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Inquest continues

Jury sees autopsy & crime lab reports

by Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Five more witnesses provided testimony on October 25 in the Coroner's Inquest looking into the death of 60-year-old Richard Campbell nearly a year and a half ago, including the coroner who recovered the body from the scene 11 miles south of Newcastle and ordered the autopsy that was performed in Rapid City.

Campbell County Coroner Laura Sundstrom explained to the jury what she found when she arrived at the single-wide trailer that Campbell lived in on June 24, 2015, and provided them with additional details from the investigation that followed.

Sundstrom, who also serves as a Deputy Weston County Coroner, said that she was eating dinner with her children in Gillette when she was contacted to respond to a call in Weston County, and she made her way to Newcastle and proceeded down Old Highway 85 to the home Campbell was living in, which was

located on property owned by Caroline Scoult.

Sundstrom indicated that she discovered Campbell in his bedroom, and noted that he was laying on his back at the foot of his bed. He had sunglasses on top of his head and grass clippings covering his legs that had sprinkled from the front door to the place where he lay.

"Obviously he was dead. I could not see the wound at the time though, there was too much blood coming from his nose and his mouth," recalled Sundstrom, who recovered the body and had it transported to Rapid City for an autopsy. The autopsy determined the cause of death was a gunshot wound to the head, and specified that the entry wound was in the roof of Campbell's mouth.

According to Sundstrom, autopsies are not a common practice unless a death occurs under suspicious circumstances, but she told the jury that Campbell's death seemed very suspicious to her. Those suspicions only increased when Scoult began calling her regarding the production of a death certificate for Campbell.

"I was at my office in Gillette. She called asking when I would sign the death

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Detention Officer Jason Jenkins wheels Caroline Scoult into Weston County Circuit Court on Monday afternoon. Scoult is free on her own recognizance but a second bond hearing has been set for November 9. (Andy McKay/NLJ)

by Bob Bonnar
NLJ Associate Publisher

An ongoing Coroner's Inquest being held to determine the cause and manner of the death of 60-year-old Weston County resident Richard Campbell in June of 2015 has resulted in the arrest of the woman whose relationship with Campbell has been the primary focus of the inquest.

According to a press release from Weston County Sheriff Bryan Colvard, Weston County resident Caroline Scoult, 64, was arrested by deputies shortly after 1 p.m. on Saturday after a witness subpoenaed to testify at the inquest claimed to have been threatened by Scoult.

"The arrest comes after an interview and

investigation into a report of witness intimidation conducted by the Weston County Sheriff's Office on October 28, 2016. After an investigation of the allegations, the information and evidence obtained was forwarded to the Weston County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, ultimately leading to the issuance of a warrant for Scoult's arrest," Colvard wrote in the release.

He indicated that Scoult was arrested at her residence at 1074 Old Highway 85 south of Newcastle without incident, and charged with "influencing, intimidating or impeding a witness."

According to the arrest warrant, Scoult's alleged actions are a violation of Wyoming Statute 6-5-305, and constitute a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more

than ten years and a fine of not more than \$5,000 or both.

According to an Affidavit of Probable Cause submitted to Weston County Circuit Court by Sgt. Dan Bush, the investigation into Scoult's alleged witness intimidation began approximately 24 hours prior to her arrest, when Bush conducted a tape recorded interview at the Law Enforcement Center with David and Kimberly Fisher in reference to threats they claimed were made by Scoult.

According to the Affidavit, Kimberly Fisher told Bush that she received a threatening phone call from Scoult last Tuesday, October 25, after she returned home from

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Monday afternoon two blocks of Main Street were closed off to traffic so the area businesses could hold a Trunk or Treat. Clockwise from top: The Mad Hatter, Bill Hallett, gets down on the little pumpkins level to let her pick candy out for herself. The elephant, Karen Terhune, waves a happy hello. The Cat in the Hat, Penny Loebs, shades her face from the setting sun. (Pam Penfield/NLJ)

Fencing them in

by Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

As operators of the historic 4W Ranch in Weston County, Bob and Jean Harshbarger

have been actively involved with the county's long running dispute with the U.S. Forest Service over prairie dogs in the

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Unemployment falls

by Bob Bonnar
NLJ Associate Publisher

For the second month in a row, unemployment dropped significantly in Weston County, according to a report released last week by the Research and Planning Division of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services.

In its monthly employment news release, DWS reported that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from 5.5 percent in August to 5.3 percent in September, and the non-adjusted rate for Wyoming was logged at 4.6 percent. That's a tenth of a percentage point lower than the 4.7 percent unemployment reported for Weston

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Phase One Nears Completion

Hospital staff hopes to move in next month

by Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Construction at Weston County Health Services began in the late fall of 2015, and Phase One of the project is

nearing completion. Portions of the first phase— which includes a new patient wing, the front entrance, pharmacy and lab, additional rooms for manor residents and special care unit in the manor— will be completed and inspected before others, however, and the patient wing and manor rooms will be finished first.

It is anticipated that the front

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Don't forget to turn back time

WEATHER FORECAST	Thursday Sunny Hi 65, Lo 41	Friday Sunny Hi 65, Lo 38	Saturday Mostly Sunny Hi 63, Lo 40	Sunday Sunny Hi 62, Lo 38	Monday Mostly Sunny Hi 55, Lo 36	Tuesday Sunny Hi 56, Lo 36	Wednesday Sunny Hi 58, Lo 38	INSIDE • Patch Preacher, Page 3 • Roof Raisers, Page 6 • State Champ, Page 9 • Election Primer, Page 11	
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Opinion

News Letter Journal

Our view

Amendment A puts money in the bank

Wyoming has an opportunity to increase revenue without increasing taxes. It involves a constitutional amendment that would change the way State Treasurer Mark Gordon can invest state funds.

Right now, Wyoming's constitution allows funds such as public employee retirement and permanent state funds to be invested in equities.

On Nov. 8, Wyoming voters will be asked to support Amendment A, which would allow Gordon — upon a two-thirds approval vote in the House and the Senate — to invest additional state funds from the general agency pool and the Tobacco Settlement Fund in equities. The ultimate goal is to see a better rate and in turn, grow Wyoming's dollars.

Right now, those funds are held in bonds that are earning one percent or, at times, even less. Gordon told Wyoming Public Radio that while the bond market has been strong for the past three decades, that's no longer the case. When interest rates rise, bond yields decline. At the present rate the state is earning less than inflation. There's really no good scenario right now, he said. Rep. Mike Madden (R-Buffer) agrees, and said the bond market right now is "scary."

Gordon added that the state's permanent funds have been invested in equities for the past 20 years and those funds have outperformed the state agency pool. Had the state chosen to invest all funds into equities back then, the state would have seen about \$500 million greater return based on the fact equities typically see three times better gain over bond investments.

Those are real dollars that could help lessen the blow as the state sees revenues plummet as the result of a declining energy market. Whether revenues continue to decline or start a slow climb, it's likely to be years before they reach the extent to fund state services at a level we have become accustomed to.

Wyoming must look at ways to raise revenue if we are to avoid additional cuts to much-needed programs and services — including funding for the city of Newcastle, Weston County and our schools.

Madden said that for the most part, these would be earnings that could be used for financing state and local government, dollars that are desperately needed.

Constitutional Amendment A is the best option the state has for increasing revenue. It means not leaving money on the table. It means seeing a better return on our dollars. It means more money without increased taxes. It means Wyoming will get a better bang for our buck.

Just stop and listen

There is so much that goes on in our lives every day, and it seems as though we are all so very busy on the regular. Believe me, I wear many different hats and sometimes I feel as though I am stretched as thin as I can possibly get. Lately, however, I have noticed many whispers that are telling me to slow down... to stop and listen to what really matters.

The latest came Monday evening as I was Facebook messaging with my niece and saw a couple of those red notification numbers that I absolutely can't ignore. Now, understand that I often communicate with people via Facebook Messenger, but apparently these notifications never caught my eye until Monday night.

They were both sent in 2015.

The first one I read came from someone in Wyoming whom I have never met. She contacted me to express her appreciation of a column I had written regarding tolerance toward Caitlin Jenner. Living in Wyoming, I knew when I wrote that column that some would take great offense to my perspective on her choice. However, I felt strongly about the fact that her decisions were her own, and it was not for us to judge her based on her choice.

This woman wanted me to know that she was grateful to see that tolerance is alive and well in Wyoming. I needed to see that message. In this tumultuous time in our country's history, we need tolerance and acceptance more than we ever have, and as the election approaches I worry more and more about the fate of our nation.

But then right after I saw this notification, I saw another one sent on December 18, 2015 from Laura Chord, and it took my breath away. I'm sure

that we had been talking about music and that I had shared with her the fact that I don't care a lot for Christmas music that plays from the beginning of November, but that I loved certain Christmas songs regardless of when they are played.

She shared with me a video of her special friend Matt Carlson playing his hymn of the week on his ukulele. He was playing one of my favorite Christmas songs, "Mary, Did you Know?"

As I listened to Matt play, the tears were rolling down my face. Not only because of the meaning of the song, but because Laura continues to touch my life and remind me of what is important.

So many messages resonated with me from these two social media contacts I had overlooked. When I wrote about being tolerant about Caitlin Jenner's choices, I will admit it came from a place of irritation that so many were judgmental about something that should not matter one iota to them. But when I read the letter from a mother who was struggling with societal acceptance of transgendered individuals, I realized that my words do indeed have an impact.

When I saw the message from Laura, the emotional impact was physical. I wish I had seen her note earlier and had been able to thank her for sending me the beautiful video. But more importantly, I felt such gratitude to her for sending me the missive when I really needed to hear it.

There are messages being sent to each of us every day, and my suggestion is to stop and listen to those whispers when they come along. It takes some attention - and in hindsight - it takes some purpose, but it really is worth the time.



Sonja Karp
Karpe Dogie

Deadline for Letters is noon on Friday

Letters to the Editor

Wind energy isn't all it is cracked up to be

Dear Editor,

I am 13 years old, and as a homeschool project for science I was supposed to write a "Letter to the Editor."

So here I am writing it.

This week I learned about energy. I also learned about renewable energy. I thought this was fitting since one of last week's Letters to the Editor ("So who will pick up the burden, page 2) talked about how wind energy should not be taxed, indicating that it is beneficial.

I have to disagree.

Wind energy doesn't produce near as much electricity as coal. It is also harmful to the environment. The land used for wind turbines belonged to animals at one point, but they now have to find a new home. They are also very harmful to birds. Birds get injured and killed in the blades. Wind turbines can even be harmful to humans. They create low-frequency noises that can cause headaches, nausea, stress, irritability, difficulty sleeping, and low concentration.

Wind turbines cost a lot of money in order to build, and they produce hardly any electricity. It is a waste of money.

In last week's Letter to the Editor, it was also stated that there should not be a tax reduction on fossil fuels, but they are far more resourceful than wind energy, coal being one of them. Coal is very resourceful. It's cheaper than oil and gas, and it can be found in every continent. Some people say coal isn't good because it's dirty, but people have been

able to figure out cleaner ways to burn coal so it doesn't cause as much pollution. Coal also supplies many people with jobs.

This is just my opinion. I got my information from my science book, "Exploring Creation with Chemistry and Physics," by Jeannie Fullbright.

—Hannah Gross

Mourning in America

Dear Editor,

The Establishment chant, of "We can't, We Can't," is what turned very many on to Trump. Because they turned on their base, it now is the case, folks are fed up with the bums they want to dump.

They said "vote for us," then hastily passed the omnibus, and failed to stop any illegal executive orders. For fear of being called bad names, they went along with Barry's games, and couldn't even insist on defending our borders.

It's more than a hunch, the Establishment bunch, has no interest in draining their fetid swamp. For a very long while, they've enjoyed their lifestyle, and they so want to continue their romp.

It makes me groan, while the Establishment eats their own, when the folks are looking for a slayer of dragons. They have feet made of clay, and can't see outside the Beltway, while they circle the firing squad instead of the wagons.

With all the revealed emailings, Hillary should have rough sailing, and I still have hopes of her going to the pen. But with her well greased connections, I fear my dreams face dejection, and she'll escape indictment once again.

When we go off the cliff, the penalties will be

stiff, but there'll be golden parachutes for all the elite. All the RINO phonies, with much help from their cronies, will go on with their lifestyles so sweet.

It will come to pass, we'll get either the corrupt or the crass, and we're gonna be in for rough weather. It'll take lots of tough love, and considerable Grace from Above, to make America Great Again Together.

—Jim Darlington

Start fixing this mess at the polls next week

Dear Editor,

If you talk to the Red side of the political rainbow, the Blue side doesn't have a worthwhile candidate. The Blue side feels the same about the Red side. What if they both are right?

It seems that all the party animals have been busy feathering their own nest(s), which wouldn't be so bad if it did not come at great expense to you and me. Unfortunately, it does cost us dearly.

Perpetual attacks on Social Security, God awful amounts of money sent to and through defense contractors, not even mentioning lives and limbs lost in misguided patriotism. Even larger amounts of corporate benefits through the tax code are provided by the pandering Ppoliticians of both parties!

I do not know how to fix this mess. I doubt that you do, but it must be corrected soon because, undisturbed, it will only get worse.

It calls for clear thinking, of the sort that went into our founding documents, by citizens of good will who are not beholden to the captains of industry, defense, banking, insurance or government. We need to rethink everything.

Then, we need to act decisively.

—Jerry Baird



Avoid the trap of those we disagree with

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. believed that his actions justified his movement, but many Black Lives Matters activists believe their movement justifies their actions.

King opposed the evil in the system rather than those who committed the evil. He understood that calling someone evil doesn't allow for progress, for if they truly are evil then they will always do evil. On the other hand, calling laws or practices evil allows for a dialogue to take place.

I absolutely believe the record shows the United States as a government is no longer a racist institution. Is there still racism?

Most certainly, but we can't force our citizens to believe what we want. Doing so would violate our basic liberties and go against everything our great nation stands for. Our government serves to protect our rights as

citizens, which means it is designed to be limited until those rights are violated.

King once said, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that. The beauty of nonviolence is that in its own way and in its own time it seeks to break down the chain reaction of evil."

My favorite example of this is a young Bostonian named John Adams. Destined to become one of America's founding fathers, Adams was still a fledgling lawyer when the Boston Massacre left five civilians killed at the hands of armed British soldiers.

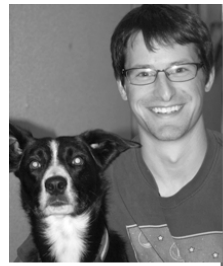
Boston, tired of being the oppressed subjects of a tyrant who

only looked to his own best interest, was a hotbed of civil unrest and the incubator for the revolution that would come just six short years later. The

massacre was a definitive sign that the soldiers, who the crown insisted were peace keepers, were actually their prison guards. The only thing that could prove otherwise was if the soldiers were tried in Boston rather than a military tribunal.

Adams, a strong advocate of civil liberties and justice, had a difficult choice ahead of him, but not only did he come to the soldier's aid, he got all of them except for one acquitted.

King's words still ring true today. The BLM movement is a symptom



Andy McKay
McKay has something to say

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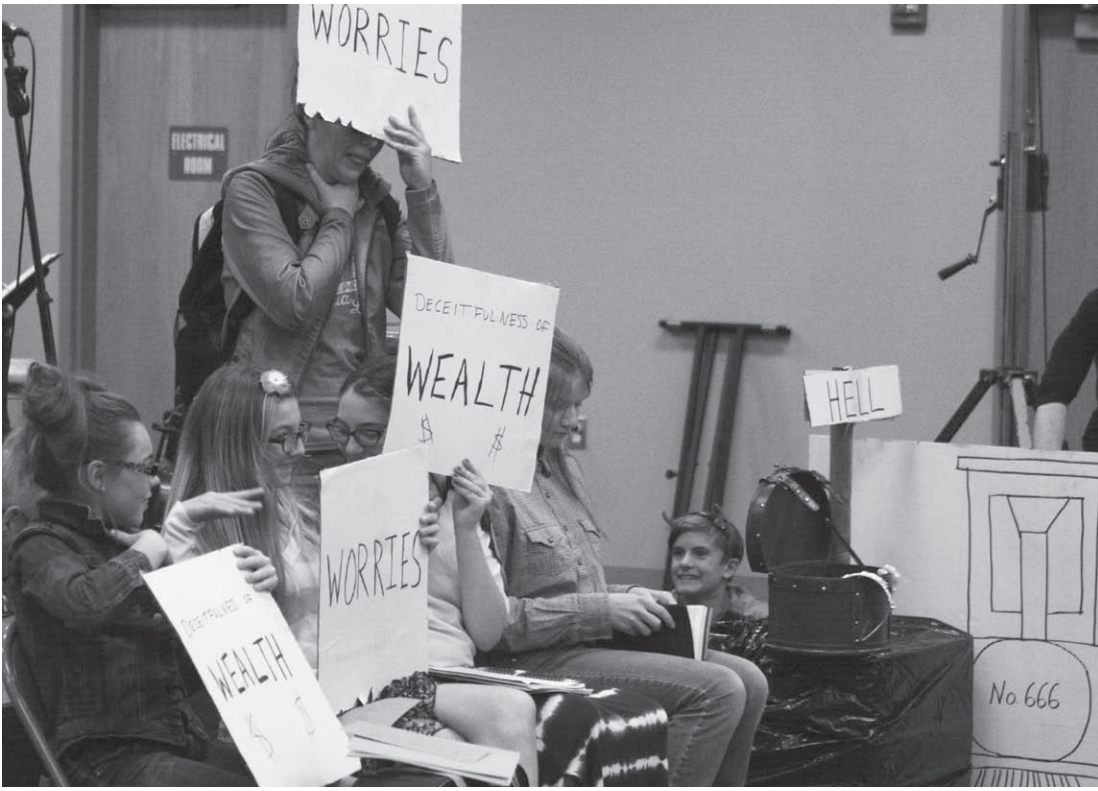
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Blast from the patch



Standing: Anna Gettinger. Seated Left to right: Brook Martell, Sammy Simmons, Grace Freeman, and Max Makousky were all part of the act.

