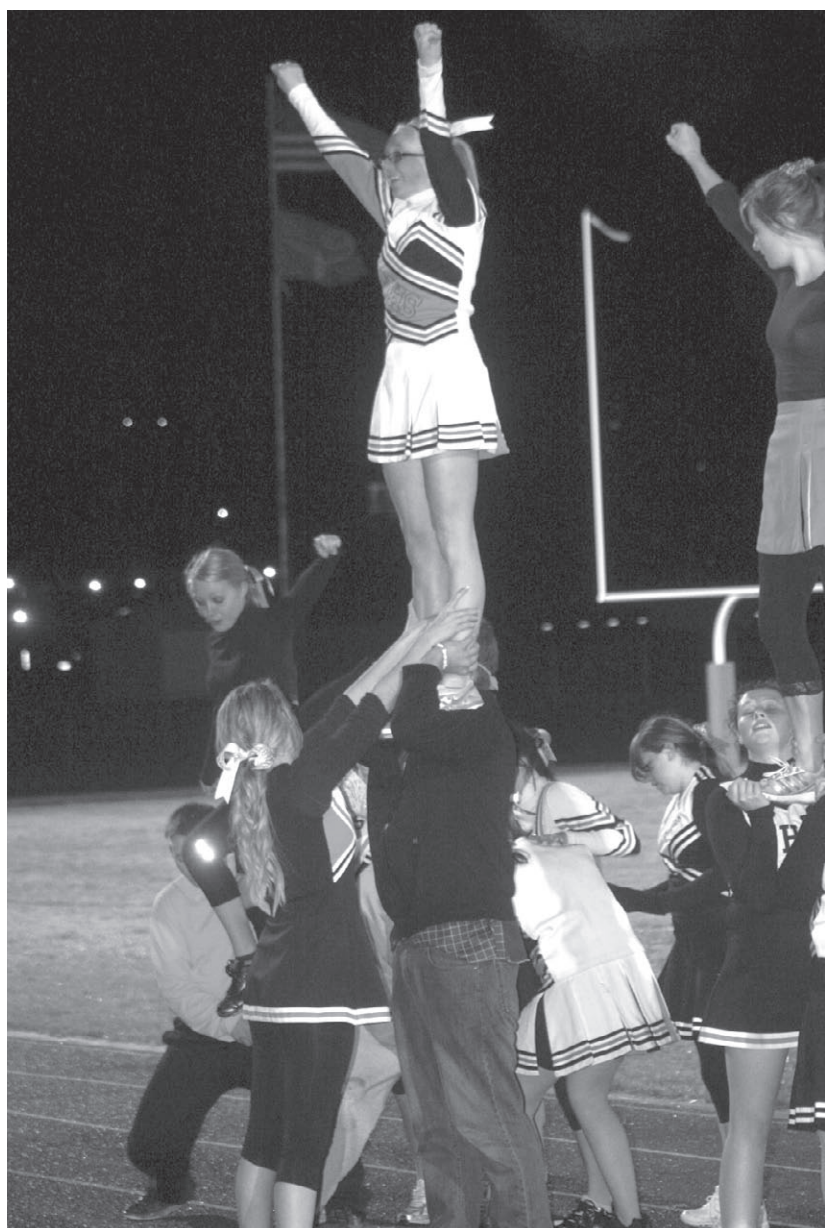
"My goal isn't to take away another sport's members, my goal is to help them. I want those kids to go to those sports, be in those sports, make the school stronger, make us win in all sports," Pruitt told the News Letter Journal.

NHS Dogie Dukes and Dazzlers Dance/Cheer Team was formed this school year and have been busy practicing routines to perform at football games. NHS sophomore Casey Hall is the captain with sophomore Dusty Miller and freshman Heather Michaelis as co-captains on the team of 14 females and five males.

They practice each day of the school week except Wednesdays, to give the students opportunity to attend a church youth group. Practices are also held at 5 p.m. to accommodate students in other practices. All of the routines are videotaped and put on the team's Facebook page to give the students help when practicing on their own.

Pruitt opted to be the coach because she wants to be a support system for the youth of the community, she said. Besides assuring the students through dedicated practice and exercise she also encourages healthy nourishment.

"A lot of the girls and guys have never done anything like this, and to be up there and do this has given



Denice Piscioti/NLJ

The Dogie Dukes & Dazzlers performed during the Newcastle High School Homecoming game against the Burns Broncos Sept. 27.

them a whole new confidence and their self esteem is just changing," declared Pruitt. "You can just see how these kids are changing — they open up their hearts and are so happy to have a sisterhood and a brotherhood. They are really excited!"

Meester Welding LLC has sponsored uniforms for the team. Pruitt told the News Letter Journal they are totally different from the old NHS cheerleading uniforms the students have been wearing. They will be mostly black and white with writing in orange. The team is voting on what will be written on their attire.

During the Dogies' Sept. 13

home game the team performed during half-time. Their coach was proud at how the team was in sync and in time.

"It was really important for us to get the first performance down correctly just because they had so much respect they had to earn. They nailed it! They did amazing!" she professed. "It was exciting. It was a big win for us."

The Dogie Dukes and Dazzlers made a public appearance at Friday's Homecoming parade and performed during the Homecoming football game against the Burns High School Broncos on Sept. 27.

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performance.

"I think what happens when you play these opponents that are not quite there with you is that you become relaxed, not as focused," she said. "You just want to enjoy the time on the court, and you're not focusing on those little things that you do when you face a much tougher opponent."

"I think there is always one game in a year where you're just not there," continued Jechorek. "That was this game."

And her theory seems to have been borne out by the Dogies' Thursday performance at Douglas, where Newcastle reversed themselves by hanging tough with the undefeated Bulldogs, who are currently first in the conference.

"We lost," said Jechorek without a trace of disappointment, "but the level of play we were on was just so much higher against Douglas [in comparison to against Sundance]."

"I told the girls we really had nothing to lose," she continued. "[Douglas] were the ones who had all the pressure on them, because they are undefeated. For us it was just go and play, play our hardest and see what happens, and I think that's what we did ... We presented ourselves really, really well."

The team's performance was that much more impressive when one considers that it was the first time they had faced Douglas this season, and Newcastle didn't know exactly what to expect from their formidable opponent.

"We couldn't practice to defend against a specific hitter or a specific play that they run, but I think we adjusted pretty well to [the Douglas offense]," Jechorek said. "[Douglas] runs a really quick offense. The girls weren't used to that, and the first game you can kind of tell we were still adjusting."

Jechorek continued, "Douglas has one senior who runs their offense the most. She's their tallest player, and she has the most hitting attempts. She's really consistent, and she puts the ball down really well for them."

