

News Letter Journal

Weston County

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million dollar **UPGRADE**

Kitty Moats renovation nears completion

Denice Piscioti
NLJ Reporter

In 1955, what is now the Kitty Moats Complex was being built in the heart of Osage. Originally built as a school, the building was named in honor of a teacher, Kitty Moats, who began instructing students in the community in 1924. Three years ago this month, the Osage Improvement Service District acquired the facility from Weston County School District #1 to house meetings and community gatherings, with a wide variety of other possibilities in mind.

A Wyoming Business Council grant in the sum of \$1 million was used to renovate the building. In July of this year construction began, which is now in the finishing stages. As anyone who has been involved with construction costs — especially when retrofitting

an old structure — the money can go quickly. Such was the case with the Kitty Moats Complex upgrade.

Last week, Cindy Crabtree, secretary/treasurer for both the Osage Improvement Service District and Osage Water District took the News Letter Journal on a tour to see the improvements on the Kitty Moats Complex as the finishing touches were being completed by the contractors, White Construction from Upton.

“It is still a work in progress, but we are definitely getting closer. We

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The auditorium at the Kitty Moats Complex, above is used for a variety of community events. The entire building has been renovated to comply with health and safety standards.

Where the money went:

Kitty Moats Complex Renovation	
Roof replacement	\$257,177.00
Demo	72,200.00
New work (windows, exterior walls, insulation, siding, & hardware)	25,600.00
West wall in auditorium	8,000.00
New ADA restrooms	28,600.00
Toilet updates	10,000.00
Misc. flooring	40,000.00
Door hardware	9,450.00
Exterior doors	17,400.00
Windows	50,000.00
Fire alarm system	45,000.00
Fire suppression system	82,500.00
A/C, boilers, controls & new ducting	145,000.00
Electrical	96,000.00
Architect/engineer fees	72,848.00
Contingency -4.5%	40,225.00
Total	\$1,000,000.00

Courtesy of Cynthia Crabtree, OISD

WCSD #7 making the grade

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NLJ Reporter

The results of the 2013-2014 Federal Adequate Yearly Progress and the new Wyoming Accountability in Education Act performance measures were released for Wyoming school districts last week. After receiving those results, Summer Stephens, Weston County School District #7 superintendent, said the district has a great deal to be proud of, as well as areas for continued growth.

Wyoming Proficiency Assessments for Wyoming Students and Student Assessment of Writing Skills tests given to students in grades 3-8, and the ACT given to students in grade 11, are the basis for meeting AYP, the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Stephens told the News Letter Journal WCSD #7 met expectations for the past school year in AYP.

On the PAWS reading, Upton Elementary School met the requirements for AYP in grades third through fifth grades. All three grades were 50 percent proficient or higher, with fourth grade above the state average.

However those same grades did not meet the expectations in Math, even though all of the grades were above the state average.

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pendent as learners,” stated the superintendent.

Upton Middle School and Upton High School met AYP, she noted. The high school results also consider graduation rate. At Upton High School, 11th-graders scored 42.86 percent proficient or higher in reading, which is 8.97 percent above the state average. In Math, the same students scored 38.1 percent proficient or higher, below the state average.

UMS PAWS reading results varied by grade, with all of them below the state average except eighth grade, which was above average. However, in Math, all three grades were above the state average, with 45 to 50 percent of the students proficient or higher.

“These results are a testament to the work that all of our

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Enterovirus is among many to be wary of

Amy Menerey
NLJ News Editor

It's winter time, and it's flu and pneumonia season. Most people are aware of the dangers of these viruses, and have heard — and heeded — the warnings and the need to get flu

and pneumonia shots to prevent the dangers of these two illnesses. But what about this other virus we have heard about, the enterovirus D68?

According to Public Health Nurse Lori Bickford, enterovirus D68 has been around since the 1960s, and although there have indeed been some

verified cases in Wyoming, there has been no outbreak.

“It's normally a gastrointestinal illness, but for some reason it started causing illness in the lungs,” Bickford explained. “It starts out like a cold, but in cases where the child has asthma or lung problems, they can get pretty

sick, but recover quickly.”

Bickford offered information as well from the Wyoming Department of Health, which indicates that testing completed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirms that the enterovirus D68 is present in Wyoming, but there has been no

outbreak — which is defined as a cluster of cases.

Dr. Tracy Murphy, state epidemiologist with WDH, stated in a September press release on the subject, “We are not surprised CDC

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Speaker glad to come back

Denice Piscioti
NLJ Reporter

The Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet brings the community together each year to celebrate business, and this year the event will also bring home a former member of the community who says he is looking forward to being back in Weston County and visiting with old friends and neighbors.

David Emery, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Black Hills Corporation, who lived in Newcastle when working in the oil field, will be the speaker for the evening. The

theme of this year's banquet, which will be held on Nov. 21, is “Industries of Newcastle for 125 Years.”

Susan Love, the chamber's director, expressed her excitement at the prospect of Emery as the speaker, since he can share his involvement as a member of the United States Chamber of Commerce and the Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce. The list of organizations he is involved with are numerous, including various ones in South Dakota as well as the University of Wyoming College of Business Advisory Board and the University of

— See **Chamber**, Page 3

Weston students sweep awards

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NLJ Reporter

Sunday afternoon, at the Weston County Senior Services Michael's room, Weston County Historical Society celebrated this year's historic awards both local and statewide. There was extra reason to rejoice, with students from Weston County winning every place on the state level in the Young Historian Awards, grades nine through 12, Junior Activities, grades third through fifth, and Junior Educational Activities Awards, grades sixth through eighth.

“We recognize today local projects. They always have stiff competition. Weston County was represented well at the state meeting in Gillette in September. Each year we send state awards in several

categories from students and organizations who work on Wyoming history, and recognize outstanding work with supporting evidence,” stated Mike Jording, WCHS awards chairman.

Besides the students, the Newcastle Mural Committee and Lois Johnson received recognition in the area of Fine Arts, and Maxine Kaul for her presentation on the Gray Ladies.

The nomination letter for the Wyoming State Historical Society Awards stated the purpose behind the mural task force was to figure out how to make citizens and travelers aware of Newcastle's varied and unique history as well as a fun, lasting way to beautify the town.

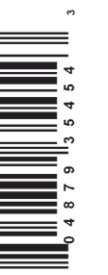
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Maxine Kaul, far right, surprises Mike Jording with an award as ‘Weston County Historical Society Chief Barnologist.’ His ‘barn tour assistant,’ Peggy, also received recognition. The award took place during WCHS awards ceremony on Saturday at the Weston County Senior Services.

WEATHER FORECAST	Thursday Sunny Hi 14 Lo 1	Friday Partly Cloudy Hi 28 Lo 3	Saturday Cloudy Hi 10 Lo -4	Sunday Mostly Sunny Hi 29, Lo 9	Monday Sunny Hi 28 Lo 8	Tuesday Mostly Sunny Hi 30, Lo 13	Wednesday Partly Cloudy Hi 29 Lo 15	INSIDE • Furlough, Page 6 • Warm, Page 7 • Rodeo future, Page 11 • Ladies night, Page 18



Opinion

News Letter Journal

Our View

Who are you thankful for?

It is hard to believe that many of our readers are thankful for the sudden plunge in temperatures that heralded the arrival of winter, and reminded all of us that 2014 is about to draw to an end.

But we do hope that as all of you take stock of the past year, you are remembering the things we should all be thankful for — those truly meaningful things that give our lives value.

First and foremost, we hope that every resident of this community took the time this week to thank a veteran for the sacrifices that have been made to secure the blessings of liberty for all Americans.

But we also want to remember the number of individuals in this community who have performed valuable services in the past year that have improved the quality of our lives. We want to encourage residents to say a little prayer of thanks this November for the contributions made by your friends, neighbors and family — the types of contributions that have helped Weston County and its people continue to improve and succeed.

While you're at, we would like to ask that you take the time to drop us a note and nominate those people for our annual Person of the Year issue.

Each year, the News Letter Journal recognizes individuals who have made a positive impact on Weston County, and select one of them as our Person of the Year. We will reveal the names of the honorees for 2014 in our January 1, 2015, issue, and we look forward to telling their stories to our readers.

Every town has a legion of unsung heroes who quietly (and sometimes not so quietly) go to great lengths to serve their community in small — or not so small — ways, and our Person of the Year issue gives this community a chance to sing the praises of the selfless individuals who make Weston County the home we all love.

The deadline for nominations for Person of the Year is Dec. 10, and you can submit the name of your nominee by mailing it to the News Letter Journal at P.O. Box 40, or by emailing it to editor@newslj.com. Please include a brief note detailing the reason you believe your nominee should be selected as our Person of the Year, and include your own name and phone number (or email address) so we can contact you if we need any more information about your nominee and the way he or she has made a difference in the lives of the people of Weston County.

Deadline for Letters is noon on Friday

A reminder to not take energy for granted

With the first snowflakes upon us, I am reminded that everyone has an energy story. Some of us experienced scary energy stories earlier this year when the perfect propane and natural gas shortage hit, causing prices to top \$5 a gallon in some areas.

Breaking news now reveals another scary energy story unfolding in a whole town a few hours the south of us here in the Cowboy State. A press release from Source Gas' VP of Operations, Jason Weekley, explained that a pipeline that supplies their natural gas customers in Glenrock was interrupted on the morning of Nov. 10. What exactly caused the interruption?

In January, reports stated there was a pipeline explosion in Manitoba that was partially to blame for the shortage, in addition to increased propane exportation and a farm bounty that required added drying. Let's hope a full explanation is forthcoming, if there simply was a shortage and no natural gas to supply the town, the customers deserve to know this. I'm guessing their stores sold out of electric heaters, and thankfully those natural gas customers were able to plug them in and obtain heat from a reliable coal-fired power plant near Glenrock.

The scariest part of this town's energy story is yet to come. Rocky Mountain Power is currently in the decision phase and has five years to either adopt a lower level of pollution controls and retire the Dave Johnston coal-fired power plant near Glenrock by 2027, or pay the \$81 million tab to keep it running. RMP's Laramie River Station power plant in Wheatland is also on this same five-year decision cycle.