Photo and story by Andy McKay
NLJ Reporter

A Preacher in the Patch was a four day-long, inter-denominational praise and worship session with family-friendly messages by Pastor Ron Evitt. He and his musical troupe, which includes members of the pastor's family and other talented artists, host several events around Montana, Wyoming, and the Dakotas throughout the year.

When not on the road, Evitt is the pastor for the Williams County Jail in North Dakota and hosts his radio show, A Preacher in the Patch, which airs in four states and part of Canada. Evitt's experience in the oil field gave him the idea for the title of the broadcast.

Their goal was to emphasize the love and grace of Jesus Christ and bring the Word of God

to those without in a family-friendly environment. The youth group from the local Gateway Fellowship Church epitomized this message in a theatrical piece that seemed a modern day imagining of Jesus's Parable of the Sower.

Rather than an unsown field, the play takes place on a train platform as travelers wait for their ride to heaven. Some are convinced to try to earn their way, others that they need only read the bible, and a third group are overwhelmed by worries for wealth of this world.

None of these, unfortunately, make it on the train. The last person who pursued God's will and word makes the final journey.

Riley Dakota and the Sweet Crude Band were joined by Kara Daniel on the stage. They performed songs from sing-along hymns to Daniel's music, written herself and inspired by the Preacher in the Patch.

Arrest

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the portion of the Coroner's Inquest that was held that day. Fisher, a neighbor of Scoutt's, indicated to Bush that she had been subpoenaed to testify in the inquest.

"During that call Scoutt stated that she could not allow Kimberly to testify against her. Kimberly stated Scoutt talked about her and Kimberly being family and made the comment that you just don't do that to family," Bush wrote in the Affidavit.

The deputy indicated that Kimberly told him she listened to the call from Scoutt on speakerphone, and that her husband, David, had listened to the conversation as well. Both perceived Scoutt's statement to be a direct threat.

"Kimberly stated Scoutt told her more than once during this conversation that she could not allow her to testify," Bush noted in the Affidavit.

The deputy also explained in the document that shortly after beginning his interview with the Fishers, a male subject

in a blue pickup drove by, and Kimberly became very nervous. She said the man, Mark Fitzsimmons, presently lives with Scoutt and claimed that she and her husband believe he had been "following them and also watching their home."

Bush noted that the pickup in question, which he said passed by the Sheriff's Office again a few minutes later, is usually driven by Scoutt, and further indicated that he felt Fitzsimmons "was closely looking at the vehicles parked outside on the street."

The Affidavit also states that Kimberly Fisher received two text messages from Scoutt during the interview, both of which said, "are you in pain what happened?"

Scoutt was arrested a little less than 24 hours later, and appeared for a bail hearing before Magistrate Stan Sheehan in Weston County Circuit Court on Monday, October 31. She was released on a \$50,000 unsecured "own recognizance"

bond, but Weston County Deputy Prosecutor Lynda Black has asked the court to hold another bond hearing because "members of the community have contacted the County Attorney's Office in fear for their safety with the Defendant released into the community," according to a motion filed in Circuit Court on Monday.

On Tuesday, Sheehan granted the motion for another bond hearing, and it will be held on November 9, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. Scoutt's preliminary hearing for the charge of witness intimidation was scheduled one week after that, at 3 p.m. on November 16, before Judge Matthew Castano in Circuit Court.

According to the terms of Scoutt's current bond, she is not allowed to leave Weston County except for scheduled doctor's appointments on November 4 and 9, and is not to have any direct or indirect contact with Kimberly Fisher or any other witness involved in the Coroner's Inquest.

Inquest

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certificate. That strikes me as unusual. Usually next of kin only get the copy," stated Sundstrom, who explained that she informed Scoutt that next of kin are the only people entitled to a copy of the death certificate. She told the jury that she explained to Scoutt that the death certificate would be mailed to his next of kin after it was electronically signed.

According to her testimony, it was also at this time that Sundstrom questioned Scoutt about life insurance policies on Campbell. She indicated that Scoutt told her that such policies did not exist, but it was later learned by Sundstrom that Scoutt held a \$100,000 life insurance policy on Campbell that named her as the beneficiary.

After uncovering the insurance policy, Sundstrom returned to Newcastle to discuss the topic with Scoutt. She told the jury that she explained to Scoutt that it is not typical for non-relatives to have insurance policies with such significant payouts on people, and testified that Scoutt indicated she had no idea that holding a policy on somebody not related to her could be considered a bad thing.

"I asked her why she would, with them not being related or in business together... I went back and forth with her about the policy... She didn't see a problem having a \$100,000 life insurance policy on a person she had no real relationship with," reported Sundstrom, who testified that Scoutt seemed defensive during the whole conversation and expressed confusion over why she was being questioned about the

policy.

The jury was also allowed to inspect a document from the crime lab that detailed the results of the examination on the rifle from which the fatal shot was fired. The rifle had been sent to the Wyoming crime lab for examination of handler DNA, and to determine if any fingerprints were present. The crime lab also inspected the firearm for any other trace evidence, and Sheriff's Deputy Pat Watsabaugh presented the report and explained its contents to the jury.

"Fragmentary (fingerprint) ridge detailing was found, however it was insufficient for identification or comparison," Watsabaugh read from the report, explaining that fingerprints are easily disturbed by a variety of factors.

"Seldom a case is made with the fingerprint," Watsabaugh said, indicating that television does not portray the use of fingerprints accurately. He explained that a lack of fingerprint evidence does not prove that an individual did not use a weapon, indicating that gloves can be worn to block the transfer of prints. He also noted that fingerprints are sensitive by nature, which can make it less likely that they will be preserved at a quality that allows for identification.

(The Coroner's Inquest will convene again on November 10 at the Weston County Courthouse. Next week's News Letter Journal will contain a wrap-up of the testimony given at the October 25 session of the inquest.)

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Dr. Alex Schabauer..... None
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VA Mental Health: (2nd Friday of Month) NONE
VA Clinic:..... November 7

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Obituaries

Betty Wesley
Dec. 10, 1928-Oct. 29, 2016
Betty Wesley, age 87, passed away October 29, 2016 at her home in Chandler, AZ. Betty was born December 10, 1928 in Fremont, MN to Henry and Mabel (Farrar) Greethurst. Betty spent her childhood in southern Minnesota. She met the love of her life, S. Elmo Wesley and married him on July 10, 1947. Shortly after, they settled in Oshoto, WY, where they ran the family ranch, Oshoto Post Office, and the Oshoto Mercantile. Betty is survived by Jim (Pam) of Newcastle, WY; Don (Krista) of Greer, SC; Dane (Shelley) of Gillette, WY; Rondi (John) Yard of Chandler, AZ; TJ (Lana) of the family ranch, Oshoto, WY. Betty is also survived by 13 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Elmo, son Bill, and two grandchildren. Graveside services will be held Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at Pine Grove cemetery, Oshoto, WY, with refreshments to follow immediately after at Oshoto Community Church.



Betty Wesley

August Albert Jonasson
Jul. 2, 1933-Oct. 22, 2016
August Albert Jonasson, 83, of Osage WY, died Saturday, October 22 at Close To Home Hospice in Gillette.

He was born July 2, 1933 on the ranch near Four Corners, WY to Per and Ethel (Butolph) Jonasson. Albert grew up farming and ranching his entire life. He attended the Skull Creek country school through eighth grade.

On November 8, 1969 he married Joyce Seidel in Bison, South Dakota. He and Joyce continued to live on the ranch until the time of his death.

Albert never met a stranger. His ability to make a friend and help a neighbor was an essential part of his life. Albert enjoyed spending time with his family, neighbors and friends. He loved listening to music and loved to dance. He delighted in telling stories about his years growing up on the ranch. Albert drove the rural school bus for twenty years, hauling his kids around the county. He enjoyed his bus children and loved each one of them. Albert also was an active member of the

August Jonasson

Weston County Historical Society. He was an avid reader of news and history related to the local area. He loved sharing stories about families and friends and the events of his community.

In the last twenty years, what he has loved and enjoyed the most was the time he spent with his grandchildren. Telling stories, reading books, and sharing candy.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce; two daughters, Brenda (Carey) Hieb of Gillette, and Sara (Kent) Story of Gilbert, AZ; five grandchildren, Jordan and Madison Hieb; Samantha, Kendall, and Kinsey Story; sister, Elsie Svenson of Vanderhoof, BC; two aunts, Nancy Zerbst and Mildred Butolph; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Osage Ambulance and Fire Department or a donation to the memorial of their choice in his name.

Services will be held at the Weston County Senior Center on November 5th at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Shayla Graham officiating. Also Pastor Ron Sample and Bette Sample will officiate. Burial at the Green Mountain Cemetery will be at a later date. Friends and family are invited to a luncheon at the Seniors' Center following the service.

You left me
November 2, 2015.
You are now singing
with the Angels.
I loved you then,
I love you still,
I always have,
I always will.
-Homer



Reps coming to town

U.S. Senator Michael B. Enzi, U.S. Senator John Barrasso and Congressman Cynthia M. Lummis are announcing their respective representatives—DeAnna Kay, Riata Little and Matt Jones— will be available to visit with Weston County residents on Friday, November 4, 2016 from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Weston County Library on 23 W. Main in Newcastle.

Area residents are encouraged to visit with the representatives of the Wyoming delegation during this time to discuss matters regarding the federal government. These comments and concerns will be relayed to the U.S. Senators and Congressman.

If residents are unable to attend at that time, but would like information or assistance, they are urged to contact these offices:

Senator Enzi's Gillette office at 307-682-6268
Senator Barrasso's Casper office at 307-261-6413
Congressman Lummis' Sheridan office at 307-673-4608

Candy wranglers



Trick-or-treaters Wyatt and Samantha Amdahl provided smiles and snagged some goodies at the Manor's annual Halloween event on Monday. (Andy McKay/NLJ)

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- CHURCH ON THE HILL:** Wayne Wilson, 301 Delaware, 746-5542. Sunday School 9:30 am; Prayer Service 10:15 am; Worship 10:45 am; Youth Group Wednesday 6:30 pm; Christian Academy preschool & K-12 746-9663.

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- 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. Sun. Worship 10 am; Wed. Night Prayer.
- OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** 348 Sheridan St. in Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm.
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- ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Killian Muli, Upton. Sunday Mass 11:30 am.
- VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH:** Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366.
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Sing
to the Lord,
for he has done
glorious things
Isaiah 12:5

Daily Devotional Reading

Nov 3 Rev. 5.1-14	Nov 4 Isaiah 11.1-16	Nov 5 Isaiah 12.1-6	Nov 6 Luke 17.11-19	Nov 7 Psalm 46	Nov 8 Psalm 48	Nov 9 Psalm 50
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A PIECE OF HISTORY

November 7, 1890
The first snowflakes of the season came gently down on Newcastle Thursday, & the boys & girls are looking out for sleds & skates, of which the merchants don't seem to make a good showing outside.

Bob Harper of Beaver Creek, & the Beaver Creek Ice Co. have bought lots to build on.

A new industry has been developed in Wyoming. The professors of Yale are mining on Lance Creek for fossils.

Newcastle was treated to its first full sized fire about 11 o'clock Tuesday morning. The old frame two story building known as "Hobo Dave" Saloon on R.R. Avenue near the depot, was a sheet of fire inside, when pistol shots & fire brought out the hose which promptly quenched the fire fiend, & now we see what a fire can do.

The residents of Beaver Creek & the people of Newcastle will build a road from Newcastle by way of the brick yard on Salt Creek to a point on Beaver Creek at the Sweet & Hanson's Mill. The road will be built by subscription including the bridging of Beaver Creek & will shorten the distance about five miles. When the road is put in a safe condition the Board of County Commissioners will accept it as a county road & probably work on it.

Doc Harding veterinary surgeon at Cambria, was in the city Saturday evening enjoying the pleasures of the city.

November 9, 1916

Mrs. A.C. Miller was a shopper in our city Monday from Cambria.

Chris Kolsen, of Buckhorn, brought in a load of wheat this week.

Walter Simpson took out a load of supplies to his Horton ranch Monday.

The Edgemont football team are going to play our boys a return game on the local grounds tomorrow.

The school board recently finished their trip over the

school districts. They also numbered all the schools of District Number One, & reported the schools in excellent shape.

Mrs. C.P. Meek of Upton paid a social call on some of her Newcastle friends Sunday, & returned home that evening.

Godfrey Ringnell, the tailor, made applications for a home-stead in the Howard vicinity.

November 6, 1941

Deputy Game Warden Robert E. Frison this week cautioned hunters to be on the lookout for elk in the deer country North of here. The warning came after an elk was found shot near Moskee, apparently by mistake.

A resident of the county for the past half century, Mrs. Mary "Grandma" Nolan, 84, who died at her home here, Tuesday will be buried here following services at the Catholic Church this morning. Services will be conducted by Father Brady of

Buffalo & Father J.J. Mullin of Newcastle.

The Modern Mothers Club game a Halloween party for their husbands on Wednesday night, October 29, at the Leo Cummings' home. Those attending were masked & the house was decorated in the Halloween Motif. The evening was spent playing varied games, bobbing for apples, & playing bingo. The guests were blind folded while lunch was served, including charcoal marshmallows.

On Friday, Oct. 31, at a 6:30 nuptial mass at Corpus Christ Catholic Church, Father J.J. Mullins officiated uniting Miss Fern Rosean & Daniel O. Porter in matrimony, before close friends of the couple.

Mrs. Estell Huber of Newcastle spent the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Murray, while her husband is on a hunting trip.

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Should have seen it in color



From the archives of the Anna Miller Museum. Unknown location of ice skaters. If anyone knows anything about this photo, please contact the Anna Miller Museum at 746-4188. (Photo Courtesy of Anna Miller Museum)

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WHAT'S UP November 2016

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thurs 03	1:30 p.m.	VFW Auxiliary	WC Senior Center
	4:00 p.m.	Champagne Evening Open House	Flowers and Things
	6:30 p.m.	Frontier Ladies Night Out	Frontier Home, Ranch & Hardware
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
	7:00 p.m.	Salt Creek Water District	District Office
	7:30 p.m.	WC Museum District	Red Onion Museum
Fri 04	6:00 p.m.	Masons	Masonic Lodge #13
	7:00 p.m.	NACoC Chamber Banquet	WC Event Center
Sat 05	7:00 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting	Cambria Baptist Church Basement
Sun 06	5:00 p.m.	Benefit Chili Feed	First Baptist Church
	7:15 p.m.	Women Only Life Recovery Meeting	Cambria Baptist Church Basement
Mon 07	3:30 p.m.	Theatre Workshop for Youth	Fountain Inn
	7:00 p.m.	City Council	City Council Chambers
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
Tues 08	12:00 p.m.	Alzheimers/Dementia Support Group	WC Senior Center
	1:30 p.m.	Dirt Daubers Garden Club	TBA
	3:00 p.m.	WC Natural Resource District	USDA Building
	6:00 p.m.	American Legion	State Forestry Building
	6:30 p.m.	WC Fair Board	Event Center
	7:00 p.m.	WC Sheriff's Search & Rescue Mtg.	Fire Hall
Wed 09	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Mondell Heights
	2:00 p.m.	Flowering Fingers Garden Club	TBA
	7:00 p.m.	Mallo Camp Board	Public Health Building
	5:30 p.m.	WCSD #1 Board Meeting	Administration Building
Thurs 10	7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting	Cambria Baptist Church Basement
	5:30 p.m.	City Planning Commission	City Hall
Fri 11	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
	7:00 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
Sat 12	7:00 p.m.	Western Ramblers Dance	WC Senior Center
	9:00 a.m.	Holiday Bazaar	WC Fairgrounds
	6:00 p.m.	Osage Volunteer Fireman Banquet	Kitty Moats Complex
	7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting	Cambria Baptist Church Basement

Calendar Sponsored by Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce

For a complete listing of events, for more information on these events, or to list your own event, visit the Chamber website at newcastlewyo.com

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- November 4**
NovaLee Francis
Easton Wammen
- November 5**
Nicole McFarland
Martha Butts
- November 7**
Bill & Lois Ann Boulden
Les & Martha Butts
Tyce Mills
- November 8**
Jennifer Lipp
Mike Morrison
Nick Blumenthal
Tobie Stanton
- November 9**
Theresa Hershey
- November 11**
Rick McColley
Kenneth Franklin
- November 12**
Lois Ann Boulden
Trey Sylte

Chili Feed & Dessert Auction

Fundraiser for Sheri Saxton to help with her Cancer treatments.

