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Red Onion needs new home

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Upton's Red Onion Museum is currently in search of a new location after receiving written notice from the Upton Town Council that the space the museum currently occupies within Upton's city hall building is now needed for a planned expansion.

In a letter dated Oct. 10 and signed by Upton Mayor Don Sharkey, museum personnel are asked to vacate the city hall premises within 30 days. The letter cites the July 9, 2013, Upton Town Council meeting where, according to the letter, Weston County Museum District Director Bobbie Jo Stith, former assistant director Jeannette Ray (recently retired), and museum district board member Sam Haptonstall were asked to begin looking for a place to relocate the museum.

"The Town of Upton has had a very good relationship with the museum personnel ... and we will hate to see them have to move," the letter reads in part, "but more space is needed at city hall, and the time has come for the Town of Upton to utilize the whole building. Plans are also being made to renovate the building."

The Red Onion and city hall have shared the same 725 Second Street location since 1996, and those associated with the museum expressed surprise at the town's move, seeming to believe that a communication breakdown had occurred in regard to the immediacy of the town's plans.

Both Haptonstall, who was present at the July 9 meeting, and museum district board president Cindy Rhoades, who did not personally attend, told the News Letter Journal on Oct. 17 that,

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Leaders prepped on 'new' math

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

In June of last year, Wyoming adopted the Common Core State Standards as the new standards in English/Language Arts and Math under the name "Wyoming Content and Performance Standards." At the Weston County School District #1 Board of Trustees meeting on Oct. 9, Sonya Tysdal, WCSD #1 Curriculum Director, gave a presentation explaining the new standards.

She said there are several purposes behind the CCSS. They are a set of expectations for what students need to know

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Data grab concerns board

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

It has been widely agreed that the effort to improve education in Wyoming will require accurate tracking of data and information pertaining to students educated in this state, but members of

the local school board balked when presented with a document that revealed the scope of information tracking involved in statewide education accountability, and the part the district will be required to play in it.

"Essentially what you have in

front of you, to the best of the PTSB's knowledge, is this scenario, that all of the data that is collected by the local school districts — which you represent — basically the Department of Ed is going to sign for you that all the other agencies listed there can receive that

information," explained Newcastle High School Principal Tracy Ragland after providing board members with a copy of a Memorandum of Understanding pertaining to the type of information

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Taking flight made easier

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

The doorway into Newcastle just got bigger when the runway at Mondell Field Airport was extended by 520 feet. The latest project will allow for larger planes to land at the airport instead of routing to a larger landing strip.

"It is going to benefit the community by having a good airport, it will open doors," said Mondell Field Airport board chairman Randy Rhoades, confident the latest project will bring business into the community. "In the future of our 20-year plan, we want to put taxiways along the sides so we don't have to taxi down the middle of the runway when you go to take off. That will help increase traffic also."

Dirt was moved in the fall of 2012, before winter weather hit, to be ready this spring to tear out the part of the runway that needed replacing. In May, recalled the chairman, contractors began preparing the runway to be replaced and added to, including removing lighting and changing the drainage beside the runway.

For most of the year the runway was blocked off, leaving a little more than 3,000 feet to be used — which is plenty of runway for a

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Denice Piscioti/NLJ

Randy Rhoades, pilot and chairman of the Mondell Field Airport board, prepares for a flight in his Beechcraft Bonanza.

Scratching that 'itch'

While giving a tour of the airport — and a birds-eye view of Newcastle — Randy Rhoades described his interest in flying. At the young age of 10, he said, he first flew in the sky above Newcastle when his neighbor, Dr. Ron Custis, would take him up for rides in his airplane. That is

where he got the itch to be a pilot," Rhoades admitted.

In 1971, as a senior at Newcastle High School, Rhoades had a unique opportunity to take an aviation class and scratch that itch instigated by his pilot neighbor.

"I got my pilot license when I was in high school. Actually

when I graduated, that was the first year the high school put on a ground school class. Bob Henry was the science teacher that taught the class. That has been a while ago," smiled Rhoades. "It was a neat opportunity! I was interested anyway, but that definitely made the dream come true."

The 'mother' of invention finds success

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

Trying to get a traditional bib with Velcro, string or a snap to stay in place on a baby can be frustrating, especially when the baby begins to move and the bib doesn't stay where it is supposed to. As a mom of two young boys, Zannie Rich decided to take matters in her own hands a couple of years ago, and, with the help of her mother, Sue Glick, they created a bib that clips on a baby — and stays in place.

The bib was designed to prevent the risk of strangulation, not rotate around the neck, as well as minimize neck and chin irritation, with breathable washable fabric.

"When my 9-month-old was teething, I would put the traditional bib on him, it would rub on the back of his neck or the bib would just turn off to the side or it would be behind him and he would be like Superman. So I decided this wasn't working. I got on the computer and did some research and tried to find something that would work. I couldn't find anything," explained Rich. The more research she did, the more concerned she became as well, discovering that some parents would leave the bibs on their babies after they fell asleep — which could lead to strangulation.

"They would leave them on them because they were afraid to take them off because they would wake them up. That is terrifying because of the ties and it flapping up in their face," she related.

"I told my mom, if we are going to do this, I don't want junk. I want to make it something good that is going to work."

— Zannie Rich, URSafeBibz

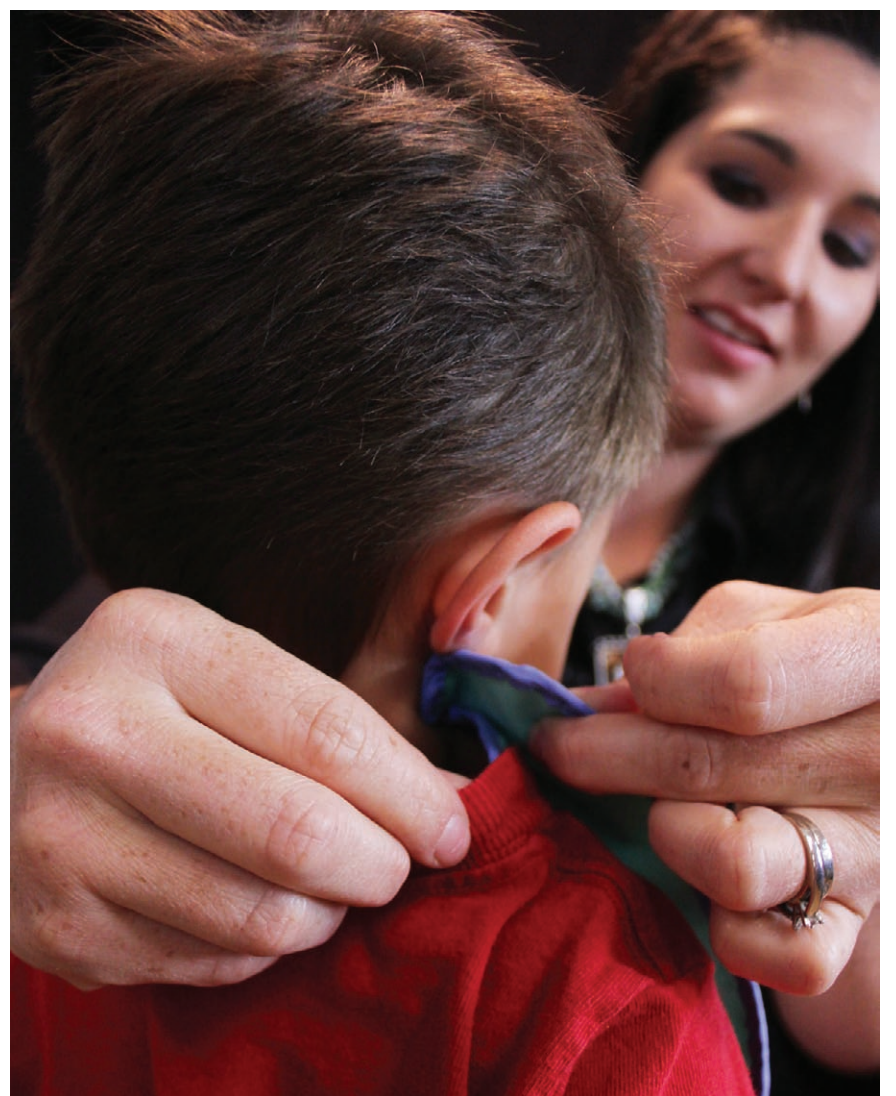
With safety in mind, she continued her search but came up empty.

She discussed the problem with her mom, who suggested Rich sew something on her own. The solution didn't come to them immediately however. The duo tried several different ideas to attach the bib to the clothing, and nothing would stay. After diligently working at it they finally found a clip-style fastener that worked well — similar to a hair clip — that clips the bib to the child's clothing, at the sides of the neck opening.

"I built my first prototype when my son was 1 year old and gave it a test run. I was so excited when he didn't mind wearing it and he didn't try to pull it off. No more neck irritation and rotating around the neck," she noted.

"You don't have a problem with these, you don't go around their neck so you don't wake them up," she reported of her successful creation.

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Amy Menerey/NLJ

Zannie Rich demonstrates attachment of the bib created by she and her mother, Sue Glick, on her son, Colby.

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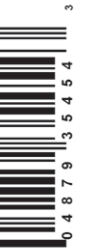


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Our View

Being resourceful

Those of us who are content to live in Weston County have basically decided that we'll forego the crime, pollution, corruption and other frustrations of big city life in favor of wide-open spaces, security and the sense of community that exists in our rural surroundings. In doing so, we acknowledge that we're also giving up ready access to a lot of things that are taken for granted in big cities, but can't be supported here because we simply don't have enough people or resources to sustain them.

In order to maximize the possibility of accessing those things small town folk have grown adept at finding ways to share resources to increase opportunities for residents to enjoy culture and entertainment. It is customary for local governments to share space, funds, ideas and manpower to provide things that otherwise would only be possible in big cities.

That's why we were alarmed to learn that the Upton Town Council has informed the Weston County Museum District that the Red Onion Museum can no longer be housed in the Town Hall, and that museum officials were only given 30 days to vacate the premises.

Given the shared population of Weston County, and the amount of resources available to the Museum District, we have long believed that citizens of this county get a "great bang for their buck" from our local museums, and the district's ability to provide an actual museum in Upton is truly something that town, and the county as a whole, should be proud of.

We understand that times change, and that the Town of Upton may be faced with the need to expand the amount of space it uses in the building it owns (and has so graciously provided to both the Museum District and the Upton residents that both boards serve), but we hope that a greater effort can be made to provide a solution beyond simply forcing the museum to vacate the premises.

If the Upton museum is forced to close before another location can be identified in which to share the collections that tell the rich history of that community, nobody will suffer from the decision more than the people of Upton, so we were pleased to hear that the timeline for having the Red Onion Museum out of the building may be extended.

We hope that community's leaders, including the Town Council, will use the time to find a solution that ensures the people of Upton will continue to enjoy the benefits of having their own museum.

Letters to the Editor

New writer should watch what he says

Dear Editor,

I believe that you do neither yourself nor the *News Letter Journal* any benefit printing an article by a self identified sexist, racist, homophobic, intolerant, regressive troglodyte who apparently does not recognize the authority of or even own a common dictionary.

The Daily Show most frequently berates corrupt or stupid politicians in Washington. On the other hand, the feature on Leno's show called "Jay Walking" does berate citizens who reveal a total lack of knowledge of our country and its government.

"Lost Language and the culture wars," (October 17, 2013, Page 2) reads like a page out of a Neo-Nazi manual. While we had put the Nazi theology away back in the mid '40s, apparently it is trying to spring up again. There is a conspiracy afoot to take control of our government alright, but not with words. It is money, tons of money. The corporate titans of finance, industry, energy and communications have been buying politicians and elections as fast as the legislation can be signed. They even devised, costumed, scripted, funded and deployed the TEA Party.

Never mind "culture wars," the real danger to our well being is having our government further corrupted by self-serving politicians dancing to the music of billionaires and even some millionaires who only want more.

—Jerry Baird

Shut down was just more political theatre

Dear Editor,

To all of the people who are so alarmed by the recent shutdown of the government:

The treasury had plenty of funds to last till the end of the year. Tax receipts are higher than ever before due to the higher tax rate we are now paying. Obama just shut down everything that would have the most disagreeable affect on the public in an effort to make the Republicans look bad.

Nothing had to be shut down. The Republicans were trying to stall the health care act because it is not ready for prime time. The result was an impasse during which Obama refused any negotiations.

Every President in the past has always negotiated with the opposing party to reach a compromise. Obama was playing politics according to the Chicago politics method he continues to use.

—Don Thorson



The modern state's rapacious nature

One of the Weston County commissioners recently asked me for my thoughts on the Common Core educational standards. Not being all that familiar with the program, I fear I gave him a somewhat noncommittal answer. Let me remedy that now by explaining at length, although in a roundabout way, what I think about most such programs of standardization and centralization and what they reveal about the nature of modern democracies.

Beginning in the early 1940s, the political theorist James Burnham (1904-1987) developed a provocative theory in which he claimed that the Soviet Union, the fascist regimes of Italy and Germany, and the United States after FDR's New Deal were all actually variations of the same thing, a social and economic phenomenon that he called "managerialism," according to writer Samuel T. Francis.

According to Burnham, a quiet revolution was gradually occurring in which the old capitalist class, which in the United States had presided over the country as a constitutional republic, was giving way to a class of technocrats with authoritarian tendencies he called the "managerial elite." This was not a matter of conspiracy but was simply wrought by changing social, technological, and economic circumstances. The old capitalists were informed by a set of ideals that could roughly be called conservatism, while the managers tended toward what we would call liberalism.

Burnham's theory is too complex and nuanced to be explained here in full, but there are perhaps two characteristics that most define this managerial form of government. The first is the tendency of the state and private economy to fuse together, a process which is perhaps hinted at by the popular phrase "crony capitalism." The second is that the state begins to function almost like a kind of organism, whose primary interest — despite whatever rhetoric or justifications its leaders and apologists might employ, and even sincerely believe themselves — is its own growth and survival.

What does this mean in practical terms? It means that contemporary government, when it moves to address a given problem, does not actually tend toward resolving that problem. Instead its functional aim — which individual government officials are typically not fully conscious of themselves — is primarily to expand its own power through the commission of studies, the levy of taxes, and the creation of advisory bodies and new departments, even entire new agencies in some cases.

Seen from this perspective, the question is not whether something like global warming, for example, is happening or to what extent. The question is only how government intends to use the perceived issue to further consolidate its power. Indeed, to a bureaucracy committed to continual growth and expansion, there can be no impetus for ever solving a given issue, unless that issue can be replaced by a new and better one with which to deal.

Under such a system the state itself may even tend to create crises to which it is then only too happy to respond. This is why many of the same people who express concern for, say, human trafficking are the same ones who promote the ideology of globalism and open borders that is responsible for the problem in the first place.