And it was this key Douglas hitter that the Dogies focused their efforts on shutting down, meeting with some success.

"I think [our strategy] worked really well. Hannah [Cass] ended up with, I think, eight blocks on her and Anna [Henkle] got six," Jechorek said.

"We were digging very well even

Stats

Oct. 1, 2013 (Home)
 Newcastle 3, Sundance 1
 10-25L, 25-23W, 25-16W, 25-16W
 Oct. 3 (Away)
 Newcastle 0, Douglas 3
 19-25L, 24-26L, 25-27L
Cumulative Individual Statistics
 Abby Gray: Serv. Rec. % --, Serv. 94%, Kills 18, Digs 133
 Anna Henkle: Serv. Rec. 92%, Serv. 91%, Kills 93, Digs 235
 Alyssa Dawson: Serv. Rec. 95%, Serv. 86%, Kills 74, Digs 129
 Ashton Farnsworth: Serv. Rec. 89%, Serv. 87%, Kills 41, Digs 180
 Hannah Cass: Serv. Rec. % 67, Serv. 93%, Kills 108, Digs 91
 Kianna Cade: Serv. Rec. 95%, Serv. 96%, Kills 73, Digs 175
 Scottlyn Wiggins: Serv. Rec. 98%, Serv. % --, Kills 1, Digs 275
 Savannah Davis: Serv. Rec. 83%, Serv. 73%, Kills 9, Digs 44
 Kianna Hobbs: Serv. Rec. 50%, Serv. % --, Kills 3, Digs 1

though Douglas was running such a fast offense," she added.

Still, as it turned out, a big Dogie upset was not in the cards.

"I think what really got us was our unforced errors," the coach said. "We had six missed serves, and a couple of them happened at the end of the game. If we could have avoided that, there is no telling what might have happened."

Overall, though, the Dogie coach was happy with her team's performance.

"I was very, very pleased with what I saw, how quick the girls adjusted to Douglas's very quick offense and the number of blocks we had," she said.

This week the Dogie netters have some more big games ahead of them. Their next match was scheduled for Tuesday at home against Glenrock, followed by another home game set for Saturday, Oct. 12, against Wheatland. Tuesday was also to be Senior Night, a special night set aside to recognize this year's departing volleyball players and their parents.

Of Tuesday's scheduled match with the Herders, whom Newcastle has faced twice this season already, Jechorek predicted, "We've beaten them, and they've beaten us. [Tuesday] will be a big battle, because we both need a win to move up in the conference standings."

At the time of this publication, the Oct. 5 game against Rawlins, which was cancelled due to inclement weather, was in the process of being rescheduled.

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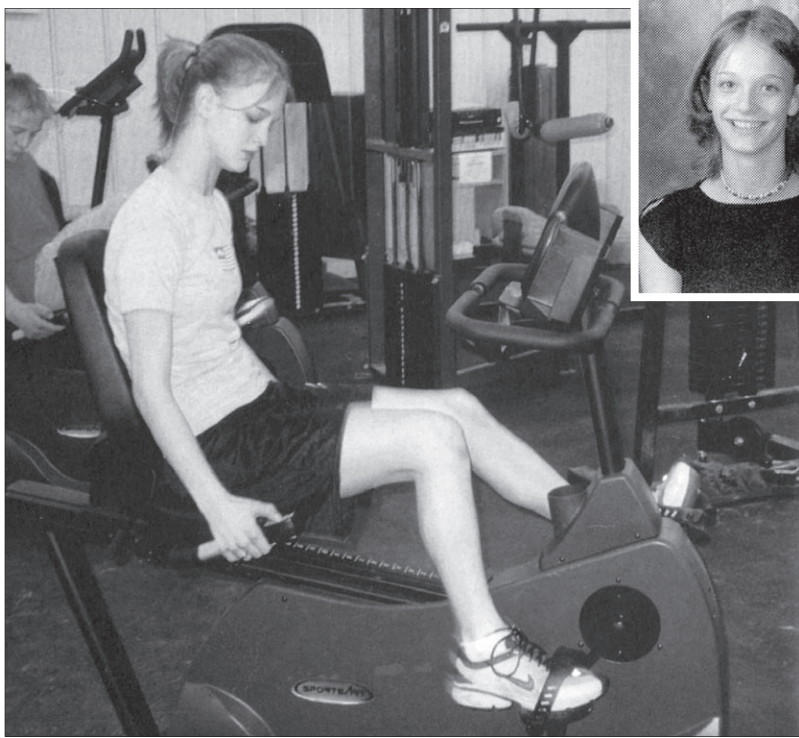
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Former Dogie finds success as a model, DJ

By **Todd Bennington of NLJ**

Former Newcastle resident Cassie Stevens has made a sizable splash as of late on both the international modeling and music scenes, having been associated with such prestigious talent pools as Ford Models and Premier Modeling Agency, while simultaneously traveling the globe to entertain as a DJ at some of the world's hippest venues.

Recently, Miss Stevens was kind enough to take time out from her busy schedule to grant an exclusive interview in which she discusses with the News Letter Journal her past, present, and future plans.

NLJ: *I understand that you spent a significant portion of your childhood in the Newcastle area. Did you graduate from high school in Newcastle? Do you maintain any connections here or ever have the desire or opportunity to visit? Any memories of the area you'd like to share?*

CS: I left Newcastle High School when I was a junior to live with my mom in Rapid City, South Dakota. I loved graduating with my sister and friends [in Rapid City], but I will always consider the Dogie class of 2006 my class because of the amount of time I spent and friendships that I built there. I have so many fond memories of everyone. It's hard to pick just one!

To point out the obvious, I have many fond memories with my family. I've always been a daddy's girl, so of course many [are of] my dad! I'll never forget we were in Spearfish [S.D.] getting my first stick-shift truck, and my dad told me after we bought it that he would see me at home! I'll never forget laughing all the way home, having my boyfriend at the time, Kyle Kachelhoffer, walk me through driving home without killing it! I appreciate the way my dad had the 'push the baby bird out of the nest and make them fly' approach to parenting. I probably wouldn't be as far as I am now without that.

Basketball and volleyball trips will always be with me as well. I think everyone that was on the team would agree we were family. We

spent more time together than [with] our real families at times! I'll always remember the chats Lexie Carr and I had, giggling about boys, and everything really. They were the best. We were attached at the hip!

I'll also always have a special place in my heart for the Kachelhoffers. Their endless love and support really made life in Newcastle home. I'll love them forever for being there for me when I needed a second home.