~Chili Feed for a donation of \$5
~Stay for a Dessert and Pie Auction!

Hosted by the **First Baptist Church**
November 6 at 5:00 p.m.
903 S. Summit Ave.



Thank You

from the very bottom of our hearts, seems so very small a tribute to those who gave their respects. For the huge outpouring of your condolences, for your gifts, for your hugs and kisses, for the love you have given to my Beth, to her family and to me. There is no word, singularly, or in a sentence, by which we can truly express our gratitude. Just for the moment, until we meet again, we will say: May God bless you, be with you and keep you safe. May the sun always shine upon you and yours forever.

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Raise the Roof

By Andy McKay
NLJ Reporter

No one knows the dread that comes from hearing the faint “drip, drip,” of water making its final descent from a ceiling tile like Carolyn Shields, the director of Weston County Senior Services Center explained the center has been battling the center’s leaky roof since 2003, when they made the big move from downtown to the old elementary school. The senior center has made due with short term patches since then, which has only granted temporary reprieves from the threat of flooding.

Fortunately, those days may be soon coming to an end. The center began the first part of its roof remodel this August, and progress has been good so far. The project, which relies on donations, has garnered more attention since work first began. It prompted the Weston County Peace Officer’s Association to consider making a donation for the project.

“We heard of a need for the senior center to replace their roof,” 23-year veteran dispatcher Melissa Stubbs explained. “It was a short discussion because we knew it was for a good cause.”

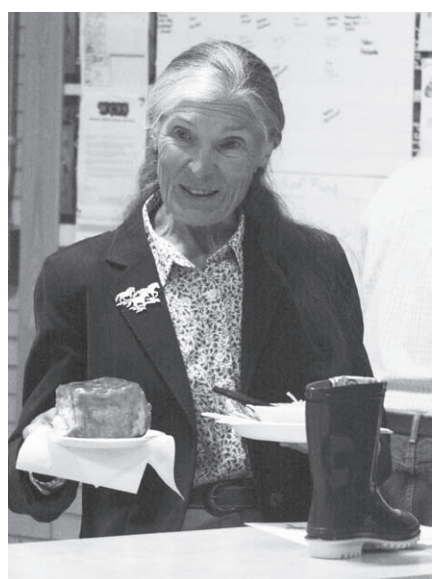
The WCPOA regularly assists the local community in various capacities.

“In the past we’ve always donated to different entities in the community. We donated to outfit the Osage ambulance with gurneys and also to members in need. The Association also uses funds for scholarships to further careers in law enforcement, Operation Santa, holding training exercises which can include the Honor Camp and Upton PD, and McGruff the crime fighting dog,” Stubbs said.

A group of WCPOA members delivered the check to an elated crowd of senior center staff and volunteers this past Friday in conjunction with the center’s chili feed charity event.

“The senior center has been very generous letting us use Michael’s Room for Operation Santa,” Stubbs said. It is this kind of giving back to the community that Stubbs said made it easy for WCPOA to donate to the center’s cause.

The chili feed that was provided free-of-charge by an anonymous



Barb Crow enjoys chili and one of the senior center’s famous cinnamon rolls. (Andy McKay/NLJ)



Weston County Senior Center board members, employees and other invested persons, gather to receive a donation from the Weston County Sheriff and Newcastle Police Departments. (Andy McKay/NLJ)

donation was used to encourage others to donate for the new roof.

“We don’t know what we’d do without the community’s support. Right now on this project we’re working on now, we need about \$250,000. The total project will be about one million dollars,” senior center board chairman LeRoy Dummer assessed.

Though it seems a high price, the new roof will provide protection for the rest of the building from the harsh elements for a long time.

“The roof is guaranteed for 50 years. We got them the best of the best,” Jim Whetsell, owner and operator of Whetsell Carpentry, assured.

Whetsell won the bid for the roof remodeling, and while the senior center is still currently raising the money for the first phase of the remodel, those funds are being raised quicker than expected.

“We started out with \$14,000 in August, and now we’re over \$80,000!” Shields exclaimed during the chili feed. They eclipsed \$81,000 by the end of the night, and Shields and the rest of the board are optimistic that donors will remain generous.

“The micro-donations have made a significant impact. The one and five dollar donations really build up,” Shields said.

While the board is grateful for the support they’ve received in town, they are doing everything possible to keep as much of the burden off the community as possible.

“We’re hoping we won’t have to borrow. I’ve also written a grant to Daniel’s Fund, which has helped out with the children’s center and ball-park,” Shields said.

The senior center needs to procure the financing to quickly continue on to the next phases of the project.

“We want to make sure we have one thing paid off before we start on the next one. Some parts of the roof are in dire need of something too, we just can’t do it right now,” Dummer said.

The threat of destruction that comes from flooding is often severe, with the damage done to paper and digital records completely irreparable.

“Temperature variations cause expansion and contraction, and the roofing material breaks down over time. With a flat roof the water drains from the center, so water’s always on top of it,” explained Whetsell.

As roof leaks grew increasingly worse, the board knew they had to act quickly. The most sustainable option was to build a new sloped roof on top of the flat one, but finding a way to make it work proved difficult.

“We’ve had people come over and take a look at it, and not want to even touch it,” Shields confessed.

They eventually approached Whetsell with the project. The carpenter gave an optimistic appraisal, knowing he had a secret weapon.

“When I first found out about this job, I knew I could do it because I had my family behind me. Family is what’s most important,” Whetsell said. His second concern was whether he could find reliable workers to guarantee the project would get done within the desired timetable.

“We started August 22, and 60 days later we nailed the last shingle down,” Whetsell proudly proclaimed. He happily gives credit to his employees for the remodel’s expedient progress.

“I have an excellent labor force. I stand by them one hundred percent.”

“We’re really pleased with the way this has gone,” Dummer agreed.

That doesn’t mean everything has gone smoothly though. The first phase of the project is re-roofing the western arm of the complex, which includes offices, specialty rooms, suites, and the hallway that goes to the adjoining cafeteria.

The cafeteria is open to the public, but Friday— popularly known as cinnamon roll day— is by far the most popular since they sell the freshly baked snack to anyone for just a buck. It was one such Friday shortly after construction began that tragedy struck. A late summer storm blew in the evening before and spent the night drenching the exposed roof.

“We didn’t get any rain during the summer, but as soon as we started on the roof it started raining,” Dummer lamented.

“The morning that we had the flood the entire board were all down here working. The flooding was so bad people couldn’t get in. Ceiling tiles were just breaking and falling down to the floor. It took out our phone system,” Shields recounted.

Though the phones were taken out, the computers made it through unscathed, but all the paper records in Shield’s office were completely soaked.

But even this rain cloud had a

silver lining. Since it was flooded Friday morning, those who came to purchase their weekly cinnamon roll were given a firsthand glance at the

flooding’s destruction. Though most in the community know the center has been working to get a new roof, most are unaware of how great that need is.

Senior Happenings

WC Senior Services

November 3	
Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.
Ceramics	1:00 p.m.
Trip to Tin Lizzie	
VFW Auxiliary	1:30 p.m.
November 4	
Rolls	9:00 a.m.
Bridge Ladies	1:00 p.m.
November 7	
Senior Fitness	9:00 a.m.
November 8	
Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.
Veteran’s Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Dementia Support Grp.	10:30 a.m.
Artful Gals	1:00 p.m.
November 9	
Senior Fitness	9:00 a.m.
Creative Handcrafts	After Lunch
Mama Kuehne Reps	12:00 p.m.
Manor Here for Lunch	
Card Class	4:00 p.m.
November 10	
Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.
Ceramics	1:00 p.m.
Hearing Aid Institute	9:00 a.m.
Bridge Group	
November 11	
Rolls	9:00 a.m.
Bridge Ladies	1:00 p.m.
Blood Pressure Check	9:30 a.m.
Beltone Hearing Aid	9:00 a.m.
Dance	7:00 p.m.
November 14	
Senior Fitness	9:00 a.m.
AARP	1:00 p.m.
November 15	
Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.
Helping Hands	7:00 p.m.
November 16	
Senior Fitness	9:00 a.m.
Lions Club	12:00 p.m.
Creative Handcrafts	After Lunch
WCSS Board Meeting	9:00 a.m.
Toe Nail Clinic	9:00 a.m.
Mondell Here for Lunch	
Vicky Hayman Here	12:00 p.m.
November 17	
Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.
Ceramics	1:00 p.m.
Trip to the Lodge	
Hearing Aid Institute	9:00 a.m.

Manor

November 3		
Concentration	10:30 a.m.	
Al and the Gang	2:00 p.m.	
November 4		
Greedy	10:30 a.m.	
Bingo	2:00 p.m.	
November 5		
Hangman	11:00 a.m.	
Movie	2:00 p.m.	
Bingo	6:00 p.m.	
November 6		
Trivia	11:00 a.m.	
Church	2:00 p.m.	
November 7		
Wii	10:30 a.m.	
Tony’s Tunes	3:00 p.m.	
Bingo	6:00 p.m.	
November 8		
Ceramics	10:30 a.m.	
Keepsake Krafters	2:00 p.m.	
Stories	4:00 p.m.	
November 9		
Cards	6:15 p.m.	
Catholic Study	10:00 a.m.	
Quizball	10:30 a.m.	
Out to Lunch	11:30 a.m.	
November 10		
Food Fancy	10:30 a.m.	
Manicures	2:00 p.m.	
November 11		
Program	10:30 a.m.	
Bingo	2:00 p.m.	
November 12		
Guggenheim	11:00 a.m.	
Happy Hour	3:00 p.m.	
November 13		
Riddles	11:00 a.m.	
November 14		
Wii	10:30 a.m.	
Cooking	3:00 p.m.	
Bingo	6:00 p.m.	
November 15		
Ceramics	10:30 a.m.	
Keepsake Krafters	2:00 p.m.	
Stories	4:00 p.m.	
November 16		
Catholic Study	10:00 a.m.	
Crossword	10:30 a.m.	
Bingo	2:00 p.m.	
November 17		
Staycation	10:30 a.m.	
Al and the Gang	2:00 p.m.	


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Hospital

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entrance, lab, pharmacy and an additional manor area will be finished and approved towards December, and WCHS CEO Maureen Cadwell hopes there will be little left to address when the final inspection takes place in December, one year after construction officially began.

“We take possession of two sections first most likely—the hospital patient wing first and then the southeast portion of the manor,” Cadwell told the WCHS Board on October 20. She noted that an inspector from the Department of Health should be here the week of November 7 to do the final inspection on the patient wing.

According to Cadwell, there are still a number of items that have to be corrected before that final inspection takes place. She reported that a Department of Health inspection earlier that week had pointed out necessary changes in the new patient areas in the hospital and manor, and noted that the special care unit should be ready for inspection by November 7.

During the week of November 14, contractors will be doing the ceiling above the lab, pharmacy and business office, with the intention for that area to be completed and the final inspection to take place in early December, with hopes that little will be identified for fixing at that point.

Cadwell shared a number of areas revealed by inspectors that have to be addressed before WCHS is officially

Hospital Happenings

Notes from the October 20 Weston County Health Services Board meeting

- Chief Financial Officer Lynn Moller informed the board that activity has been down in nearly every department at WCHS and that has resulted in lower revenue. For the month of September, the facility saw a negative net income of \$3,069.
- According to Moller, the audit for WCHS has been, to this point, one of the smoothest they have experienced. He credited the ease of the audit to staff working hard to make sure everything was in order. He reported that the auditors were in Newcastle the first week of October, and were here for about three and a half days.
- A construction pay application was approved for \$791,854.62 and CEO Maureen Cadwell shared that the project was “pretty darn close” to target costs. A total of \$343,000 is left in contingency funding for the project.
- Medical credentialing for four physicians was approved by the board.
- Medical staff at WCHS recently met with representatives of Northern Wyoming Mental Health to discuss Title 25 mental health holds, and Cadwell was unsure if any resolution to the issues surrounding Title 25 were reached. WCHS Attorney Jim Peck expressed that problems have identified with Title 25 across Wyoming, and Cadwell indicated that a task force to resolve some of those issues has been created but that they still appear unsure of what to do.

• Cadwell reported that there was “no real change” regarding the hospital’s relationship with electronic medical systems provided by Billings Clinic. She reported that she has expressed concerns over the number of tickets (identified problems) for WCHS increasing, and was told by Billings Clinic representatives that they would do a “deep dive” to determine what was causing the problems.

• In previous months, board members had questioned whether or not the WCHS Retail Pharmacy was making money or not, and Cadwell reminded the group that the facility is one and a half years into a business venture that was estimated to take three years to break even. Therefore, she explained, WCHS has not made money from the venture, but she assured the board that they are still in the start up phase of the business. Peck indicated, however, that if the customer base does not increase over the next three years, the pharmacy could be in trouble.

• Cadwell reported to the board that community meetings will be scheduled in the future to provide data and areas that WCHS wants to focus on in the 2017-2018 Strategic Plan. Feedback provided from the community will be used to determine what needs to be worked on, what services need to be added and how WCHS can improve. Any input from the public will be appreciated.

approved to begin moving into the new areas, including an additional hand rail, doors that need to be painted, soap dispensers that haven’t been installed yet and fire extinguishers that have to be placed in their assigned locations.

“In the southeast section (manor rooms), we have two sinks that need to be smaller,”

stated Cadwell, who explained that there is a required space between sinks and toilets and that the space was too small. She added that fire dampers that had been ordered were mistakenly sent to Texas, but that she anticipated they would arrive soon and be installed.

“Once we have state approval to move, we will

start moving patients into the patient wing and then manor residents into the southeast hallway,” Cadwell reported.

At that point, the next phase of construction will take occur, and Cadwell assured the board that manor employees are already working on a plan to determine how the whole move will occur.

Unemployment

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County for the same time period.

While that figure is still high compared to the 2.9 percent unemployment reported for the county in September of 2015, it is an improvement in the 4.9 percent unemployment figure noted for August of this year, and the actual number of workers employed in the county over that time period appears to be even more positive.

According to the report, Weston County had a labor force of 4,013 people in September, which is higher than the 3,953 recorded in the previous month, and also represents a small increase over the 3,995 workers logged here in September, 2015. There were a total of 3,826 individuals

employed in the county this September, which is 66 higher than the 3,760 workers reported in August, and only 55 less than the number of employed people in the county a year ago.

All told, there were 187 unemployed people reported in Weston County in September, slightly below the 193 noted in August, and still considerably higher than the 114 at this time last year.

Those figures are responsible for Weston County showing the fourth highest increase in unemployment from September of 2015 to September of this year. The largest increases occurred in Campbell County, where unemployment went from 3.5 percent

to 6.6 percent over the course of the year. They were followed by Converse County (3.2 to 5.6 percent) and Natrona County (4.7 to 6.6 percent).

All but four of Wyoming’s 23 counties reported decreases in unemployment this September, with the largest decreases noted in Washakie County (4.5 to 3.8 percent), Platte County (4.6 to 4.0 percent) and Big Horn County (4.4 to 3.9 percent).

The U.S. unemployment rate also fell in September to 4.8 percent, after being recorded at 5 percent the previous month. That actually represented an increase from 4.9 to 5 percent in the nation’s seasonally adjusted figure.

Prairie Dogs

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Thunder Basin Grassland for a long time, but on October 18, the pair attended the Weston County Commissioner’s regularly scheduled meeting to express new concerns. They were joined by another local rancher, Jim Darlington, in making their presentation.

The Harshbargers began by providing a document to the commissioners asking them to direct Weston County Attorney William Curley to seek an injunction against both the Douglas District Ranger and the U.S. Forest Service. The document also laid out their own rights, suggested previous court cases that might be helpful in the ongoing prairie dog dispute, and predicted future actions of the Douglas District Ranger that include the installation of fences and barriers.

Commissioner Tracy Hunt indicated that there is a significant expense associated with seeking an injunction, but the ranchers expressed the belief that they have no other recourse.