We are Wyoming tough, and these hardships tend to bring out the best in us, and I'm sure we will hear many good stories coming from our Glenrock neighbors on how they made it through such a cold winter's night without natural gas.

As I lay in a my warm bed at home with visions of our neighboring town of Glenrock without natural gas, I have energy stories dancing in my head.

I do tend to visit energy stories of my past to remind myself to appreciate and never take for granted the energy in my lifetime. History reminds me that past generations used what was available and affordable for energy needs. People burned

what they had to keep warm: a log, a lump of coal, corn cobs and straw. They did not flip a switch for lights or heat.

I need to look back only one generation to my mom's childhood and hear stories about having a central stove for heating and cooking, and her saying, "we always had cobs sitting there to burn, and at night we'd use a lump of coal 'cause it would last longer."

My mom grew up on a farm in South Dakota corn country, and she still remembers when rural electrification brought electricity to their rural farm and into their lives. A handy great uncle, named Clarence, helped her father wire their home.

Before the purchase of a pump jack, she remembers only being able to get water when the wind blew.

It's hard to believe her energy childhood was so much different than mine, but it was. Going back a few more generations, my great-grandfather spoke of enduring tough times, and having to burn straw for heat.

My adult energy story in the early 1980s began with the purchase of our second home that came equipped with a wood/coal stove, so it became a family ritual to gather wood in the fall to keep warm in the Wyoming winters. We enjoyed the good warm heat and it mainly helped our budding young family make

ends meet.

I think some of my children will admit they liked this part of their childhood energy story, and it is important to preserve these stories and pass them on for future generations. In our youth it is easy to take things for granted, especially when we always have them, but as adults, my kids now see how their work in the forest on those nice days did make a difference, as they are now experiencing the bill part of their own energy stories.

One of them received a bill in January of this year when the price of propane reached more than \$3 a gallon here. That \$1,000 bill for a one-tank fill was quite shocking, and if they had been home when it was delivered quite possibly could have sent them into cardiac status. I even asked if they had the funds to pay it and still be able to eat that month.

At this same time, I ran into a friend who told me his tab was \$1,600 for a propane fill, and he



Kim Dean
Solve It

Letters to the Editor

A great time to remember

Dear Editor,

Over the next few weeks, you will be seeing personal testimonials from Lifeline users in our area and hearing how important Lifeline is to them and their families.

Many of our Lifeline subscribers are on very low fixed incomes. But Tree of Love funds are used to help subsidize a Lifeline for those that otherwise could not afford one. It takes nearly \$300 a year to fully subsidize one person. We currently serve over 100 subscribers monthly.

Lifeline has been a valuable local community service that has saved lives and maintained personal independence since 1980. With Lifeline, living alone doesn't have to be a concern anymore.

The "Tree of Love" is our annual fund raiser. It symbolizes a spirit of charity as well as celebrating those wonderful memories that bind family and friends together. The holidays are a wonderful time to remember others with love and generosity.

Here's how it works: The Tree of Love will be on display in the court house lobby decorated with angels. For a \$25 or more donation an angel is placed on the "Tree of Love" in memory or honor of your loved one. You and your loved one's name will be placed in a commemorative ad in the Dec. 24 News Letter Journal, and the angel will be yours to keep for years to come.

Simply print your loved one's name on a piece of paper, indicate whether it is in "Memory" or "Honor," and mail your check to Lifeline Tree of Love, 1124 Washington Blvd., Newcastle, WY 82701, or stop by our Home Health office at 725 Washington Blvd in the Plaza. That's all there is to it! For further information, please call (307) 746-3553. December 19 is the deadline for names, and it will be here before you know it.

On the behalf of all our Lifeline subscribers past, present and future — thank you for your charity and Happy Holidays.

—LeAnn Kenagy

How 'right' is right?

Dear Editor,

I was wrong. I thought Wyoming politics was about as far right as a state could get.

On Nov. 9, the Casper Star Tribune opines that the "New legislative class may lean farther right."

Who would have thought that proposing to arm school teachers would win a seat in the legislature?

—Jerry Baird

Not everybody is rational. Some are addicted to drugs or alcohol. Others have psychiatric problems. The narcissus is governed by I, Me and My. 'Greed' and/or 'Control' may or may not have their own paragraphs in the DSM, but surely they are conditions that warrant consideration.

Take, for instance, Charles and David. They wanted more control of our federal government so that they could harvest and keep more money.

To achieve that goal they directed and generously funded a campaign to elect politicians who would be obedient and subservient to their wishes.

Their plan was the fairly simple carrot and stick approach. The "carrot" was the promise of a 'Never Empty' dark money campaign fund. The "stick" was the promise of unending attack by Tea Party zealots whom they had already recruited, converted and funded.

The plan was brilliant in its simplicity if somewhat costly. But when you have \$80 billion just lying around, the cost of buying America was "chump change."

Yes, they have an agenda in mind — as follows:

Terminate most 'Social' programs, including Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Post Office, Minimum Wage, Graduated Income Tax, Primary, Secondary and Higher School Funding, Pell Grants, Environmental Protection Agency, any and all government welfare programs.

Convert all schools and prisons to private, for-profit, entities. Convert federal highways to privately owned toll roads.

Free market capitalism works wonders! Meanwhile, the Star Tribune's Nov.

3 issue carries a 'stark warning' about the impact of global warming.

Fact: (95% certainty) it's man made.

Fact: Failure to reverse emissions leads to irreversible negative impacts on the environment. There is no ambiguity.

A front page article discusses state lawmakers trying to decide whether to save more of our energy income or to spend it on infrastructure and/or education.

Do our state or national lawmakers have any plan, or even discussion about the implications of global warming? Perhaps the politicians are preoccupied with less difficult decisions. Alaska, Wyoming, Texas and a few other areas will notice a much larger fiscal impact than the rest of the country as our environment deteriorates. The physical impact on our metropolitan areas (mostly coastal) may be more severe.

—Jerry Baird



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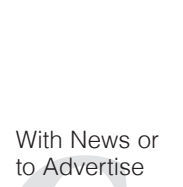
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Viruses from page 1

testing has confirmed two Wyoming residents were ill due to this specific virus, which has gained so much attention in recent weeks. We've been expecting it."

Enterovirus D68 cases have been confirmed in youth from Campbell County and Lincoln County, according to the release from WDH, and test results at that time were pending for other potential Wyoming cases.

Bickford noted last week that there have only been eight known cases of the illness in Wyoming, and the numbers overall are decreasing, not increasing, which is good news.

The apparent change in the virus, though, is a reason for concern.

"There are some cases in Colorado where the child developed polio-like paralysis, although the virus that is causing the illness is not polio," Bickford indicated.

Illness caused by enteroviruses can range from mild to severe; not everyone infected develops a serious illness, according to information provided by Bickford. Symptoms of enterovirus illness can include fever, runny nose, sneezing, coughing and body aches. Wheezing and shortness of breath can occur in more severe cases.

"We've been hearing about respiratory illnesses around the state and have been monitoring the situation," Murphy stated. "We've shared information about this virus and testing recommendations with Wyoming's health care providers."

Murphy also indicated that it's likely most of the illnesses people are seeing are probably not caused by enterovirus D68, adding that there are many viruses with similar symptoms.

Dr. Wendy Braund, state health officer and Public Health Division senior administrator

with WDH, stated, "Children, particularly those with certain conditions such as asthma, can be especially vulnerable. Anyone with respiratory illness should contact a medical professional if they are having difficulty breathing."

There is no vaccine to help prevent enterovirus, however Braund suggests common-sense precautions:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid kissing, hugging, and sharing cups or eating utensils with people who are sick.

• Disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as toys and doorknobs, especially if someone is sick.

Murphy as well noted enteroviruses are common and enterovirus D68 is not new. There are no specific anti-viral medications or treatments for D68 other than caring for symptoms, however.

WDH also indicates that the true number of people affected by enterovirus D68 is difficult to determine, since most doctors may test for enterovirus, but not specifically the D68 strand.

"Because specialized testing is generally recommended just for those with serious illness, and because enteroviruses are not usually reported to us, we know the number of confirmed cases of D68 will be much, much lower than the number of people who become ill due to this virus," Murphy stated.

Because children with asthma and similar conditions can be vulnerable to this virus, Murphy said CDC recommends taking prescribed asthma medications as directed and keeping reliever medications handy. If

new asthma symptoms develop or symptoms worsen, follow asthma action plan steps. If symptoms do not go away, call a doctor, Murphy indicated.

Although enterovirus D68 is cause for concern, the dangers of flu and pneumonia are still ever-present. Each year, influenza leads to hospitalizations and deaths, according to the CDC.

"Healthy people can get the flu. They typically get better in a few days but miss school or work. They can also infect others who may not easily recover and are especially vulnerable to flu and its effects," Braund stated in a separate release in October.

According to the CDC, it takes about two weeks for flu vaccines to offer protection.

"We don't want people to wait to get vaccinated until folks around them are ill. If you're exposed to the flu virus before the vaccine has had the time it needs to start protecting you, you may still become ill with influenza," Braund stated.

Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness caused by a virus. Symptoms include fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and muscle aches.

Influenza vaccines are available in many locations, including local public health offices, work places, doctors' offices and retail stores.

"Flu vaccines are not expensive and many insurance policies reimburse patients for the costs," Braund stressed.

In Wyoming, the cost of the flu vaccine is covered for many children by federal funding and the vaccine program for those eligible is managed by WDH. Children who qualify include those covered by Medicaid, uninsured children, American Indian or Alaska native children and some children considered to be underinsured.

Chamber from page 1

Wyoming Energy Resource Council.

"Hopefully my experience with other chambers and having businesses that operate in 11 different states can be helpful," Emery told the NLJ in a telephone interview Friday. "I have been pretty involved in Rapid City and certainly we encourage all our employees in all the states to be active with the chamber."

With a Bachelor of Science Degree in Petroleum Engineering, Emery began working in the Finn/Shirley oil field in 1989. The first year, he recalled, after moving from Texas, he and his wife Deanna lived in Wright, where she was a school teacher. The following year they moved to Newcastle. From 1991 to 1997, she enjoyed teaching math and science at Weston County School District #7 in both the middle and high school.