Programs like Obamacare or Common Core, I believe, may be most accurately thought of in this context then. They are simply yet more examples of the modern state's relentless efforts to seize and centralize power while ostensibly responding to problems, in this case deficiencies in the healthcare and educational systems.

Fortunately for us, what has probably been the biggest difference between managerial government under liberalism and its extinct communist and fascist competitors, is that for the most part liberal democracies have not had to resort to force against their own people. This is beginning to change today. The soft, egalitarian mask of the liberal welfare states that can be found throughout the developed

world are beginning to slip, and the coercive and authoritarian nature that underlies them is beginning to show. In the United States we are given Obamacare, whether we like it or not, and threatened with the prospect of fines for non-compliance. But we are still far better positioned than France and Britain, for example, where those opposing Islamization and other existential threats to their countries are met with police truncheons.

When we ask ourselves over and over then why we can't get so many of our elected officials to behave with prudence and moderation, why the federal government seems unresponsive to real needs and problems, why it continually interferes in the lives of ordinary and law abiding citizens, I would suggest to you that it is not just because that is the nature of government run by fallible humans. I would suggest that it is because it is the nature of this modern, managerial form of government in particular, one that bares increasingly less resemblance to the constitutional republic that the United States was intended to be and existed as for much of its history.

Of course Burnham's deterministic argument represents only one level of analysis and is, after all, just a theory, even if it does seem to account for some modern trends. I don't for a moment suggest that we give in to defeatism or despair. One event or even a single individual may well change the course of history. It has happened before. But I do believe that we can best begin to grapple with a problem only when its full extent is clear. I'm uncertain how successful defending against the efforts of the now omnipresent state can be by opposing individual programs on a piecemeal basis. The maintenance of human freedom will require resistance more proactive — and on a level more fundamental — than that.

Ed. note: Samuel T. Francis was perhaps the most devoted student of Burnham's ideas. An overview and critical analysis of Burnham's works can be found in Francis' book "Thinkers of our Time: James Burnham" (The Claridge Press, 1999).



Todd Bennington
Quo Vadis

It is time to act like race no longer matters

Jessalynn Centifanto

Winter Solace

In a Portland, Ore., grocery store several years ago, a little girl with light skin, hair, and eyes walked in with a large Hispanic male.

Heads turned and suspicious glances were cast as they walked through the store. When they arrived at the check-out counter, the cashier would make pointed comments toward the man and anxious glances at the little girl.

Anytime a Hispanic male is seen in most places there is a whole range of assumptions and prejudices people will view him through. When adding a young Caucasian-looking girl into the picture there are almost no good associations or conclusions that most people draw.

I saw the young girl was Caucasian-looking because she was in fact that man's daughter and Hispanic as well.

That young girl was me, and the man was my dad, who everyone thought he was kidnapping me.

I remember walking into that same store with my Caucasian mother and sister, who takes after my dad in her coloring, and the cashier looking pityingly on my sister as she asked my mom if my sister was a foster child.

I remember looking over and seeing my sister look embarrassed and confused, and wondering what it was that made everyone treat her so differently from me.

That confusion would be reflected in my own eyes throughout our growing up years.

As a child you don't understand racism or provincialism. Really, what is there to understand? It is one of the most ridiculous social norms of a so-called progressive society.

Although you understand more as an adult, through history, why things are that way, it never ceases to be wrong or ridiculous.

Growing up, I was used to situa-

tions like these, but the older I got the more aware of them I would become. Today the story has changed some — now they may think my dad is my "sugar daddy" or taking advantage of me in some way — but the prejudice stays the same.

Depending on what kind of neighborhood or situation we happen to be in, my dad and my sister are always treated differently than my mom and I.

Growing up in a bi-racial family is both a blessing and a curse — it makes you hurt, frustrated and angry at the ridiculous nature of the whole thing, but it also opens your eyes to the situation in a way that not many people experience. My dad, sister and I literally share the same DNA and yet because the color of our skin is different we get treated differently.

How absolutely ignorant and ridiculous of people! And on both sides — I am treated differently in Hispanic cultures while my sister is treated the same and in a largely white community the opposite is true.

Wake up people! Stop being so ignorant and blind! How can you not see how ridiculous it is to act in such a way?

You'd think that with a black president and the era of civil rights that we would be past this by now, but the reality is we are not.

Shouldn't this discussion already be over? Shouldn't we be past this by now? Just the other day, a customer at my second place of employment refused to be served by my Hispanic coworker, but was okay with me serving them — not knowing I am Hispanic as well.

How ignorant!

I would like to challenge all of us to see past the color of someone's skin, past whatever social stigmas we may have against a person — whether that is color or social position — and wake up to the reality of how close-minded we can be, even within a culture that claims to be so "culturally diverse."

Isn't it time we break free of this clouded mindset?

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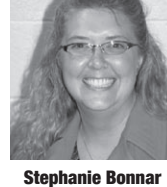
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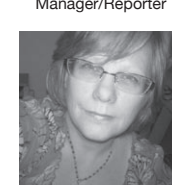
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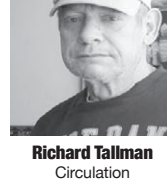
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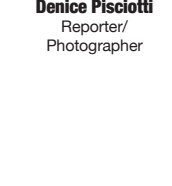
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The expansion at Mondell Field Airport means bigger planes will be able to land here.

Airport

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small airplane to use. Some larger planes were unable to utilize the airport during construction however.

“General aviation, small single-engine and small twin-engine airplanes have no trouble with 3,000 feet,” acknowledged Rhoades, who is also a pilot.

A total of 1,110 feet of new concrete was laid this summer, replacing more than 500 feet and adding 510 feet to the existing runway. The longer runway will make it possible for larger aircraft to come in and out of Newcastle.

“With the existing runway there were a lot of business jets that would come in, but on a hot day, when the air is less dense, they questioned whether they could get back

out again. So consequently they would go to Gillette or Rapid City, someplace with a little bit longer runway. So this should facilitate a little more business in town, especially if the development around here, like the Wyoming Club, does take place, that would be the type of people that would use the runway,” he explained.

The next phase of the project, which is planned for 2014, will be to overlay the concrete on the airstrip with pavement. That will make it smoother, which will also attract bigger airplanes.

The expansion was paid for in part from 5 percent tax money from both the county and the city, with the remainder from the State of Wyoming and

federal funds. The county also benefited from the construction project because of tax revenue received from the concrete.

“Locally we don’t pay a lot, but hopefully we are going to gain a whole lot more,” commented Rhoades.

One single dirt alternate runway, to the south of the airport, gives pilots a place to land when high winds are coming straight across the runway. Although it is not pavement, it is a flat surface that offers pilots a place to land if the wind current doesn’t allow them to land on the paved landing strip.

“Somebody who was low on fuel and couldn’t make it someplace else, you can still get in on that,” Rhoades explained.

Food for thought



Norm Brotzman, Mick Bohn, Sean Pruitt, Jim Owens, Mayor Greg James, Bryan Colvard, Jon Anderson, Stephanie Bonnar and Bob Bonnar gather at the Cambria Room of the Fountain Inn Saturday morning for a Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. Community church leaders asked local officials to suggest services they could provide to enhance the quality of life in the community. (Photo courtesy of Wayne Wilson)

Red Onion

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as they understood it, the tone of the meeting was congenial, and though relocation was discussed, no immediate plans were made.

Haptonstall also noted that the town council had in fact accepted the museum’s \$10 annual rent payment toward the end of September, which he felt indicated no change was imminent.

Speaking of the July 9 meeting, Rhoades and Haptonstall both told the News Letter Journal that the discussion of moving seemed to have been sparked by questions about the museum’s recent housekeeping activities.

“What [the town council] wanted to know is what we were doing. We had actually been doing spring cleaning, so there was a lot of movement,” Rhoades said. “We were going through things, cleaning things out ... They inquired whether or not we were moving, and we let them know that we were not.”

Though caught off guard by the town council’s letter, both Rhoades and Haptonstall made clear to the News Letter that the town had technically done nothing wrong.

“They are well within their rights to make the request,” Rhoades continued. “Our lease states that either party may terminate the lease agreement within 30 days of writing.”

Still, Rhoades, who expressed appreciation to the town for having hosted the museum up to this point and for charging a negligible rental fee, felt that the request to move in so short a time frame was an impractical one, although she had sympathy for the council’s position.

“We understand they need the space, but since 1996 we’ve gotten a lot more artifacts,” she said. “I just don’t know how we [could make the 30-day deadline]. For one, we don’t have anywhere to go. Obviously we’re probably looking at some sort of storage. However, a lot of the artifacts we have require an environmentally appropriate facility to house them. We can’t just throw them in a storage shed. A lot of the items need heating. [The Red Onion] is a very small space, but we have a lot of artifacts. It will take some time to get them out.”

“There are just certain artifacts that have to be kept at a constant temperature,” Haptonstall added. “They can’t be allowed to freeze or be exposed to temperature variations.”

Rhoades went on to explain that spaces that are both affordable on the district’s limited budget and suitable for housing historical artifacts are not easily found in the local area. Neither is moving the Red Onion’s collection to the Anna Miller Museum a viable option, she said.

“We’ve actually already been looking for another building, because we don’t have enough room [at the Red Onion],” she said. “Actually we don’t have enough room [at the Anna Miller Museum] either for all the artifacts that we have. It’s just the funding. Finding a place that is environmentally appropriate to be a museum with the

funding we have has been a major problem.”

“As far as the space issue goes,” she continued, “at our last board meeting we actually had two members of the Weston County Historical Society, Mike Jording and Betty Petranek, inquire if we could help them look for funding for an additional building, because they actually have some large artifacts from the Old Mill Inn that are going to need to be housed somewhere. At both ends here, we need space.”

Rhoades said she remains hopeful, however, that with input from the public, a workable building may be found of which the museum district is as of yet unaware.

“If someone is aware of [a place] that may be feasible, we’re hoping they will step up. Our community has been great to us. We have wonderful friends in our district,” she said. “The community is our best resource, and perhaps we’ve overlooked something that’s worth exploring.”

When contacted for comment by the News Letter Journal on the evening of Oct. 17, Upton Mayor Don Sharkey referred to the July 9 meeting at which he felt the Upton Town Council had made their position clear. City hall is running out of room, he said, though he did not discount the possibility that the council might be open to an extension for the museum.

The following afternoon, on Oct. 18, Haptonstall reported to the News Letter that he felt he had engaged in a productive discussion with Sharkey that day. According to Haptonstall, Sharkey had agreed to bring the issue before the town council again. The grant proposal had not yet been written for the planned renovations to city hall, Haptonstall said, so he hoped that a comprise plan might be agreed upon in which the museum could move out of two rooms while still being allowed to remain in the building for the next five to six months.

The current uncertainty surrounding the future location of the Red Onion Museum will not derail plans to find a replacement for recently retired assistant director Jeanette Ray, who was responsible for the Red Onion’s day to day operations, Rhoades said. Rhoades made clear that the Weston County Museum District Board has every intention of continuing the Red Onion Museum and will begin the interview process this week to find Ray’s successor.

In response to questions from the News Letter Journal concerning museum district finances, Stith explained that while the bulk of the museum district’s funding comes from property taxes, donations are also an important source for the district. Those interested in making a contribution can do so through the Weston County Museum District Friends Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, by contacting any Weston County Museum District Board Member or the Anna Miller Museum in Newcastle at 746-4188.



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Obituaries

JANICE EGAN BATEMAN
April 4, 1972–Oct. 13, 2013

Janice Egan Bateman, 41, of Newcastle, went to be with our Heavenly Father on Oct. 13, 2013.

She was born April 4, 1972, in Vancouver, Wash., to Jeffrey Charles Egan and Wendy Lee Foil.

She also lived and went to school in Salt Lake City, Utah, Manassas, Va., and Fallon, Nev.

On Sept. 11, 1993, she married Vance Curtis Bateman in Fallon and lived there until moving to Newcastle in June of 2001. They had four children together. She was a homemaker and her family was her life. She enjoyed quilting, knitting, crocheting, gardening, camping, and traveling with her family. Janice was an excellent mother, wife, daughter, sister, and friend, and was loved by all who knew her.

Survivors include her husband, Vance; children, Bethany, Tanner, Glory and Amelia, of Newcastle; her mother, Wendy Burke, Phoenix, Ariz.; father, Jeffrey Egan, Aumsville, Ore.; brothers, Daniel Egan, Phoenix, and JoeRell Medina, Creswell, Ore.; and her sister, Elizabeth Lee-Egan, Oakland, Calif.

Services were at 10 a.m. on Oct. 17 at Worden Funeral Directors, with Dan Helvey officiating. Burial was at Greenwood Cemetery in Newcastle.

Pallbearers were Daniel Egan, JoeRell Medina, Kenny Bateman, Edward Kamensky, Dustyn Kamensky and Kevin Kringlie.



Janice Bateman

Two years ago Jessie moved into an assisted living facility in Casper.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father; her husband, Hubert; her son, Harrell (Claudene); her brother, Lloyd (Carmen); and her sister, Bessie.

Jessie is survived by sons, Donnie (Shirley), Joe (Karen) and Bobby Jack (Jeanne); and her daughter, Claudie Mae (Delbert Eitel). She had 17 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

Jessie enjoyed her family visits and cooking meals for anyone who came to visit. She spent many days working in the oil field doing such things as helping pull rods on the oil wells that she and Hubert owned and operated. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, friends are requested to send any donations in Jessie's name to Central Wyoming Hospice and Transitions, 319 Wilson St. Casper, WY 82601-2943. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Her family said, "Goodbye Jessie, we all love you and will miss you very much."

JAMES T. DIETZ
Aug. 13, 1942–Oct. 17, 2013

James T. Dietz of Newcastle slipped away peacefully in his sleep on Oct. 17, 2013.

Jim was born Aug. 13, 1942, in Kimball, Neb., to Herman and Maxine Dietz. He attended school from kindergarten through high school in Kimball County. In high school he played football, ran track, was a band member, sang in the choir, participated in FFA, served on the student council, and was active in his church.

In his junior year, his future wife, Shirley Bentley, moved to Kimball. They graduated from KCHS in 1960 and left for wonderful Wyoming and the University of Wyoming in Laramie. Jim and Shirley married on Jan. 7, 1961 — and the rest is history.

He graduated from pharmacy school in 1968 and moved to Sheridan, where he worked as a pharmacist. After 15 years in Sheridan, he moved to Gillette to practice pharmacy there.

In 1985 he was initiated into Gillette Lodge No. 28 A.F.&A.M. In April of 1987 he became a member of Kalif Shrine Temple. He was also a member of the York Rite.

In 1997 Jim and Shirley moved to Newcastle where he worked for Pamida Pharmacy before retiring.