I visit Newcastle and Rapid City about three times a year to see my family. I split half my time with my mom in Rapid and half my time in Newcastle with my Dad and step-mom, Tera. I always love going home. It's a very grounding experience for me. I still like driving around town. Not much has changed — although I must say I was sad to see the Old Mill Inn torn down. My dad always took me there to get the bubble gum ice cream when I was younger! Newcastle is such a big part of who I am. So, yes, I plan on returning frequently and would love to be involved in the community more when the chance presents itself.

NLJ: *Would you tell me a bit about your modeling and music careers? How did you get started in those fields? What have you achieved so far, and what are your aspirations for the future?*

CS: When I first started modeling, I was scouted in Denver. I was told I needed to lose about 20 pounds. As you can imagine, I thought they were crazy! A year went by, and I still wanted to model, so I started working out and changing my diet. After losing the weight I needed to, I returned to another scouting event in Minneapolis. To my surprise I was offered 10 or 11 contracts around the world. I signed with an agency called B1 models in New York. Excitedly, I quit my full-time job at GE Capital, sold everything in my apartment, except for two suitcases of clothes, and moved to New York a month later!

After moving to New York I soon found I would need something to keep money coming in. I needed something that would coincide with modeling. At that point there weren't that many female DJs, so I started

learning to play from an agency called STADJ DJs! My DJ career [took off] very quickly. (I'll thank [Newcastle music instructor] Mrs. [Jan] Ellis for planting the seed for music.) Some of my highlighted moments were spinning at Madison Square Garden in New York, The Red Bull Thre3style competition in Los Angeles, Coachella 2011 in Indio, California, and a three-month tour based in Mumbai, India.

As a DJ I have been featured in "Times of India," "The New York Post," "British Glamour," the Caroline Herrera "VIP" documentary, "In Touch Weekly," Laine Gossip feat. Ryan Gosling, "The Commission," "Guest of a Guest," "Socété Perrier," and "The Examiner."

"Strive for what you want. You only live once and all is possible, if you have faith in yourself and what you are striving for."

[However], modeling is where I have always been focused. A few of my highlighted modeling jobs were with "Elle" magazine, "Vogue" magazine, "Women's Health," and "Nylon" magazine!

Plans for me never seem to stick, but at the moment, aside from continuing in the entertainment industry, I plan on going to culinary school to open my own gluten free/vegan restaurant. I also have an interest in becoming a motivational speaker, as well as a scout and placement booker for upcoming models. The world is our playground. We shall play!

NLJ: *The public has heard much about the dark side of the modeling industry. What are the realities of modeling, its positive and negative aspects? What advice would you give to those seeking a career as a model?*

CS: I find there are dark sides to every industry. I personally love what I do, but it took me awhile to

get here. For the modeling industry, continuous criticism about one's body can be one of the major obvious downfalls. In one market I may be too thin, and in another market my measurements may be too large. It's all about going with the flow and finding where you fit in. My biggest piece of advice for anyone seeking a career as a model is be patient, and don't take anything personally.

NLJ: *I think it's fair to say that industries like entertainment and fashion can be one of the major obvious downfalls. In one market I may be too thin, and in another market my measurements may be too large. It's all about going with the flow and finding where you fit in. My biggest piece of advice for anyone seeking a career as a model is be patient, and don't take anything personally.*

CS: When I was first starting, I felt the pressure a lot more than I do now. My attitude has changed a lot these past two years. Before I felt the need to be perfect and please everyone — it was so stressful. Now I just focus on making myself happy, and it seems to be working! I have been doing yoga and meditation, which help keep me calm and collected. Working out also helps. I always feel my best when I'm active.

The industry is highly competitive. When I first started none of the agencies really knew where I fit, so it was hard for me to find my place. Every girl is unique in my eyes, so I just had to be patient until a client liked my attitude and my look. The modeling industry is like a roller-coaster ride: One moment you're up, one moment you're down. But it always comes back around until you get out of line to ride another ride.

NLJ: *Your work as a model and DJ involves domestic and international travel. What are some of your favorite or least favorite places you've been? Any funny or interesting stories to tell? What famous or interesting people have you met?*

CS: If I had to pick just one, I would have to say my favorite [experience] as a DJ would be a very recent gig in Mexico City, because I have such a support crew there! All the models with my agency there are super tight-knit, which makes all the

difference in the world when I play! I love traveling abroad, [and] it's my favorite part of doing what I do!

As far as meeting famous people, it was pretty cool to work with Wilmer Valderrama [formerly of the sitcom "That 70s Show"] on the film, "The Girl Is In Trouble" [2012]. He's super down-to-earth, and I always enjoy seeing him when I'm in LA! I also DJed with Ryan Gosling in New York at Tribeca Grand, which was awesome, although I thought he was going to be taller! I [believed] all the hype from [the 2004 film] "The Notebook", thinking he was tall and muscular. My knight in shining armor was standing on a crate to be as tall as I am! Ha! I must say he was awfully charming though!

NLJ: *Success and beauty often inspire envy. Do you find people generally have a positive or negative reaction when they find out that you're a model? Does this reaction depend on their age, gender, or other factors?*

CS: Generally people have been pretty cool about finding out I'm a model. I find I get more uncomfortable telling people whom I've just met that I model professionally. Ha! I usually say I'm in the fashion industry and quickly ask them what they do or avoid career talk all together! Usually people who find out I model are also people in the industry or people that find me online.

NLJ: *Is there anything else you would like the public to know? Please take the opportunity to share anything you would like with the readership of the News Letter Journal.*

CS: Strive for what you want. You only live once and all is possible, if you have faith in yourself and what you are striving for. Please also feel free to add me or follow me on social network sites: Instagram, Cassies9; Facebook, Cassie Stevens; Twitter, CassieMStevens. Last but not least is my blog where I update my adventures on tumblr: cassie3339, A Lovers Tryst.



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Todd Bennington/NLJ

Lori Kempton, office assistant at the state Forestry Service in Newcastle, shares a laugh with Bill Kohlbrand during the celebration of Kohlbrand's 25 years with the Forestry Service.

Kohlbrand celebrates 25 years

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Friends, family and colleagues of District Forester Bill Kohlbrand braved wind and snow to help him celebrate his 25 years with the Wyoming State Forestry Division over cake on Friday, Oct. 4, and anyone taking the time to talk with Kohlbrand will quickly come to understand that it's been 25 years well spent.

At first glance, though, Kohlbrand seems to be just about the least likely candidate to make his living among the trees. He grew up in Chicago, and didn't even make it out West, he mentions, until he attended college at the University of Montana in Missoula to study the subject that so fascinated him and out of which he would make a career.

Fresh out of school he landed a short-term contract job, sans benefits, with the Forestry Division in Newcastle. Stints with Powder River Timber in Osage and as a crew boss with the Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp followed, but Kohlbrand was already hooked on the area.