In 1996, they began making plans to move to Rapid City, S.D., where they have lived ever since.

Growing up in Custer, S.D., he appreciated the neighboring Cowboy State, attending college in and living in several cities, spending 16 years in Wyoming. He liked the small-town aspect of Newcastle, and was particularly fond of the location.

"It's a nice environment and you get to know everyone pretty well. There are significant advantages to that. I like the state a lot, and love the Black Hills, so it was a pretty nice opportunity to get close to home," he shared.

In regard to speaking at Newcastle's chamber banquet, Emery said, "[I'm] looking forward to it, it should be fun."

The chance to speak in Newcastle will also bring the possibility of seeing individuals he knew when he lived here. Emery recalls attending the chamber banquet when he lived in the area. As far as being the speaker, he enjoys having an engaged, active audience.

"I am not big on preparing speeches, but I do them a lot. I like the Q and A part, I like to hear what the interests are of the people I am talking to, more than anything else," Emery related.

The banquet will hold even more in store for those who attend, including musical entertainment by Newcastle's own Nate Smith, a slide show of pictures from 2014 community events, and a silent auction.

Alcohol beverages will be available to pur-



Previous Newcastle resident David Emery, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Black Hills Corporation, will be the speaker at the Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet, to be held Nov. 21.

chase at the event, from Cap 'N Bottle, and bottles of wine for tables can be pre-ordered by calling the business at 746-2693, Tonya Christensen told the News Letter Journal.

The banquet is the chamber's biggest fundraiser of the year, so they look forward to items donated by community members to auction off during the festivities.

"We are going to have really unique items for the silent auction — vintage Christian Dior jewelry, a portable electric winch, tons of out of the box items," informed Love. "We have got a lot of fun things going on all night. It should be a lively night!"

The annual Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held Nov. 21 at Weston County Senior Services, with cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner served at 7 p.m. For more information, call the chamber at 746-2739.

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Obituaries

BETTY PARSONS
MAY 9, 1926–NOV. 7, 2014



Betty Parsons

Betty Parsons was born on May 9, 1926, on the family ranch northwest of Belle Fourche, S.D. She died Nov. 7, 2014. Her parents were Carl and Alice (Shafer) Klein. As a child she enjoyed working on the ranch and herding sheep and riding horseback with her sister. She graduated from Belle Fourche high school in 1945. In 1946, she married Verne Parsons from Brattleboro, Vt. They met as pen pals during the war. They moved to Vermont soon after they were married, for one year, where their first daughter was born. They then moved back to South Dakota and lived in Belle Fourche and St. Onge. They went on to have four more children. Betty was very active in church and did babysitting for many of the grandchildren and the neighborhood children. The past seven years of her life she was a resident of the Golden Living Center, where she touched many of the staff members. She enjoyed going on outings and having ice cream on Thursdays.

Grateful for sharing her life are her children, Joyce (Doug) Schumacher, Rapid City, S.D., Harley (Winifred) Parsons, Newcastle, Robert (Judy) Parsons, Casper, Janet (Brad) Bachman, Rapid City, and Larry (Laura) Parsons, Whitewood. She has 12 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild due in December and 1 great-great-grandchild due in January. She was preceded in death by her

husband, Verne; her parents; one brother; and two sisters.

Services were held Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 10 a.m. at the St. Onge United Church of Christ, with Pastor Del Neumeister officiating. Burial followed at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis, S.D.

"While I sit close beside you, content at last to see you, that you can rest, dear mother, and I can cherish thee ..." — Lousia May Alcott

VICKI S. AHRENHOLTZ
MARCH 4, 1956–NOV. 5, 2014



Vicki Ahrenholtz

Vicki S. Ahrenholtz, 58, of Laramie, passed away peacefully on Nov. 5, 2014, from complications from multiple sclerosis. Her final days were spent surrounded by family and friends. Vicki was born March 4, 1956, in Newcastle, to Jim and Charlotte (Patton) Stockton. She graduated from Newcastle High School in 1974. She attended the University of Wyoming, where she later was employed for many years. Vicki married Joseph Ahrenholtz in Laramie on Feb. 24, 1979. She and Joe were the proud parents of three children, Kristen Nicole, Shauna Lynn and Brandon Tyler.

Vicki's children were her greatest gift. She was an active presence in their lives and took advantage of any opportunity to make a memory. She dedicated many years to the St. Laurence School, where she headed many fundraising activities, including the annual enchilada sale, and later volunteered with the kindergarten

class. As a family, they spent many happy days boating, jet-skiing, and just enjoying the lake. In 2002, they began building "The Cabin" at Glendo. She and Joe had many great memories as they gradually made it their getaway.

Joe and Vicki welcomed a wonderful daughter-in-law, Paula, and son-in-law, Chad, into the family. Vicki was the proudest Nana of her grandchildren, Nathan and Andrew Ahrenholtz and Allison Baysinger.

Her family said, "Vicki never knew a stranger and made friends wherever she went. She thought first of others and touched more lives than can be counted. While her time with us was far too short, her generous spirit, contagious smile, and memorable one-of-a-kind laugh will live on. The family is very thankful to all who have loved Vicki as we have."

She is survived by her devoted husband, Joe; her children, Shauna Baysinger and husband Chad, and Brandon Ahrenholtz and wife Paula; brothers, Mike Stockton of Orofino, Idaho, and Mark Stockton of Ferndale, Wash.; as well as many loving extended family members and friends.

Vicki was preceded in death by her parents and her daughter, Kristen Nicole.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, Nov. 13, at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Newman Center, with the Reverend Fr. Rob Spaulding officiating. A luncheon to follow at St. Laurence School gym.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Laramie, 1262 No. 22nd Street; Unit A; Laramie, WY 82072.

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Birth

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Tom and Joanna (Childs) Mueller of Crofton, Neb., announce the birth of their son, Rooke Clarence, born Oct. 28, 2014, at 3:27 p.m. He weighed in at 9 pounds, measuring 22 inches long at birth. His big brother, Brock, 17, and big sister, Kalli, 14, welcomed him home.

Grandparents are Angela and the late Clarence Mueller of Crofton, Neb., Marge Heckenlaible and the late LeRoy Heckenlaible of Yankton, S.D., and Jerry Childs of Osage.

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- BAHA'I FAITH:** Firesides (Open to All) 1st & 3rd Fridays 7:30 pm at 15 Skyview Dr; 746-3626.
- CAMBRIA COMMUNITY CHURCH:** Pastor Chris Walton, 19 Stampede St. 746-2321. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship 10:30 am; Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm
- CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL:** Rev. Sally Boyd, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets, 746-9684. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday, Morning Prayer 10 a.m.; 2nd & 4th Saturday 4 p.m., Holy Eucharist. haydishall@hotmail.com
- CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Pastor John Hopper, 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am.
- CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS:** Bishop Greg James, 120 Ash, 746-4131. Sunday Sacrament Meeting 9 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am
- CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Killian Muli, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5:00 pm; Weekday Mass 8 am.
- COUNTRY CHURCH:** Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley, 746-9712, Worship 10 am.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:** Pastor Gary Anderson, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Bible Study 9:15 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Teaching Service 6 pm; Wednesday Service 6:30 pm.
- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH:** Pastor Lynn Schleicher, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service 5 pm, Christian Academy.
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Jeff Thoms, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Sunday School 8:45 am; Church Services 10 am; Nursery care available.
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- KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES:** 5018 US Hwy 16, 746-2319 or 746-4517. Tuesday 7 p.m. Congregation Bible Study, Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting. Sunday Public Talk 10 am; Watchtower 11 am.
- NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sunday Worship 10 am; Wednesday Night Prayer.
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- OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** 348 Sheridan St. Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm.
- SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST:** Pastor Gary Force, 78 Old Hwy 85, 746-3504 or 278-0254, Pastoral Assistant Jason Logan 746-2974. Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11:20 am.
- ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Killian Muli, Upton. Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
- VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH:** Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366.
- UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Sharee Johnson, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 9 am; Fellowship 10 a.m.; Adult Study 10:30 a.m.; 1st & 3rd Wed Evenings Prayer and Praise Service 7 pm.

Jesus said to his disciples:
"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardner."
John 15:1

A Sense of Humor



Mark Twain declared, "Humor is mankind's greatest blessing." Though we often think of laughter in frivolous terms, it is indispensable to our physical and emotional health. A shared laugh can brighten anyone's day. Laughter can draw us out of our world of problems; a common sense of humor is vital to lasting relationships; speakers use humor to get and keep our attention. No wonder there is a lot of "sense" in humor. Because of our capacity to suffer deeply, God must have known we'd need humor as a part of our lives. As you worship this week, give God special thanks for laughter!

Weekly Scripture Reading

Job	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm
42:1-17	138	145	146	147	148	149

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100 YEARS AGO - NOV. 12, 1914

Monday evening, about nine o'clock, fire was discovered in one of the bins at the Burlington coal chutes, probably having originated from a spark from a passing engine. An alarm was sounded and the hose company and chemical engine force quickly responded, and the blaze was soon under control. Very little damage was done.

The Mutual Ladies Aid of Cambria will hold a bazaar on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the Cambria Opera House. There will be gilts from 25 cents up.

Mr. Benjamin D. Combes and Miss Florence A. Shell were united in marriage at Howard with Rev. J.M. Glazier, pastor of Newcastle Methodist Church, officiating.

Mr. R.A. Scott, formerly of Cambria and Newcastle, died at the Menonite hospital in Beatrice, Neb., of typhoid fever.

Mrs. Fassitt, mother of Mrs. Ora Mayberry, was buried in Boyd Cemetery Thursday. Mrs. Fassitt has been an invalid for about two years.

Jesse Freel has the best records for a two-year-old steer that has been given yet. He recently killed a two-year-old that dressed 655 pounds, bringing Mr. Freel the nice sum of \$89.10. The hide weighed 110 pounds.

Election day at Hampshire was quite a social event. Most of the voters with their families arrived early in the morning and remained for the dance in the evening. Mrs. Geo. Lee served dinner and supper to all present.