James Dietz

Jim was active in the Newcastle community, singing with the community cantata, attended Christ the King Lutheran Church, where he served on the council and sang in the choir, was past president of the Newcastle Country Club, and belonged to the Mallo Board and the Lions Club. He was a past president of the Shrine North-South Bowl Board and was a member of Newcastle Lodge No. 13, Inyan Kara Shrine Club and Royal Order of Jesters.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter, Nicole.

He is survived by his loving wife, Shirley, of Newcastle; three children, Debbie (Chuck) Dudrey of Sheridan, Jennifer (Joe) Johnson of Luxemburg, Wisc., and Mike (Sarah) of Plainfield, Ill.; eight grandchildren: Lisa (Ben) Levin, JD Dudrey; Gregg, Erich and Anna Johnson; Addison, Jamison and Emmerson Dietz; and one great-granddaughter, Alexandra Levin. He is also survived by his brothers, Harley (Merceda) and Dale (Jo) of Kimball, and Dave (Chris) of Lincoln, Neb.; his sister, Elsie (Ken) Vincent of Kimball and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was on Oct. 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Worden Funeral Directors, 111 S. Railway Ave. in Newcastle. Services were held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 21, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 224 West Road, Newcastle, with Pastor John Hopper officiating. Burial was set for Greenwood Cemetery in Newcastle.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Newcastle Masonic Lodge Building Fund or Christ the King Lutheran Church.

CHERYL JO HOPKINS
May 20, 1949–Oct. 4, 2013

Cheryl Jo Hopkins, born May 20, 1949, in Denver, Colo., to Buzz and Wilma Hopkins, passed away in Phoenix, Ariz., on Oct. 4, 2013, following a lengthy illness.

Cheryl's love of animals was evident in every aspect of her life, from dogs of many breeds to cats and birds — she even had a pet raccoon at one time. That love of all animals did not keep Cheryl from hunting wild game with her dad for many years.

She is survived by her sisters, Judy Jagodzinski of McKinney, Texas, Jan (Floyd) Hanten of Mitchell, S.D., and Patty Hopkins of Johnson City, Texas; 14 nieces and nephews; and a multitude of greats.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Buzz and Wilma Hopkins, longtime residents of Newcastle; her brother, Daryl Hopkins of Buffalo; and her sister, Shirley Roberts of Ft Collins, Colo.

ANN LOUISE MARTENS
April 21, 1929–Oct. 12, 2013



Ann Louise Martens

Ann Louise Novak Martens, 84, passed away Oct. 12, 2013, in her home, surrounded by things she loved best — her books and needlework, photographs of her beloved family, rocks collected over decades of rock hunting and other treasures.

Ann was born April 21, 1929, at Red Butte, Wyoming, on the family homestead. Her mother, Irma Belle McDonald, was attended in birth by a neighboring midwife, Mrs. Sczumovich. Her father was Frank E. Novak. Ann was the first child of Irma and Frank Novak's union, followed by Nancy May Novak, whom Ann was allowed to name. Ann was christened Anna Louise Novak, named for her father's sister Anna, who died of pneumonia at a young age. As a young woman, Ann decided the name Anna was out of vogue and the name Ann was more sophisticated. This prompted her to pursue a legal change of name from Anna to Ann.

Ann's formative years occurred during World War II. Her father had served during WWI in France and suffered war related injuries which lead to frequent hospitalizations. Her mother, a teacher, supported the family with teaching positions at Four Horse, Cold Creek, Spearfish, Rapid City, the Badlands, Highland Park and Igloo, South Dakota. Ann recounted summers of her mother's continuing education and accompanying her during field trips in the study of geology, one of Ann's greatest fascinations.

Ann graduated from high school in 1947 in Igloo, and attended the University of Wyoming for a brief time. She worked at the First State Bank of Newcastle and the Weston County Courthouse in the County Clerk's office.

Ann met Robert Martens, who thought she was "the prettiest girl he had ever seen," while attending Newcastle High School. They courted until 1950 when they were married at the Newcastle Methodist Church on June 30th. Their marriage produced three children. Sharon, Steven and Robert Spencer. They were blessed with

six grandchildren. Justin, Christia, Eric, Heather, Brittany and Seth, and six great-grandchildren, Marcus, Cameron, Elizabeth, Juliona, Noah, Charlotte and Amarah. Other important members of their family included many family dogs; and Ann's favorite being, Ringo, her beloved beagle.

Ann was first and foremost a housewife and mother. She provided comfort at the end of school days with simmering stews and soups and freshly baked oatmeal cookies. She loved babies and dogs, something readily passed on to her three children. She reveled in the experience of abiding, unconditional love through her cherished grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and family dogs.

Ann participated in the 20th Century Club, Newcastle Garden Club, Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile and PEO. Ann was a charter member of Chapter AG, PEO, and president in 1969-70. She was honored as a 50-year member of PEO in 2011. She also taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School at the Newcastle Methodist Church, and was a 4-H Leader in Weston County.

Ann had many interests, of which gardening was her absolute favorite. She described it as her therapy. She created an exquisite rock garden filled with beautiful lupine, interesting local rockery — a lovely work of art which attracted many admirers. She was extremely knowledgeable about infinite numbers of plants and flowers. In her last years she planned gardens with pictures and articles from magazines, always dreaming of one last special garden space, always greatly desiring to get down on her hands and knees in the dirt once more. She loved to save seedlings nurturing them into plants for which she gently cared.

Ann was an avid reader who most loved the subjects of history, wildlife and biographies. Books on her nightstand just before she died included "Man's Search for Meaning," "Ring of Bright Water," "Immortal Poems of the English Language," and Rose Kennedy's life story. At one point when thinking of downsizing her home, she exclaimed, "What about all my books?"

Ann loved poetry. Her copy of "Immortal Poems" was well worn and marked with innumerable of her favorites. She was inspired to compose poetry and compiled a small volume called "Woodbine Verses." One of her dreams was to publish her poetry.

Ann was drawn to all beauty, particularly of the natural world. One of her final wishes was to see the large elk herd in the Black Hills National Forest.

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LET US REPLENISH THE SEED OF FAITH THROUGH...

Regular Church Attendance



- **ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH:** Rev. Norm Brotzman, 216 S. Seneca, 746-2249. Call to Worship 9:30 am; Children's Church during Call to Worship; Faith Rally Sunday 6 pm.
- **BAHA' FAITH:** Firesides (Open to All) 1st & 3rd Fridays 7:30 pm at 15 Skyview Dr; 746-3626.
- **CAMBRIA COMMUNITY CHURCH:** Pastor Chris Walton, 19 Stampede St. 746-2321. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship 10:30 am; Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm
- **CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL:** Rev. Sally Boyd, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets, 746-9684. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday, Morning Prayer 10 a.m.; 2nd & 4th Saturday 4 p.m., Holy Eucharist. haydishall@hotmail.com
- **CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Pastor John Hopper, 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am.

- **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.
- **CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Killian Muli, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5:00 pm; Weekday Mass 8 am.
- **COUNTRY CHURCH:** Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley, 746-9712, Worship 10 am.
- **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:** Pastor Gary Anderson, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Bible Study 9:15 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Teaching Service 6 pm; Wednesday Service 6:30 pm.
- **FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH:** Pastor Lynn Schleicher, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service 5 pm, Christian Academy.

- **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Paul Holland, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Sunday School 8:45 am; Church Services 8 & 10 am; Nursery care available.
- **GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am. Call 746-8091.
- **KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES:** 5018 US Hwy 16, 746-2319 or 746-4517. Tuesday 7 p.m. Congregation Bible Study, Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting. Sunday Public Talk 10 am; Watchtower 11 am.
- **NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sunday Worship 10 am; Wednesday Night Prayer.
- **NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Wayne Wilson, meets at Black Gold Realty Building, 1517 W. Main, 746-5542. Sunday Worship 10 am.

- **OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** 348 Sheridan St. Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm.
- **SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST:** Pastor Gary Force, 78 Old Hwy 85, 746-3504 or 278-0254, Pastoral Assistant Jason Logan 746-2974. Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11:20 am.
- **ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Killian Muli, Upton. Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
- **VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH:** Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366.
- **UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Sharee Johnson, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 10:30 am; Children's Church & Nursery are available; 1st & 3rd Wed Evenings Prayer and Praise Service 7 pm.

MINDFUL OF THE MOMENT

There is a thought that goes something like this... "Yesterday is a cancelled check; tomorrow is a promissory note. What will you do with the treasure that is today?" It is something to consider the energy we spend regretting the past and worrying about the future. We can, however, learn from the past and plan and trust God for our future. Most importantly, we can delight in today, since this time will never return. Didn't the Creator make the world around us just for our enjoyment? If we are to relish the moment we must possess the peace of mind that only He can provide. Don't let worry and regret weigh you down; learn to experience the present moment. Delight in the serenity of His sanctuary in your house of worship this week.

Weekly Scripture Reading					
Exodus	Leviticus	Leviticus	Leviticus	Numbers	Numbers
23.1-13	19.1-18	19.19-37	25.1-34	25.35-55	27.1-11 36.1-13

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Ann is survived by her daughter Sharon, son Steven and his wife Rebecca Kennelly, son Robert Spencer and his wife Judy Kudlock, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, her sister, Nancy Viergutz, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, who died on Oct. 12, 1982, her father, and her husband, Robert A. Martens.

Services will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Newcastle on Oct. 26, at 9:30 am. A reception will follow at the Weston County Senior Services center.

HAZEL LUCILLE RIESLAND
Aug. 1, 1930-Oct. 17, 2013



Hazel Riesland

Riesland on June 25, 1948.

On Aug. 1, 1930, in the small town of Davenport, Neb., Hazel Lucille was born to Raymond and Kathryn (Lowrey) Kottraba. She was raised in Oshoto and graduated from Rozet High School in May of 1948. She married Neal

They ran a Texaco station for 16 years before purchasing a ranch. Like the women of her time, Hazel had a strong will and determination to survive in a country that had hot dry summers followed by freezing winter winds. Each year she raised chickens, milked cows, and tended a large garden in order to feed her family. In the spring one could find her nursing calves back to life with a nipple and bottle in a small building located near their house. Hazel was a talented woman who could fix anything from a hole in a pair of jeans to the plumbing in a shower. She knew the value of a penny and taught her children to be hard-working, considerate of others, and loving to all.

She had a great appreciation for music and encouraged her children and grandchildren to play musical instruments, thus giving her family fond memories of musical family gatherings. Hazel was also an active member in the Masonic orders, as she was a member of the Daughters of the Nile and the Order of Eastern Star. April 2013 marked her 50th year of membership with the Order of Eastern Star.

Hazel passed away Oct. 17, 2013, at the

Weston County Hospital, following complications associated with congestive heart failure. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Charles Kottraba and Leland Kottraba; a sister, Willa Irwin; and a granddaughter, Katie (Riesland) Cummings.

She is survived by her husband, Neal Riesland; and her children, Rick (Connie) Riesland, John (Robin) Riesland, and Linda (Jerry) Phillips; grandchildren, Kelly (Todd) Fuoss, Jamie (John) Foster, Ricky (Angela) Phillips, Lori Riesland, Holly Riesland and Colton Cummings; and her great-grandchildren, Owen Cummings, Cayson Phillips, Casey Foster, Henry Fuoss, Riesland Cummings, Bentley Phillips and Kaiden Foster. Other survivors include two sisters, Leola Thar and Helen Whisler; a sister-in-law, Alta Kottraba; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Hazel Riesland were held on Tuesday, Oct. 22, at 2 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Burial followed at Greenwood Cemetery. A reception was held at the Newcastle Senior Center. There will be a memorial set up at Weston County Health Services Foundation.

WHAT'S UP

Meetings & Events Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Oct. 24	7 p.m.	Open House	W.C. Childrens Center
Oct. 25	11:30 a.m.	W.C. Library Board Meeting	Newcastle Branch
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	7 p.m.	Dance - Music by Western Ramblers	W.C. Senior Center
	7:30 p.m.	Square Dancing	Newcastle Elementary
	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
Oct. 27	2 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Church
	5 p.m.	4-H Achievement Day	W.C. Fairgrounds
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
Oct. 28	1 p.m.	Low Vision Support Group	W.C. Senior Center
	3:30 p.m.	Tumbleweeds Halloween Party	USDA Building
	7 p.m.	Square Dance Lessons	Newcastle Elementary
Oct. 29	6 p.m.	QPR Training	W.C. Senior Center
	6:45 p.m.	ALANON (746-9791)	Mondell Heights
Oct. 30	Noon	Newcastle Lions Club	W.C. Senior Center
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	7 p.m.	W.C. School Dist. #1 Board Mtg.	Board Room
Oct. 31	5 p.m.	Fall Festival	Cambria Community Church
Nov. 1	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	7:30 p.m.	Square Dancing	Newcastle Elementary
	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Oct. 24: Ralph Lyons†,
- Oct. 25: Terry Mills, Melanie Oakley
- Oct. 26: Skeeter Wolfe
- Oct. 27: Gary & Kris Howell, James McLeland
- Oct. 28: Dantae Peden, Greg & Francie Gregory, Steven Elliott, Ty Bock
- Oct. 30: Irene Ward

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A treasured part of our family history went up in flames, collapsed in smoke and ash, sighed and died in pain and grief, and now rests in quiet, and I hope and pray, in peace. We shall all miss the strong old house, the center part built by Grandfather, built on to on three sides and up by Dad and Sister, remodeled and remade, beautiful and loved, since 1908, by four generations.

We lived, loved, laughed, cried, fought, made up, grew up, grew old, had many celebrations and holiday dinners and reunions, and learned a great deal in that house, and we will miss it.

May God truly bless each person and departed soul who has ever laid down his or her head to rest in that dear old house. May we all take some time to reflect on what is REALLY important in a family.

Francie Goode

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100 YEARS AGO - OCT. 23, 1913

Mr. and Mrs. P.M. McCoy took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. I.L. Shellhart of the Boyd area, Thursday.

The state veterinarian was at the Boyd area ranch of Mrs. James Pitts looking after some diseased horses.

The weather has been most anything the most exacting could desire, if variety is what they are seeking.

Warren Richards had what might have been a serious runaway at Boyd Wednesday but which fortunately resulted only in breaking the spring wagon somewhat.

A bunch of Beaver Creek boys started chicken hunting Sunday. They got to John Fawcett's where they had dinner and then went on hunting, but all went home without any chickens, although they say they had a good time.

George Schneider, C.A. Parker, Will Foltz and others have sown rye which seems to be a pretty sure crop in the Iron Creek locality.

H.F. Alverson is building a large barn and otherwise improving his Iron Creek area ranch. W.H. Foltz is enlarging his barn also. It begins to look like some of the dry farmers intended to stay with it in spite of hail storms and dry seasons.