"It's been a blessing coming to Wyoming. It didn't take long to figure out it's my home," he told the News Letter Journal.

Asked what it is that's compelled him to spend the last quarter-century with the Forestry Division, Kohlbrand's answer is a simple one: he loves his job, and he's proud of the work he does.

"It's kind of the dream forestry job. When I was going to school and thought about what being a forester would be, this is [it in comparison to] working for some other agencies where you get mired down in process," he said, "There might be more monetary reward elsewhere, but our signature is on this land that we manage. We're responsible for what we do."

"As far as the work is concerned," Kohlbrand

continued, "it's the best work there is. A lot of it's outdoors, though there's more meetings than there used to be, but we're pretty boots on the ground."

Clearly autonomy and direct, hands-on involvement are things on which Kohlbrand, who could never have found happiness as a bureaucrat, places a premium.

"The beauty of working for the state is that they give us a lot of freedom to make our own judgments, to manage the land the way we think it needs to be done. We don't have somebody dictating to us what to do. We do have a long-term strategy ... but we can have a truly adaptive management style ... because we don't have a long line of red tape," he explained.

But with freedom comes a proportionate level of responsibility, something Kohlbrand well understands.

"Basically that's your life out there ... what you see is the result of people putting their heart and soul into working the land. If you screw up, it's a scar for a long time. If you do a good job, then it's a testament to you."

Asked if after 25 years retirement or a job change might be imminent, Kohlbrand is adamant that there's no chance of that in the foreseeable future.

"I'm not going anywhere," he said, "We've got a lot of work that we haven't finished yet."

Given the opportunity to add anything he would like, Kohlbrand, who expressed his discomfiture at being the focus of people's attention, seemed to momentarily feel the weight of his responsibilities, ones which he seems to view as almost moral imperatives.

"I just hope that I don't disappoint, that I do what's right," he said, "That's the bottom line about working for state forestry, that we can move forward with what we think is the right thing."

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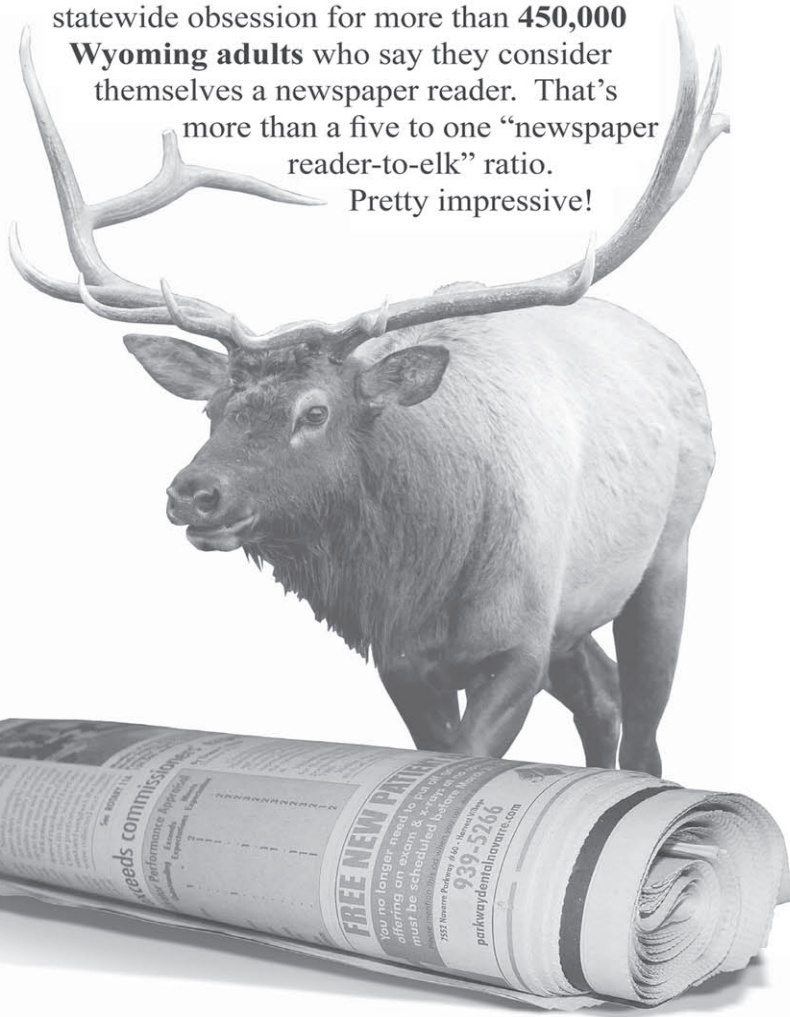
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If you have the choi
back away quickly a
leave the rattlesnake
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Close encounter with a rattler

Lynn Bohlman
Guest Column

If you live in Wyoming, you live in rattlesnake country. This summer, while walking in the horse pasture to fill the water tank, my little pit bull, Missy, and myself were attacked by a very large and agitated rattlesnake. The snake struck so fast I didn't even see it coming and it bit into the side of my boot. My little Missy did see it and went for it immediately. It viciously bit her in the side of the mouth. I always have my dog on a short lease in the summer months and when she cried I pulled us both back real fast. That snake raised straight up in the air about 18 inches and was going for us. It was more than four feet long with 11 rattles and a button.

Most rattlers can jump over half their body size — unless you are downhill, then it's farther — so we got out of its path. Once agitated a rattlesnake will never back down and just crawl away. Another thing to remember is that they do not always rattle their tail before biting you.

I called Salt Creek Vet Clinic to let them know what happened and that I was on my way to the vet. (Always a good idea to have your cell phone in the pasture). Then, before I took off I grabbed my shovel and had to kill the snake so it wouldn't bite my horse too.

Upon arriving at the vet's they told me my dog would be there awhile. From so much venom being injected

into her she was quickly going into shock and her neck was beginning to swell. She was given antibiotics and Prednisone which she would have to take for one week. They also told me I would have to go back to the pasture and dispose of the rattler as they can bite for almost 24 hours even with the head cut off. That snake was still moving around when I went back and sealed it in a coffee can with the lid secured.

Missy was very fortunate that she has had the rattlesnake vaccine for the last seven years. I feel it saved her life and she had fewer complications. Jan Farella, at the clinic, told me that no dog having the vaccine in the last 20 years has died from a rattlesnake bite. Kyla and Katrina assured me my dog was going to be all right. Licensed Veterinarian Dave Sudbrink highly recommends this vaccine, Crotalus Atrox Toxoid, for all dogs, as rattlesnakes are common, even in town. Two doses are recommended, spaced one month apart, with an annual booster given in the spring or one month prior to taking the dog into rattlesnake habitat. The shot runs about \$18, which is a great price to protect your dog.