“It’s that or lose the ranch,” declared Darlington, who was informed that he was free to discuss the issue with Curley, but that the commissioners can not do so on his behalf.

In an effort to once again reach out to the Forest Service to address concerns expressed by local landowners, the commissioners decided to request a coordination meeting to allow the agency to answer questions and to document the concerns presented to them.

“I firmly believe you folks sitting in here can make a difference. The coordination meeting will be a start. I am asking the attorney for an injunction to hold off on my property,” professed Darlington.

Commissioner Marty Ertman expressed the belief that the commissioners had accomplished something when they held a previous coordination meeting with the Forest Service, and indicated that she believes the time has come to summon a representative of the federal agency again, noting that she hopes that may slow the process down like it did on a previous occasion.

The call for an injunction by Harshbarger was sparked by a press release issued September 9 in which the U.S. Forest Service began soliciting for a contractor for prairie dog barrier fences. This non-lethal prairie dog colony control program was set to take place



Jim Darlington, Bob and Jean Harshbarger appear in front of the commissioners. (Alexis Barker/NLJ)

on the Thunder Basin National Grassland.

The contractor will be tasked with constructing approximately 20,000 feet of barrier fence around prairie dog colonies by May of next year in locations throughout Campbell, Converse and Weston Counties.

“The fencing is meant to be part of a larger effort to discourage the movement of prairie dogs onto private land,” stated the release. “Approximately 10,000 feet of temporary electric fence will also be constructed to exclude livestock grazing in boundary areas in prairie dog colonies to encourage vegetative growth.”

Douglas District Ranger Shane Walker expressed within the release that the construc-

tion of the visual barrier and using vegetative barriers are examples of another tool that can be utilized without using lethal methods, but Harshbarger expressed concerns over the visual barriers. He was doubtful that they could create a barrier that would not effect cattle movement, but would somehow impact the movement of prairie dogs.

The decision was made to schedule a Coordination Meeting with participating parties on November 17 at 1 p.m. in the District Courtroom at the Weston County Courthouse. Copies of the document provided to the commissioners by Harshbarger are available to those interested in viewing them at the Weston County Clerk’s Office.



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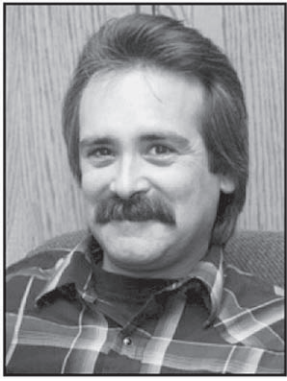
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Senior Preston Rushton found the end zone twice against the high-flying Buffs. (Kevin Pena/Bridger Valley Pioneer)

Dogies topple top team in the west

By Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

"Rise up Dogie Nation" has been the battle cry for the Newcastle Dogie gridiron crew this season, and last Friday they did what most in the state never expected... they went to Mountain View as the four seed and brought down the number one Buffs in the first round of the 2016 playoffs and in doing so, brought their 13 game winning streak at home to an end.

"It doesn't feel like the playoffs if we're not playing the Buffs," head coach Matt Conzelman grinned. "This was the fourth time we'd met them at their place, and they got the better of us each time prior, but to be honest we headed there pretty confident we were going to change that this year."

The Dogies received the ball to start the game, but were unable to make anything happen in their initial possession. When Mountain View took over, they made their first drive down the field and penetrated into the Dogies' red zone, only to fumble the ball.

That cough-up was recovered by Cam Quigley, and though they got the ball with long yardage to cover, the Dogies were determined to draw first blood.

"We put together a great offensive drive, and everything we were doing was just really working well," Conzelman nodded.

Things were indeed flowing well for the Dogies, and they ended their offensive possession with a three-yard scamper into the end zone by Preston Rushton. That was followed by a good PAT by Colin Heaton to give the Dogies the 7-0 lead to end the first quarter.

As the half wore on, the Dogie defense was firing on all cylinders, determined to keep the Buffs out of the end zone, and twice forced them to turn the ball over on downs inside the Newcastle red zone.

"There were a couple of drives in that first half where they really got off some great plays," Conzelman admitted. "They were as good as we thought they would be when we watched film, but we just kept playing and that was huge to get that first score."

Conzelman added that closing out the half up 7-0 was great for his squad's confidence as they looked to the third quarter, which has been a bit of a struggle for the Dogies so far this season.

"To hold a team like that scoreless for the first two quarters while being successful on offense really let us know that even though we might struggle a little bit, that we could put something together and that we could drive on them, so that was really good," Conzelman nodded. "But we knew they would get the ball coming out of the half, so we knew we needed to keep playing. I told the guys the focus for us would be to finish. Finish blocks, finish tackles, and finish runs so we really

stressed that in the locker room."

The third quarter doldrums, though mitigated, did show themselves as the two teams took the field. The Buffs were able to get one in on the Dogies to tie the contest at seven pretty early in the third quarter, but that seemed to light a fire under Newcastle. After that, the two teams went back and forth, battling hard, but neither could really get anything going.

As the fourth quarter got underway in this low-scoring contest, though the fans didn't know it, things were about to get western.

The Dogies came out on a mission and got two huge scores to put them on top 21-7. The first came as a result of a Rushton interception on the Dogie sideline that gave his team a short field. Quarterback Cam Quigley used it to connect with Triston Roberson on a 28-yard pass for the go ahead score, which was followed by another Heaton PAT.

"They were starting to really come up on us, so we ran a pass play and Triston was wide open underneath. We got a couple good blocks for him and he took advantage of that," Conzelman described.

Rushton scored soon after, as he picked up his second TD of the day on a 53-yard run after he broke free from the Buffs' defense.

"It started as a great setup, and I knew if he could just get around them he had an open field," Conzelman grinned. "We talked a lot about keeping the wheels going and that's just what he did. There were a couple of times they should have had him wrapped up and they just didn't. He got out on the perimeter, and I was racing him down the sideline. He won that race, but seriously, I knew he would be close to going all the way if he could clear them, and then he did and he was off to the races!"

Down two scores midway through the fourth quarter may have been enough to take the wind out of a lot of team's sails, but the Buffs showed why they went in the number one seed. They came roaring back against the Dogies, punching in two TDs of their own to tie the game at 21 with only 23 seconds to play.

"We were so close twice on that last drive to taking possession, running a couple of plays and then taking a knee to end it," Conzelman sighed. "And honestly, I was a little worried heading into overtime after their last score. You could start seeing we were gassed a little bit."

Not only was there a physical size difference between the two teams, but Mt. View outnumbered the Dogies 2-1 on the sideline.

"I just told the guys, you better get going because we have overtime to deal with, and we used the size difference between us and them to fire the guys up a little bit," Conzelman grinned.

Overtime in high school football consists of each team being given four downs for a chance to score from the 10-yard line.

The Dogies won the toss in the first OT, and opted to play defense first. The Buffs scored on their first play and were good on the PAT, and then the Dogies did the same

thing when it was their turn with the ball.

The first overtime TD came about as the result of a 10 yard pass from Quigley to Zach Schuessler in the end zone, and then Heaton remained perfect on the day sailing the PAT through to tie the game again at 28-28.

In the second OT, the Dogies had possession of the ball first and attempted three times to punch it in, to no avail. At that point, Conzelman put his faith in his kicker, and Heaton got the call to attempt the go ahead field goal.

"I asked him if he was nervous afterward, and he said he wasn't nervous. He was scared," Conzelman laughed. "But you would never know it as he stepped up and kicked a 28-yarder right down the center of the uprights."

With a 31-28 Newcastle lead, it was then the Buff's turn, and they knew they only needed to run it across to win it.

"They tried a couple of runs that we stuffed up, but on third down they passed it and we stopped them on the three-yard line," Conzelman stated.

Given Mt. View had been aggressive on going for fourth down conversions all day, Conzelman anticipated they would go for the winning score. He thought they would run it, but the Buffs did the unexpected and took to the air. Though they had three people open, Schuessler read the quarterback—and the pass—and was able to get in front of the receiver to knock the ball on the ground and give the Dogies the win.

"I probably made the best tackle of the day after Zach knocked that pass down, because I ran out on the field and tackled him and the rest of the team piled on," Conzelman exclaimed. "It was a huge upset over the top ranked Mt. View Buffs. The place was rocking as they started that ball to the ground, you could hear a pin drop—except from the Dogie supporters in the stands."

"I just talked to the guys afterward, and told them I knew they were a special crew who had a lot of fight in them. That team is not used to losing at home, and it made the seven hour ride home a little shorter for us," the coach grinned.

The Dogies will travel to Big Horn to take on the Rams in the semi-final round this Friday, with kick off scheduled for 6:00 p.m.

Football

2A Quarterfinal Playoff Round
Dogies @ Mountain View 10/28/16: 31-28 2OT's
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Cam Quigley: 2 TDs, 15 carries for 16 yards, 4-10 pass completion for 49 yards and 2 TDs, 6 punts for 247 yards, 1 kick return for 16 yards, 1 fumble recovery, 10 tackles
Preston Rushton: 2 TDs, 28 carries for 159 yards, 1 interception, 6 tackles
Zach Schuessler: 1 TD, 1 reception for 10 yards, 2 pass breakups, 3 tackles
Colin Heaton: 1 FG, 4-4 PATs, 4 kickoffs for 139 yards
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Mikenna Waggener saved some energy by swimming the 200 Freestyle instead of the 500 Freestyle and it earned her a State Championship. (Kevin Pena/Bridger Valley Pioneer)

State showdown

Waggener edges Henkle for 100 Back title

By Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

A team of only four Lady Dogies arrived in Gillette last Friday to compete in the 3A State Swim Meet, and though small, the squad had high aspirations.

Rachel Henkle and Mikenna Waggener had spent much of the season ranked as the top two 100 yard backstrokers in the state, and were determined not to let anyone take those hard-earned honors away from them. Sarah Henkle was also on a mission to put Newcastle back on the map in diving, as she was the first Lady Dogie to qualify in the event in seven years.

But first up for these three, and teammate Markie Whitney, was the 200 Medley Relay, a race in which swimmers and coaches had high hopes for placing well. The squad went into both the prelims and the finals seeded fourth, and as they took the blocks on Saturday for the deciding race, they were five seconds behind first and only .26 of a second off from third.

"We knew that all would need to be on their best time to place in the top three, because Riverton and Lander both had solid teams, and we had lost a close one to Douglas at Conference," head coach Doug Scribner began. "We ended up with the fastest leg in the backstroke and the breaststroke, and the third fastest in the freestyle. However, Riverton, Lander and Douglas had extremely fast butterfly legs that we just couldn't match up with, so we ended up still in fourth place when it was all said and done."

Despite the disappointment of not finishing in the top three, Scribner was pleased overall with the way the team performed, and noted that even if they had put up the 2:00.23 time they did at Conference, it still would not have been enough to overtake Douglas in the third position.

As the lead off leg of that relay, Waggener had a very short time to rest before her next event was called. Having debated between entering the 200 Free or 500 Free in the State Meet, the senior determined the former would be her best choice given the close proximity the latter had with the 100 Backstroke, her signature race.

The tradeoff in making that decision was that the 200 immediately followed the 200 Medley.

"She tried the 500 Free/Backstroke combination at Conference and her time in the backstroke suffered," Scribner explained. "Swimming a 50 Backstroke in the first leg of the 200 Medley would be more of a warm up for her, so she decided to go that way for state. I really was hoping for her to be top six in both of her events, and I know she would have been in the 500, but then the 100 Back would not have

turned out like it did, so it was the right decision."

Though Waggener dropped time in the prelims, it was not enough to make the top six in the finals.

"She swam strong and was swimming next to a Lander girl, so I told her just to keep up and she'd be fine," Scribner stated. "She did that in the first 100, but was tired in the second and fell off from her."

While she wasn't in the running for a medal at that point, she did drop a little more time on Saturday, and finished in ninth overall.

Sarah Henkle was next up in the individual events with the 50 Free, which she followed up with the 1 Meter Diving.

In the 50, she went in seeded sixth and was on her best time, but that wasn't enough to make top six for finals and she ended up in ninth place with a time of 27.3.

In diving, Henkle dove strong through the prelims and semi-finals to break into finals on Saturday. In the prelims, all divers compete and execute five dives, after which the field is narrowed to 16 for the semis. Three dives complete the first day of competition and the top 12 move on to the finals, which is also a three-dive format.

Henkle went into Saturday seeded in that 12th spot, and was able to move up to 11th place at the end of the competition.

Rachel Henkle then took to the pool in the 100 Fly, where she was seeded first in the prelims. Riverton, Lander and Douglas were ready for her, however, and she took fourth as she headed into finals on Saturday. Henkle proved she is a competitor and turned on the afterburners in the final heat, but was just out-touched by .32 of a second by the junior from Riverton and took second place.

Then it was time for the much anticipated Lady Dogie showdown between Waggener and Henkle in the 100 Backstroke. Henkle was going into this race seeded first and Waggener third, exactly as they had finished the race the week prior at the Conference Meet.

"In the prelims, Mikenna was the first to swim because of her seeding going into State, and she just crushed it and had a great time of 1:03.16, which was her best so far this year. The Lander girl led her heat and ended up getting the second seed on Saturday, and Rachel won her heat to claim the third seed," Scribner stated.

The finals race on Saturday was set up to be a barnburner and by all accounts, it did not disappoint.

From the horn Waggener led the pack, bolstered by a great start, strong strokes and great turns to take her first individual state title with a personal best time of 1:02.67. Henkle, however, had coaches and fans alike concerned as she lagged back in the fifth position through three turns.

"Rachel was pretty good on the start, but was a little off on her first and second turns, which put her a little bit behind and she went into

the last wall fifth," Scribner began. "Of course they were all close together, and then all of a sudden she took off, caught up and out touched the Lander girl for second place, just .55 of a second behind Mikenna."

"It was a great race and it was really cool that they went one and two. A lot of schools had more than one swimmer in finals, but no other school besides us went one and two," he grinned.

The final race of the day for the Lady Dogies was the 400 Free Relay. The squad went in seeded seventh, and just needed to be one second faster in prelims to break into the top six in the finals.

"We were right there with Rawlins, but just couldn't quite get it done," Scribner admitted. "We had our four best 100 Free times, but we ended up just out of the hunt and then were 11th overall."

Despite such low numbers, the Lady Dogies took eighth place as a team, and Scribner was pleased with how his squad performed. Because of their first and second place finishes in individual events, Waggener and Rachel Henkle each earned All-Conference and All-State honors, while Sarah Henkle was given All-Conference Honorable Mention for her third place finish in the 50 Free at the Conference Meet.

"Overall it was a pretty great season," Scribner smiled. "It was great that Mikenna and Rachel went one and two in the Backstroke, and that Sarah resurrected our diving program after such a long break. Though we will lose Rachel, Mikenna and Rachel Ehlers to graduation, Sarah will be back for another season, and I am looking forward to some quality freshmen entering the program next season."

Fun Fact: Newcastle still holds the 3A State record in the 200 IM, the 100 Fly and the 100 Breast. Those marks were set by Natasha Schlup, Erin Wagoner, and Leita Rolfe.



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Above left: The spooky entrance to the Frightmare Haunted House held in downtown Newcastle last weekend was enough to tempt some thrill seekers into checking it out further. Top right: Emma Evick looks like she went to a prom gone wrong. Bottom right: Jerad Evick pushes patrons out after the final room in the haunted house. (Andy McKay/NLJ)

Season ends at Regionals

Volleyball team's slow starts take a toll

By Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The Lady Dogies felt good about their 3A East Regional Tournament bracket as they headed to Rawlins last Thursday. Despite going in as the fourth seed, the way Newcastle had played against Buffalo, Rawlins and Torrington during the season gave players and coaches alike some confidence that good things were possible.

Right out of the gate, the Dogies kicked off the tournament with the first match of the weekend pitted against the top seeded Lady Bison of Buffalo

from the West Quadrant. The 9 a.m. contest got started a little faster than Newcastle expected, however, and before they knew it, the Bison had taken the first set 6-25.

"It took us a while to wake up I think," sighed head coach Ashley Reed. "Buffalo came out very strong and were attacking the net, and we just weren't able to respond."

The punishing the Lady Dogies endured in the first frame seemed to act as an alarm for the netters, as the second set got off to a much better start with Newcastle giving as good as they got from Buffalo right up until the end, when the Lady Bison were able to pull away for the 25-21 win.

Despite good blocking and net play from the front line, the wind went out of the sails in the third set, which Buffalo took advantage of to cruise to a 25-13 set and match victory.

"Once again, in the second game we performed really well. We played them very competitively, but didn't have enough steam to keep up with them unfortunately," Reed described. "Our blocking was amazing though, as you can see from the stats. Jade [Roody] had four individual stuff blocks and Tania [Bau] and Cierra [Ondriezek] had two stuff blocks each!"