Wells have been drilled for Frank Cummings and for W.H. Cummings in the Howard area, a good flow of water being secured in each instance. L.R. Johnson is drilling a well for his mother, Mrs. Jennie Johnson. Edward Holwell is helping him.

A good deal of coal is being hauled from the coal bank on the head of Wild Cat, many farmers getting out from six to eight tons. The coal is of excellent quality, burning freely and free from stone. The vein is fully four feet thick and not hard to get at.

Isaac Culver has returned to Newcastle from the prairie where he was engaged at work on the new store building erected by W.W. Cool.

D.W. Patton moved his family to town this week for the winter, and he will make trips in from the ranch when his bread supply gets low. One of his teams engaged in a little runfest just before starting home, but without damage.

A collision between the Cambria train and a freight Tuesday evening resulting in upending the coal and water tender of the Cambria engine and blocking the main track for a few hours. Later in the night a main line freight went off the track, which again blocked the line for a time. No serious damage was done in either case.

While oiling machinery in the compressor room at Cambria yesterday afternoon A.J. Kirkwood was in some manner caught by a fly wheel and received serious injuries. He was unconscious for some time and it was feared he was dangerously injured internally, but we were pleased this morning to hear that his injuries are not as serious as feared and his recovery is confidently expected.

A great improvement is being made on North Sumner Street in the widening of the culvert and making a fill that will give a much better and safer roadway. The east side of the street is being graded down to supply the dirt for the fill, and the sidewalk will be placed on the east side of the street instead of the west side as at present.

75 YEARS AGO - OCT. 27, 1938

The Newcastle junior high football team, displaying a clever running and passing attack, completely outclassed the Gillette junior high team here Friday night

and sent the Campbell County team home after a 20 to 0 defeat.

Announcement was made yesterday that equipment has been moved in and final preparations are being made for the drilling of an oil well on Mush Creek, located only about 12 1/2 miles southwest of Newcastle.

Mrs. Dick Joslin spent last Thursday and Friday visiting relatives in Whitewood, S.D. She returned home Friday night and was accompanied by her daughter, Marie, Tessie Piscioti and Marjorie Rawhouser, who attend the Spearfish Normal.

Mrs. Dave Fillinger and children and Mrs. Minnie Sousley accompanied Mrs. Paul McCarthy, all of the Clifton area, to Custer Saturday, where they spent the day attending a recreation club meeting.

With both teams displaying the finest running attacks on the local field this season, the highly touted Sundance Bulldogs fought their way to a 32 to 12 victory over the Newcastle Dogies Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Martens and sons Fred and Bob were dinner guests Wednesday evening at the Osage home of Gordon Paultley.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thorson of the oil field Saturday, a seven-pound baby boy at the Acord hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pequette motored to Newcastle from the Prairie Monday. They returned home Tuesday via Beaver Creek and visited at the Edwin Schulze home.

50 YEARS AGO - OCT. 24, 1963

Sioux Oil Company of Newcastle will hold open house today to show off its new \$3.5 million expansion facilities.

Newcastle's annual Halloween party for children will be Saturday morning.

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Standards

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and be able to perform to be prepared for success in college and a career. In addition, they also provide a common understanding to instructors regarding what students should learn at particular grades.

"I am going to do an introduction to the Common Core Standards and what that means to Weston County, what is going on with the state and what we are doing here," began Tysdal.

In her mind, she continued, she keeps the standards under two different umbrellas. One is the exact wording in the documents of the specific skills and information students should know and do. The second is the assessment piece and how those standards are evaluated.

"Keeping that in mind," she told the trustees, "what I am going to talk about most tonight is the first component, the actual standards document, for the content of Language Arts and Math," she said, noting that the new approach to Language Arts in particular seeks to integrate that teaching into a variety of subjects.

"Language Arts bleeds into every other content area, so it really affects all content areas, all students, all teachers. No matter what class it is — Language Arts, Agriculture, Home Ec., Social Studies — every teacher really is a reading teacher. So that is the big shift with these particular set of standards," Tysdal explained.

She told the board that in 1989, the state began recording a formal document of standards to be used as a framework, or guide, to acknowledge what skills students need. She offered assurance, however, that it is not designed to say which materials or strategies an instructor will use. The purpose is to have a common target, no matter what school or size, so that, in the state of Wyoming, each student gets the same information.

"It might be given by many different modalities. It might be given to me as different strategies and resources, but really I am still in third grade trying to hit those same targets. That would be the goal of what an actual standards document is," Tysdal professed.

She insisted the choice of resources used to achieve those goals continue to be a local and state decision under the CCSS. WCSD #1 still makes the choice of material best-suited for their students, and instructional strategies still apply, based on different learning rates, along with the varying teaching styles and preferences.

"Our strategies, at least here in the district, will still be what is best practices as far as research goes, how to best implement those and how can we best impact our students to true understanding. The goal would be to really, truly understand what is going on," she stated.

Time is not dictated in the CCSS either, Tysdal continued, explaining that the schedule of learning is decided through the collective teacher group according to what they deem as priority, time essential, and what is a supported standard.

There are changes within the standards, however, and the largest in Language Arts includes balancing informational and literary text, building knowledge in the disciplines, a staircase of complexity, text-based answers, writing from sources and academic vocabulary.

In Mathematics, shifts seen are in focus, coherence, fluency, deep understanding, applications and dual intensity. The intent is to not bounce from concept to concept, but instead study fewer topics at a more in-depth level, according to Tysdal, who said the approach will demonstrate to students that there are a variety of different approaches that can be used to come up with the "right answer."

"Accuracy is really important," she assured, noting that solving equations correctly still has an emphasis. There is an effort to help students understand there are different ways by which that solution can be found.

"I have these things to go through to get to the correct answer," Tysdal explained.

The new standards will produce changes in the instruction that is delivered, and the skills that are learned.

In Language Arts, students will need to

demonstrate independence, build strong content knowledge, respond to varying demands of audience, task, purpose and discipline, comprehend as well as critique, value evidence, use technology and digital media strategically and capably, as well as come to understand other perspectives and cultures.

Mathematically, students will make sense of problems and persevere in solving them, reason abstractly and quantitatively, construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others, model with mathematics, use appropriate tools strategically, attend to precision, look for and make use of structure, and look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

"The standards are really two things, the benchmarks within themselves and then these big over-arching kind of how-to experiences. So in order to develop these kinds of habits of mind right here, we need to give students experiences within those things," Tysdal concluded.

WCSD #1 Superintendent Brad LaCroix stated he was not sure how much of a concern there is in the community about the CCSS, but said he has encouraged the district's leadership team to answer any questions from the public.

"We will try to do the best we can for our children, but there is going to be some change," he admitted.

Several questions were voiced by Trustee Chris Winter, who asked how the district plans to get ahead of the standards and continue its recent success on the statewide assessment during the switch to the CCSS.

"I don't think you can get ahead of it. Just know that it is a reality," Tysdal answered. "If you change testing venues and it is drastically different — like we are doing — then, yes, you can expect a drop in scores because there are no cut scores really, because students haven't taken those yet. There is that transition period."

She admitted that, when change happens, there is always a dip before it comes back up. She insisted that when teaching, understanding and testing are all aligned tightly, the best information will be created to help instructors ensure that students succeed.

Tysdal said consultants will be coming in to work with teachers to make well-crafted lessons that are strategically planned, enabling the instructors to incorporate the new goals with their existing curriculum methods.

There was some board discussion about the change in philosophy that encourages schools to approach teaching as an exercise that changes instruction from an effort to teach "a mile wide and an inch deep," to one that emphasizes deeper understanding of subject matter.

"I think part of that too, is the whole bit about not teaching a mile wide but teaching a mile deep instead, so you are not teaching so many different concepts. Where I think they are talking about is — teach this, and know it really well," Trustee Tina Chick observed.

"Yes, it's definitely teaching more in-depth and taking time to do that," Tysdal responded. "It's really digging in and asking them questions. The kids get excited about that!"

WCSD #1 Vice Chairman Bob Bonnar, however, voiced concerns that the changes may be too drastic, and that students who are ready to move forward and learn new concepts under the old approach, particularly in Math, are being held back in an effort to provide means for other students to identify different approaches to solving the same problems. He predicted that, in a few years, the approach would change back to what it was before the new CCSS.

Tysdal pointed out that the different approaches — including the use of "blocks," "cubes" and other visual stimulants — to solving problems should prove valuable to all types of learners, and agreed that those slower to grasp concepts could benefit greatly from developing different ways to find solutions.

"Will this make it better? I truly believe that it will. It very much can. The power of using those visuals are beneficial for all kids, but especially those ones that really struggle with remembering more than one at a time," concluded Tysdal.

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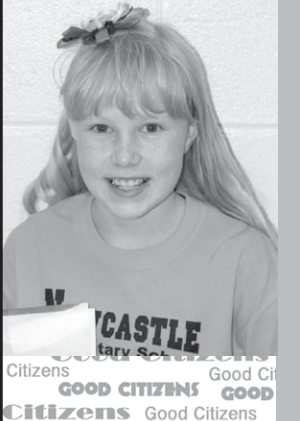
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3RD GRADE: HUNTER McFARLAND




Today is a very exciting day for each of you. In this room right now there are three children that have stood out for their outstanding work ethic, exceptional manners, and kind nature. This day is especially exciting for you third graders. This is your first opportunity to take part in something that showcases the good things one extraordinary young lady or gentlemen has done. Our first good citizen has shown incomparable qualities in the classroom. She is a quiet leader that models good behavior, showing others in the room a perfect example of the type of conduct that is expected to ensure a learning environment. She shows kindness to others, patience in hectic situations, and unbelievable manners each and every day. I know she will succeed in whatever she tries, because she is willing to put in hard work to achieve excellence. Her adorable smile lights up the room, and draws the other children to her. She is truly an incredible young lady, and I am so proud to introduce her. Our third grade good citizen is Hunter McFarland.

4TH GRADE: RILEE LEWIS



A very deserving 4th grade student has been chosen for this month's good citizen. Her motivation to do her best, eagerness to learn, and willingness to help others stands out in our classroom. She arrives at school ready to learn and do her best. She is a responsible, hard-working student who understands that she is responsible for her learning. This student strives to understand new material and works diligently until she grasps the concepts. Actively participating in class discussions and listening to the views of others can be observed daily. She takes an interest in what is happening around her and will encourage other students to think about choices being made in our school. This responsible, respectful and gracious young lady is truly a deserving good citizen. Congratulations, Rilee Lewis!

5TH GRADE: ABBEY LACEY



Choosing the first Good Citizens of the year is always a difficult task. Not only are students excited and distracted as they begin the new school year, but also, we have only been together for a short period of time. Needless to say, it isn't easy for someone to display all of the qualities necessary to be Good Citizen during this first month. Besides that, these first citizens have to be spectacular because, for the rest of the year, they will be our examples for what a Good Citizen should be. It's a heavy load to carry, but we choose these first citizens because we know they can handle the extra responsibility. This year in 5th grade we have a student whose kindness and generosity has set her apart from the crowd and has earned her the right to stand before you as a true example of Good Citizenship: She is always on time and ready to go. Whenever there is work to be done, she doesn't hesitate to volunteer. She has a great sense of humor, but never disrupts class or distracts others. She can contribute much during class discussion but also knows when to listen too. She can be shy, but she is a friend to all, so when you need someone to lean on, lean on Abbey Lacey, the October Citizen of the month for 5th Grade.

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Invention

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A patent is pending on the clips, not the bib style, Rich told the News Letter Journal, so they can vary and change the style. Two years after beginning the project they are in the process of designing another style that clips in the front instead of the sides of the bib, with both styles receiving positive feedback. An out-of-state company sewed the bib style that is currently available for sale. Rich said she and her mother are interested in recruiting a Wyoming company to do the next job but they have not been able to find someone to do so. Rich and Glick cut out each bib, a separate piece for the front and back, gathering everything needed to be ready to be sewn. There are several different designs, including pink and blue, which wipe clean easily and are

stain resistant. "We use a pull fabric. It is a soft, breathable fabric — it is the same fabric used in making diaper covers. So the back of it is laminated, and it is doubled so there is not going to be anything able to get through it. It is not cloth," she explained. "I told my mom, if we are going to do this, I don't want junk. I want to make it something good that is going to work. We decided to go with the pull because of that — because the back is laminated and there ain't nothing getting through this."

The invention could also benefit elderly, so the pair are already making plans to use the same concept, but larger, to be used as clothing protectors.

They have looked into licensing companies and are still waiting to hear back, but in the interim have also applied

for acceptance to a reality show, "Shark Tank," where potential investors listen to entrepreneurs seeking investment in their products.

"We are just starting out, we are taking it day by day — this is all new for her and I. We are not inventors, we are just your ordinary family, just raising kids and working day to day," smiled Rich.

Rich and Glick have been taking the bibs to trade shows and craft fairs where interest in the product has been encouraging. They will continue to sell the bibs they have on hand with plans for producing more.

To purchase the bibs at \$5 a piece or two for \$9, customers can reach UrSafeBibz through their Facebook page, or by contacting Rich at 307-746-8916.

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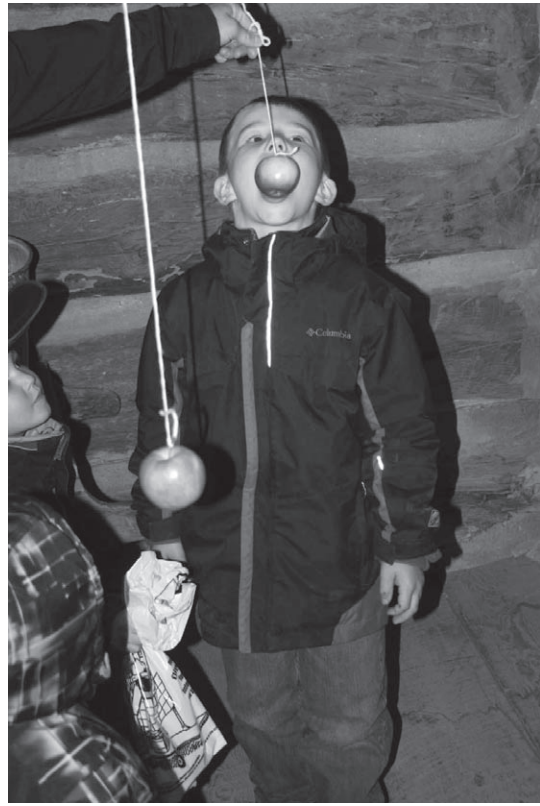


Haunts & History

The Anna Miller Museum hosted its annual Harvest, Haunts and History Festival on Friday evening from 5-8 p.m. The event featured activities and entertainment of interest to all ages. Highlights included a candy corn counting contest, live music by Newcastle's own Western Ramblers, and hayrides to the cemetery — Spooky!