Missy came home from the clinic several hours later and I made sure to keep her calm and comfortable. I made sure she had plenty of fresh water and soft food to eat (baked chicken worked well with some cooked burger and green beans) By the third day the swelling was almost gone

and she was feeling much better; after a week she had made a complete recovery.

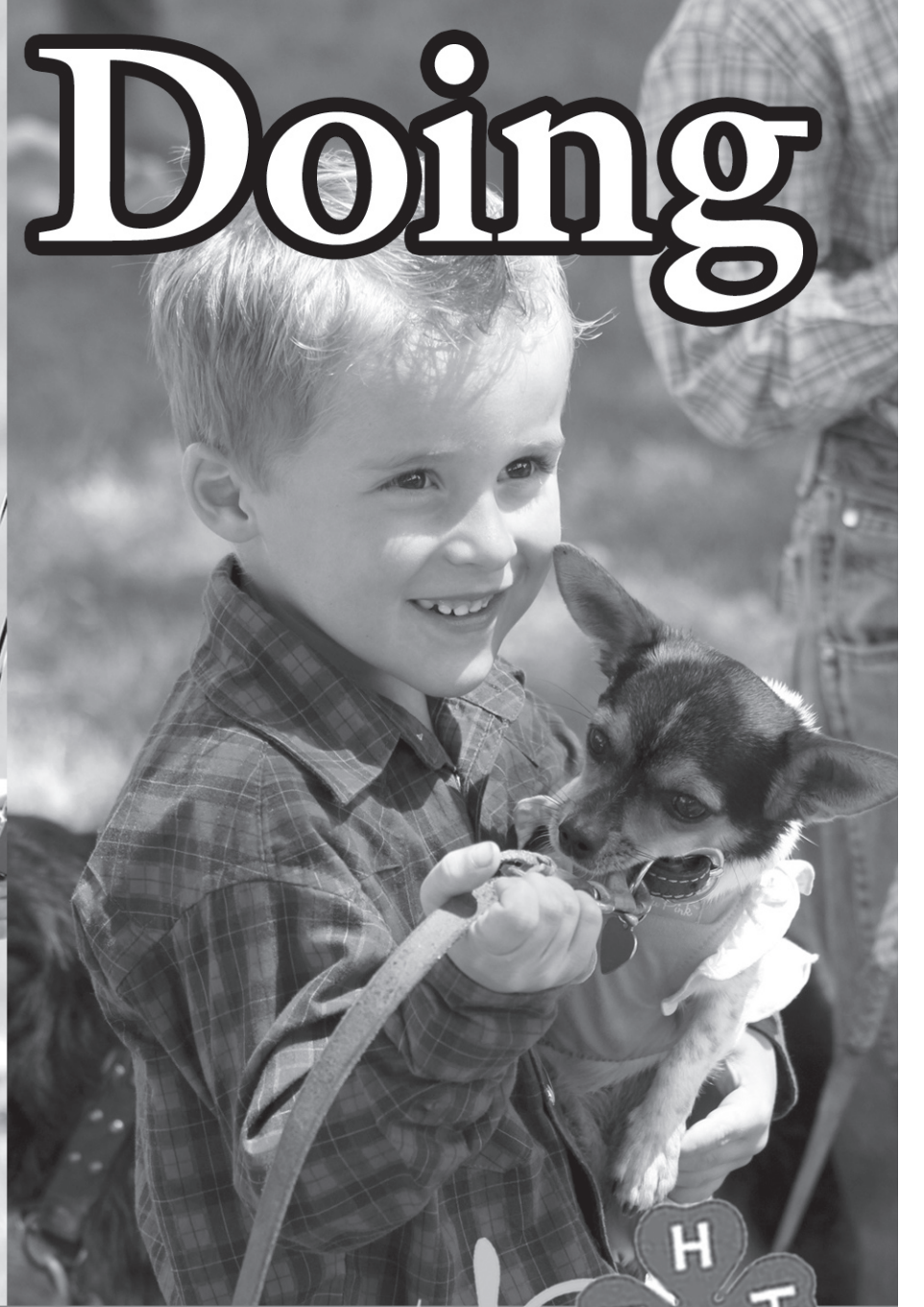
If you are bitten by a rattlesnake, get to the hospital immediately staying as calm as possible. If your dog is bitten don't waste time get to the vet. Do not use ice packs on the bite as it will make it worse. Do not use a suction kit or apply a tourniquet as that will create more harm. Remove your pet's collar as most dogs are bitten in the face and will begin to swell.

Remember, a rattlesnake is almost impossible to see in its natural habitat where it is lying silent and motionless. They cannot dig holes but find existing holes, such as prairie dog or rabbit holes, wood or rock piles and even crawl into hay bales. An average snake den has about 250 snakes living down there.

A young rattlesnake has three times more venom than an adult snake. Always wear suitable clothing when outdoors, especially at night. Leather boots are a must and remember, snakes can and will bite through clothing. In the United States 12 to 15 people die every year from venomous snakes. Snakes play an important role in the food chain as they are one of the most efficient predators in nature. Do not disturb, attempt to handle or mess with any venomous snake.

Although winter is approaching, when snakes go into hibernation, but at present they still out there. If you have the choice, back away quickly and leave the rattlesnake alone!

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County Commission Minutes

OCTOBER 1, 2013

The regular meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 8:59 a.m. with Chairman Seeley presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners: Lenard D. Seeley, Jerry Shepperson, Randy Rossman, Marty Ertman, Tracy Hunt and County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Rossman gave the Invocation and Commissioner Shepperson led the delegation in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 17, 2013, with a correction under the Big Plum Creek Road heading to "the commissioner's opinion" rather than "the commissioner's opinion". **Carried.**

US Forest Service Coordination Meeting

Chairman Seeley related that Tom Whitford, US Forest Service, called to cancel the coordination meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m. today, due to government furloughs. The coordination meeting has been tentatively rescheduled for October 15, 2013, at 2:45 p.m. No action was taken.

Weston County Event Center

Commissioner Rossman updated the Board on a conversation with Mr. Paul Reed, Paul Reed Construction, regarding grading issues at the Weston County Event Center. Mr. Reed is currently working with his insurance company; the County has not received a reply at this time. No action was taken.

Accept Collections

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to accept the collections of the County Clerk in the amount of \$13,318.50. **Carried.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to accept the collections of the District Court in the amount of \$1,156.50. **Carried.**

The meeting recessed at 9:29 a.m. and reconvened at 9:42 a.m. with all present.