Reed went on to point out that blocking the big hitters was essential for her squad to have a chance to compete against not only Buffalo, but any opponent with a powerful front line. The defense needs that front line to slow the ball down, or it makes it extremely difficult to pick up the dig. Fortunately, the Lady Dogies were consistent on the weekend in blocking, accumulating eight stuff blocks in each contest.

The loss against Buffalo put Newcastle into the loser-out match on Saturday morning against Torrington. Once again start time was slated for 9 a.m., and once again, the Lady Dogies started off a little sluggish in dropping the first set 13-25.

They rallied a little in the

second set, but fell short 15-25 and then it was on to the do-or-die set of the season. A loss would mean the season was over, while a win would push them on to fight for another weekend of play.

It appeared as though the Lady Dogies got that message loud and clear as they started the third frame aggressively and held a lead over the Torrington squad for most of the contest. They found themselves with a 23-21 advantage when the Blazer coach called a time-out late in the contest, and Torrington came out of the huddle determined to regain the lead. Unfortunately, they hammered at Newcastle to score four straight points and take the set and match 25-23.

"We gave them a run for their money at the end, but nerves definitely played a role in how we played this weekend, especially right out of the gate," admitted Reed. "It was most of girls' first Regionals, with only Jade and Taylor [Spain] having ever played in Regionals. While Tania and Cierra had both gone to the tournament, they had not seen any court time, and everybody knows that Regionals is a different beast than regular season matches."

The loss ended the Lady Dogies' season, but Reed saw some definite highlights from the weekend and the season overall.

"The girls really did a great job of playing together, regardless of who I put on the court. They were completely supportive of one another and were helping each other out," she nodded. "Also our kill percentage was really pretty good and our blocking was great. Between Jade, Tania and Cierra, they really worked the net well and gave our back row a break against their hard hitters."

In reflecting on the season, Reed stated she knew it would be a rebuilding year, having lost five of the seven starters, and really only returning two who had any kind of varsity experience.

Next year the squad will

Volleyball	
3A East Regional Volleyball @ Rawlins Newcastle v. Buffalo 10/28/16 6-25, 21-25, 13-25	
Jade Roody:	4-4 serves, 1 ace, 5 kills, 4 stuff blocks, 11 digs
Tania Bau:	5-5 serves, 3 kills, 4 stuff blocks, 5 digs
Taylor Spain:	3-4 serves, 18 digs
Cierra Ondriezek:	2 kills, 1 set assist, 4
Aby Bock:	5-8 serves, 2 kills, 1 set assist, 2 digs
Emily Pearson:	10-12 serves, 2 aces, 8 digs
Lauren Lacey:	9-9 serves, 3 kills, 10 set assists, 11 digs
Halle McCoy:	4 digs
Newcastle v. Torrington 10/29/16 13-25, 15-25, 23-25	
Jade Roody:	4-4 serves, 8 kills, 1 block assist, 4 stuff blocks, 15 digs
Tania Bau:	10-11 serves, 1 ace, 7 kills, 2 stuff blocks, 4 digs
Taylor Spain:	7-7 serves, 1 kill, 9 digs
Cierra Ondriezek:	2 kills, 2 stuff blocks, 10 digs
Aby Bock:	16-17 serves, 1 stuff block, 1 dig
Emily Pearson:	3-3 serves, 3 kills, 1 block assist, 8 digs
Lauren Lacey:	6-6 serves, 8 set assists, 3 digs
Lauren Steveson:	2 kills, 3 digs
Halle McCoy:	1 dig
Shaelee Douglas:	1-1 serve
Emalee Sweet:	1 set assist, 2 digs

graduate four seniors, but Reed recognized this eventuality heading into the season, and she worked during the year to get some of the younger players some experience so she won't face the same situation next year.

"I really wanted the younger girls to have the experience of playing varsity ball and of playing in Regionals, so they will hopefully feel a little more comfortable next season when that is their role," Reed explained. "I think that several of them will head into next season with the confidence they can play at that level."

Those returning will include Emily Pearson and Aby Bock who started all year. Halle McCoy and Shaelee Douglas saw quite a bit of time in the back row, and freshman Lauren Lacey, who stepped into the varsity setter position to set for most of the last half of the season. Lauren Steveson started a few games and played in quite a few throughout the year, and Emalee Sweet saw some court time over the weekend.

"In order to be a little more aggressive in the Torrington match, we subbed Lauren Steveson in for Lauren Lacey in the front row, and Emalee into the back row to set those three rotations," Reed explained. "I really thought Emalee did a great job, especially since it was not only her first varsity experience, but it was at the Regional Tournament in a game that had such high stakes."

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NEWCASTLE MAYOR



DON STEVESON



DEB PIANA

Don Steveson

Family: Wife: Jennifer
Daughters: Alaina Steveson, Lauren Steveson, Jessie Steveson Blanchard (Husband Jarret and Granddaughters Jayden and Jersey). Son: Ryan Steveson (wife Jamie and Granddaughter Aliyah and Grandson Tyson).
Occupation: Process Safety Manager, Plant Fire Chief
Education and/or Experience: Newcastle High

School, Casper Welding School, API 570 and API 510 Inspectors. 27 years with Wyoming Refining, 19 years as a welder, and 8 years as the Process Safety Manager (since 2008), Plant Fire Chief since 2000. 32 years as a Newcastle Volunteer Fire Fighter, two terms as Fire Chief. I have served as Assistant Fire Chief, Secretary, Captain, and Lieutenant. I was a drill team member for 15 years. I was also an EMT for the Newcastle Ambulance. I am currently the

LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) Chairman and have held this position since 2008.

Deb Piana

Family: Husband, Paul Piana, 4 grown children, 7 grandchildren
Occupation: Paralegal, State of Wyoming Public Defender
Education and/or Experience: Graduate NHS, Associates Degree Black Hills State College, and the Paralegal Institute of Phoenix.

Q1: What one thing will you improve in Newcastle if you're elected, and how will you do it?

STEVESON: I would like to improve working relations with other community groups. I would improve this by being open and meeting with the community groups and trying to come to a workable solution for both parties.

PIANA: Healthy growth is what Newcastle needs. Healthy growth will bring in the necessary tax dollars to help with the City's infrastructure (i.e. streets). Successfully encouraging new business will bring employment to our community, increase needed tax revenue, and bring back pride to our community. I will talk to the community and listen to the citizens of Newcastle, i.e., what improvements do they want? Listening and considering the opinions of our community is one of the most important things a Mayor should do.

Q2: Aside from holding elected or appointed office, what do you currently do to support this community and improve the quality of life here?

STEVESON: I am involved in the community through several organizations, such as the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department and the Local Emergency Planning Committee. I have been involved in many activities throughout the community. With my daughters being middle school and high school age, I support WCSD #1 school and many of the sporting programs.

PIANA: I have served on the library foundation board, the city planning & zoning board, and am actively involved in our local Lion's Club.

Q3: What do you believe is the best (or worst) decision made by the city council in the last four years? Why?

STEVESON: One of the best decisions made by the city council is we have started a pilot program that will utilize city worker skills and equipment to help repair utility services and street repairs. We are in the process of completing the third part of this pilot process on Wentworth and Summer Street. I believe our city crew workers did a great job. Other projects the city crew has completed were on Birch Street and Walcott.

PIANA: There has been a long-running "disconnect" between the city council and the county commissioners. This "disconnect" hurts both city residents and county residents. Newcastle is located in Weston County, thus, I am a resident of Weston County. As a County resident, I call Newcastle and Weston County "home". Each entity (City & County) should have a liaison to improve communication and cooperation between the two. We can be one community!

Q4: Do you believe the city should be more involved in providing recreation and entertainment for families? Why?

STEVESON: Yes. I believe the city could help promote what recreation and entertain-

ment we have in and around our community. When we work together to provide, or to help in providing, this service we promote Newcastle as a place to come visit or stay, which boosts economic development. In addition, we have recently added a city recreation director, who has helped people stay active and enjoy the area's great outdoors.

PIANA: Yes, of course. But, it must be up to the community to support it.

Q5: Do you believe local governments in Wyoming should still be required to publish minutes and other notices in the newspaper, or should they be allowed to simply put them on their own websites? Why?

STEVESON: Yes and No. I believe the minutes should be published as this is one way to communicate how your government is working for you. I think with the communications we have today, both should be available. You will reach certain people by newspaper and certain people by websites, however, not everyone will still be reached. With the budgets getting smaller the cost to advertise the minutes in a newspaper can be an expensive cost, but is still a worthwhile cost to communicate what the city council is doing for the community.

PIANA: Both. At this point I think minutes and legal notices should be published in newspapers as well as on web sites. There are still many people who do not have, or wish to have, access to the internet. The newspaper is

still the main source of news for many people.

Q6: Are you prepared to make the best decisions for Newcastle and its residents despite what the popular opinion may be? What will you do to help constituents understand why such decisions were made?

STEVESON: Yes, I understand I will not please everyone in every decision I make, and do not expect to please everyone by those decisions. I would be open to discussions on why we made the decision we made and how it affects the community the best that I can so people can understand the facts we were presented. When making these decisions I am also a community member who these decisions affect. I always try to have the best interest of the community at heart when making difficult decisions.

PIANA: Yes, I am prepared to make the best decisions for Newcastle. I will listen to my constituents and encourage their involvement in helping me make those decisions. I believe as Mayor, it is imperative to listen and involve the citizens of Newcastle in order to make the necessary changes needed to improve our community. The city streets are always a topic of conversation and contention, as it should be. We all want to see our streets improved, but it takes money to make the necessary improvements. Not everyone wants to pay for those improvements. However there comes a time when each citizen must do their part. I will do my best to improve our city streets. Will you help me?

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL: 4 YEAR

Michael Alexander

Family: I have a wife, Kiyoe, and two daughters, Hana (five) and Emma (three months).
Occupation: I teach English at the high school.
Education and/or Experience: I have a Bachelor's in English from the University of Wyoming. I have taught at the local high school for the last five years.

Lynn Moller

Family: Wife: Peggy. I have four grown stepchildren living in South Dakota and Colorado.

Occupation: Chief Financial Officer, Weston County Health Services
Education and/or Experience: I have graduate degrees in Accounting (University of South Dakota) and Agricultural Economics from the University of South Dakota and (Kansas State University) respectively. I have worked in Healthcare, Higher Education, and Agriculture and Accounting. I have served on a number of non-profit boards over the years.

Todd Quigley

Family: Son Cameron, Daughter Carson

Occupation: WCSD #1

Education and/or Experience: Master's in Educational Administration and Leadership

Roger Hespe

Family: Robin Hespe and our six sons, and their families
Occupation: Newcastle Ambulance Service Director.

Q1: What one thing will you improve in Newcastle if you're elected, and how will you do it?

will you do it?

ALEXANDER: An improvement I plan on making, if I am fortunate enough to be elected, is to increase transparency by opening up communication between the council and the public about the state of the city and major decisions the council makes. I hope to accomplish this by not only reaching out to local reporters, but by also

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MICHAEL ALEXANDER



LYNN MOLLER



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ROGER HESPE

taking advantage of social media.

MOLLER: I want to improve the infrastructure of the city. The condition of the city's streets are among the first things people notice when they come to our town. I would work with the city department heads to secure as much funding as possible for this purpose.

QUIGLEY: As one member of a council of six, plus a mayor, it's difficult to put an individual stamp on one specific item to improve. We need to continue to work on improving our infrastructure to bring all things up to date and proactively move forward.

HESPE: Given the conditions of the city streets and infrastructure, this is a priority. We should continue to improve the infrastructure and streets while staying on budget plus try to convince our legislators to release more monies for these projects.

Q2: Aside from holding elected or appointed office, what do you currently do to support this community and improve the quality of life here?

ALEXANDER: This year is the sixth I've taught high school English in Newcastle and is the third year I've been a coach. Educating and providing guidance to the youth of this community have been and continue to be the primary ways I support the community and are two sources of great pride.

MOLLER: I support either financially or by participation a number of organizations—our church, school fund raisers, as a member of the Sportsmen's Club and Cambria Bow Hunters. I try to be a good neighbor and help others when the need arises.

QUIGLEY: I am very active in volunteering with our schools and recreation programs. Additionally, my family and myself attempt to support as many of our business and civic events as possible.

HESPE: I teach CPR, First Aid, AED, EMT IEMT, coordinate classes and help instructors prepare classes. I have been on the hospital board, coached baseball and sponsored or helped sponsor events. I also served on Governors advisory council for EMS.

Q3: What do you believe is the best (or worst) decision made by the city council in the last four years? Why?

ALEXANDER: I respect the care taken by the council to remain fiscally responsible. If I am elected, I plan to adopt and continue this deliberate, sensible approach to budgeting.

MOLLER: The council has made the choice to keep investing in our water system, providing an abundant supply of quality water to the community. Having

that basic resource is important to potential investors or residents in our community. Water does not seem like an exciting topic, until you don't have it. The council has worked to maintain an abundant supply of this basic commodity.

QUIGLEY: Our commitment to the bike paths and trails through the community (Newcastle Greenways) would stand out as the best decision. This project continues to beautify the city and provide opportunities for citizens to enjoy what we have to offer.

HESPE: I feel the City Council has made decisions in the best interest of the citizens. We have continued to upgrade infrastructure (ex.— streets, upgraded the ball park, walking paths, soccer fields). Our community enjoys a safe community thanks to a professional police department and maintenance department.

Q4: Do you believe the city should be more involved in providing recreation and entertainment for families? Why?

ALEXANDER: I do not consider providing recreation and entertainment to be a function of city government, but I do believe that the council should try its best to avoid being a hindrance to enterprising individuals who seek to provide the community with such activities.

MOLLER: The collaboration between the city and school in creating the position of Community Recreation Director, and the recreation opportunities it has provided to our community has been outstanding. It would be wonderful if we could do even more. However, given the current state of public finances there is little in the way of resources to do so at this time.

QUIGLEY: The City of Newcastle is very involved currently in recreation and entertainment in our community. We have recently partnered and hired a community recreation director, support the Chamber of Commerce in their endeavors, and provide funding to a Community Recreation Board. As I view the situation, we should not micro-manage these offerings, but continue to support each entity.

HESPE: I feel there is a need for the City of Newcastle to continue the walking path project for community health and welfare, along with maintaining and improving parks, and supporting recreation where applicable.

Q5: Do you believe local governments in Wyoming should still be required to publish minutes and other notices in the newspaper, or should they be allowed to simply put them on their own websites? Why?

ALEXANDER: I believe it would be a mistake for a city council to move away from utilizing its local newspaper to communicate important information to residents. As I understand it, while the internet

is a considerable competitor with nationally-circulated newspapers and periodicals, local newspapers have proven themselves to be indispensable in this information age.

MOLLER: I believe that newspapers continue to provide a very important service to the public by printing minutes and legal notices. There are still some people who do not have internet service and there are many who have internet service that will not take the time to visit a website, and find the link to the minutes etc. The print press plays a vital role in keeping the public informed and keeping public organizations on task. I personally would not want that to change.

QUIGLEY: Not everyone has access to internet or computers. Published print media is still the least expensive way to reach a large population base. So yes, local governments need to put minutes into the newspaper as a way to reach many citizens.

HESPE: Yes. To maintain transparency with the citizens, and also to allow information to be exchanged in public to keep everyone better informed.

Q6: Are you prepared to make the best decisions for Newcastle and its residents despite what the popular opinion may be? What will you do to help constituents understand why such decisions were made?

ALEXANDER: What I stated in the previous questionnaire, I will reassert here. I am impartial, enjoy considering the facts of an issue before coming down on one side or the other, do not have my head in the clouds, and can appreciate the value of practicality. In other words, I'm more than willing to do what needs to be done. With regards to communicating with the public, I plan on being proactive by utilizing the newspaper as well as social media to keep constituents informed about the facts and rationale surrounding decisions made by the council.

MOLLER: Yes, and I have an example where I have done so. Last summer the council was approached to provide money to assist in a recreational project initiated by some of our citizens. I voted "no" because the money was just not available. It was not that the project lacked merit. It was something that most of us on the council would have liked to see happen, but when money is tight we just have to be responsible and not spend what we don't have.

QUIGLEY: I believe that I have been able to assist in making what has been believed to be the best decisions for Newcastle for close to two decades. As always, I hope to be transparent and available for our citizens to contact.

HESPE: Yes. I will be glad to discuss with anyone the decisions that are made, and how to best serve the city and its residents. Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve this community. I promise to do my best if elected.