Photos by Todd Bennington/NLJ

Top of page, a crowd gathers in the hall of the Anna Miller Museum to enjoy the activities and goodies. At right, Jace Rich makes an attempt at bobbing for apples. Below, Donna Elliott, Bill Haley and Bill Anderson provide musical entertainment,



MOU

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that will be collected as a result of education accountability legislation passed last year.

Ragland received a copy of the MOU for data and information sharing at a recent meeting of the Wyoming Professional Teaching Standards Board in Casper. The MOU, and the effort to share specific information on Wyoming students and their families, is to be signed by the Wyoming Department of Enterprise Technology Services, Wyoming Community College Commission, Wyoming Department of Workforce Services, Wyoming Department of Family Services, Wyoming Department of Health and the Wyoming Department of Education, as well as each college in the state and the University of Wyoming.

The MOU was created as a result of the Wyoming Accountability Act, and the information would conceivably be used by policymakers and educators to assess the effects of their policies and program efforts in order to adjust policies and practices to improve student achievement.

"So essentially, what happens is you become the collectors of everything. You send it to the Department of Education and they distribute it any way, to anybody, in any manner they want to," the principal explained, noting that he brought the document to the attention of the Weston County School District #1 Board of Trustees after realizing not all school boards had been represented in the document's creation. In fact, Ragland reported, discussion regarding the MOU was tabled until the PTSB's meeting next month because of a belief that the 48 school districts in Wyoming all need to be aware of what the document entails.

"The discussion that we had is, there is a level of transparency here that is not there. Basically you guys end up on the front line," Ragland cautioned, indicating that WCSD #1 has not been notified to put a disclaimer on paperwork sent home to parents letting them know the information provided to the school district will be given to third parties.

The principal further questioned why school boards had not been asked to sign on the MOU as well, and the WCSD #1 board's Vice-Chairman visibly bristled at both the proposal and the fact the local board had no authority in regards to it.

"You want to talk about local control, this document says we are the parties required to collect this information, but we are not required to sign this agreement, and it's not just going to schools. This is the information on our kids and families, and it is not just being distributed to every educational entity in the state of Wyoming, but to Department of Workforce Services, Department of Family Services, Department of Health, and — let's see which other ones they can tack on here. I think this is a glaring local control issue, and I think this is something that should be brought to our representatives," reasoned Bob Bonnar, who urged other board members to voice concern to legislators.

He insisted WCSD #1 has a responsibility to parents and students of the district to ask serious questions about why the state of Wyoming would "even want this information."

According to the MOU, its primary purpose is to provide an agreement among the signing parties to appropriately share education, health, employment, training and service data collected and or maintained by any

of the parties. It will use the P20 Statewide Longitudinal Data System (P20 SLDS) to share data between the parties, which means students will be tracked from their first contact with a state agency to their last.

"This actually does affect the pre-schools. What you see is called a P20. It goes from pre-school all the way through college, and basically the longitudinal data they are wanting to build is, if a student is not making the grade, we should be able to go back and pinpoint where that happened," Ragland explained.

The MOU confirmed that, stating P20 SLDS will provide learner information to Wyoming policymakers and educators to be used for them to address problems and questions raised by stakeholders. They will collect and link high-quality data to provide accurate information to multiple agency systems on how aggregates of students are doing over time, from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade into post-secondary education and the work force.

ThatpointencouragedBonnar to also question memorandum language that indicated information that specifically identifies students will be destroyed after it is no longer needed. He voiced the belief that there should be a clear indication of when information "is no longer needed."

The rest of the board appeared to harbor similar apprehensions, and agreed to seek more information prior to their next meeting.

"We had better study this and figure out where it came from and figure out what we need to do as a board. I think it needs to be on the agenda for the next board meeting. Let's get some more answers," concluded Board Chairman Bill Lambert.

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During story time at the Weston County Library in Newcastle on Tuesday, pre-school children enjoyed listening to "The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid Of Anything," by Linda Williams, read by librarian Barrett Rich. At right, Heather Ertman reads to her son William the poem, "I'm a dingle, dangle pumpkin," written on the back of the craft the children made. Far right, Brooklyn Guzman gets a hug by NovaLee Francis.

Staying safe ...

By Newcastle Police Department

Halloween is on the way, and this month is the anniversary of a child abduction in Cody. The thought of your child being abducted or violated may leave you frightened and unsure about the best way to protect them. The Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation, the Newcastle Police Department, the Weston County Sheriff's Office, and other law enforcement agencies across the state offer recommendations from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for keeping children safer:

- Instruct children to always take a friend when going places and stay with a group while attending outings and/or standing at the bus stop.

Weston County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Patrick Watsabaugh explained that groups of children are less likely to be targeted than a child that is alone.

"Just like the rules of nature, there are predators out there that target kids. In nature the one little fawn that is alone is more likely to be hunted than a group of animals," Watsabaugh said. "There really is safety in numbers."

- Teach children the appropriate steps to take if approached or followed. As an example, if your child is grabbed, tell your child to draw attention to himself and yelling, "This person is not my father/mother." Instruct your child to make every effort to escape by walking, running, pulling away, kicking, yelling, and/or otherwise resisting.

Parents should teach their kids that they should not hit and should obey adults, but in cases of child abduction, children need to know it is okay to fight back.

"Do not just yell, people may think the child is just horsing around, yell for help, yell this is not my father, yell fire, whatever it takes to get somebody's attention," NPD Officer Rich Hillhouse offered.

- Practice basic safety skills with



your children. Make sure they understand the safety messages and are able to use them in real-life situations. Make sure you have "safety nets," the plans and people put in place to contact so your children know there is always someone available to help them.

"We want children to know that we are there to help them," NPD Officer Peg Miles said, reminding parents to also make sure their kids are not afraid of law officers. "We don't want kids to be afraid to talk to us. If there is a problem, kids can come to us. It's best if they do this sooner than later, before

it is too late."

- Be involved in your children's activities. An active participant will have a better opportunity to observe how the adults interact with your children. If you are concerned about anyone's behavior, discuss those concerns with the school, sponsoring organization, or law enforcement.

"As a law enforcement officer and a parent, I think parents should know that, if they do not think the way an adult interacts with any child is appropriate, they should ask about it," said WCSO Deputy Ryan Kerns. "It does not matter if this adult is

... on Hallow's eve & year-round

working with the kids through the school or some other organization. As a parent, it is not just their right, but their obligation."

- Remember never leave children unattended in a vehicle, running or not.

Children are curious and watch adults drive and often think they can do it, too.

"If you leave a child in the car, he or she could put the vehicle in gear and cause an accident or get hurt. Also, someone could jump in the car and take off with your kids. As a mother, I cannot imagine anything more frightening than coming out of the store or post office and finding your child missing," said Miles.

- Know where your children are and whom they are with at all times.

Upton Police Officer Joe Creamer said, "Basically, that is common sense. Proper parenting leads to well-developed children. Without proper parenting, children will stray from proper norms of society. Also, knowing where they are and who they are with can help prevent any harm befalling them. It also provides a place to start looking, if they do not show up on time or end up missing."

- Teach children to stay alert for any suspicious incidents and report anything unusual to their parents, their school, and law enforcement.

"It's okay to tell," said NPD Detective Jared Williams. "Kids need to know that there are things out there that are not alright for people to do. If a child thinks that somebody else's actions are odd or could be harmful, they need to know that it is okay to tell somebody."

- Know your childcare providers, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and employees. Check references.

For access to sex offender registries, visit the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website at www.nspow.gov and/or the Wyoming Sex Offender Registry at <http://wysors.dci.wyo.gov/sorf/>.

Check out these tips from the CDC to help make Halloween festivities fun and safe for trick-or-treaters and guests:

S – Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.

A – Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.

F – Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.

E – Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.

H – Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. Always walk and don't run from house to house.

A – Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.

L – Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.

L – Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.

O – Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.

W – Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.

E – Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.

E – Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Don't stop at dark houses. Never accept rides from strangers.

N – Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

Safe Kids Wyoming also offers these safety rules for parents:

- Make sure kids know their phone number, in case an emergency telephone call is necessary.

- Supervise children under age 12
- Establish a curfew (a return time) for older children

- Prepare homes for trick-or-treaters by clearing porches, lawns and sidewalks and by placing jack-o'-lanterns away from doorways and landings.

- Inspect all candy for safety before children eat it.

- Drive slowly and watch for children
- Have children get out of cars on curb side, not on traffic side

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Boys win conference

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Newcastle's boys cross country team continued their winning ways last Thursday, placing first at the Absaraka Conference in Glenrock with a mere 31 points compared to their nearest rivals Buffalo and Worland, who came in with 55 and 60 respectively.

Coach Pat Hayman was, however, more impressed with the performance of the girls, who came in fourth, just ahead of a Glenrock team who had bested them the week before.

"The girls came back from losing to Glenrock at Buffalo by two points to beating them by a point," Hayman enthused. "I was really happy about that and thought they did a real good job. [Top female runner] Calbi [Ausmann] is still not running like she can, but they still gave a great effort."

Hayman was less contented with the boys' performance, with which he felt something was amiss, although he couldn't quite put his finger on what the issue was.

"The boys, I felt like they were a little bit off even though they won. I just felt like they were off ... You get four in the top 10 and your next guy is 12th. Are you going to gripe about that? Well, we weren't running full power. I don't know why, but better to get it out of our system now and get going for State. It was a decisive win, but I just didn't feel that we ran as well as we could have."

Still, Hayman was reluctant to place the blame on two seemingly obvious factors that might have contributed: a particularly difficult course and unfavorable weather conditions.

"It was miserable," Hayman



Denise Piscioti/NLJ
Newcastle High School senior and cross country athlete Rhyse Rhoades congratulates his younger brother, Marshall Rhoades, after Marshall finished the Varsity race at the Absaraka Conference Meet in Glenrock on Friday and qualified for the Wyoming 3A Cross Country State Meet in Sheridan to be held Saturday.

Results

Absaraka Conference Meet, @ Glenrock Golf Club Oct. 18, 2013

Men
Team Scores
1. Newcastle 31
2. Buffalo 55
3. Worland 60
4. Douglas 120
5. Pine Bluffs/Burns 142
6. Glenrock 153
7. Torrington 187
8. Rawlins 199

Individual Results: 2. Tristan Mitchell 18:17; 3. Justin Francis 18:27; 6. Trace Buckert 18:42; 8. Andy Nelson 18:56; 12. Trenton Parsons 19:18; 18. Marshall Rhoades 20:03; 25. Brandon Leddy 21:04

Women
Team Scores
1. Pine Bluffs/Burns 36
2. Buffalo 54
3. Douglas 68
4. Newcastle 100
5. Glenrock 101

Individual Results: 6. Calbi Ausmann 22:24; 26. Laura Chord 25:24; 28. Kalyn Houser 25:33; 34. Alevys Barker 26:25; 38. Heather Michaelis 28:34; 39. Hannah Williams 28:53; 41. Lynell Hanson 29:26

All Conference: Calbi Ausmann, Tristan Mitchell, Justin Francis, Trace Buckert, Andy Nelson

Boys JV
1. Matt Tidd 20:20; 6. Cooper Karp 21:18; 9. Rhyse Rhoades 21:24; 10. Brandon Benson 21:49; 13. Donovan Prell 21:57; 15. Alex Henkle 22:18; 17. Flint Hossfeld 22:41; 19. Kieran Winter 23:15

MS Boys
5. Dylan Talley 10:27; 23. Jacob Rhoades 11:53; 24. Zach LaPierre 11:54; 28. Collin Dudzinski 12:06; 32. Dalton Parsons 12:52; 43. Peyton Purviance 16:06

MS Girls
9. Emily Hushon 11:51; 12. Makenzie Wagoner 12:08; 14. Ashley Mitchell 12:18; 15. Kassidee Jeppesen 12:19; 16. Kellar Bock 12:27; 18. Ely Mitchell 12:40; 21. Paige Liggett 12:50; 32. Christina Hadlock 13:42; 34. Markie Whitney 13:52; 36. Shelby Stith 14:15; 43. Isabella Mitchell 15:19; 47. Alaina Lorenz 18:07; 48. Tessa Vandersnick 18:53

admitted of the weather at the conference meet, "but everybody's got to run in the same conditions."

The same might also be said of the course at Glenrock Golf Club, which apparently gives more than just golfers fits.

"The Blacks Hills State coach was there and he said

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Schedule

Newcastle

Cross Country
10/26 V Wyo Championships A 1:30PM

Football
10/24 V *Wheatland Bulldogs A 6PM
11/01 V 1st Round Playoffs A TBA
11/08 V 2nd Round Playoffs A TBA

Girls Swimming
10/25 V Absaraka Conf. Champ. Worland A 3PM
10/26 V Absaraka Conf. Champ. Worland A 10AM
10/31 V 3A State Championships at Gillette A 3PM
11/01 V 3A State Championships at Gillette A TBA

Volleyball
10/25 V 3A East Regionals at Wheatland (Newcastle Vs. Torrington 2 PM) A 11AM
10/26 V 3A East Regionals at Wheatland A 9AM
11/01 V 3A State Championships at Casper A TBA
11/02 V 3A State Championships at Casper A TBA

Upton

Volleyball
10/25-26 Regional @Torrington TBA
11/1-2 State @Casper TBA

Football
10/25 Pine Bluffs @Sundance 2PM

The Score

7th Grade Volleyball

Oct. 15
Newcastle, 1; Sage Valley "A", 2
Oct. 18: NE Districts
Newcastle, 1; Sundance, 2
Newcastle, 2; Upton, 0 (Took 3rd)

8th Grade Volleyball

Oct. 15
Newcastle 0; Sage Valley, 2
Oct. 18: NE Districts
Newcastle 0; Wright, 2

Netters go 1-1 on the road

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Dogie volleyball split two matches on the road last week to earn a fourth seed going into this weekend's 3A East Conference Tournament at Wheatland.

First up was Thursday's win in four games against an underperforming Buffalo team, which did not come unexpectedly for the Dogie gals, according to Coach Maja Jechorek. Still, the Dogies went into the match knowing a victory was necessary to secure the fourth-place seed.

"Buffalo has been struggling all year," Jechorek told the News Letter Journal. "We were looking forward to getting a win. We needed the win to stay at least number four [going into the conference tournament]. The plan was to focus and make sure we beat Buffalo as a much harder game was coming up against Rawlins."

Easier said than done, however, and the match against the Bisons came not without its hiccups.

After easily handling Buffalo 25-12 in the first game, Newcastle came undone in the second, dropping that stanza 15-25 to a Bison team that has gone almost winless over the course of the season. Jechorek didn't have a definitive explanation for the lapse, chalking it up to the psychological side of things, though the immediate cause was unforced errors on the Dogies' part.