Rebates of Taxes

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to approve a rebate of taxes numbered 1069 in the amount of \$27.60 to POC-I LLC. **Carried.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to approve a rebate of taxes numbered 1070 in the amount of \$9.08 to Patricia A. and Denis W. Benington. **Carried.**

Homeland Security Grants

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to approve three (3) Homeland Security Grants for FY2013 in the following particulars: Law Enforcement in the amount of \$5,586.20; Coroner in the amount of \$2,755.50 and Weston County Allocation in the amount of \$36,997.44. **Carried.**

Budget Amendment County Road Funds

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to set a budget amendment for October 15, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. The Budget Amendment is to consider increasing the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget in the amount of \$96,760.00 for surveys to be completed on the Skull Creek, Materi, Raven Creek, Fiddler Creek and Cheyenne River roads. **Carried.**

Credit Cards

Susan Overman, Treasurer, and Kim Praeuner, First State Bank, met with the Commissioners and discussed the possible implementation of credit card payment in county offices. Mrs. Praeuner presented a side by side comparison of charges and fees from First State Bank and Wells Fargo Bank. Discussion ensued; Mrs. Praeuner was thanked for her presentation. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 10:38 a.m. and reconvened at 10:42 a.m. with all present.

County Administrator Position

The Commissioners reviewed sample job descriptions provided by the Local Government Liability Pool (LGLP) for a County Administrator position. Discussion ensued regarding the duties of the position.

The meeting recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10:53 a.m. with all present.

County Administrator Position

The Commissioners resumed the discussion on a County Administrator position. It was decided that Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk, would create a draft job description for review later in the meeting. No action was taken, this issue will be re-visited.

Sheriff's Department

Bryan Colvard, Sheriff, met with the Commissioners and discussed the monthly accounts receivable and fees for his department. Sheriff Colvard discussed Federal law enforcement, gun control and Secure Rural School funding. Copies of the Western States Sheriff's Association Resolutions numbered 2013-1, 2013-2 and 2013-3 were distributed to the Board of Commissioners. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with all present except Commissioners Shepperson and Hunt.

County Administrator Position

The Commissioners resumed discussion on the County Administrator position. Commissioner Shepperson rejoined the meeting at 1:32 p.m. and Commissioner Hunt re-joined the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

The Commissioners discussed having the County Administrator position be a forty hour work week and reviewed a draft job description created by Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk. No action was taken.

Prairie Dogs

Bob Harshbarger, Resident Expert, met with the Commissioners and discussed amendments to the Prairie Dog Management Plan. Mr. Harshbarger discussed discrepancies in the USFS Prairie Dog Management Plan and the NEPA process. The re-opening of the scoping process and public comment period were discussed. The Commissioners expressed concerns that the Prairie Dog Management Plan was more about government control over public lands than the introduction of endangered species or black footed ferrets. All public comment on the USFS Prairie Dog Management Plan Amendments must be received by October 28, 2013 and should be sent to: Thomas Whitford, USFS Douglas Ranger District, 2250 East Richards Street, Douglas, WY 82633. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 2:54 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m. with all present.

Single Land Division

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to approve and authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on a permit for single land division applied for by Donna Kennedy and in the name of Kelvin and Donna Kennedy, Trustees of the Kelvin and Donna Kennedy Family Revocable Trust dated 2/26/07. **Carried.** Mrs. Kennedy was present and recorded a Mylar survey map of the single land division in the County Clerk's Office.

The meeting recessed at 3:05 p.m. and reconvened at 3:13 p.m. with all present.

Road & Bridge Department

Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman, met with the Commissioners and discussed the purchase of a vibratory roller as approved in the last meeting. Mr. Williams discussed the need to purchase a hydraulic hammer for the Road & Bridge Department. Mr. Williams stated that he had discussed the replacement of the roof on the old Road & Bridge shop with Jerry Hunt, Contract Engineer, who stated he is working on the project, but was unavailable for today's Commissioner Meeting. No action was taken.

Joni Kachelhoffer, WYDOT, joined the meeting at 3:27 p.m. and discussed an ARS agreement with Weston County to allow Weston County to reclaim the pit after a State project, at a reduced rate for gravel. Mrs. Kachelhoffer was thanked for the information and research. No action was taken.

Approve Vouchers

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to approve the vouchers as presented. **Carried.** They are as follows:

066 NCPERS, financial admin, \$304.00, AFLAC, payroll ded, \$1,752.16, Blue Cross Blue Shield, financial admin, \$57,524.17, Office of Child Support, payroll ded, \$175.00, Orchard Trust, payroll ded, \$1,170.00, WEBT, financial admin, \$186.35, Weston County Clerk, financial admin, \$42,795.69, WY Child Support, payroll ded, \$1,175.00, WY Dept of Workforce Services, financial admin, \$3,001.15, WY Retirement System, financial admin, \$25,257.53, WY Retirement System, financial admin, \$613.98, Hermes Consolidated Inc, oil/gas, \$25,633.13, Fisher Sand & Gravel, gravel/rd mtrl, \$26,486.01, Grizzly Services, hmlnd sec exp, \$4,250.00, Rocky Mountain Re-Veg, hmlnd sec exp, \$7,000.00, Timberline Services, hmlnd sec exp, \$15,132.78, Patrick Amend & Assoc, emerg oper cntr, \$6,088.00, Morrison Maierle Inc, master plan airport, \$78,219.68, WC Library, financial admin, \$20,000.00, DRM Inc, master plan airport, \$566,276.30, First Northern Bank of WY, master plan airport, \$64,416.40, Morrison Maierle Inc, master plan airport, \$13,563.18, Pitney Bowes