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL: 2 YEAR

Lyra Qualheim



LYRA QUALHEIM

Family: Husband: Tim Qualheim, Kids: Cody, Abi, Mikey, Phineas
Occupation: Part-Time Double Aaces Mentor and Mom
Education and/or Experience: I am currently taking college courses and I am currently a girl scout leader, a member of the recreation board, and I help with the local theatre group at the Methodist Church

Kara Sweet
Family: Spouse—Brian Sweet, employed at Black Thunder/Arch

Coal, Daughter—Ashlyn Sweet, employed as an interior designer in Denver, Son—Colton Sweet, student at the University of Wyoming
Occupation: High school language arts teacher of 19 years; certified specialist of wine and wine writer
Education and/or Experience: Bachelor's Degree from Black Hills State University; Master's Degree from the University of Wyoming; National Teaching Certificate from the National Teaching Standards Board; Certified Specialist of Wine from the Society of Wine Educators



KARA SWEET

Q1: What one thing will you improve in Newcastle if you're elected, and how will you do it?

QUALHEIM: I would love to work with our local Chamber of Commerce to help attract more businesses to our community, which in turn would bring in more funds for other projects to be started/finished.

SWEET: I would like to improve relationships between the city, Chamber of Commerce, local businesses, and general public. I would invite (and have invited) individuals and groups to meetings to be part of a solution, not part of a problem. I

listen to people about their concerns, but I am also very honest if a solution isn't in the best interest of the city. I support the Chamber in its multiple projects, like the Main Street project currently being investigated. It is also important to support businesses and what these entities say the city can do to increase industry.

Q2: Aside from holding elected or appointed office, what do you currently do to support this community and improve the quality of life here?

QUALHEIM: I am an active co-leader of

the Girl Scouts multi-age troop, and I am serving on the Recreation Board

SWEET: I am a teacher, and have been for nearly 20 years. Though that has been my job, I have been class sponsor, prom sponsor, speech coach, chaperone, and mentor to many students over the last two decades. In addition, I have volunteered time at community events and fundraisers for projects like the green space and trail systems. I have also taught community classes, been on a former community theater board, and supported the local historical society.

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Q3: What do you believe is the best (or worst) decision made by the city council in the last four years? Why?

QUALHEIM: I feel that our ordinances are severely out of control. They need to be gone over and streamlined into a better functioning set, and some done away with entirely.

SWEET: Not sure if this is the best or worst decision, but perhaps one of the most important decisions was the increase in water, sewer, and gas rates. Per city ordinance, these entities are enterprise funds, which means they are supposed to pay for themselves. These funds were, in fact, falling far short of breaking even. It was an act many were not happy with, but as the state still faces a \$150 million shortfall for the current two-year budget, balancing our own city budget will become more and more difficult, requiring creative ways to keep all the services currently provided.

Q4: Do you believe the city should be more involved in providing recreation and entertainment for families? Why?

QUALHEIM: I firmly believe that the city should provide more recreational-type activities and entertainment. I personally would love to have a local place to go ice skating in the winter or a splash-pad in the summer. If we, as a community, would start up these activities, then we would bring and keep more of our income in Newcastle and less would go to Rapid City or the other surrounding communities.

SWEET: The city's main job is to be the governing body of the town. The main focus is to manage funds and provide infrastructure for Newcastle, including roads, water/sewer/garbage, ordinances, police department, etc. Sometimes that infrastructure does include items that might be recreational, such as parks and trails. That being said, the city council should support those who want to provide recreation or entertainment. However, it is not the city who would open these businesses. What that means is the city council would not open a bowling alley, but if a business wanted support for this endeavor, the council should rally behind the idea.

Q5: Do you believe local governments in Wyoming should still be required to publish minutes and other notices in the newspaper, or should they be allowed to simply put them on their own websites? Why?

QUALHEIM: I think that both methods should be utilized. Times are different from when the only source was the paper. However, some people prefer to read the paper and not look at a computer screen for their information. I feel more ways to get the information out to the public is the best option.

SWEET: Yes, local governments should be required to publish minutes and notices in local newspapers, and government entities should have to publish in more than one paper if there are multiple local papers. Not all constituents have regular access to technology and the internet. In fact, I encourage people to come sit and watch government meetings. Many who have complained about issues have a better understanding of these issues when witnessing the actual process at open meetings.

Q6: Are you prepared to make the best decisions for Newcastle and its residents despite what the popular opinion may be? What will you do to help constituents understand why such decisions were made?

QUALHEIM: I am prepared to make the best decisions and to use the resources available to get all of the necessary information before making those decisions. I think that a community message board in a few locations around town would help get the information out for the public to read about, and also post when the meetings are to discuss public concerns on those matters.

SWEET: I am prepared to make decisions in the best interest of the city of Newcastle, even if those decisions aren't popular. It was not popular to increase water, sewer, and garbage rates, however, it was completely necessary to bypass over a half a million dollar budget shortfall. I am a bit of an open book. I am happy to explain decisions to all. I am very honest, as well as respectful, when discussing any decisions that some may not have agreed with completely.

NEWCASTLE SCHOOL BOARD: 2 YEAR



MARCIA LAMBERT

Marcia Lambert

Family: I am married to Bill Lambert (37 years!) We have two boys, Will and Cole. Will and his wife Kerri live out of Osage and have two wonderful children Kaylee and Kase. Cole and Shannon recently married and are living in Pine Bluffs. We are expecting grandchild number three in January.
Occupation: Bill and I have ranched our entire married life. So

I can't really say my occupation is stay at home mom or housewife. Our family has shared in most everything that can possibly be done on a ranch. But Bill has always saddled my horse and I have always cleaned the toilets. I also worked (now retired) at a snowmobile resort for 23 years.
Education and/or Experience: I graduated from Newcastle High School and went two years to Casper College.

Q1: What is your experience with public education, and what do you believe qualifies you to fill this position?

LAMBERT: I went through the public schools, as did our children. As parents, we were very active in our children's education and stayed active in the district after they graduated. I have served on the board for two years and in that time my desire to see children receive an education and succeed in life has grown.

Q2: Name a specific area of improvement you desire for local schools, and tell us how you believe you can help the district meet your goal in that area?

LAMBERT: Student achievement. I would work to support administrators and district personnel's focus on student achievement, and make sure resources are focused on the area needing attention.

Q3: Do you believe Weston County

School District #1 should continue to participate in the Federal School Lunch Program. If not, what do you propose the district should do instead?

LAMBERT: I think the Federal School lunch program is working and support it as long as it doesn't get more restrictive and kids get adequate nutrition. (I'm not sure the gooey cinnamon rolls and chili I remember as a kid are in that program.) I know schools in other districts are trying different avenues and have thought about other possibilities such as buying local produce and meat. Our area would be rather restrictive in some areas and it would probably be more costly.

Q4: What are your ideas for dealing with potential funding shortfalls in upcoming years?

LAMBERT: I feel the board and district personnel have been dealing with the funding problem pretty well through planning ahead. As

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE WYOMING CONSTITUTION TO BE VOTED ON AT THE GENERAL ELECTION NOV. 8, 2016

Underlined words would be added to existing law. Words stricken through will be removed.

Currently, the Wyoming Constitution allows the legislature to authorize the investment of public employee retirement systems funds and permanent state funds in equities, such as stock or shares in private or public companies. Permanent funds of the state include funds designated as permanent funds by the Constitution. The Wyoming Constitution does not allow the state to invest any other funds in equities. The adoption of this amendment would allow the legislature, by two-thirds vote of the members of both houses, to authorize the investment of additional specified state funds in equities.

Article 16, Section 6. Loan of credit; donations prohibited; works of internal improvement.

(a) Neither the state nor any county, city, township, town, school district, or any other political subdivision, shall:

(i) Loan or give its credit or make donations to or in aid of any individual, association or corporation, except for necessary support of the poor; ~~nor~~ or

(ii) Subscribe to or become the owner of the capital stock of any association or corporation, except that:

(A) Funds of public employee retirement systems and the permanent funds of the state of Wyoming may be invested in such stock under conditions the legislature prescribes;

(B) The legislature may provide by law for the investment of funds not designated as permanent funds of the state in the capital stock of any association or corporation and may designate which of these funds may be invested. The legislature may prescribe different investment conditions for each fund. Any legislation establishing or increasing the percentage of any fund that may be invested under this subparagraph shall be passed only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the members of each of the two (2) houses voting separately.

(b) The state shall not engage in any work of internal improvement unless authorized by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the people.

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Creative ways to recycle leaves

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• **Mulch:** Shredded leaves can make for a great amendment to fertilizer for garden beds and even the lawn. Leaves lying on the grass can be mulched into small pieces with a mulching mower so they don't choke the blades of grass. Leaves also can be broken down with a string trimmer, a leaf blower that has a vacuum function or a commercial shredder/chipper. Add the shredded leaves to a compost pile or use them to fill container plants before adding regular potting soil.

• **Insulation:** Collect leaves to mound over delicate perennial plants and shrubs. The leaves will add more warmth to the soil and may help plants make it through harsh winters. Just remove the leaves slowly when spring arrives so that the soil underneath can get the sunlight and water it needs to thrive. Leave some leaves in the yard so that animals can use them as nesting material and line their dens for the winter.



• **Stuffing:** Create whimsical scarecrows as part of your autumn decoration scheme. Gather older clothes that you no longer use and stuff the sleeves of shirts and the legs of pants with leaves, which are less expensive and easier to come by than straw. Use a few pieces of straw around the neck and hand areas of the scarecrow for visual effect. Tie off with twine and display your scarecrow.

• **Bedding:** Chicken owners can use fallen leaves as bedding in their chicken coops. Dry leaves also may create more comfortable and drier conditions for goats and other livestock. Goats may look to recently fallen leaves as a nutritious food source. Gather the leaves and let the goats munch before you further rake and compost the leaves.

• **Decorations:** Natural leaves can be used as decorations both inside and outside a home. String freshly fallen leaves together and wrap them around a grapevine wreath for a rustic door decoration. Leaves can be placed in clear vases and put on display for a cheap way to showcase some autumn color. Preserve favorite leaves with a lamination machine or by sealing them between heated sheets of waxed paper. Cut out the leaf shapes and use for hanging window decorations.

• **Recreation:** Leaves have long been favorite toys for children, who eagerly await jumping into large piles of fallen leaves. Fill paper bags with leaves and draw a target on the front. Let kids test their skill aiming for the targets. Children can camouflage their clothing with leaves and masking tape and have a more intense session of "hide and seek."

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far as the future, we will have to evaluate each program and make sure the dollars spent are used effectively. I am a pretty conservative person and as a board member will try to spend the school district's money with as much thought as if I were spending my own.

Q5: What is your opinion on the impact of class size on educational outcomes, and do you believe increasing class sizes should be consid-

ered to help with revenue shortfalls?

LAMBERT: At some grade levels, increasing class size would hinder learning and probably should not be done. If the financing would ever be to the point where you would absolutely have to increase size, we can be prepared and evaluate which classes can be increased.

Q6: Are you satisfied with the district's recent results on state tests?

If not, what do you see as the issue, and what should be the plan of action to combat that?

LAMBERT: No. It is impossible to put your finger on just one issue that would change the results of the state test. If the district continues to use the multitude of assessments that we currently use to improve student learning, the district will continue to make long-term progress in reaching its goal of having 85 to 100 percent of our students proficient.

NEWCASTLE SCHOOL BOARD: 4 YEAR



BOB BONNAR



RON MILLS



TINA CHICK



JOHN RIESLAND



TOM WRIGHT



Bob Bonnar

Family: Wife- Stephanie, three Children- Cade (Alexis), Alexys, Summer and two Grandchildren- Brecklee, Kazen.

Occupation: Associate Publisher News Letter Journal

Education and/or Experience: NHS graduate, some college; 12 years Weston County School District #1 Trustee (Chairman 2 years), Past President Wyoming Press Association; President Newcastle Stingrays; have held positions on numerous boards, including Youth Baseball/Softball and Newcastle Recreation Board. Sunday School Teacher.

Ron Mills

Family: Wife Mary

Occupation: Owner of Newcastle Equipment and mechanic

Education and/or Experience: 12 years in the Navy; On the job training

John Riesland

Family: My wife Robin Riesland, Daughter Jamie Foster, husband John with two grandsons Casey

and Kaiden. Colton Cummings with two grand children, Owen and Riese.

Occupation: Operation Manager for Chemily Management, a small independent oil company, and a rancher.

Education and/or Experience: Graduated from Newcastle High School and went on to graduate from the University of Wyoming with a B.S.

Tina Chick

Family: Husband David and two boys Aidan, and Avery

Occupation: Counselor

Education and/or Experience: Master of Science in Counseling, 4 years on the Weston County School District #1 Board.

Tom Wright

Family: Kay Wright, Rick and Ann Wehri, Karine and Brad West, Nancy and Donny Darnell, Megan Darnell, Helen Wright

Occupation: Rancher

Education: NHS grad, UW grad in ag, 2 years in US Army, family rancher since coming home from Vietnam

Q1: What is your experience with public education, and what do you believe qualifies you to fill this position?

BONNAR: I became more involved in Newcastle schools when I covered sports teams for the radio station and newspaper, and later developed a greater understanding of education issues when reporting on the district for the paper. I have always understood the incredible value of education, and have worked with various classroom teachers as a guest lecturer over the years because I believe our students benefit greatly when our schools tap into local experts to help them understand how the things they learn about impact their community and their own futures.

MILLS: I have a lot of years of experience in the district as a former bus driver, and I am 100 percent for our children.

CHICK: I have been on the Weston County School District #1 board for the past 4 years. I have also worked in, and with, schools throughout my entire professional career, which has allowed me to see how schools operate from an employee perspective and from a board perspective.

RIESLAND: I have served Weston County School District #1 for 24 years as a trustee. I have held the treasurer and chairman positions during my tenure. I have also served on the Wyoming School Boards Association as an Area Director representing WYSD#1, WYSD#7, and CCSD#1 for 20 years. Also, I was elected as President of the WSBA

and represented the State of Wyoming on a national level. After stating all these positions I have held, what really qualifies me for this position is simple. I believe in giving our children the best education possible by approving policies which govern our school district— also, of equal weight, placing the best teachers and staff in front of our children.

WRIGHT: I have served several terms on the School Board and on several state and national education groups over several years.

Q2: Name a specific area of improvement you desire for local schools, and tell us how you believe you can help the district meet your goal in that area?

BONNAR: I am very proud of our schools and the work our staff members do for children, but I think we should always be striving to improve. I would be most interested in helping the district improve student achievement in the academic realm, and think for the sake of both students and staff that we should renew our focus on higher achievement and higher test scores. We have great people in our schools, and I think leadership can provide the direction and resources needed to make us a district that consistently ranks in the top ten in the state!

MILLS: I would like to get a 100 percent graduation rate— no drop outs. I would like to have a better truancy plan to keep kids in school.

CHICK: I would like to see

increased test scores. I realize this is only one way to look at student achievement and success, but I feel it's an important way. I want our students and our staff to reach their full potential and I feel I can help by supporting our staff to find better ways to pinpoint areas that need work, and to address those areas.

RIESLAND: We are very fortunate in WYSD #1 because we have great staff and great buildings. The district continues to improve for betterment of our children's education. My part as a trustee is to support our teachers, administrators, Superintendent and staff.

WRIGHT: Education is a continuing process. We need to continue to improve our PLC program so that individual attention is paid to student learning. My role is to inspire school leaders and fund time and attention to this process.

Q3: Do you believe Weston County School District #1 should continue to participate in the Federal School Lunch Program. If not, what do you propose the district should do instead?

BONNAR: Although other districts have voluntarily left the program, I don't think we can afford to and believe we should remain in the FSLP. To my knowledge, those districts that have left the program have been able to do so because they supplement their programs with local donations, and I don't think it is responsible to plan your budget based on an

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expectation of donations. That said, despite the sometimes ridiculous rules governing the FSLP, we make every effort at our schools to make sure kids are fed so they can perform at their best.

MILLS: I believe we should continue to do what we are now. Our school has our student's health in mind first and foremost—no child goes hungry.

CHICK: I believe we should continue to participate in the Federal School Lunch Program until we can find another program or another option that is not only good for our students, but also fiscally responsible for the district.

RIESLAND: At this point in time we do not have another source of funding for school lunches except our general fund. Nutrition is very important in the education of children, for if they are hungry they are not paying attention to the classroom teacher and learning is not taking place. WCSD#1 does a very good job of placing good lunches in front of our students for a very reasonable price. At this time I would not be ready to change.

WRIGHT: Yes, we should continue with Federal School Lunch. If there are changes that can be made for better meals at less cost I would be very interested. In my view, a good wholesome, attractive meal that we can afford for students should be a small part of a total school program.

Q4: What are your ideas for dealing with potential funding shortfalls in upcoming years?

BONNAR: While money is obviously going to get tighter because of the energy bust, I believe that the board and the district's leadership team have done a good job preparing for this day and aren't faced with a financial crisis. We have largely accomplished this by examining every position and identifying areas where we can consolidate or share resources to continue delivering programs and instruction at less cost, and that has included administration and support services. As long as we can continue to do that, WCSD #1 will remain strong financially.