The many friends of Mrs. Steve Cattels, formerly Miss Katie Rawhouser, were shocked to hear of her sudden death Friday morning, caused from a blood vessel bursting in her head, after a severe headache.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martens of O'Neil, Neb., have been visiting their children on Buffalo and Beaver creeks for a few days. Mr. Marten is a well-to-do stockman and still owns the old homestead he located on in the early days, which is only more conclusive evidence that the one who sticks to it through the ever changing conditions will win out in the end.

75 YEARS AGO - NOV. 9, 1939

Although counting the first touchdown of the game at the start of the second quarter and displaying a brilliant ground attack and defense, the Newcastle Dogies went down in defeat 25 to 6 before the Buffalo Bisons there Friday afternoon.

4-H boys and girls of Weston County held an Achievement Day in Upton. There were 80 members and leaders in atten-

dance. Club members displayed all work finished relative to their projects.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ankrum visited over the weekend with Mrs. Ankrum's sister, Mrs. Harold Schulze of Beaver Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Livingston were overnight guests Tuesday night at the E.P. Johnson home on Beaver Creek. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ertman and son Fred were dinner guests at the home that night.

The monthly Farm Bureau meeting was held at the Herbert Musgrave home Friday night. A large crowd was in attendance. Prizes were awarded for the best entertainment for the evening. Games were played following the program.

The Progressive Anns held a very interesting meeting at the Fairview clubhouse with 15 members present. Mrs. Coila Branaman was elected president, Mrs. Virgie Elliott and Mrs. Ethel Wellman were elected vice-presidents, Mrs. Ethel Pollat, secretary, and Mrs. Kate Hamm, treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Simmons of the Fairview area are rejoicing over the arrival of 10 3/4 pound baby boy.

Miss Diana Mae Musgrave and Floyd Thomas Sweet were united in marriage in a quiet ceremony at the Methodist parsonage on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock.



A very heartfelt *Thank You* to everyone who helped surprise us for our Anniversary! Thank you Emily & Casey, Derek & Andrea, and all the collaborative forces that put our favorite people together in one place for one special night! Twenty-five years has brought us amazing children, who have become even more amazing adults, as well as many wonderful friends and family members, some of whom we are lucky enough to call both. We are truly blessed. Thank you all for celebrating with us!
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From the Vault of the Anna Miller Museum:

On the east end of the Limestone, situated in Moon, S.D., in District No. 8, was the Limestone School. This session school was held in a sawmill shack across the hay meadow on the Lewis M. Compton Ranch. This photo, taken in 1932-33, was attended by Viola Mohr, Johnnie Herron and Roberta Thompson, in the front row, and Arnold Orsborn, Marjorie Herron and Robert Orsborn in the back row. The teacher was Mrs. Jessie Herron, not pictured. The little tyke in front, not yet a student, is Lewis Jr. Compton.



50 YEARS AGO - NOV. 12, 1964

A group of Newcastle businessmen have organized a company to acquire and lease to the Newcastle Country Club at a nominal rental approximately 110 acres of land. The plans for a new nine-hole grass green golf course adjacent to Newcastle received a "tremendous" boost this week.

Harold Shrull of Newcastle escaped injury last Friday when a tank exploded at his repair shop on West Main.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Pyles, longtime Newcastle residents, have offered land east of Newcastle for a location of a proposed rest home. The land is adjacent to the Hiway Motel and Service Station near Washington Park. The land was offered only if a rest home was built on the site. The Newcastle Chamber of Commerce has been studying the possibilities of building such a home.

The second annual art show, sponsored by the Beta Sigma Phi sorority of Newcastle, gets under way this morning and will continue through Friday and Saturday. The show is at the Methodist Church. More than 150 exhibits have been entered in the show.

Lambda chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma held its monthly meeting in the hospitality room of the National Bank. Important business at the meeting was selecting candidates for membership.

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WHAT'S UP		Meetings & Events Calendar	
DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Nov. 13	5:30 p.m.	City Planning Commission Meeting	City Hall
	7 p.m.	Blue Grass & Gospel Concert	WC Senior Services
Nov. 14	5 p.m.	Open House	340 W. Main Street
	7 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
	7 p.m.	Western Ramblers Dance	WC Senior Services
Nov. 16	2 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Church
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
Nov. 17	5 p.m.	Newcastle City Council	City Council Chambers
Nov. 18	9 a.m.	WC Commissioners Meeting	WC Courthouse
	Noon	WC CowBelles	Fountain Inn
	7 p.m.	Helping Hands Foundation Meeting	WC Senior Services
Nov. 19	9 a.m.	WC Senior Services Board Meeting	WC Senior Services
	Noon	Lions Club Meeting	WC Senior Services
	1:30 p.m.	Weed & Pest Board Meeting	Weed & Pest Office
	6 p.m.	WC Humane Society Board Meeting	Shelter
Nov. 20	11:45 a.m.	WC Health Services Foundation	Board Room
	5 p.m.	WC Health Services Board Meeting	Board Room
	7:30 p.m.	Mason's Meeting	Masonic Hall
Nov. 21	10 a.m.	Serendipity Boutique Open House	7 N. Seneca
	11 a.m.	Black Hills Power Light Up	Office
	6 p.m.	Newcastle Area Chamber Banquet	WC Senior Services

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For the Ages

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Writer is taking a 'furlough'

Amy Menerey
NLJ News Editor

She's a tiny little woman, not much more than five feet tall, but she's lived a big life, and she loves to tell stories. In fact, she was always hanging around at the News Letter Journal, rattling off humorous stories, so we asked her to start writing for us. That was more than two years ago. Her name is Donna Gochanour, and she's my mom.

Mom became NLJ's 'senior correspondent' in 2012. She's a natural storyteller, and she's got plenty of stories to tell. Through her columns our readers have gotten to know her, but there is so much more that people don't know about her. When interviewing several veterans for the senior page of the newspaper, she understood those stories because she spent 22 years as an Air Force wife. When talking with artists, she could relate, because she's been drawing and painting most of her life. When speaking of adventure, well, she's had plenty.

Donna Roness was raised in a small town, not unlike Newcastle where she lives now. Noonan, near the border of North Dakota and Canada, provided little opportunity to explore the world around her, though, so when she and Boyd, my dad, decided to marry at the young age of 16, their main goal was to leave an area where they were destined to become small farmers. When asked if they were scared to leave their home at such a young age

and strike out on their own, her answer was a most definite no.

"Scared?! I was getting out of North Dakota! Me and your dad both. For a little while there, we thought we weren't gonna make it. He was the oldest child, too, and very independent, and very smart," Mom shared with me.

Being the oldest child and the only son, it was a tough choice for my dad, but they both knew it wasn't the future they wanted. The easiest way to get away was to join the military. So

my father changed his birth certificate and joined the United States Air Force. It was an action that would further develop the outgoing character of both my parents, and give them the opportunity to blossom into the creative individuals they are today.

"He didn't really want to stay on the farm with his dad," she

NLJ's senior correspondent, **Donna Gochanour**, works on a painting, something she has been doing successfully for more than four decades.

Below, never one to miss a dance, she takes a spin on the dance floor at the Upton Community Center with **Don Kokesh**.

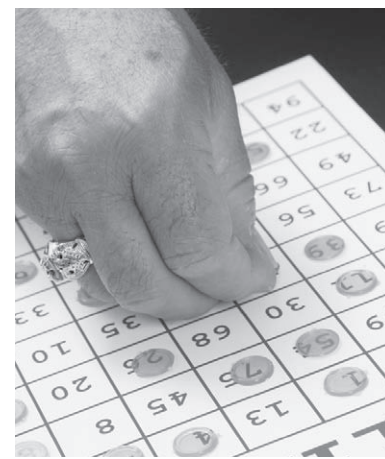
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Senior Happenings

Weston County Senior Services
Nov. 13: Miracle Ear Clinic 1 p.m.
Nov. 14: Blood Pressure Check 9:30 a.m.
Nov. 15: Open Rec Room
Nov. 18: Trip to First Gold
Nov. 19: WCSS Board Mtg. 9 a.m.
Nov. 20: Trip to The Lodge
Nov. 21: Bridge Ladies 1 p.m.
Nov. 22: Open Rec Room
Nov. 24: United Fund Pie Auction
Nov. 25: Mexican Train 1 p.m.
Nov. 26: Creative Hand Craft 1 p.m.
Nov. 27: Closed, Thanksgiving
Nov. 28: Closed
Nov. 29: Open Rec Room

Weston County Manor
Nov. 13: Food Fancy 10:30 a.m.
Nov. 13: Manicures 2 p.m.
Nov. 14: Bingo 2 p.m.
Nov. 15: Quiz Ball 11 a.m.
Nov. 17: Resident Council 10:30 a.m.
Nov. 18: Ceramics 10:30 a.m.
Nov. 19: Crossword 10:30 a.m.
Nov. 20: AI & the Gang 2 p.m.
Nov. 21: Movie 6 p.m.
Nov. 22: Hangman 11 a.m.
Nov. 23: Trivia 11 a.m.
Nov. 24: Wii 10:30 a.m.
Nov. 25: Music 6 p.m.
Nov. 26: Catholic Study 10 a.m.
Nov. 27: Macy's Parade 9 a.m.
Nov. 27: Thanksgiving Dinner, Noon
Nov. 28: Movie 6 p.m.
Nov. 29: Riddles 11 a.m.



Note: This list is not complete. For complete schedules see the event calendars at each facility.

An unwelcome visitor stakes a claim at the cabin

I left Wyoming on May 28, 2000, in my stalwart little 1985 Dodge D50, and drove to Seattle to my Aunt Irene's house in Auburn before boarding an Alaska Airlines flight for Anchorage. This was just a visit, to check on my cabin, visit friends and see all of my kids and grandkids.

Lots of visiting and a couple of weeks later, my son Kevin and I flew out to Schneider Lake to the cabin. We'd heard that the little generator shed was sliding downhill off of its log "foundation," and we were here to rescue it from its slide down to the lake. I had all of the extra gas, propane, nails, tools and heaven-only-knows-what-else stored in the shed, besides the little generator.

It didn't take Kevin long to get the shed jacked up and solidly leveled up on some beams, while I fixed a bunch of little stuff. Then it was mostly goof-off time, fishing from the dock or the canoe, exploring old trails. There was the original old Schneider cabin down on the far right, and then the newer cabin that Larry D. had been working on

in the summer.