Inc, misc, \$794.67, Ad Pro, ag exp, \$51.24, ADI Insurance Agency, insurance, \$47,840.00, Alert Magazine LLC, p-hlth exp, \$125.00, All Clear Windows, janitor supp, \$45.00, Alpha Communications, tower rent, \$55.00, AlSCO, janitor supp, \$26.00, American Solutions for Business, supp, \$375.90, American Welding & Gas Inc, repair/maint, \$21.39, API Systems Integrators, repair/maint/misc, \$715.00, Arrow Electric Inc, brd of prisoners, \$725.00, AT&T Mobility, comm, \$1,151.62, Becky Hadlock, hmlnd sec exp, \$102.27, Black Hills Auto Salvage, misc, \$121.10, Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial, brd of prisoners, \$54.98, Black Hills Plumbing, brd of prisoners, \$739.52, Black Hills Power, util, \$3,814.41, Bryan Colvard, school exp/misc, \$215.80, Butler Machinery Co, repair/maint, \$126.90, Byrand Streeter, contract wages, \$1,071.88, C&J Newcastle Hardware, supp/brd of prisoners/hmlnd sec exp, \$214.11, Cambria Supply, repair/maint, \$2,020.17, Casey Thorson, janitor supp, \$1,080.00, CDW Government Inc, supp/youth services, \$1,787.77, City of Newcastle, util/dispatch/pub def/p-hlth exp, \$5,302.86, Comtronix, p-hlth exp, \$156.00, Creative Culture Insignia LLC, uniforms, \$139.75, Crook County & Prosecuting Attny, brd of equalization, \$1,548.00, Culligan Water Conditioning, misc, \$40.00, Decker's Market, janitor supp, \$181.41, Dixon Bros, oil/gas, \$180.64, Double D Obsolete Parts, repair/maint/oil/gas, \$377.34, Elliott Chiropractic, jail medical, \$70.00, Employee Data Forms, supp, \$27.25, Fastenal Company, repair/maint, \$70.72, Fisher Sand & Gravel, gravel/rd mtrl, \$23,884.70, Flowers & Things, p-hlth exp, \$16.90, Frontier Home Ranch & Hardware, repair/maint/hmlnd sec exp, \$309.99, Gateway Auto Supply, veh maint/fuel, \$52.00, Gene's Lock Shop, brd of prisoners, \$1,784.95, Godfrey's Brake Service, repair/maint, \$2,193.04, Golden West Technologies, comp software/new equip, \$1,156.91, Great Western Tire Co, repair/maint, \$1,210.80, Hagen Glass, maj repairs, \$5,431.00, Hansen & Peck, office exp, \$4,250.00, Hansen Equipment Co, repair/maint, \$63.00, Health Education Associates, p-hlth exp, \$254.70, Jerry Shepperson, mile/trvl, \$84.00, John's Electric, brd of prisoners, \$80.00, Joseph M. Baron, brd of equalization, \$55.93, KASL, p-hlth exp, \$684.00, Kone Inc, repair/maint, \$508.92, Lannan's Supply Co, supp, \$113.43, Lenard D. Seeley, mile/trvl, \$40.00, Lichen Research Center, comp software, \$1,950.00, Local Govt Liability Pool, misc, \$704.34, Lori Bickford, p-hlth exp, \$10.00, Mamie C. Krank, school exp, \$358.00, MasterCard, school exp/brd of prisoners, \$1,327.78, Matthew Bender & Co Inc, officer equip, \$358.86, Max Masters, gis land records, \$1,900.00, MG Oil Company, oil/gas, \$3,017.45, Michael Worden, vital stats, \$26.50, Midwest Cancer Screening, p-hlth exp, \$26.70, Minuteman Lube Center, veh maint/fuel, \$55.00, Modern Cleaners, uniforms, \$19.50, Moore Medical LLC, p-hlth exp, \$562.75, Mountain States Lithographing, supp, \$179.35, Neve's Uniforms Inc, uniforms, \$573.12, Newcastle Ambulance Service, ambinc, \$1,458.33, Newcastle Motors, veh maint/fuel/hmlnd sec exp, \$251.98, News Letter Journal, print/publ/advert tax sales/supp, \$10,761.64, Postmaster c/o Sheriff, post/freight, \$92.00, Powder River Energy Corp, util/p-hlth exp, \$941.62, Power Plan OIB, repair/maint/post/freight, \$1,409.20, Preventive Health & Safety Division, p-hlth exp, \$98.00, Randy Rossman, mile/trvl, \$24.00, Reserve Acct-Pitney Bowes, post/freight, \$1,921.00, Rexford's Locksmith Shop, repair/maint, \$85.00, Ringer Law PC, special attny, \$57.00, Roadrunner Disposal Service, util, \$60.00, Rocky Mountain Re-Veg, contract/equip/lbr, \$11,960.00, RT Communications, comm, \$1,971.68, Sanofi Pasteur, p-hlth exp, \$5,363.66, Scottie Murray, planning brd, \$102.27, Servall Uniform/Linen Co, repair/maint, \$248.49, ShopKo, supp/p-hlth exp, \$73.91, Source Gas, util, \$164.63, Tina Conklin, school exp, \$150.00, Top Office Products, supp/p-hlth exp/new equip, \$2,388.98, Uber Geek Computers, officer equip, \$1,376.00, Upton Ambulance, ambinc, \$4,375.00, Urbin Law Office LLC, special attny, \$211.05, Vaisala Inc, awos, \$449.00, Verizon Wireless, p-hlth exp, \$89.97, Vicki Hayman, ag exp, \$240.00, VISA, school exp/p-hlth exp, \$1,004.90, WACO, school exp, \$300.00, WCS, comm, \$196.34, WD Larson Co LTD Inc, repair/maint, \$657.12, West End Water District, util, \$60.00, West Payment Center, law library, \$289.84, WC Children's Ctr, child ctr, \$3,750.00, WC 4-H Council, ag exp, \$37.60, WC Health Services, invol commit/misc, \$3,212.41, WC Road & Bridge, veh maint/fuel, \$4,512.49, WC Sheriff's Office, post/freight, \$42.14, WC Sr Services, sr citizens, \$6,250.00, WC Weed & Pest, misc, \$108.49, Wireless Advanced Communications, radio exp, \$498.75, Woody's Food Center, brd of prisoners, \$127.02, Worden Funeral Directors, coroner, \$127.50,

WY Automotive Co, repair/maint/oil/gas, \$110.51, WY Dept of Health, p-hlth exp, \$632.00, WY DEQ WQD, fuel tank maint, \$500.00, WY Honor Conservation Camp, brd of prisoners, \$4,525.30, WY Law Enfrmcnt Academy, school exp, \$150.00, WY Network, financial admin, \$221.25, WYOPASS, planning brd, \$125.00. Net Payroll, \$134,389.04.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Lenard D. Seeley, Chairman
Attest: Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk

(Publish October 10, 2013)



Foreclosure Notice

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note ("Note") and real estate mortgage ("Mortgage"). The Mortgage dated August 27, 2009, was executed and delivered by Michael T Hodge ("Mortgagor(s)") to First National Bank of Gillette, as security for the Note of the same date, and said Mortgage was recorded on August 27, 2009, at Reception No. 714162 in Book 317 at Page 0326 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming; and WHEREAS, the mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
Assignment dated: August 27, 2009
Assignment recorded: August 27, 2009
Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 714163 in Book 317 at Page 344

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

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

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$63,454.26 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$61,943.13 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$1,424.89, plus other costs in the amount of \$86.24, plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale;

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

NOW, THEREFORE JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on November 5, 2013 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY, Weston County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

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Budget Notice

NOTICE OF BUDGET AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the board of Weston County Commissioners proposes to amend the county budget for the fiscal year 2014 in the following particulars:

Increase the General Fund portion of the budget by transferring funds from the County Road Fund in the amount of \$96,760.00 to the Preliminary Road Construction expenditure line item 413.50.44.0078000.0000.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that these matters will be considered and acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting on October 15, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

DATED this 30th day of September, 2013.