"I don't know what happened the second game," she said. "We were struggling. Nothing worked. I don't know if it was because we were too relaxed, having just beaten them so easily ... It was like a totally different [Newcastle] team then had just played the first game, was playing in the second game."

It's noteworthy here that Newcastle has had a number of similarly erratic performances this season, although these have tended to come in the third game of the match. Rather than dwell on the negatives, though, Jechorek was just glad her team had come away with another win against a motivated Buffalo team. It has, after all, been an extremely competitive 3A conference this season.

"We were very, very glad that we picked up that win," she continued. "Buffalo is not a bad team. We knew they weren't just going to give it to us even though they haven't won a [conference] game. It was their Senior Night. That always makes it a little harder for an opponent. They're not a bad team. It just seems like 3A is pretty good this year."

Unfortunately for the Dogies they fared less well when they turned their attention to Rawlins on Saturday. The match, which had been rescheduled from its original date due to inclement weather, was

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Gridders make it three in a row

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Dogie football turned in a dominant performance Friday in their last home game of the season, overrunning Tongue River 56-14 to clinch a playoff spot.

The win marks the third in a row for Newcastle, who endured a slow, 1-3 start to their season from which they have since rebounded.

For the Dogies, however, who have tended to come out aggressively and score early — even in their losses — the game began somewhat inauspiciously with several penalties called on Newcastle's offense. The cheers of Dogie fans were muted, even, when an early touchdown was called back.

"It was definitely a weird start," Coach Matt Conzelman reflected. "I don't know if it was our errors, wide receiver-wise, of making sure that we were on the line, or if the officials were just miscounting it, because you

need seven on the line of scrimmage. Regardless of what it was, after that [first] drive [things seem to have gotten sorted out]. Film-wise, it looked like we were where we needed to be. [The officials] just weren't counting us on the line of scrimmage."

Not to be discouraged, Newcastle soon got back on track with a 65-yard touchdown run, courtesy of Dillon Ehlers, five minutes into the first quarter. But it wasn't until the second that the Dogies really found their rhythm, turning in five touchdowns to Tongue River's one.

Leading 42-7 at the half, Conzelman gave some of his starters a rest, but wasn't about to let off too much pressure or allow the Dogies to get too lackadaisical.

"The guys who were still out on the field," Conzelman recalled of his halftime pep talk, "I told them it's still 'go' time, and you have to go out like the score is 0-0. You can't let up

because either you're going to give them a chance to come back or you're going to get yourself injured."

Still, the big lead did give Conzelman the chance to get some of his younger players field time, sometimes at alternate positions, experience that he imagines will probably pay dividends for the Dogies down the road.

"Jack Villanueva ran the ball really well. Colton Hall made some good blocks at fullback. We did some good things on offense when we came out at halftime. Dillon [Ehlers] getting some time at quarterback, I thought was really good. He looked confident back there ... It feels good to get those kind of reps out of our young guys," Conzelman said, considering some of the second-half changes.

Asked what he thought had gone so very wrong for the Eagles, a team that has struggled this season, Conzelman felt it was mainly a matter of Tongue River's smaller talent pool and the

resulting relative youth of their football team, which features some freshman and sophomore starters.

"We're pretty big up front and kind of got our way," he said. "It's tough for them. I'd venture to say they're still a young team. Next year they will go down to 1A and probably do okay down there. I think next year they'll bounce back and be pretty decent."

As for this week's opponent, Wheatland, Conzelman isn't expecting things to come as easily for Newcastle as they did last week. The Bulldogs are a competitive team who find themselves in roughly the same position as Newcastle, jockeying for a better position in post-season play.

"I'm sure they're just as hungry as we are, because they're fighting for a third seed as well," he speculated. "I think they have one of the top passers in the state in [quarterback] Critter

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Ladies have high hopes for State

By Kelsey Wood for NLJ

"We looked great on Thursday! Actually, we looked better than we have in weeks. We had several personal best times and phenomenal team work," Coach Jenny Pederson beamed following the Newcastle Qualifier, held Oct. 17 at Kozisek Aquatic Center.

The Lady Dogies, giving it their all, resulted in personal bests at the meet, with some swimmers dropping as much as 20 seconds in some races. The coach envisioned the team's performance levels increasing as they neared conference and went into taper, and at this meet it appeared they did so easily.

"I took off 20 seconds in my 500, and also took eight seconds off in my 200 IM," Lady Dogie Mikenna Waggener informed the News Letter Journal.

The level of excitement following the meet — which included placings

in the top spot for Kaylee Harley, Jae Whitney, Mikenna Waggener and the team of Shaylee Curren, Waggener, Whitney and Harley in the 400 Yard Freestyle — continues this week as the girls head into their conference meet.

"I am looking to a continuation from Thursday's last-chance meet. In order for the girls to swim well they need to continue to pull together and bring each other up! I am looking forward to more qualifying swims. This is what we have been working towards. It is the last chance to qualify for those who have not yet, and I am confident we will have more girls qualify," Pederson proclaimed. "We have potential to place high in many of the individual races as well as relays, as long as the girls stay focused and do what we have worked so hard to do. You will see great things from this upcoming meet!"



Todd Bennington/NLJ
Shaylee Curren earned fifth place during the 100 Yard Freestyle during the Newcastle Qualifier held Oct. 17 at Kozisek Aquatic Center.

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Cleanliness helps thwart illness

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

As the weather gets cooler and flu season approaches, Angie Phillips, the Infectious Control nurse at Weston County Health Services, would like to remind everyone how important it is to wash hands. During Oct. 21-26, Infection Control week, the nurse takes the opportunity to make everyone aware of the importance of cleanliness for staying healthy.

"With infection control, that is my big role, to make sure everyone is washing their hands, using their masks, making sure we are taking precautions if needed with residents or patients," explained Phillips. "Hand washing, hand washing — that is the best thing!"

Although infection control at WCHS is her job, her message carries through to the general public: Hand washing is important because it is your best defense against any illness. But knowing how to properly wash your hands is critical. Wet hands with clean water and apply soap, rub hands together to make lather and scrub well. Continue rubbing for 20 seconds, singing "Happy Birthday" song twice, rinse hands well under running water and dry hands using clean paper towel. Then use the towel to turn off the faucet — it was turned on with dirty hands!

Now is also the time to be getting a flu vaccine, she advised, which isn't just to protect yourself. Getting vaccinated also protects those around you. Next week, on Phillips to-do-list, is giving the residents at Weston County Manor flu shots.

"It's just very important. One thing I like to tell people is you cannot get sick from the flu vaccine. A lot of people think that you can, but you cannot," reassured the nurse. "It protects them and their family, too. But most of all, these residents just don't have the immunity that we do. So it's huge!"

As Infection Control nurse at WCHS, Phillips is responsible for vaccinating all of the employees as well. She told the News Letter Journal her biggest challenge is catching everyone during the different shifts. Fortunately, she is able to rely on help from the nurses on the night shift to give the annual flu vaccine and the tuberculosis test



Denice Piscioti/NLJ

WCHS employee Angie Phillips, the Infectious Control nurse, gives a vaccination to fellow employee Piper Orsborn.

each January.

Each new hire at WCHS is given a two-step TB test, as well as several orientations with Phillips. Blood work is checked regularly to make sure each employee is covered by every vaccine so they stay healthy, which in turn ensures the health of the hospital patients and Manor residents they work with.

Keeping up on all the latest information on infectious control keeps Phillips on her toes. Two or three times a week she attends webinars to learn what is new in the medical field. She is constantly learning new things because it is always changing, she says.

Working with the facility's Safety Committee is also among her duties. Keeping everything safe for the staff, patients, residents and visitors is an important aspect of her responsibilities.

Another one of the behind-the-scenes tasks she has is to make sure each doctor with access to patients at the hospital has the qualifications to do so. Each doctor that views patient's tests, x-rays or charts must be certified to do so.

"I am now the credentialing coordinator. I credential all the doctors here at the facility," reported Phillips. "I had no idea how many doctors that are credentialed here — you think it's only the doctors that work here. But it's not, it goes further out than you could imagine!"

Her career choice began at the University of South Dakota where she received a Registered Nurse degree. From there Phillips worked at the progressive care unit at Rapid City Regional Hospital. A position opened up at WCHS as a floor nurse five years ago, a job she enjoyed until she moved into her current position in August of 2011.

Phillips said she enjoys the smaller facility because it allows her to be involved everywhere with WCHS, instead of just one floor, as she did while working in the larger facility.

"I think the best part of this job is getting involved in every aspect of the building! I am able to interact with all parts of the hospital, the Manor and Home Health," she smiled. "It's nice because you get to know people on a one-on-one basis."

Board training well attended

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

Members of several boards attended the "Having A Successful Board" class offered through Eastern Wyoming College and taught by Bill Taylor, University of Wyoming Extension educator and Community Development educator on Tuesday, Oct. 1 and Thursday, Oct. 3. Class participants represented FOCUS, Osage Water District, Weston County Planning Zone, City of Newcastle Planning Zone, the Humane Society and the United Fund, as well as private individuals. The class was larger than originally expected and was moved from the Newcastle High School library to a classroom upstairs.

Taylor began the first class with introductions from the participants. Most were currently on boards, however, two people came for other reasons — one was new to the community and the other was because of a recent new job position. "I had never worked for a board before and didn't know how they functioned. So I took the class to try to learn how our board can be a little more efficient," reported Susan Love, Newcastle



Denice Piscioti/NLJ

A full class attended "Having a Successful Board," at Newcastle High School in early October.

Area Chamber of Commerce's director. Learning is the key to getting better, she shared, and everyone can always improve. The class was absolutely worth her time, she later told the News Letter Journal.

The number of people in attendance also seemed to indicate a desire to learn how to run a board efficiently. "Sometimes we feel it's not important to follow rules. Personally I think it's important to follow rules even if we don't know why or think we should. Somewhere down the line we might find out why we should have followed them," Love professed. The Weston County Planning and

Zoning Board has been encouraging their members to attend workshops, board member Chad Sears shared, and he appreciated having the opportunity to increase his knowledge close to home. "I decided this one would be beneficial and give me more understanding and insight into the working of boards," he stated. He felt the class was informative and helpful, he said, and he plans to continue his education through the websites and information Taylor handed out at the class.

"There is a lot of material available, you just need to take the time to look at it," he told the class on Tuesday. Susan

Wiggins, a current member of the United Fund board, reported she attended the board training class because it will be helpful in her current capacity as well as help her if she is elected to the position she is vying for on the Salt Creek Water District board. "I wanted to be an effective board member on the Salt Creek Water District. It is not running well. Some of the members on the water district have serious concerns," Wiggins told the News Letter Journal. She attended the class to learn how to practice above board in dealing with finances, members, responsibilities, duties, and how to operate effectively and with integrity. Two members of the Humane Society Board were present, Chris Beardsley and Deb Sewell. As president of the board, Beardsley recommended board members attend the class. Sewell expressed that, as the authority of the board, Beardsley is an excellent president, adding that the board training class provided excellent insight from a knowledgeable source. "I love Bill as a speaker. I highly recommend his classes. He has a phenomenal amount of meeting knowledge," Sewell admitted.

Accomplishments

Ayres' team finishes fourth

Hastings College finished fourth on the first day of the two-day Sunflower Swing at Bethel College in Kansas on Oct. 12 and sixth overall. Jess Ayres, a junior from Newcastle, was among the members of the Bronco Forensics team. Ayres placed fourth in Extemporaneous Speaking on the first day of the event, and sixth place in Impromptu Speaking on Day 2.

The Hastings College Bronco Forensics team continues a long-running tradition of national competitive success, placing in the top 20 at the American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament (AFA-NIET) for many of the past 10 years, including 18th at AFA 2013 in Hutchinson, Kans., and 16th at AFA 2012 in San Marcos, Texas.

Next weekend while most Hastings College students will enjoy Fall Break, the Bronco Forensics team will travel to Mankato, Minn., to compete at Minnesota State University.

Founded in 1882, Hastings College is a private, four-year liberal arts institution located in Hastings, Neb.

Chick named to President's Council

David Chick has been named a member of the 2013 President's Council of New York Life. Members of the President's

Council are among the top 8 percent of New York Life's elite sales force of 12,250 licensed agents.

Chick has been a New York Life agent since 2006, and is associated with New York Life's Wyoming General Office in Newcastle.

Chick and his wife, Tina, and two sons, Aidan and Avery, reside in Newcastle, where he is the president of the Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce and participates in a number of other volunteer organizations. This is the fourth time in a row he has been named to the President's Council.

Larsen honored by governor

Jenelle K. Larsen was recently honored by Gov. Matt Mead in Cheyenne for achieving 35 years of service to the State of Wyoming. She has worked for several agencies during her career, including the Department of Revenue and Taxation, the Wyoming Port of Entry system, the Wyoming Highway Patrol, as well as her current position in the Department of Transportation. Mead honored her in his office for her past services and continued dedication to the people of Wyoming. Larsen is currently serving as the supervisor at both Driver's Services offices in Newcastle and Sundance.



Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead and Jenelle Larson.



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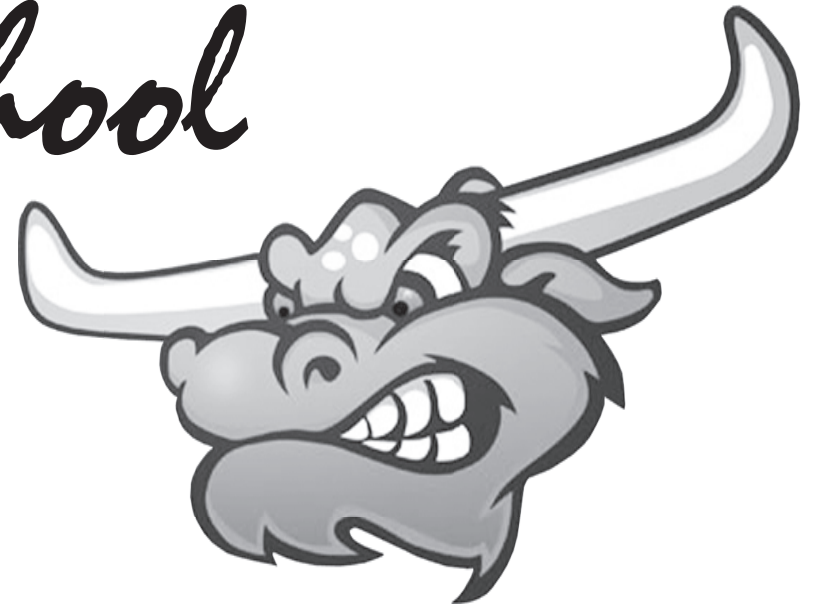


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Back row from left: Coach Mike Pederson, Coach Beau Gregory, Coach Chad Ostenson, Manager Christina Rushton, Head Coach Matt Conzelman, Coach Scott Beehler, Coach Doug Sankey. 4th row from left: Mason Piscioti, Wade Gordon, Garrett Liggett, Alec Walker, Merritt Crabtree, Johnny Walker, Bryce Womack, Joe Danens. 3rd row from left: Ethan Schuessler, Ryan Oliver, Dillon Ehlers, Triston Roberson, Jerad Bell, Chris Carter, Colton Sweet, Josh Cadwell, Jacob Bissey. 2nd row from left: Jake Villanueva, Hunter Liggett, Chandler Burd, Jacob Esposito, James Lewis, C.J. Mace, Tyler Lewis, Preston Rushton. Front row from left: Phillip Jagelski, Bradon Rushton, Zac Rasmussen, Ricky Larson, Derek Lewis, Adam Armstrong, Kolton Epperson, Colin Heaton, Trayton Farnsworth.