Next was my eight acres and then around the corner was what we called "the Frenchmen's Cabin." They had been hauling stuff in by four-wheeler for months, and now had a really big thing going, which looked about to turn into a hunting lodge to me.

That first night, we were playing cribbage and a porcupine walked casually up the ladder and onto the porch. The one thing you kind of don't want to do is go out and "shoo" a porcupine anywhere! He heard us and kind of rattled himself a bit in warning. He was just doing a little scouting around, apparently to see what the disturbance to his peace and quiet was. Then he waddled off like a toot-tired and preoccupied executive trying to get the factory in efficient order.

Pretty soon we could hear this awful noise underneath the cabin, and, when it seemed safe, I looked and that little devil had eaten three holes in the floor — from the bottom up! One hole was clear through the floor under my wonderful foam rubber couch,



Donna Gochanour Photo

The cabin at Schneider Lake provided many rare opportunities while living in Alaska.

That meant he had already gone through a layer of heavy plywood, a layer of Styrofoam, another layer of plywood and a carpet. He had been under the cabin and I'd had a couple of unused windows under there,

sort of leaning up against that back wall, and he'd just gone up slick as a whistle.

I was told later that porkies love the glue in the plywood. I did a lot of re-arranging under there that day. We spent

a day cutting down Devil's Club (a notoriously wicked weed that grows en masse in Alaska) with my machete and oiling the logs under the cabin. There was a big cow moose across the lake in the morning,

too. The porky was under the cabin again, but I at that point I didn't think I had left anything anymore that he could use for a ladder, so we were developing a love/hate relationship, just like I have with my black bear. Hey, they were there first — I am the intruder, just an absentee landlord.

After a few more chores, making the dock secure and buttoning up everything the airplane was there to give us a ride back to the land of indoor toilets.

Pilot Cliff Hudson told me that the lake had been named after a homesteader named Schneider, and that he used to fly supplies out to him. Then one time Cliff went out to check on the guy and he was gone. Best guess was that he was killed by a bear, but there was never any proof of it. Out there was the only real Alaska cache I ever saw, and we couldn't get up there to see what was in it, the ladder had rotted and fallen apart. Bummer. I still wonder sometimes. I think that might have been the time I brought my machete home, too. I packed it in my suitcase and was amused that the airlines had opened the case and red-tagged it. Hey, it was from World War II, the genuine article, and very sharp — a homesteader's lawnmower.



Donna Gochanour
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Chris Gray adds weather stripping to windows at the home of Black Hills Power's Weatherization Day recipient.

Keeping neighbors warm

Denice Piscioti
NLJ Reporter

Tuesday and Wednesday Black Hills Power assisted 14 customers — three in Upton, two in Osage and nine in Newcastle — by weatherizing their homes during the company's "Warm and Safe Awareness Days."

Each day, volunteers from the community gathered at the Newcastle BHP

office for home address assignments before heading out to install weatherization products, free of charge. Four teams of volunteers and BHP staff went to homes chosen under BHP guidelines that require the home to be that of either a senior citizen, disabled person or a household with a fixed income falling within a certain range.

Two to three hours were spent at each home, installing window kits,

outlet box seals, efficient light bulbs, spraying foam in gaps and inclusion of weather strips, to help customers save energy.

The annual event is always in search of volunteers. If any organization or community service group would be interested in assisting BHP next year, they can contact Jamie Hill, BHP Energy Services representative, at 605-721-2276.

Gochanour

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or another. At times, I felt kind of bad about that, but the days of the single farmer and the family farm were about over in North Dakota. Now it's big business and big machines," Mom shared with me.

So, in 1952, the Gochanour family adventure began. Mom lived in several states, Montana, Washington, California, Texas, Arkansas, Ohio, South Carolina and of course Alaska, to name a few, as well as France when Dad was stationed there. All the moving made for new struggles, and with it new adventures.

"Who else can say they got pregnant in California, found out about in Texas, and had the baby in Ohio?" she said when talking about the life they led. Within five years of being married — before her 21st birthday — she had three children. I came along four years later when she and Dad were at the ripe old age of 24. During that time the family moved several times and Mom made Air Force friends she keeps in touch with yet today.

Through her columns, NLJ readers have learned about her experiences at her Alaska cabin, running an air service for Bush pilots, and being a bar manager in Talkeetna, but there are many things folks don't know about Mom.

She's an independent person, one who isn't afraid to do things for herself. It's a trait that's a result of both nurture and nature.

"It comes from being the oldest child in my family, and having the most responsibility, and the most restrictions, put on me. Plus, I always want to know, what if? Also, with your Dad gone, most of the time three weeks out of every month, and very often for 60 days at a time, well, you can't wait for them to come home and do this or that, you have to learn to do it yourself," she explained of their years raising a family while in the Air Force.

It's a can-do, no-nonsense approach that she's passed on to her children and grandchildren, and it's what opened opportunities for some interesting items on her life's resume. For instance, she and my father



Mom and I, when I first began working at the News Letter Journal, before we roped her into becoming the newspaper's 'senior correspondent.'

Upcoming Art Show

The paintings of Donna Gochanour and photographs by Amy Meneray will be on display at the Weston County Library during the months of December and January, as featured artists.

started their own airplane business where she worked right alongside the men, bucking rivets, sand blasting and gapping spark plugs. She's wired more than a few homes, and was a renovator and do-it-yourselfer that repurposed items long before it became an entire TV network.

"How many women can say they've wired a whole house?" she asks. "Or had a cross-cut saw in the middle of their living room," she added with a giggle.

She was president of a dog-mushing club, and coordinated a community council in Alaska that would not have representation today had it not been for her efforts.

She is an accomplished artist who helped form Anchorage's first artist cooperatives, one of which was instrumental in creating a "Made in Alaska" logo that is still used today.

"I've been drawing and painting my whole life," she said of her artistic abilities, that blossomed when she discovered art classes on Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska that were reasonably priced. She

tells a story of one of her best gifts she ever received from my father, a trash can. It was full of art supplies. Later she would end up teaching classes herself.

She's a pretty amazing woman (if I do say so myself), which is why we decided to turn the tables on her and interview her this week. From my perspective, she's been a pretty terrific role model, and turned out to be a darn good 'senior correspondent.' In fact, after her first year of writing for NLJ she won Honorable Mention from the National Newspaper Association for Best Humorous Column.

When asked what she's liked most about writing for NLJ, she said it was getting out and meeting Weston County's senior citizens, folks she hadn't yet met in the 21 years she's lived here.

"I've enjoyed meeting people, lots of people," she said.

Since living in Wyoming, she's added wrecking yard operator and census worker to her long list of unusual jobs, where many Weston County

folks might have first met her. She also delivered meals for the senior center, getting to know home-bound seniors along the way. And there's not too many senior dances where you won't find her, itching to get out on the dance floor.

A self-described workaholic, Mom said her biggest pet peeve is things started and not finished. So it's tough for her to say farewell to writing for the News Letter Journal — because it's something she started. But next month she will undergo hip surgery and she's come to realize that maybe, just maybe (with some — okay a lot — of nudging from her children), it's time to slow down a little. (Just a little, Mom. Relax already!)

Of all the places she's lived, and things she's done, Alaska is still what most holds her heart.

"Everything about it is unique and different. I loved Talkeetna. When I walked into it the first time I was just enchanted with it. The streets were gravel and full of dogs and children running around ... I walked into the Fairview Inn and there were a bunch of guys in there. They got out a guitar and just started playing music in the middle of the day," she said wistfully.

Our readers will still be able to enjoy Mom's stories about Alaska, travel, family and who-knows-what, as she intends to continue writing the column "I Remember When," that so many people stop her on the street to comment on. She just won't be doing interviews and filling this space as often.

There's so many more stories she, or I, could share. But there's just not enough room, as is often the case with someone who's lived a full, adventurous life of several decades.

"I can't think of anything I'd do differently," she told me when asked about her life.

When questioned about her greatest accomplishments, what she is most proud of, her answers were expected — at least by me.

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New garden beds are being built at the Kitty Moats Complex in Osage, to create a community garden. The plan includes fruit trees as well.

Kitty Moats

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kept as much as we could of the historical value," Crabtree stated. "It is utilized all of the time. We have people in here every day, at least five days out of the week."

Upon entry of the newly sided building, it is easy to see a lot of hard work has gone into updating the old building. Crabtree pointed out that the hallways still need to be painted, and community members are anxiously waiting the word to get started.

The right-hand side of the hallway in the complex is where the main renovation took place. The first newly remodeled room is the office for both OISD and OWD, where water and sewer bills will be brought, noted Crabtree. They are hoping the office will be operational within the next three or four weeks.

Of the work done, Crabtree indicated that making the building safe was a priority.

"All of this is new flooring. All the asbestos, everything is out of this building! We had to take it physically all the way to the floor to get all that out. Cabinets in all the rooms had to come out," she reported.

Across from the office is an exercise room, which is used throughout the day by women in the community, with a large storage room behind it. Until the construction is complete and all areas are inspected and deemed usable by the community, all of the items usually utilized in the rooms are being stored in the gymnasium, which was also overhauled.

Joe Wood Jr., OISD and OWD chairman, said inmates from the Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp helped haul everything out of the rooms, and he hopes they will be able to assist when it comes time to bring it all back in.

Next to the office, two meeting rooms are accessible from both the outside and inside of the building, each with storage areas. Crabtree is confident all the areas will be utilized. It is where all of the community meetings will take place.

"This is where most all of the meetings will be. The water, the sewer, improvement service district will all meet up here," she informed. "People can call and use this for meetings, birthday parties or anything. We used to rent them out before, and we'll do it again."

Previously the restrooms were accessible only through the classrooms, with child-size toilets. Now there are two public bathrooms for men and women, each accessible from the main hallway. Four more updated public restrooms — two for each gender — are on the other side of the building near the gym.

Three apartments are planned for the other side of the hallway. There is grant money for the basic floor plan, but beyond that another grant is being sought to complete that area. It will benefit the facility by providing income and guarantee someone



Denice Piscioti/NLJ

A new roof and new siding on the Kitty Moats Complex have made the building safe, and given it added beauty.

will always be at the facility, much like the senior housing is set up at the old Gertrude Burns School in Newcastle, which is now Weston County Senior Services.