MILLS: We must do the best we can to try to keep programs and continue doing what we do now. We have done this, and I want to keep doing so.

CHICK: I believe the district has done a really nice job of being proactive over the past several years and making our staff numbers fit a smaller number of students

by not replacing teachers and/or other employees when they retire. I would work to maintain this type of downsizing and look to continue to hire employees that are capable of filling more than one position within the district.

RIESLAND: WCSD#1 has been working with funding since I have been on the board, and will continue to do so far into the future. The WCSD#1 Board and Superintendent always look at positions when they are vacated. This natural attrition has led our District to be in very good shape fiscally. We also need to work with the legislators to help them through this down time in Wyoming.

WRIGHT: Inform the voters statewide about the need. Continue to analyze expenditures and schedules to maximize student opportunities.

Q5: What is your opinion on the impact of class size on educational outcomes, and do you believe increasing class sizes should be considered to help with revenue shortfalls?

BONNAR: I am opposed to increasing class sizes. Research has consistently shown that student-to-teacher ratio is one of the most significant factors in how well students learn, and there are plenty of other areas that should be looked at first to save money. If the State of Wyoming has to make cuts, they could look at things like transportation, but should start by trimming redundancies in the Department of Education in Cheyenne, eliminating the paychecks of out-of-state consultants and doing away with the legislature's Select Committee on Education Accountability.

MILLS: I think a smaller class size is very good because it produces more teacher to pupil interaction.

CHICK: I believe class size has a large impact on educational outcomes. I would look to find other ways to help with revenue shortfalls and only look at increasing class size as a last resort.

RIESLAND: The ideal class size depends on which expert you listen to or work report you read. We are paid by the state by the number of students in attendance and 85% of WCSD#1 budget is wages and benefits, so as I stated earlier, we need to continue to look at natural attrition, which will take care of the classes offered and class size.

WRIGHT: I think small class sizes are

especially important in the K-5 grades and in some vocational areas. We should consider increasing class size, but emphasis should remain on scheduling to maximize student opportunity to be exposed to the widest variety of programs we can afford.

Q6: Are you satisfied with the district's recent results on state tests? If not, what do you see as the issue, and what should be the plan of action to combat that?

BONNAR: I am not satisfied with our results, but understand that a lot of different factors come into play when looking at a snapshot of scores from a particular test on a given day. That said, I'm competitive by nature, and greatly wish for our schools to perform at a higher level than others around the state. I believe we have an excellent staff and great students, and it should be our goal to score in the top ten in Wyoming on statewide assessments. I know we won't always get there, but we should always be trying. Let's celebrate some state championships in the classroom!

MILLS: We could always do better, and we have very qualified teachers that have our children's best interest at heart.

CHICK: I am not satisfied with the district's recent results on state tests. There were some good scores and some positives we can take away from the results, but overall they are not as high as I would like, and they also did not meet the board's proficiency goal. I feel the staff is already working hard looking into specific scores for specific groups and students and working to address areas of concern. I can support our staff by keeping discussion and focus on student achievement at the forefront, and supporting them in their work to improve those scores.

RIESLAND: I hope our district never weakens in the endeavor to have 100% for students to be proficient. The state of Wyoming has continued to change the tests or the way the results are interpreted, which makes it very difficult to develop any changes to improve results. WCSD#1 staff work very hard to deliver the best education to our children and will continue in the future.

WRIGHT: No. There is a continuing effort today to truly analyze and correct learning deficiencies. Our small sample size and different tests being used makes general statements inaccurate, but we all want each student to perform to the best of their ability.

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RILEY HAMPTON



DIANA WHITE

Riley Hampton

Family: Spouse, LaShel Hampton; Son, Keaton Hampton, 4

Occupation: Maintenance Supervisor

Diana White

Family: I am married to Howard White. We have three grown children.

Occupation: Teacher (retired)

Education and/or Experience: My education includes a BS in Art from Univ. of Wyoming, Master's in Curriculum and Instruction from Black Hills State and a Wyoming reading certification. My experience includes 42 years in education as an instructor.

Q1: What is your experience with public education, and what do you believe qualifies you to fill this position?

HAMPTON: As a maintenance supervisor I deal with budget and personnel issues on a daily basis. As a board member I hope to build strategic relationships, create a healthy environment for work and learning, and oversee the assessment of performance standards for K-12 students.

WHITE: I have taught in the public school system of Wyoming for the past 40 years. I taught for two years in Australia. The state of Wyoming has invested their resources on educating me about public education through in-services and classes. I feel confident they have done a good job and I can contribute to Upton schools.

Q2: Name a specific area of improvement you desire for local schools, and tell us how you believe you can help the district meet your goal in that area?

HAMPTON: STEM-science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Our latest assessment was at 9 percent proficiency, that's not acceptable. The potential of the students is there, but there is either an unwillingness to learn or an issue with the educators and the cur-

riculum they are providing. As a board member I will help to facilitate this issue.

WHITE: I would like to see a smoother transition to the new personalized learning our schools are adopting. Stakeholders have many questions about the new changes. Since I am an educator, I always think education is a good way to proceed.

Q3: Do you believe Weston County School District #7 should continue to participate in the Federal School Lunch Program. If not, what do you propose the district should do instead?

HAMPTON: Wouldn't it be wonderful to provide lunches with locally raised beef and farmed produce? I certainly feel so, but we have neither the money nor the resources if we opt out of the Federal School Lunch Program.

WHITE: The school needs to stay with the Federal School Lunch Program to take advantage of that funding and the programs connected to the free and reduced lunch numbers. The wasted food and hungry students are a big worry.

Q4: What are your ideas for dealing with potential funding shortfalls in upcoming years?

HAMPTON: I'm not familiar with Newcastle schools, but Upton has a good amount of cash reserves from fiscal responsibility in the past. If required, attracting young, talented educators for vacancies and increasing enrollment will be beneficial both currently and in the future.

WHITE: We have been through this before and it is always painful. Saving programs and jobs are a top priority to me. Staying up to date with technology is very important, but there seem to be fads that fade and the expensive equipment left behind. Efforts to keep students motivated and interested will help with attendance and maintaining student numbers.

Q5: What is your opinion on the impact of class size on educational outcomes, and do you believe increasing class sizes should be considered to help with revenue shortfalls?

HAMPTON: Currently under the 16:1 Waiver mandated by House Enrolled Act 98, we are required unless approved for a waiver, to maintain a 16:1 teacher-student ratio for grades K-3. To ensure the best teacher-pupil interaction, we should strive to achieve that.

WHITE: Students, especially the very young, do benefit from small class sizes. However if there is a class of 18 kindergarteners, it doesn't seem reasonable to have two classes of 9. Larger schools may have more options than small schools.

Q6: Are you satisfied with the district's recent results on state tests? If not, what do you see as the issue, and what should be the plan of action to combat that?

HAMPTON: No, absolutely not. Proficiencies were at or below acceptable levels in many areas across the board. Moving forward, we need to collaborate with our educators on organizing and creating goals, and take a careful look at our curriculum and ways to improve interaction with the students both through traditional methods and technology. For our younger students, more unstructured free time will give children a chance to unwind and refresh, improving attentiveness and productivity once back in the classroom.

WHITE: State assessments are multifaceted. When students do better than the state average it seems good. When the state average still leaves many students less than proficient, that is a worry. Our school district needs to keep working toward having all students proficient.

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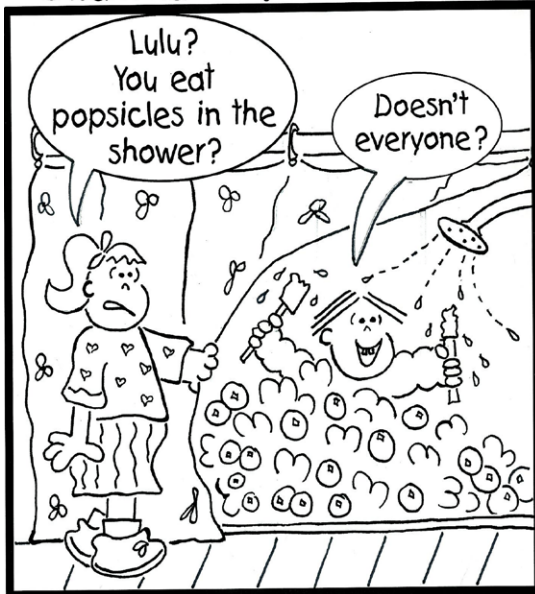
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Legal Notice

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 6, Section 2(m) of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations, notice is hereby given that the State of Wyoming, Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality, proposes to approve a request by ConocoPhillips Company to conduct well completion and re-completion activities in the Statewide, Upper Green River Basin and Jonah/Pinedale Anticline Development Areas in Wyoming. The proposed permit includes requirements to conduct well completions or re-completions using best management practices to reduce emissions of regulated pollutants associated with such activities to the extent practicable and to monitor, maintain records and report emissions from the completions or re-completion activities. For the duration of the public comment period, copies of the permit application, the agency's analysis, and the public notice are available for public inspection online at http://deq.wyoming.gov/aqd/new-source-review/resources/applications-on-notice/ and at the Uinta County Clerk's Office, Evanston, Wyoming; Platte County Clerk's Office, Wheatland, Wyoming; Park County Clerk's Office, Cody, Wyoming; Carbon County Clerk's Office, Rawlins, Wyoming; Fremont County Clerk's Office, Lander, Wyoming; Sweetwater County Clerk's Office, Green River, Wyoming; Sheridan County Clerk's Office, Sheridan, Wyoming; Natrona County Clerk's Office, Casper, Wyoming; Laramie County Clerk's Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming; Converse County Clerk's Office, Douglas, Wyoming; Campbell County Clerk's Office, Gillette, Wyoming; Teton County Clerk's Office, Jackson, Wyoming; Albany County Clerk's Office, Laramie, Wyoming; Niobrara County Clerk's Office, Lusk, Wyoming; Lincoln County Clerk's Office, Kemmerer, Wyoming; Big Horn County Clerk's Office, Basin, Wyoming; Crook County Clerk's Office, Sundance, Wyoming; Johnson County Clerk's Office, Buffalo, Wyoming; Weston County Clerk's Office, Newcastle, Wyoming; Hot Springs County Clerk's Office, Thermopolis, Wyoming; Sublette County Clerk's Office, Pinedale, Wyoming; Goshen County Clerk's Office, Torrington, Wyoming; Washakie County Clerk's Office, Worland, Wyoming. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, special assistance or alternate formats will be made available upon request for individuals with disabilities.

Written comments may be directed to Nancy Vehr, Administrator, Division of Air Quality, Department of Environmental Quality, 200 West 17th St., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002 or by fax (307) 635-1784. Please reference A0003258 in your comment. Comments submitted by email will not be included in the administrative record. All comments received by 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 5, 2016 will be considered in the final determination on this application. A public hearing will be conducted only if in the opinion of the administrator sufficient interest is generated or if an aggrieved party so requests.

(Publish November 3, 2016)

Election Notice

PROCLAMATION OF ELECTION SALT CREEK WATER DISTRICT NEWCASTLE, WYOMING WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

The Salt Creek Water District has two (2) board seats for election on November 8, 2016. All seats are for FOUR (4) YEAR TERMS. To be a qualified candidate for this position the candidate must be a landowner within the boundaries of the District and have no relative serving on the current board. Please pick up your petition of nomination from the Salt Creek Water District office Monday or Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 5023 US Hwy 16, Newcastle or contact the office at 307-746-3331 to make other arrangements. Filing due date is September 30, 2016.

(Publish November 3, 2016)

Meeting Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Weston County School District #1 Board of Trustees will have a 5:30 p.m. early start for their meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2016, to discuss the superintendent's evaluation.

(Publish November 3, 2016)

Blotter

October 16, 2016
911 hang up. Vandalism reported. Traffic hazard reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued.
October 17
VIN inspection requested. Assist other agency. Arrest Warrant issued. Dead deer reported. Suspicious activity reported. Medical assist.
October 18
Injured deer reported. Vandalism reported. Report of a dog at large, Impounded. Runaway reported. Report of a dog at large. VIN inspection requested. Message delivery requested. Assist other agency. Accident reported. Arrest Warrant issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Arrest Warrant executed. One arrest. Barking dog complaint. Arrest Warrant issued.
October 19
Drunk driver reported. Unauthorized dumping reported. Arrest Warrant issued. Phone harassment reported. Sexual assault reported. Suspicious activity reported. Medical assist.

October 20
Open door discovered. Traffic hazard reported. Dead deer reported. Fire alarm reported. Shoplifting reported. VIN inspection requested. Report of animal at large.
October 21
Suspicious activity reported. Arrest Warrant executed. VIN inspection requested. Civil custody problem reported. Civil standby requested. Assist other agency. Domestic problem reported. Suspicious activity reported.
October 22
Barking dog complaint. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Commercial alarm reported. Funeral escort requested. Civil assist. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Commercial alarm reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Minor accident reported.



Bid Notice

WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

The Wyoming Department of Transportation will receive sealed bids in the Office of the Procurement Services Manager, 5300 Bishop Blvd., Building No. 6189, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82009-3340, until 11:00 A.M., Mountain Time on December 13, 2016, at which time they will be publicly opened and read for FURNISHING JANITORIAL MAINTENANCE AT THE MULE CREEK REST AREA. A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Inspection will be held at 11:00 A.M., Mountain Time on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at the Mule Creek Rest Area located at U.S. 85 approximately 34 miles South of Newcastle, Wyoming. Only bids received on Wyoming Department of Transportation bid forms will be considered. Bid forms and further information may be obtained, without charge, by going to http://www.publicpurchase.com, logging in and clicking on Bid No. 17-030AC. You must be registered with Public Purchase to log in and view bids. If you are not registered, click on the "free registration" button and follow the registration instructions. The registration process takes up to 24 hours, so signing up right away is recommended.

BY: HANS F. HEHR, CPPB
PROCUREMENT SERVICES MANAGER

(Publish November 3, 10 and 17, 2016)

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE AND FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR THE VARIOUS CONCRETE REPAIR PROJECTS AT NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

Notice is hereby given that the State of Wyoming, Wyoming Department of Corrections, has accepted as complete, according to plans, specifications, and rules governing the same, the work performed under that certain Service Contract 05SC0066760 between the State of Wyoming, Wyoming Department of Corrections and Hladky Construction, whose address is: 1100 North Gurley Avenue, Gillette, Wyoming 82716 for the work performed, materials, equipment, or tools furnished or used and services rendered for the substantial completion of the Various Concrete Repair Projects, Bid No. 0406-A, at the Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp, Wyoming Department of Corrections, Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming and the contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Department of Administration and Information will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on December 6, 2016. The date of the first publication is October 27, 2016.

(Publish November 3, 10 and 17, 2016)

Bid Notice

INVITATION TO BID SCHOOL PORTRAITS

Weston County School District # 1 will receive at the Office of the Superintendent, 116 Casper Avenue, Newcastle, Wyoming, bid proposals for school portraits for the 2017-2018 school year, up to but no later than, 10:00 am on December 30, 2016. Bid specifications are available at the Office of the Superintendent's, 116 Casper Avenue.

(Publish November 3, 2016)

Bid Notice

WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LEGAL NOTICE

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BY: HANS F. HEHR, CPPB
PROCUREMENT SERVICES MANAGER

(Publish November 3, 10 and 17, 2016)

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF CONTRACTOR'S SETTLEMENT WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 STATE OF WYOMING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the December 13th, 2016, final settlement will be made by Weston County School District No. 1 of Newcastle, WY for and on account of the contract of Michael's Construction, Inc. for the Weston County School District No. 1 Newcastle High School EIFS Replacements and that any person, co-partnership, association or corporation who has an unpaid claim against said Michael's Construction, Inc. for or on account of the furnishing of labor, materials, team hire, sustenance, provision, provender or other suppliers used or consumed by such Contractor or any of the subcontractors in or about the performance of said work, may at any time upon to and including said time of such final settlement on said December 13th, 2016 file a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claim with the

Weston County School District No. 1
116 Casper Avenue
Newcastle, WY 82701

Failure on the part of a claimant to file such statement prior to such final settlement will relieve said Weston County School District No. 1 from all and any liability for such claimant's claim.