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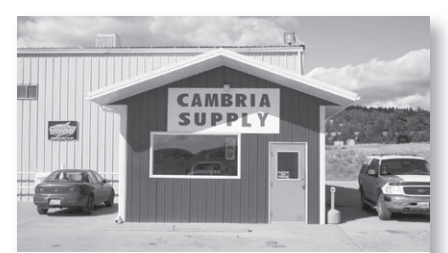
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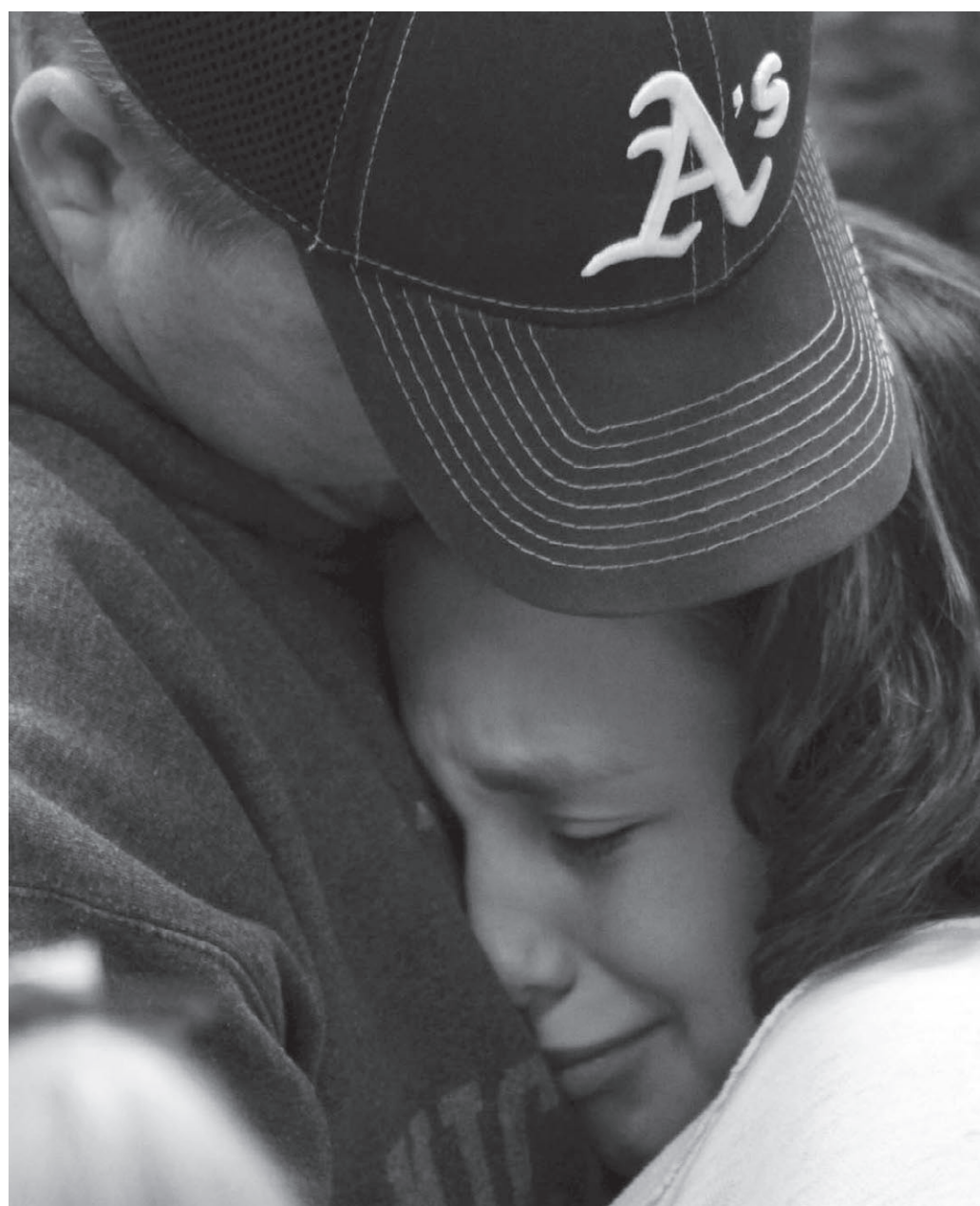
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Tears of joy?

Abbey Lacey gets a hug from her father, Patrick, after receiving the Good Citizen of the Month award at Newcastle Elementary School. (Photo by Denise Piscioti/NLJ)

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Pumpkin, sugar, spice ...

Pumpkins come in all shapes and sizes. Pumpkins are winter squash and this fall veggie is a member of the gourd family. All pumpkins may be eaten, however there is a big difference among varieties.



Vicki Hayman
Extension Notes

There are large pumpkins for carving, strangely shaped and colored pumpkins for decorating and smaller pumpkins for cooking. Decorative field pumpkins, like those used for jack-o'-lanterns, are grown with color, structural strength, a flat bottom, and a sturdy stem as their main attributes. Jack-o'-lantern pumpkins were developed specifically to be oversized and thin-walled, with a huge seed pocket and a relatively small proportion of flesh. The flesh tends to be bland, watery and fibrous. They can be used as baked tureens for soup.

Culinary pumpkins can be used to make desserts, pickles, preserves, and savory dishes. There are many varieties of culinary pumpkins which are highly prized for their taste and texture. The best pumpkins for baking are smaller pumpkins — typically less than 10 pounds — with firm, dense flesh that isn't stringy.

Sugar pumpkins are one of the most common baking pumpkins and are often labeled "pie pumpkins," since they have an excellent texture and a pleasant sweetness. The Small Sugar pumpkin is also known as the New England Pie, Northern Pie, and Sugar Pie. Other types of pumpkins that are great for cooking include Baby Pam, Autumn Gold, Fairytale and Cinderella Pumpkins, all of which have a good consistency and flavor. Like the Sugar pumpkins, these pumpkins are also often labeled as "pie pumpkins."

Culinary pumpkins are very versatile. When preparing, bake, roast, mash, or puree eating pumpkins just like other winter squash.

Here are some pumpkin tips:

Choose smooth, deep-orange pumpkins that are heavy for their size, without cracks or soft spots. They may be stored in the pantry for up to one month.

Pumpkin shells get dull as they age, but the flesh should remain intact and can even get sweeter.

The Cinderella or Fairy Tale pumpkin is delicious, though very hard to shell.

Winter squash can be used as a substitute for cooking pumpkins. Butternut squash, in particular, shows up in a lot of recipes as an alternative.

Cut off the top and bottom ends, and then use a vegetable peeler to remove the skin. For tougher skin, make a few more passes with the peeler.

A medium-sized (four-pound) culinary pumpkin should yield around 1 to 1½ cups of mashed pumpkin. The puree can be used in any recipes calling for canned pumpkin.

Pumpkins are chock full of the antioxidant beta-carotene, as evidenced by their orange color. One cup of cooked pumpkin includes nearly two grams of protein, three grams of fiber, plus calcium, potassium, iron, Vitamins A, C, and E, plus zinc, all for only 49 calories.

Roast and eat the seeds of any pumpkin.

Canned pumpkin is what most of us rely on for baking, since it is convenient. Then again you can use fresh pumpkin in your recipes as



well. Here is one way to make pumpkin puree:

Fresh Pumpkin Puree

1 culinary pumpkin, washed and cut down the middle, and seeded.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Place the seeded and cut pumpkin, cut side down, on a baking sheet. Poke the skin side with a fork in several places on both pieces. Place in the oven and roast until soft (a fork should go through the skin and flesh with ease once it's done). The length of time will vary according to the size of the pumpkin.

Once the pumpkin is cool enough to handle, scoop out the flesh into a fine sieve/strainer set over a bowl.

Very gently turn over and stir the pumpkin to drain some of the excess water out. Once it looks fairly dry and isn't dripping anymore, place the pumpkin into a food processor and process until smooth. Fresh pumpkin puree will be much looser than concentrated canned pumpkin. Some of the liquid may need to be strained off or evaporated before it can be used for baking, where the balance between wet and dry ingredients is critical. If the puree still has too much water, line a strainer with several layers of cheesecloth, set over a bowl and add cooled puree. Cover with plastic wrap, refrigerate overnight and let the water drip out of the puree.

Fresh pumpkin puree can be refrigerated up to three days or frozen up to five months. Defrost in the refrigerator the day before using and drain through a cheesecloth-lined strainer, in the refrigerator, after defrosting.

Pies made with fresh pumpkin have a lighter color and a delicate squash-like flavor, while those made with concentrated canned pumpkin are thicker and more flavorful, with a darker color. Combine both fresh and canned pumpkin for a pie that tastes fresh and rich with flavor and spices. Don't be tempted to increase the spices in a fresh puree filling too much to compensate for the delicate flavor. If you're beginning with a traditional recipe, adding an additional 1/8 teaspoon of each spice will complement the subtleties of the fresh pumpkin without overcoming it.

Are pumpkin dishes on your agenda? Get creative and dazzle your family and guests with pumpkin recipes, including starters, soups, salads, entrees and desserts. All pumpkin recipes bring out the rich, nutty flavor of Fall's favorite ingredient — and don't even get me started on how good it is for you.

Sources: <http://gardening.about.com/>; <http://bakingbites.com/>; <http://smittenkitchen.com/recipes>

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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.

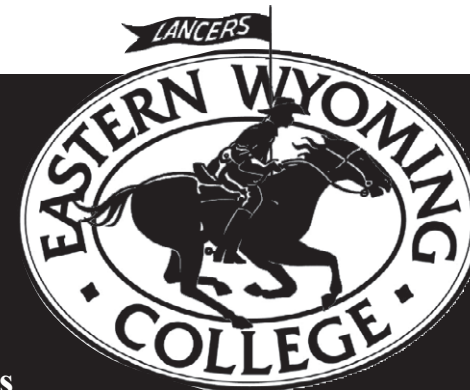


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County Commission Minutes

OCTOBER 15, 2013

The regular meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Seeley presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners: Lenard D. Seeley, Jerry Shepperson, Randy Rossman, Marty Ertman and County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank. Commissioner Tracy Hunt was not present.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Planning & Zoning Board

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to accept a letter of resignation from Planning & Zoning Board Member Michael Turner with regret. A letter of appreciation for Mr. Turner's participation on the board will be mailed. **Carried.**

Burning Restrictions Lifted

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to ratify lifting the burn ban restrictions in Weston County and sign a Resolution to that effect. **Carried.** Resolution numbered 13-02 was signed and filed.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 1, 2013, as published. Discussion ensued, **carried.**

Cancellation of Taxes

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to accept and sign a Cancellation of Taxes numbered 1071 in the amount of \$207.97 for Albert and Linda Robert. **Carried.**

Rebate of Taxes

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to accept and sign a Rebate of Taxes numbered 1072 in the amount of \$183.82 for Rock Well Petroleum. **Carried.**

Budget Amendment Hearing – Homeland Security

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to set a Budget Amendment Hearing for November 5, 2013 at 10:15 a.m. to consider three (3) Fiscal Year 2014 Homeland Security Grant Awards. The grants are as follows: Homeland Security SHSP Coroner's Office in the amount of \$2,755.50; Homeland Security SHSP Law Enforcement Terrorism in the amount of \$5,586.20 and Homeland Security EMPG Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$36,997.44. **Carried.**

Budget Amendment Hearing – FEMA

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to set a Budget Amendment Hearing for November 5, 2013 at 10:45 a.m. to consider the transfer of \$72,274.98 from a FEMA fund to the Road & Bridge new equipment expenditure line item; for work that was completed by the Road & Bridge Department on the Plum Creek Road. Discussion ensued, **carried.**

Homeland Security

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on a Fiscal Year 2013 Homeland Security EMPG Grant in the amount of \$30,000.00, this grant requires a fifty percent local funding match. **Carried.**

Employee Appreciation

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to authorize a half day off for all Weston County employees on November 27, 2013, the day before Thanksgiving. **Carried.**

Library

Brenda Ayres, Library Director, met with the Commissioners and discussed the Library Budget. First quarter profit and loss statements were distributed by Mrs. Ayres. Mill levies and cash reserve funds were discussed. Mrs. Ayres explained how she budgets for the Libraries expenses and that the cash reserve funds carry the Library through the first three months of a Fiscal Year budget. The Commissioners thanked Mrs. Ayres for the information. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:55 a.m. and

reconvened at 10:02 a.m. with all present except Commissioner Shepperson.

Budget Amendment – County Road Funds

The hour being 10:02 a.m. Chairman Seeley opened a Budget Amendment Hearing to consider the transfer of \$96,760.00 from the County Road Fund cash account to an expenditure line item for road surveys to be completed on the following roads: Skull Creek, Materi, Raven Creek, Fiddler Creek and Cheyenne River.

Commissioner Shepperson rejoined the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to accept the County Road Fund Budget Amendment expense in the amount of \$96,760.00. **Carried.**

County Road Fund Eligibility Form

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman to accept and sign an Eligibility Form for the County Road Fund (CRF) expense in the amount of \$96,760.00 for road surveys. Discussion ensued, **carried.**

Employee Appreciation - Rescinded

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to rescind a previous motion to authorize a half day off for all Weston County employees on November 27, 2013, the day before Thanksgiving. **Carried.**

Employee Appreciation

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to authorize November 29, 2013, the day after Thanksgiving as an employee appreciation day. Discussion ensued, **carried.**

Meeting Rescheduled

Mamie C. Krank, Weston County Clerk, requested the Commission consider rescheduling the meeting of November 19, 2013, due to hunting season. A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to reschedule the meeting of November 19, 2013 to Thursday, November 21, 2013. **Carried.** The recorded votes were as follows: Yea: Commissioners Rossman, Shepperson and Seeley; Nay: Commissioner Ertman.

The meeting recessed at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened at 10:47 a.m. with all present.