"We want to put three apartments in here. They will be small when we get that far. That is another money issue we are working on," she admitted.

Large community gatherings are usually held in the auditorium, adjacent to the kitchen. The stage was recovered, with all new flooring and windows. However, the best part is the warmth in the room. Prior to the new windows and heating system, the wind would just blow throughout the large room, recalled Crabtree.

"It is heat efficient now. When it is all closed up in here it is nice and warm. It is a lot nicer now," added the tour guide, appreciating of the new boiler.

A new up-to-date fire suppression system was installed inside and outside of the building. A dry suppression system was put in the gym. Greg Lassle, Wyoming fire marshal, was inspecting the building at the time the NLJ was touring the building. He took the time to explain how the dry suppression system works in the complex's gymnasium.

"As soon as it triggers, it releases air pressure. There is air pressure back in the sprinkler system, and as soon as it triggers, it pulls the air off of it and allows water to flow. Water has to get to the farthest sprinkler in here. The sprinklers sit outside, and when you pop the inspector's test valve, it has to get through the system within one minute from where the air pressure is holding back the water; 44 seconds is what it tested at for water to reach the corner. Then, of course, once that happens they de-energize it and it goes back to being dry

again," Lassle clarified.

The rest of the building has a wet system which is charged all of the time, so as soon as the thermal length in the head deploys — with a red bulb — when a temperature of 155 degrees is reached. A green bulb is a higher temperature, about 250 degrees, which is used in the kitchen, explained the fire marshal. What happens is the liquid in the tube boils and breaks the bulb, then a plunger flies out and water sprays.

The largest expenditure, \$257,177, was spent on a new roof for the Kitty Moats Complex.

"The whole roof has been redone. There is absolutely no one spot that doesn't have a new piece of roof on it. It is nice with the insulation," Crabtree acknowledged.

Outside, seven large plots, which can be divided in half, are being prepared for a community garden, which was made possible through a grant from Ted Craig with the Wyoming Department of Agriculture. Water will be supplied to each section.

On the other side of the old school track they are looking at removing some trees to allow a place for campsite hook-ups. However, the details of that are still being planned.

An orchard has been planted, with apples, plums, peach and pear trees, toward the back of the property. The fruit trees, along with several other trees for shade, were purchased with a grant from the Weston County Natural Resource Conservation District.

"The idea behind the orchard was to have it later, to have a farmer's market, and we can use it for people making jellies and jams. We are trying to make it so the community can get some use out of it," Crabtree explained of the plan.

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staff and all of our parents are doing with our students on a regular basis," Stephens acknowledged.

Some of the same information is considered by the state accountability model WAEA, which considers each school's ability to grow students over time. The results are cause for rejoicing, Stephens professed.

"The WAEA results were also very strong for our district. The elementary school received a rating of 'Exceeding Expectations,' which means our students had quality performance on the state and national assessments as well as above average growth from one year to the next on state assessments. Our middle school and high schools both received a 'Meeting Expectations' rating. All of these results are cause for celebration in a time where accountability can be a serious pressure upon a school district," she reported.

In Upton, the focus, Stephens noted, is to continue to provide high-quality instruction with high standards and expectations in order to prepare students for the challenges before them. Commitment from the staff is to provide professional growth as needed, and to seek out challenging and engaging activities for students.

Stephens added that the Wyoming Department of Education also has provided some resources for the public to use in understanding the standards, assessment, and accountability processes. Wyoming Measures Up can be accessed at <http://wyomingmeasuresup.com/>.

Weston County School District #7 Results

PAWS & ACT READING		
Grade	% of Upton Students Proficient or Higher	% Above or Below the State Average
3	50	11.94
4	73.91	10.01
5	57.14	1.22
6	43.75	13.48
7	58.33	0.9
8	66.67	8.61
11	42.86	8.97

PAWS & ACT MATH		
Grade	% of Upton Students Proficient or Higher	% Above or Below the State Average
3	64.29	13.54
4	52.17	5.15
5	66.67	12.41
6	50	1.06
7	45.83	2.46
8	50	0.3
11	38.1	1.11

PAWS & ACT SCIENCE		
Grade	% of Upton Students Proficient or Higher	% Above or Below the State Average
4	56.52	3.65
8	58.33	11.25
11	19.05	12.91

SAWS (Writing)		
Grade	% of Upton Students Proficient or Higher	% Above or Below the State Average
3	No State Score for 2013-2014	No State Score for 2013-2014
5	71.43	7.47
7	62.5	6.96

Information courtesy of Summer Stephens/WCSD#7 Superintendent

For more results from WCSD #7 district as well as districts across the state, you can visit the link at the school's website, <http://bobcat.weston7.k12.wy.us/TitleOneStateReportCard.html>, or go to the State Fusion Website and search http://fusion.edu.wyoming.gov/MySites/Data_Reporting/data_reporting_accountability_reports.aspx.

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Even though Johnson's watercolor, which was on the 2014 First State Bank calendar, did not receive state recognition, the local chapter felt she deserved acknowledgment and gave her an award Sunday.

"Weston County Chapter is proud to nominate Lois Johnson for her watercolor painting of the barn at the MD Ranch originally homesteaded by Marsh Jessee, who had come from Virginia. Jessee purchased the barn in 1917 and moved it six miles from its original location. The barn is located south of Upton, Wyoming, and now belongs to Carolyn Peterson, niece to Marsh Jessee," stated her recommendation letter.

Kaul's nomination to the state complemented her comprehensive collection on the Gray Ladies and Candy Strippers in Wyoming. It also noted they believe there is no other collection of historical material on the subject.

Speaking of barns, Kaul awarded an unsuspecting Jording for the six barn tours he has provided in the area. She said the made-up word 'bar-nology' describes him, because it means someone who loves barns. He was presented with a certificate and a hat labeled "WCHS Chief Barnologist." Not wanting to leave out his assistant, Peggy Jording, she was also given a hat with "Barn Tour Assistant" on it.

"It was a fun thing. I didn't tell anyone about it. I wanted it to be a complete surprise," Kaul later told the NLJ.

In the Young Historian Awards, Newcastle High School Students swept the awards. Senior Nick Bock took first place for his research on the Osage Oil Field and the role his family played in developing the oil business in his project entitled, "Oil Boom!"

Second place was given to Kolton Epperson for his gruesome tale of William Clifton, aka Diamond Slim, accused of murdering a Newcastle couple who was, in retaliation, murdered by a vigilante group.

"I wrote this paper for my research project in Mrs. [Kara] Sweet's English class. I originally picked this project because of the natural mystery behind it. The mystery was very interesting because I had not ever heard of the legend before. The



Denice Piscioti/NLJ

Tymmrie Rainbolt gave her presentation on the Teapot Dome during the Weston County Historical Society award day Saturday, at Weston County Senior Services. Rainbolt won first place in the Junior Education Activity category from the Wyoming State Historical Society for her presentation.

"[My presentation] was for English and social studies both. My grandpa drives by the Teapot Dome quite a bit for his job, and he came up with the idea. I actually learned quite a bit about the culture and economy back then."

— Tymmie Rainbolt

most interesting thing I found about the project was the fact that there were two sides, and it was very controversial on who believed what," stated Epperson in an online interview with the News Letter Journal.

He continued to say he didn't expect to even be in the state historical society competition, and feels honored to represent NHS even after he has graduated and is in college. What made the project easier to do was the help he received from his teacher and the great resources at the Anna Miller Museum, he indicated.

Third place in the same category was another NHS student, Tracey Whetsell, who graduated earlier this year also. Her research paper, "The heart of Newcastle," detailed the history of NHS.

Both Weston County Junior Activities Award winners

attended the ceremony Sunday. Derrick Rasmussen took first place for, "The American Soldier: The Indian Wars." Last year while in Laura Giesler's fourth grade class, the young man researched the history of the Indian Wars, including the life of the American soldier, creating a journal of what would have been a typical day.

Another student in Giesler's class, Ezra Anderson made a diorama of buildings — house, barn, corral and water well — found in "Early Wyoming Homesteads," earning second place in the same category.

All three of the Junior Educational Activity Awards were given to students from Upton Middle School. The first place winner, Tymmie Rainbolt, and second place winner, Hannah Olson, presented their award-winning assignments for

the WCHS program. Third place winner, Kade McMillan, with his project, "The Black 14," did not attend the event.

The Upton students did the assignments for National History Day, they explained. To complete the projects they travel to Laramie to the American Heritage Archive to learn how to do hands-on research.

"Thank you for the nomination. It meant a lot and felt like the project was worth it," Olson told the local historical society members and those in attendance of the meeting before she began her presentation on Estell Ishigo, a resident from Heart Mountain who used her art to describe the conditions at the camp.

"I learned a lot about what Americans did. If we spread the word, we can learn from our mistakes," Olson said.

Rainbolt's project was entitled, "Petroleum, Politics and We the People." After completing her research she created a story board on the history of the 1920s Teapot Dome scandal.

"It was a great experience. I learned things have changed, but there are still scandals — things could be going on no one knows about. I learned how to research without using my computer," concluded Rainbolt.

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12/12	VJ	E/W Challenge @Buffalo	A	Noon
Girls Basketball				
12/12	VJ	E/W Challenge @Cody	A	Noon
12/13	VJ	E/W Challenge @Cody	A	Noon
Boys Swimming				
12/13	V	Gillette Pentathlon	A	9AM

The Score

Newcastle Middle School B Team Basketball
 NMS 20, Little Powder Roadrunners 8
 Aishwarya Mendenhall lead the team with 10 points, followed by Alaina Boettcher with 6, and Tiana Walker and Destiny Seekings each had a bucket.

'Coach'

There are just some words that will immediately spark an emotional response in me, and 'coach' is one of them. It's one of my favorite words, and one of my proudest titles.

What is it really like to be a coach? Only those who have been one can really know. It is so much more than people see. It is sleepless nights, obsessive focus, great joy, great frustration, the best and the worst feelings in the world. It is not a job, it is a way of life. It is not



what you do, it is who you are. It is one of the most rewarding yet one of the most thankless positions to hold. By that, I don't mean that people aren't thankful for coaches, what I mean is that, when the team is doing well, coaches give all the props to the kids. For example, just recently when I congratulated a coach on a big win, her first response was that she had done nothing, that it was the girls who won the game. And that's the way it should be.