Board of County Commissioners
Weston County, Wyoming

(Publish October 10, 2013)

Election Notice

SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION BALLOT

SUNSET RANCH WATER DISTRICT
WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013

DISTRICT ELECTION FOR TWO DIRECTORS

To vote for a candidate, place a mark in the square next to the candidate's name. To write in a name, you must place a mark in the corresponding square to the left of the line provided and write the complete name on the line.

TWO DIRECTORS - FOUR YEAR TERMS
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)

Cynthia Brown
Rick Dunford

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Blotter

September 30, 2013

Traffic stop, DUI arrest. Motorist assist. Missing dog reported. Traffic complaint. Cat impounded. Civil assist requested. Civil problem reported. 911 hang up. Civil problem reported.

October 1
Abandoned vehicle reported. Drunk driver reported. Traffic hazard reported. Domestic problem reported. Cat impounded. Cat bite reported. Suicide reported. Civil problem reported. Protection Order issued. Drunk driver reported. 911 hang up. Drunk driver reported. Injured deer reported. House check requested. Traffic stop, DUI arrest. Assist with traffic control. VIN inspection. Dead dog reported.

October 2
Traffic complaint. Injured deer reported. 911 hang up. Commercial alarm reported. Stolen vehicle reported. Civil standby requested. Two VIN inspections. Assist other agency. Traffic complaint. Assist other agency. Civil standby requested. Lost property reported. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, no action taken. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. 135 Animal license violations. Missing dog reported.

October 3
Traffic complaint. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued. Assist other agency. Traffic complaint. Theft reported. House check requested. Welfare check requested. Three VIN inspections. Traffic complaint. 911 hang up.

October 4
Animal abuse reported. VIN inspection. Assist other agency. Hazard reported. 911 hang up. Assist other agency. Civil standby requested. Minor accident reported. Traffic hazard reported. Traffic complaint. Down power lines reported. Road closure reported. Child abuse reported. Civil standby requested. Missing dog reported. Cat traps requested. Missing dog reported.

October 5
Motorist assist. Assist other agency. Missing dog reported.

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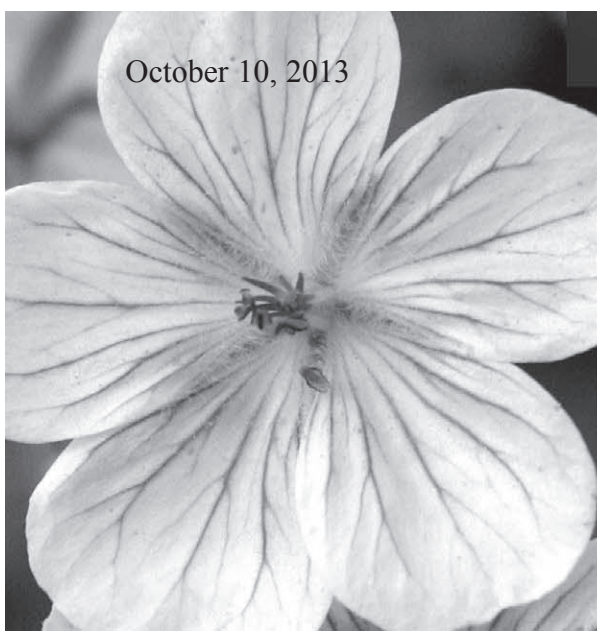
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Patt Lynch

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Above, Lisa Darlington is wooed by members of the group, Brad Heikes, Simon Pearl, Danny Calvert and Don Brewer. At right, they sing "California Girls" to Dayle Lacey. Several members of the audience were chosen to participate during various songs. During the show they also volleyed beach balls with the audience. Below, the enthusiastic crowd couldn't stay in their seats.

Photos by Denice Pisciotti



Swimmers

a team, we need to continue working together and make our hard work pay off. If we don't, our team will fall apart, and we don't need that kind of stress — especially when it's this close to State," Lady Dogie Rachel Henkle expressed.

Along with success comes new expectations. The athletes fully realize what needs to be achieved for them to improve, understanding that if the team wants to do well, they'll need to keep their expectations high.

"I expect to finish the season strong. We have had some ups and downs this year, as any season does. We've lost girls and gained girls, but one thing has always been constant, our team unity. As long as the girls work together we'll keep improving," Pederson reasoned. "We have a lot of talent on this team to place well at Conference and State. The few times we have not swam our best was when I noticed the girls branching off on their own, not supporting each other, and that cannot happen at the end of the season. I expect at least two more state qualifiers and hopefully a diver."

Now that the season is winding down, the swimmers are finally on their first week of taper. The girls, while excited, are more eager to drop time than to be swimming a shorter distance.

"The taper fairy has arrived! This is the part of the season the girls look forward to every year. They have been working so hard and their bodies are



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Kelsey Wood, sophomore, swims the backstroke in a previous meet, against Gillette at Kozisek Aquatic Center.

very broken down. Taper gives them an opportunity to rest. Although we still work hard our yardage slowly decreases and intensity stays the same. The girls will start to see faster times — and hopefully some lifetime best times on the clock," Pederson beamed.

"I'll be more than glad when we get the first week of taper out of the way! I want to qualify so bad!" Jae Whitney added with excitement.

As taper is a sign that the season is almost over, the swimmers expressed surprise at how it could go by so fast! As enthused as they are about the state finals closing in, they are not too thrilled for the swim year to end.

"It has gone by so fast! It's hard to believe, but I am excited for what will unfold in the next few weeks. We still have a lot of work to put in and we need to stay focused. We can rest and celebrate November 2nd when we get home from State, but until then, we will take it day by day and focus on what we need

to achieve right now," Pederson informed.

"Swimming is hard and exhausting, long and tedious, but the excitement and unity that our team shows brings happiness and enthusiasm to others. I know personally I will be sad. Seeing each other every day, team bondings, and swim meets will be extremely missed until next season. I will most definitely miss cheering on other team members and pushing them to reach their goals," Rachel Henkle added.

The Lady Dogies don't have to worry about being apart just yet. They still have a few more meets to focus on.

"We need to focus on the present before we start worrying about the future," Pederson reiterated.

The Dogie athletes will be diving back into the pool on Friday as they face the Douglas Bearcats at home at the Kozisek Aquatic Center, at 4 p.m. On Saturday they will be traveling to Gillette for their invitational, which starts at 8 a.m.