Weston County Event Center

Dave Spencer, Wyoming Business Council, met with the Commissioners and discussed progress on the Weston County Event Center. The Commissioners explained that the final report from KB Engineering had been forwarded to the insurance companies involved and that Weston County was now waiting for a response. The Commissioners discussed the possibility of hiring an outside trial attorney to begin reviewing the case. No action was taken.

County Administrator Position

David Schultz met with the Commissioners and discussed the County Administrator position. Mr. Schultz explained that he was retired from Shell Oil Company and was responsible for the development and oversight of projects in his career.

The hour being 11:06 a.m. Commissioner Tracy Hunt joined the meeting.

Various duties of the position were discussed. Mr. Schultz recommended that the job description include a short list of deliverables and offered to draft something for the Commissioners to review. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Schultz. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:27 a.m. and reconvened at 11:35 a.m. with all present except Commissioner Hunt.

Sheriff's Department

Bryan Colvard, Sheriff, met with the Commissioners and discussed a delay in the sidewalk project at the Law Enforcement Center due to the weather. Sheriff Colvard related that Architect Patrick Amend would be attending the November 5, 2013 Commissioner's meeting to discuss progress on the Law Enforcement Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Project. Sheriff Colvard stated that Deputy Ryan Kerns was relocating and had tendered his resignation. Sheriff Colvard discussed inmate Medicare and Medicaid changes and related that he is working with Joseph Baron, Crook County Attorney, to find payment solutions. No action was taken.

Mallo Camp – NRA Grant

Ted Ertman, Mallo Camp Board Member, met

with the Commissioners and discussed a grant through the National Rifle Association (NRA) for upgrades to the shooting range located at Mallo Camp, North of Newcastle. Mr. Ertman related that three items were prioritized in the request for grant funding. First, a restroom at the outdoor facility; second, a garage type building and third, a berm at the far end of the shooting range. Mr. Ertman stated that the grant did not require matching funds. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to authorize the Mallo Camp Board to apply for a NRA Grant for improvements at the shooting range. **Carried.** Commissioner Ertman abstained from voting due to a conflict.

The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with all present.

Weston County Event Center

The Commissioners discussed grading issues at the Weston County Event Center. Commissioner Rossman volunteered to contact Paul Reed of Paul Reed Construction and Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 1:50 p.m. and reconvened at 1:58 p.m. with all present.

Ag Department

Vicki Hayman, UW Extension Educator and Duane Williams, Associate Director UW Extension, met with the Commissioners and discussed the County Extension program and shared salary contributions for the 4-H Educator position. The Commissioners related to Mr. Williams that the shared salary arrangement obligates the County to pay half of the salary for the 4-H Educator but does not allow the County's input into salary decisions. The Commissioners stated that they have no complaints about the job Stacy Madden has done as 4-H Educator; however, County employees did not receive a raise for Fiscal Year 2014 and they could not justify increasing the salary of the 4-H Educator position.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR TAX DEED

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C/O John Richard Ryan, Sr.
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DATED THIS 17th Day of October, 2013

William G. Ingalls
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(605) 631-0014

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Mr. Williams related that the University of Wyoming understands this issue and is hopeful that the County will participate in career advancement opportunities for the position in the future. A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on a salary agreement for the 4-H Educator position in the amount of \$19,656.00, the same rate as Fiscal Year 2013. **Carried.**

Weed & Pest Board

Hale Redding, Weed & Pest Director, met with the Commissioners and relayed that Mark Stenson, Weed & Pest Board Member, had indicated that he would be moving out of the district and resigning his position on the Board. The Commissioners discussed advertising for the unexpired term once the resignation letter is received from Mr. Stenson. Mr. Redding also discussed progress in the Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) infestation and tree loss in Weston County. No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Lenard D. Seeley, Chairman

Attest: Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk

(Publish October 24, 2013)

Deadline for Legals noon on Friday

Bid Notice

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City Of Newcastle, Wyoming ("City") will accept sealed bids for the purchase of the following real property owned by the City:

Legal Description:

A tract of land being a portion of Outlot A, sometimes referred to as Tract A-8 of the Original Town of Newcastle, and a portion of the vacated South Seneca Avenue in the City of Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming. A complete legal description is available upon request from the City Administrative Office located at 10 West Warwick, Newcastle, Wyoming.

Street Address:

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By: Charita Brunner, City Clerk/Treasurer

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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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(Publish October 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2013)

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SALT CREEK WATER DISTRICT ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 2013 SAMPLE BALLOT

Notice: To any qualified voter who did not receive an Election Packet you may vote on November 5, 2013 from 2:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Salt Creek Water District Office at 5021 US Highway 16 East or by calling 746-3331 to receive an Election Packet.

SAMPLE BALLOT SALT CREEK WATER DISTRICT OFFICIAL BALLOT-ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 2013 WRITE-INS ARE ACCEPTABLE VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE

Tina Ottema
Susan Wiggins

(Publish October 24, 2013)



Probate Notice

STATE OF WYOMING
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF WESTON
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARILYN ZERBST also known as MARILYN YVONNE ZERBST and MARILYN Y. ZERBST and MARYLIN Y. ZERBST and MARILYN BARGER Deceased.

Probate No. PR-7950

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DATED this 18th day of October, 2013.

MONIKA L. ELL, KENT D. BARGER, and GINA D. BARGER, Petitioners
By: HARRY B. DURHAM, III (5-1278)
E. JEANNÉE NUNN (7-4816)
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WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 FEDERAL WARRANTS OVER \$500 SEPTEMBER 2013

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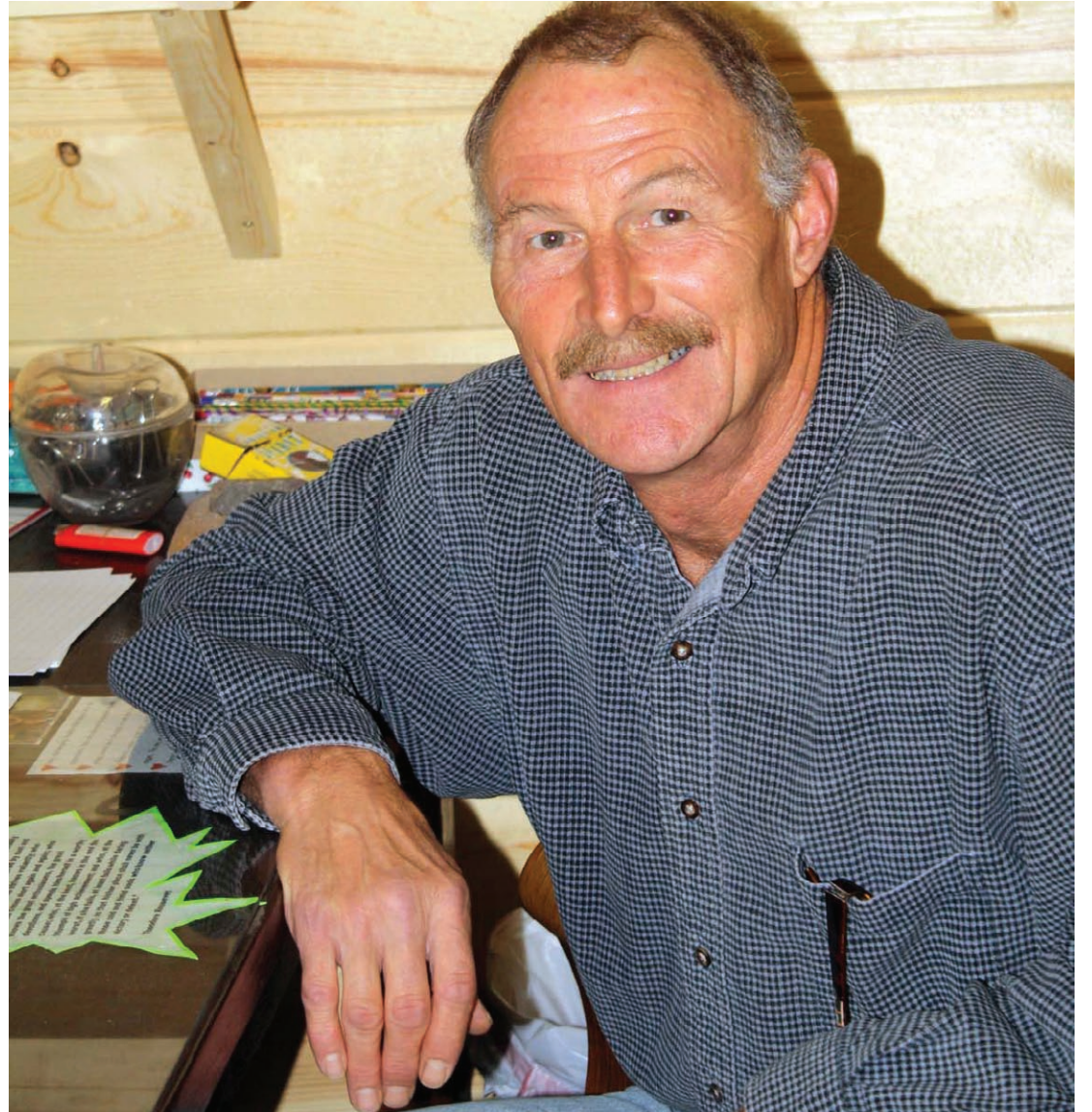
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History buffs recognized

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

A number of Weston County residents were honored at last month's annual meeting of the Wyoming State Historical Society for their contributions to the study and preservation of local history.

More than 70 people turned out for the event, not counting award nominees and guests, according to WSHS materials. The annual meeting, held in Torrington this year, also coincided with the 60th anniversary of the society.

Among those honored was Young Historian Award winner Ashley Isum, whose third-place paper on Wyoming's first and only female governor, Nellie Tayloe Ross, was part of a project she presented for this year's History Day. She told the News Letter Journal that she chose her subject, of whom she was previously unaware, at the casual suggestion of one of her teachers.

"I couldn't think of a subject [for my project]. One of the teachers mentioned it. I started researching and liked it and wanted to know more," Ashley explained.

While Isum said she garnered some of the information and photographs she used from the internet, much of it came from hands-on archival research during a class trip to Laramie.

"The school took us there, so everyone got their research done there," she said.

Among the other standouts was Emily Beastrom, whose replica of a Native American girl's dress garnered a first place Young Historian Award in the third- through fifth-grade category.

Beastrom, who told the News Letter Journal she maintains an interest in both history and sewing, chose the project because she knew it was one she and her grandmother could do jointly.

"It turned out to be pretty hard," she said, "because of all the sewing."

Asked where the materials had come from, Beastrom explained, "The beads and ribbon we got here in town, and the fabric my grandma got in Gillette."

Beastrom went on to mention that she had not only sewn the dress, but modeled it for 4-H as well.

Perhaps the most coveted award on offer, the Clara M. and Henry E. Jensen Outstanding Wyoming Teacher Award, went to recently retired Newcastle Elementary teacher Myron Hoffman. Hoffman, who told the News Letter Journal he was nominated by Becky Todd of Upton, wasn't expecting any such recognition for his more than 30 years as a fourth and fifth grade teacher.

"I was surprised ... I just assumed it was what we, as a fourth grade team, did at school," he said. "[Fellow teachers] Laura Giesler, Stacy Jones, and I, It's just part of our



Todd Bennington & Amy Menerey/NLJ

Myron Hoffman, top, was awarded as Outstanding History Teacher by the Wyoming State Historical Society. Emily Beastrom, above, shows the replica of a Native American dress which garnered her first place in the Young Historians for her age group. The project also won her first place at both the county and state fairs.

curriculum. We get together in our meetings and plan them, and make up the assignment."

"Receiving an award like this reflects on the team I was working with," Hoffman continued, "and all the support that I received from school board members and principals, and even landowners around here ... who let us go to Cambria every year as a field trip. The cooperation of people around this county has been very good as far as setting things up and getting kids out there to see things."

"I think it was a team effort. I really didn't do anything special to [deserve] this. Mainly it was the kids. We turned their projects in," Hoffman concluded.

Asked if he felt Weston County is a particularly interesting place for history enthusiasts, he answered, "It's the Wild West here, which is always intriguing for people, I think."

Hoffman went on to explain that Mike Jording, a local phy-

sician with a long history of involvement with the state and county historical societies, documents the students' projects, which are then submitted to the state level.

Jording explained to the News Letter Journal that the Wyoming State Historical Society has been described as a federation of county historical societies and that there is much overlap and cooperation between the two levels, with people typically being nominated for state awards by their local organization.

For those interested in attending a meeting of the local society, the Weston County Historical Society will be holding a noon lunch meeting on Nov. 10 at the Upton Senior Center, to which the county and state award winners from the area are invited, society president Betty Petranek said. Those wishing to learn more can contact Petranek at 746-9622, in the evening, or Elizabeth Goodart at 746-2426.

Local award recipients

Local residents receiving awards or honorable mention for their work at last month's annual meeting of the Wyoming State Historical Society were the following:

- Shelly Ritthaler and Mike Jording received honorable mention in the category of non-fiction books for "Images of America: Weston County", a "photographic tour" of the local area.
- Amy Menerey, Bob Bonnar and Kim Dean of the News Letter Journal received an award in the category of magazines and newspapers for "Circle of History," a section featured in the 2012 progress edition of the News Letter Journal dedicated to the history and future of historic Weston County buildings.
- Kim Dean received honorable mention in the category of magazines and newspapers for her article on Dorla Sackett, a pioneer woman of Weston County.
- Karen Barton of Upton received honorable mention in the fine art category for "Texas Trail Steer," a sculpture commemorating the Texas Longhorn cattle drives that passed through the Moorcroft area in the late 1880s.
- Emily Beastrom received a first place Young Historian Award (grades 3-5) for her reproduction of a dress worn by Native American girls.
- Ashley Isum of Upton High School received a third place Young Historian Award (grades 6-8) for her paper on onetime Wyoming governor Nellie Tayloe Ross.
- Garrett Liggett of Newcastle received a second place Young Historian Award (grades 9-12) for his essay on Newcastle founding father and politician Frank W. Mondell.
- Rhyse Rhoades received a third place Young Historian Award (grades 9-12) for an essay detailing the history of the Newcastle Fire Department from its beginnings in the 1890s to the present.
- Mindy Blahnik's Upton Elementary fourth grade class received a second place Junior Activities Award (grades 3-5) for an activity titled "Rendezvous" in which they created trade items along with the high school shop class.
- Don Gose and Justin Gaskin received an Activities Award for planning and organizing a day-long trek to five historically significant barns located between Moorcroft and Sundance.
- Myron Hoffman received the prestigious Clara M. and Henry E. Jensen Outstanding Wyoming Teacher Award for the numerous historical activities, including the annual field trip to Cambria, he helped organize and conduct as a fourth and fifth grade teacher at Newcastle Elementary between 1981 and 2013.

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