When things go wrong, the coach does the opposite — it wasn't the kids who didn't quite get it done, it was the coach who failed the kids. And that's the way it should be. All good coaches have that mind-set.

Just like a lot of other situations in life, when people are happy with what a coach is doing, they sit back and enjoy, saying little. However, if people are unhappy with what a coach is doing, they go after that coach with a venom more poisonous than the most deadly viper.

I think what some people fail to consider is that at any given time, there can only be a certain number of players on a court or a field. If your child is playing, someone else's child is not. If you as a parent are happy, another parent is not. The coach has to make decisions that are best for his or her team, and do it in a way that doesn't minimize the players who may not be playing.

I've been on every side of the coaching situation one can be on. I played, I coached, and I have children who play for coaches. I understand what it means to be

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Season ends in semi-finals

■ Opponent even tougher than expected

Sonja Karp
 NLJ Sports Reporter

It's a long haul across the state of Wyoming, and the Dogie football team made about as long of a trip as you can make to play in the semi-final round of the playoffs last Friday in Mountain View.

With a 1 p.m. kickoff time and an eight-plus-hour drive, the team left Thursday morning to ensure that the boys were rested and ready to go Friday afternoon.

Head Coach Matt Conzelman and his crew knew that this game was going to present some big challenges for the Dogies, as the Buffaloes have some of the best and most explosive offensive players in the 3A class, as well as a sizable and athletic front line.

"We knew they were going to be good, but they were even bigger and more athletic than I had initially thought," Conzelman sighed after the game was over.

Mountain View used its size and athleticism to hold the Dogies scoreless in the first half.

The Buffaloes got on the board with 3:50 to go in the first quarter and were able to get in the end zone three more times before the half to put them up 26-0 over Newcastle as the teams went to their locker rooms. "Offensively, we did get some

The Stats

Dogies vs. Mountain View Semi-Final Playoff Game
 Nov. 7, 2014
 Final score: 14-52
 Team: 74 yards rushing, 109 yards passing
Individual Stats:
 Colton Sweet: 3 carries for 7 yards, 1 reception for 19 yards, 3 kickoff returns for 54 yards, 7.5 tackles
 Dillon Ehlers: 1 TD, 14 carries for 31 yards, 5-13 pass completions for 33 yards, 3 receptions for 76 yards, 4 punt returns for 124 yards, 1 kickoff return for 12 yards, 7 tackles
 Bradon Rushton: 1 TD, 15 carries for 36 yards, 3-3 pass completions for 76 yards, 2 receptions, 9 tackles
 Trayton Farnsworth: 1 reception for 24 yards, 2.5 tackles
 Jared Bell: 2 PAT
 Ricky Larson: 2 receptions for 18 yards, 2.5 tackles
 Preston Rushton: 1 punt return for 18 yards, 1 kickoff return for 5 yards
 Nick Bock: 6 tackles
 Mason Piscioti: 1 tackle
 Johnny Walker: 4.5 tackles
 Alec Walker: 2 tackles
 Ethan Schuessler: 3 tackles
 Lyle Whitney: 3 tackles
 Teigen Marchant: 1 tackle

first downs, but they jammed us up pretty hard," Conzelman stated. "They have probably the best line-backer corps that we've seen and defensively we just couldn't get them stopped."

The Dogies weren't willing to give up as they took the field in the third quarter, and with 6:29 left in the third got on the board with

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Jake Hibbard/Uinta County Herald
Newcastle High School senior Bradon Rushton struggles to get away from Mountain View's defense in the semi-final round of playoffs last Friday.



Submitted photo

Newcastle High School sophomore Clayton Colvard returns to bull riding after two shoulder surgeries just a few months apart. He is currently seventh in the Wyoming High School Rodeo standings.

Goal to be a pro rider

Denice Piscioti
 NLJ Reporter

For Clayton Colvard, a sophomore at Newcastle High School, riding bulls is what he wants to do.

Even after an injury to his shoulder last year, he wanted to finish the high school 2013

fall season before having it repaired through surgery.

"I came and won Wheatland High School Rodeo and continued on to the Jackson rodeo and got bucked off there. I ended the fall season sitting second in the state, and then had my left shoulder fixed after the fall season ended,"

reported Colvard.

He returned to the sport he loved after his shoulder healed, switching riding arms from the left to right, in January 2014. It was not the first time he had to change riding arms. In the sixth grade he broke his elbow,

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Looking to future

Sonja Karp
 NLJ Sports Reporter

The Lady Dogies ended their 2014 volleyball this season this past weekend with a trip to the Casper Event Center for a shot at a state title.

Only eight of the 32 teams in 3A get the opportunity to play in the state tournament each year, so getting there is quite an accomplishment.

"This year's 3A East Conference was extremely competitive, therefore it was very exciting that we got to be top one of the four teams that made it to the state tournament," exclaimed head coach Maja Jechorek.

The first match-up for the Lady Dogies was against the Lady Panthers of Powell, a team chosen by coaches early in the season to be state champions this year.

In the first set, Newcastle came out strong and were playing point for point with their opponent, but ended up short at the end, dropping the game 20-25.

"We just had a few too many errors and had some trouble putting the ball down and scoring," Jechorek stated.

The second set saw a similar situation with the home team coming out strong, however they struggled to put the ball down against tall blocking and good defense of the Lady Panthers, and lost 18-25.

Powell was then on a roll and took control from the beginning of the third set, and Newcastle just could not match their momentum, dropping the game and match, 15-25.

"I felt like as a team we could have played better against Powell. At times we were slow in reacting to the ball and we made some unforced errors,"

— See Volleyball, Page 13

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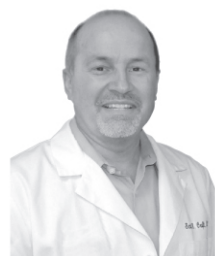
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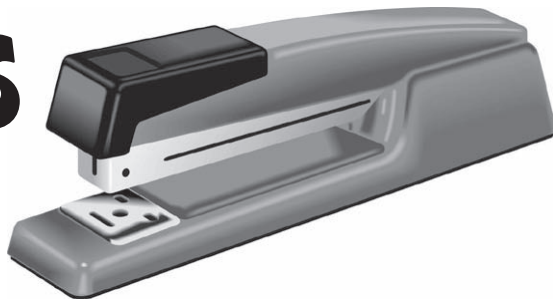


Dr. Scott Croft

Dr. Croft will be visiting Newcastle one Thursday per month.

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Cool tunes

On Oct. 31, at the Crouch Auditorium, the Weston County Concert Association brought singer/pianist Tony DeSare, with band members Steve Doyle on the bass and Mike Klopp on the drums, to entertain the community. They played a wide range of romantic, funny and soulful tunes, including James Taylor's "How Sweet It Is," and Elton John's "Take Me To The Pilot." The next musical performance of the WCCA will be Harmonious Wail, at the Crouch on March 8.

Photos by Denice Piscioti/NLJ



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resulting in him using his riding arm to the left, so essentially he was going back to the arm he had been using in the first place.

The dominant arm is what he swings in the air to keep his balance, to make the right moves.

The first bull riding event he attended after his surgery was a Gary Leffew camp in the golden state. A couple of days after the camp started, Colvard tore his right shoulder after being on about 10 bulls, resulting in him missing the 2014 spring season for the high school rodeo, he informed the News Letter Journal. Leffew felt bad so he took the young man along with him to shoot a commercial in Hollywood, Calif. There the bulls were spray-painted black to look like Mexican fighting bulls.

"We shot a car commercial at the Universal Studios. It was awesome! It was supposed to be like the running of the bulls, so they had the car come down and chase the bulls back behind them. It was just a cool deal," Colvard recalled.

"So something good came out of it. Then he was home for a day and he was literally in surgery the next," his mother, Cary, acknowledged.

In July, when he healed up and was healthy enough from riding his horse bareback and doing kettle bells in rehab with trainer Randy Hite at Gillette Physical Therapy, he got back in the game.

He has been competing with the Mountain States Young Guns, a Colorado/Wyoming circuit, which is not an association but a qualifying circuit, enabling him to attend the Youth Bull Riding World Finals in Abilene, Texas, at the end of July as the Junior Reserve Champion. Colvard finished 16th in the World, competing against teams from Canada, Mexico and nearly every state in the United States.

"He rode so well the previous season, before all the injuries, that it carried him in points. He was riding hot," his mother

acknowledged. "It was crazy ! It was a great experience. They really put on a good show. All the colleges are there."

To add to the experience in Texas, he rode Professional Bull Rider Cody Custer's bull in his third round, coming in ninth place. He missed going to the short go by one place, because the top 15 are taken.

After being home from Texas for two days, the young rider headed to the Boulder County Fair in Longmont, Colo., where he won MSYG senior champion.

During the fall high school rodeo season he has been riding in different rodeos throughout the state, earning a tie for seventh place in the state of Wyoming.

To help himself advance he rides in the MSYG circuit because the bulls are more challenging. In fact, he was riding two bulls a day in both the junior and senior classes when he injured himself last year.

Next he will compete in the American Youth Bull Riding finals in November in Ignacio, Colo., and the MSYG end of the season competition the following month. Most weekends he is competing in a bull riding contest somewhere.

He is looking forward to the spring high school rodeo season, where he plans to qualify for the National High School Rodeo again this year.

One reason he competes with the MSYG is to qualify for the YBR World Finals, where he will have the opportunity to be seen by college recruiters. Professional bull rider Kody Lostroh is director and sanctioned MSYG.

"So it opens all of those doors," added his mom, with a smile.

Colvard's goal is to become a professional bull rider himself.

"I plan on, as soon as I graduate high school, if I am hot I will go then. If not, I will go to college," the young bull rider professed.