Name of Owner
Weston County School District No. 1
By: Greg Gregory Maintenance Director

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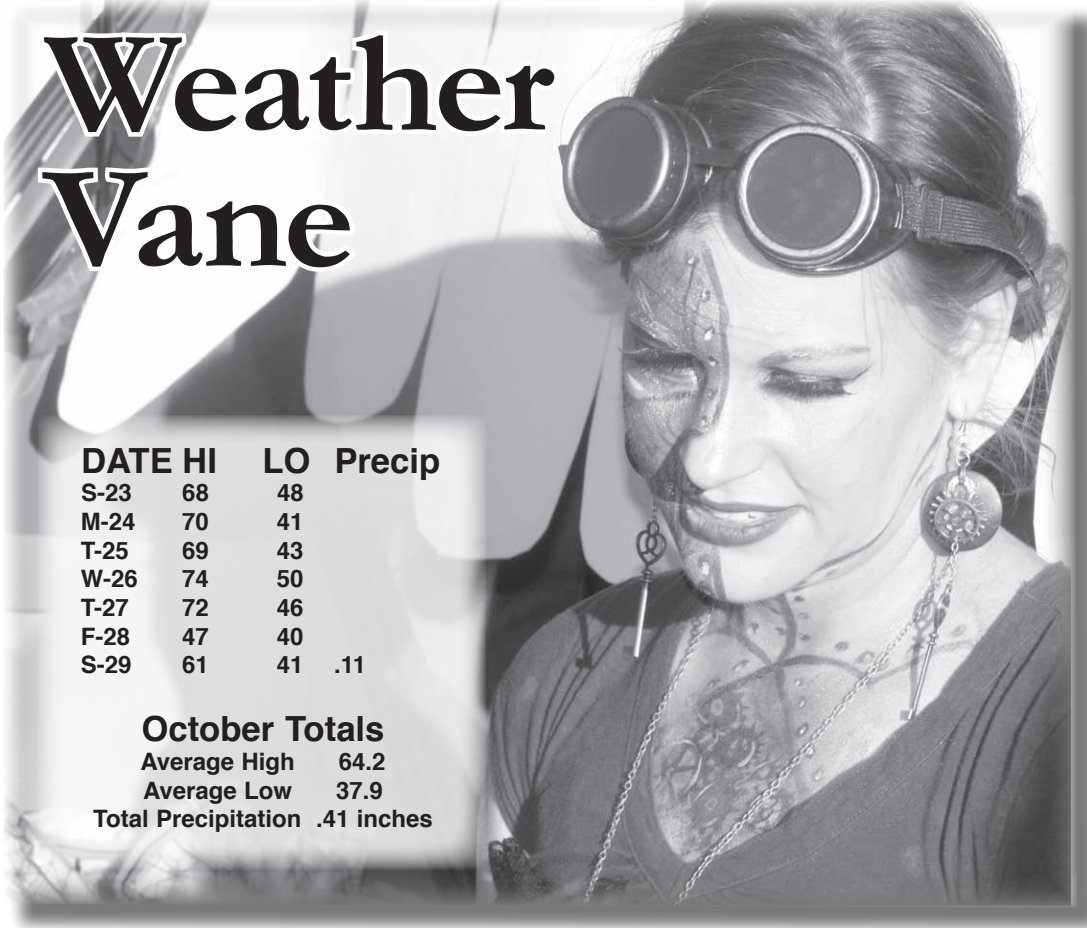
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S-29	61	41	.11

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Foreclosure Notice

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note and mortgage dated June 2, 2014 executed and delivered by David D. Millin as Mortgagor, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Pinnacle Bank – Wyoming, Lender, recorded June 3, 2014 as Rec. No. 751991 Book 352 of Photos, Page 299 in the public records in the office of the county clerk of Weston County, Wyoming; as assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, recorded as Rec. No. 761617, Book 367 of Photos, Page 987 in the public records in the office of the county clerk of Weston County, Wyoming. The premises that are described in the Mortgage are as follows:

Lot Three (3) and Four (4) Block twenty-six (26) of the re-subdivision of Block 22, The east 1/2 of Block Twenty-six (26) and the West 1/2 of Block Twenty-three (23), Forest Hill Park Addition to Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming, according to A.P.N. 45613014000200

with an address of 126 4th Avenue, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, has served a written Notice of Intent to Foreclose the Mortgage by Advertisement and Sale pursuant to the terms of the Mortgage to the record owner or party in possession in accordance with the statute ten (10) days prior to the first publication of the sale.

The amount due and owing on the date of the first publication is \$130,568.87 which includes the unpaid principal and accrued but unpaid interest. Interest continues to accrue on the unpaid balance at the rate of \$14.36 per day. The property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale and any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to W.S. § 34-3-101 et seq., (1977 Republished Edition) that the above described property will be at public venue sold by the Sheriff of Weston County, to the highest bidder at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the 6th day of December, 2016 on the courthouse steps of Weston County, Wyoming.

DATED this 11th day of October, 2016.

BY: Gayla K. Austin
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Election Notice

OSAGE WATER DISTRICT ELECTION PROCLAMATION

On November 8, 2016, the Osage Water District will hold their election. The polling place will be located the Kitty Moats Complex, Metz Ave, Auditorium, Osage, Wyoming. The polling hours will be 10:00 am to 5:00 pm for the purpose of electing two (2) board members for four year terms. For absentee ballots call Nathan Locke 465-2282.

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO (2)

JOSEPH WOOD, JR _____
RODNEY L. MCMEEKIN _____

(Write in Candidate's name) _____

(Write in Candidate's name) _____

(Publish October 20, 27 and November 3, 2016)

Legal Notice

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 6, Section 2(m) of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations, notice is hereby given that the State of Wyoming, Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality, proposes to approve a request by Wyoming Refining Company to load gasoline and less volatile refinery products into rail cars at the Newcastle Refinery rail site. The refinery is located at 740 West Main in Newcastle, in Weston County, Wyoming.

For the duration of the public comment period, copies of the permit application, the agency's analysis, and the public notice are available for public inspection online at <http://deq.wyoming.gov/air/new-source-review/resources/applications-on-notice/> and at the Weston County Clerk's Office, Newcastle, Wyoming. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, special assistance or alternate formats will be made available upon request for individuals with disabilities.

Written comments may be directed to Nancy Vehr, Administrator, Division of Air Quality, Department of Environmental Quality, 200 West 17th St., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002 or by fax (307) 635-1784. Please reference A0003390 in your comment. Comments submitted by email will not be included in the administrative record. All comments received by 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 5, 2016 will be considered in the final determination on this application. A public hearing will be conducted only if in the opinion of the administrator sufficient interest is generated or if an aggrieved party so requests.

(Publish November 3, 2016)

Public Notice

WESTON COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCE DISTRICT LONG RANGE PLAN RELEASED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Weston County Natural Resource District (WCNRD) will accept written comments on the 2016-2021 Long Range Plan beginning Monday, October 31, 2016 and will continue through Friday, December 16, 2016. Copies of the draft document are available at the WCNRD office located at 1225 Washington Blvd. Suite 3 Newcastle, WY. A public open house will be held on November 21, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the District Office. Copies of the document will be available at the public meeting and attendees are encouraged to provide comments and suggestions at that time. For more information, contact the WCNRD office at 307-746-3264.

(Publish November 3 and 24, 2016)

Election Notice

OSAGE IMPROVEMENT AND SERVICE DISTRICT ELECTION PROCLAMATION

On November 8, 2016, the Osage Improvement and Service District will hold their election. The polling place will be located the Kitty Moats Complex, Metz Ave, Auditorium, Osage, Wyoming. The polling hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing two (2) board members for four year terms. For absentee ballots call Cynthia Crabtree @ 465-2340.

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO (2)

JOSEPH WOOD, JR _____
RODNEY L. MCMEEKIN _____

(Write in Candidate's name) _____

(Write in Candidate's name) _____

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- Every restaurant's nightmare?
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- *Eckhart
- "The loneliest number"
- Type of lyric poem
- *Pryor or Gere
- *Caine or Keaton
- Khan
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- World's oldest national broadcaster
- Odds and _____
- Responsible by law
- Rod attachment
- Turkey dance
- _____ lightly
- Tangerine grapefruit hybrid
- Become established
- British children's author Blyton
- Like a button, but more so
- Stopped sleeping
- Naysayer's prefix
- Comes next
- Embarkation location
- #6 Across icon
- Tortoise's competitor
- *"Day Afternoon" with Al Pacino
- *Lange or Chastain
- The Six Million Dollar Man and the Bionic Woman
- Arabian chieftain
- "To Kill a Mockingbird" recluse
- Have effect
- Master of ceremonies
- Pendulum's path
- Pine product
- Grating voice
- *Leoni
- Be posted and reposted

- "Cape _____" (1991) with Robert De Niro
- Berry high in antioxidants
- Cleopatra's necklace
- Hula dancer's hello
- Number of lines in print
- Doofus
- *Affleck or Kingsley
- *Chevy Chase's "_____ Like Old Times"
- Frosh, next year
- Dwarf buffalo
- Surrender territory
- _____ over or capsize
- Bending of the truth
- Gives a tirade
- Not well
- Heavy hydrogen, e.g.
- *Lee or Willis
- "Begin" and "began" partner
- Irishman's ancestor
- *Carey or Barrymore
- A in A = b x h
- Source of sesame seeds
- Everyone but clergy
- *Redmayne or Murphy
- Place in France
- Thor Heyerdahl's "Kon-_____"

- Clingy one
- Employ again
- Cul de _____
- *Redford or Duvall
- Capital of Morocco

- Doomed one
- Audience's rejection
- *Stone or Thompson
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JUSTIN NORMAN

Justin Norman
Family: Wife (Katie), daughters - Avril, Ella, and Jaxynn, son - Landon
Occupation: Operations at K&D Perforators, Inc.
Education and/or Experience: Bachelor's degree, double major in Finance and Political Science. 16 years in management and operations.

Q1: What one thing will you improve in Upton if you're elected, and how will you do it?

NORMAN: Improvement is difficult in tough budgetary cycles, but I believe we can maintain good basic services to the town of Upton through wise decisions.

Q2: Aside from holding elected or appointed office, what do you currently do to support this community and improve the quality of life here?

NORMAN: In recent years I have started to coach youth baseball, and this fall I began coaching U10 soccer here in Upton. Having four kids, I believe I can help teach our youth in Upton athletic skills and hopefully some fundamental life lessons that come from sports.

Q3: What do you believe is the best (or worst) decision made by the town council in the last four years? Why?

NORMAN: I don't like to judge a council that I believe makes decisions the best decisions that they can based on the circumstances that are in front of them.

Q4: Do you believe the city should be more involved in providing recreation and entertainment for families? Why?

NORMAN: If the budget allows for the Town of Upton to act upon creating more recreation and/or entertainment for the community, I am strongly for it. The keywords being, can our city budget afford to do so. If they can, and the opportunity arises, I think it would be a good decision to do so. Providing these type of services makes our community attractive for people to live here, which in turn stimulates the local economy.

Q5: Do you believe local governments in Wyoming should still be required to publish minutes and other notices in the newspaper, or should they be allowed to simply put them on their own websites? Why?

NORMAN: Accountability and transparency for government at any level is very important. In the times that we live in, getting the minutes on a digital device from a website is easy and cost effective. Still, there is a good portion of the community that reads the local papers. I think being on both mediums would allow more exposure to them. Better exposure equals more transparency and better government.

Q6: Are you prepared to make the best decisions for Upton and its residents despite what the popular opinion may be? What will you do to help constituents understand why such decisions were made?

NORMAN: I believe my decisions will reflect community values. If I do that, I believe I can face any constituent and make them understand where my decision is coming from.

WYOMING HOUSE DIST. 1



TYLER LINDHOLM

Tyler Lindholm
Family: Wife-Charity, Willow/10, Lillian/9, Caleb/6, and Paul/22months
Occupation: Lead Substation Electrician at Basin Electric Power Cooperative, and I help manage the family ranch (Jackpot Ranch) west of Sundance.
Education and/or Experience: 10 years in the energy sector, 5 years service in the US Navy, over 10 years as a volunteer fire fighter, agriculture background on family ranch and 2 years in the Wyoming legislature

Q1: If you could change one action taken by the legislature in the last four years, what would it be and why?

LINDHOLM: My opinion is that the Legislature should have over-rode the Governor on his veto of 2015's asset forfeiture bill. Requiring a criminal conviction before seizing assets from a citizen is a no nonsense approach to constitutional governance.

Q2: Should the legislature provide local governments with a greater ability to levy taxes and generate revenue themselves to pay for infrastructure improvements, or should they simply provide them with more money from state savings accounts?

LINDHOLM: With our current downturn in revenues at the State

level, and our inability to provide a steady source of income for locals, I think it is imperative that we allow the citizens of local communities the ability to tax themselves if they so choose. Not only does it bring a higher level of transparency, but it keeps government where it belongs— at the local level.

Q3: Should Medicaid be expanded in Wyoming? Why?

LINDHOLM: Absolutely not. Medicaid expansion enables thousands of able-bodied, childless, working-age adults to receive taxpayer-funded health insurance. In Alaska's case, only about 45 percent of those eligible under Alaska's expansion are currently working. This includes people who may already have private insurance coverage, but choose to enroll in the government program instead. ObamaCare's Medicaid Expansion has overran every projection in every state that has expanded and publicly reports their findings. Rather than buy into a costly, one-size-fits-all government program, Wyoming should explore policies that give people more choices and freedom over their health care. This could be accomplished with expanded access to telemedicine to give people access to a wider range of more affordable physicians, as well as reform scope-of-practice laws, which currently restrict what services specific medical providers can do.

Q4: What is Wyoming's best option when it comes to replacing the revenue lost by the downturn in the energy industry, and how can the state legislature foster growth in that area?

LINDHOLM: Replacing revenue is not necessarily the goal, but

reforming government to a role that can be managed in boom and bust cycles is more of a realistic aspect. Diversifying our non-permanent funds is an aspect that can pull a lot of weight also. Currently we invest our permanent funds and see an average of 8 percent return on invested money, and that return can work extremely hard during our down turns as it has in the last year. With voter's permission on Amendment A on the general election ballot, we can further invest savings and see returns in the future.

Q5: Please identify one issue for which you believe you can find common ground with members of the other political party in order to pass legislation that will positively impact Wyoming. How will you pursue that legislation?

LINDHOLM: Civil liberties are important to every party, and we can usually work well with each other on ensuring state government stays within Constitutional boundaries. The Wyoming Food Freedom Act, Asset Forfeiture Reform, and Digital Privacy bills are all examples of great legislation with bipartisan support.

Q6: Do you believe local governments in Wyoming should still be required to publish minutes and other notices in the newspaper, or should they be allowed to simply put them on their own websites? Why?

LINDHOLM: Absolutely. Generational differences are huge in this arena. My father's generation still use newspapers as their primary source of governmental transparency and discarding with this source would essentially discard the only medium used by a large part of voters.

WYOMING HOUSE DIST. 2



HANS HUNT

Q1: If you could change one action taken by the legislature in the last four years, what would it be and why?

HUNT: I opposed the fuel tax increase in 2013, and still believe it should not have been passed. Increased efforts to repair our state highways using the additional money have been minimal. While repeal of the tax is unrealistic, at the very least it could have been gradually implemented over a three or four year period, rather than a 10 cent increase all at once.

Q2: Should the legislature provide local governments with a greater ability to levy taxes and generate revenue themselves to pay for infrastructure improvements, or should they simply provide them with more money from state savings accounts?

HUNT: Giving more authority for local entities to levy taxes is certainly worth

considering. I have always supported state funding of local governments, but in times like these, it is clear that there may come a day soon when cities and counties will not be able to rely on state funding to get by. I would be in favor of requiring that all proposed local tax increases be put on the ballot for the voters to decide on directly.

Q3: Should Medicaid be expanded in Wyoming? Why?

HUNT: No. The recent reports in the national media that insurance rates under Obamacare plans will skyrocket in 2017 while more companies pull out of exchange programs are a perfect example of why Wyoming cannot afford to risk accepting large amounts of federal money. While it's true that Obamacare and Medicaid expansion are two separate issues in many ways, Obamacare's continued collapse illustrates what happens when the federal government cannot carry through on promises made.

Q4: What is Wyoming's best option when it comes to replacing

the revenue lost by the downturn in the energy industry, and how can the state legislature foster growth in that area?

HUNT: Looking at increases in fees charged for various licenses and services would be a good place to start, as well as taking a hard look at our existing state taxes and seeing where loopholes might be closed. Raising taxes or creating new ones at this time is not an option.

Q5: Please identify one issue for which you believe you can find common ground with members of the other political party in order to pass legislation that will positively impact Wyoming. How will you pursue that legislation?

HUNT: Food freedom and the rights of farmers and ranchers to sell their produce and other products locally without interference by the state has enjoyed wide bipartisan support in the past couple of

years, and I believe will continue to receive the support of both parties if it is expanded in the future. I have learned that simply by getting to know members of the other party and having conversations with them, there is a surprisingly large array of issues on which common ground can be found.

Q6: Do you believe local governments in Wyoming should still be required to publish minutes and other notices in the newspaper, or should they be allowed to simply put them on their own websites? Why?

HUNT: Yes. For generations, folks interested in keeping up with the goings-on of their city council and county commission have had a reliable and readily available source to turn to: their local newspaper. It would be creating an inconvenience to the public to simply post online notices and minutes on websites that are rarely, if ever, visited by constituents of local governments.

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