Bull Riding Stats

- Clayton Colvard**
- Mountain States Young Guns: Junior and Senior Winter Series Champion; Spring Series Junior Champion; 2013 Junior Reserve Champion
 - 2013 Black Hills National Little Britches Rodeo Association series champion. (Little Britches)
 - 2013 Sandhills National Little Britches Rodeo Association series champion
 - 2013 Wyoming State Junior High champion
 - 2014 4th in Wyoming High School Rodeo
 - 2014 YBR World Finals: 9th in 3rd round; 16th in world (Abilene, Texas)
 - 2014 Boulder County Fair, MSYG Senior Champion
 - 2014 MSYG Fall Series, Senior Boys Champion
 - Currently 7th in WY High School Rodeo standings

Karp from page 11

frustrated with a coach's decisions. I also understand what it means to be supportive of a coach's decisions.

Recently, I received a copy of an email that voiced what every coach hopes to hear and the coaches that were the subject of it are what I consider to be some of the best coaches and coaching staff around, the Dogie football crew.

The message came from Nathan Oster, editor of the Greybull Standard, who had nothing to gain by sending it — and he has a great deal of experience being on the sidelines and gets to see a lot of different teams up close during games.

The following is an excerpt from his email.

"Saw your coaches up close during the regular season game here, and for two-plus quarters, it was close, intense, and anyone's ball game. The thing

that impressed me about your coaches and players was the sportsmanship, towards the refs and opposing players, and in the way they dealt with their own kids. To top it off, they were up 20, had a chance to tack on a score in the final minute, were within the five yard line, and took a knee to run out the clock. Stuff like that gets noticed. I wish more coaching staffs acted that way. I can tell you, from experience, that few do. That's why it's so refreshing when you see it."

I could not agree more with Nathan's observations. We are very lucky to have many wonderful coaches in this community who give of themselves more than most can imagine. The hours they put in are so much more than what people see, and those hours that they spend with our kids take time away from their own families.

I just want to send a big thank you to all of our coaches, and a special thank you to those that have been so influential in my own children's lives: Pat Hayman, Kathy Beehler, Cody Nelson, Allen Von Eye, Matt Conzelman, Scott Beehler, Kevin Logan, Ryan Akers, Tyler Bartlett, Chad Ostenson, Cami Clarke, Maja Jechorek, Loni Sorenson, Candi Stanton, Mike Gregory, Scott Johnson and Kylie Shoemaker.

To all of these and to all of the other coaches here in Newcastle, thank you for all that you do for our kids. Though you may not hear it often enough, know that the sacrifices you make and the time and effort you put forth are greatly appreciated. One of the greatest and most special titles you can have, is that of Coach.

Football from page 11

a three-yard run by Bradon Rushton and a good point after touchdown by Jared Bell, to put the score at 7-26.

Mountain View answered back three minutes later, and then again at 11:33 in the fourth quarter, to go up 39-7 over the Dogies.

Newcastle was able to close the gap a little 16 seconds later, with a 71-yard Rushton to Dillon Ehlers touchdown pass. With another good PAT by Bell, the Dogies improved their score to 14.

Newcastle was successful in executing and recovering an onside kick after their touchdown, but were unable to capitalize on it with another score.

"I really thought that if we could get them stopped and get another onside right away, we might be in the hunt, but it just didn't work out for us. We were trying to do some things to get us back in it, but with a good team like that, if you give them a head start it's pretty hard to put yourself in a position to win," Conzelman stated.

The Buffaloes were the better team of the day, and with two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter they claimed the semi-final victory over the Dogies, 52-14.

"They did what they needed to do, and hats off to them" Conzelman admitted. "They executed, and we didn't. We didn't get the blocks and the tackles that we needed to, and just could never get the momentum on our side."

Mountain View also dominated time of possession in the game, which is something that Conzelman stressed as being vital all year.

"With a team this good, you can't put the ball in their hands for that long and expect them not to score," admitted Conzelman.

"I told the guys to hold their heads up high, because it's been a great season and a great ride for them. It was fun to have an opportunity to coach them," Conzelman smiled.

The team will graduate 12 seniors this year, and though they didn't get an opportunity to play in a state championship game, they did get into the playoffs every season of their high school career, and that is quite an accomplishment.

"I told the seniors that they have been great role models for us, and told the underclassmen that they need to take a look at them and see how they led us so that they know how to pick up the reins," concluded Conzelman.

When asked how he thinks the championship will turn out, he predicted that Mountain View will come out the victor in their match-up against Big Horn this coming weekend.

"We've lost to the eventual state champion each time we've been in the playoffs, so I'm going to stick with that formula," Conzelman grinned.

The coach also offered thanks to the fans for their continued support, and to community members who provided for the team.

"I'd like to thank Wyoming Refining Company for the playoff breakfast, and Craig Wiggins for the playoff supper he provided," Conzelman said.

Volleyball from page 11

explained Jechorek. "I believe for some of the players the nerves of being in the Event Center playing on different type of floor and in a totally different environment influenced their game a little, and you cannot blame them. Just like one of the coaches said during our coaches meeting, playing in the Event Center is a little bit like playing on Mars."

On Friday, the Lady Dogies were pitted against the Jackson Hole Lady Broncos whom they had to defeat in order to stay alive in the tournament.

"I could tell we were nervous, but also excited to play," Jechorek smiled.

Jackson has one very talented player who played well against Newcastle, hitting hard and blocking well, making it very difficult for the home team to score.

The Dogies had a slow start against the aggressive Lady Broncos, dropping the first set 11-25.

The team looked a little better in the second and third sets, but still couldn't match up against their opponents, losing the games and the match 19-25 and 20-25, respectively.

With this loss, the season came to a close for the Lady Dogies.

Due to suffering an injury in the regional tournament the week before, middle hitter Hannah Cass did not play at the state tournament. Therefore, the team had to adjust to playing positions that they had played earlier in the season.

Alyssa Dawson returned to the middle hitter/blocker spot and Ashten Farnsworth went back to her outside hitter position.

"I think that these girls did a great job adjusting back to those roles, and I do not believe the change affected how hard they played," stated Jechorek. "However, all players had to adjust to this change-up very quickly, and return to the 'old' ways in offense and defense, and I think that may have caused a little bit of stress for the girls," she acknowledged.

In volleyball especially, it can be difficult to make these adjustments quickly, as each player becomes accustomed to their roles



Sonja Karp/NLJ

All-Conference and All-State selection Kendra Back gets up for a kill against Jackson Hole in Friday's State Tournament match-up.

“ This group of young ladies was a pleasure to coach. Each and every one of them brought something more than simply a volleyball skill to this team, and I would like to recognize how talented this group is.”

— Coach Maja Jechorek

and the roles of their teammates. When there is a change in the line-up, it impacts the entire team, not just the players who are making the move.

"This is especially challenging at this time of the season when there are extra nerves kicking in," admitted Jechorek. "Understandably, the girls were trying to do their best and things just weren't working the way they wanted them to, and they got frustrated."

As the Lady Dogies close the book on their 2014 season, Jechorek passed on her thoughts about the successful season that it was.

"This group of young ladies was a pleasure to coach. Each and every one of them brought something more than simply a volleyball skill to this team, and I would like to recognize how talented this group is. We have a top-five blocker in the state in senior Bailey Karp, two top-10 defensive

The Stats

Newcastle vs. Powell
First Round State Tourney
Nov. 6, 2014
20-25, 18-25, 15-25

Newcastle vs. Jackson Hole
Loser-out @ State Tourney
Nov. 7, 2014
11-25, 19-25, 20-25

Combined individual stats:
Alyssa Dawson: 18-19 serves, 1 ace, 15 kills, 61 serve receives, 31 digs
Scottlyn Wiggins: 37 serve receives, 26 digs
Katara Cade: 17-19 serves, 1 ace, 7 kills, 1 block assist, 15 serve receives, 18 digs
Kendra Back: 17-19 serves, 5 kills, 3 block assists, 1 stuff blocks, 12 digs
Abby Gray: 16-18 serves, 2 aces, 4 kills, 37 set assists, 2 block assists, 4 serve receives, 10 digs
Ashten Farnsworth: 10-11 serves, 7 kills, 1 block assist, 19 serve receives, 22 digs
Bailey Karp: 19-19 serves, 7 kills, 3 block assists, 1 stuff block, 2 serve receives, 16 digs

players in Ashten Farnsworth and Scottlyn Wiggins, and a top-five setter in Abby Gray. I would also like to recognize Katara Cade as one of the girls that made the biggest progress this year."

The team had three players that were chosen to the All-Conference team this year, Alyssa Dawson, Cass, and Kendra Back. Back was also named to the select All-State team.

"All of the honors earned by these girls was because of their commitment and hard work in practice and out of season as well, and I am very proud of all of them," Jechorek said.

In addition to the honors the players earned, Jechorek was named Coach of the Year for the 3A East Conference.

"I truly believe that it was a successful season for us this year, even though we did not end up where we wanted to be in the state tournament. This season was more than learning the game of volleyball. This season taught us how important your team and teammates are, how important commitment and hard work is, and how to lift each other up when one of your own is down. All of that allowed us to grow as a team and as individuals, and helped us be a part of the best eight teams in the state — and that is something that the girls should be very proud of," Jechorek concluded.

INSURANCE

Open Enrollment

As we approach the second Open Enrollment Period for the Health Insurance Marketplace (Exchange), the Wyoming Insurance Department would like to give you some tips for informing yourself about health insurance.

The second Open Enrollment Period for coverage begins November 15, 2014, and runs through February 15, 2015. The Wyoming Insurance Department advises all enrollees, including those who already enrolled in 2013, to shop and compare the options offered in this year's period, as well as to update their enrollment information.

Whether you are renewing a plan you previously selected or are a new enrollee, the Open Enrollment period is an opportunity to evaluate what coverage you have or to consider new options. The Department of Insurance encourages you to have health insurance coverage. In short, Wyoming residents should 1.) Get covered and 2.) Stay covered.

For information on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and to see Insurers offering products outside of the Health Insurance Marketplace, please visit the Department of Insurance website at www.doi.wyo.gov. You can contact your insurance agent and discuss your options or visit the official federal website at www.HealthCare.gov.



A Health Plan for Everyone

Whether you are working with a licensed insurance agent or a federally trained and certified assister, determine which plan fits your needs and budget. If you are already enrolled, you can renew or change your plan. If you haven't signed up for insurance yet or want a different plan, sign up before February 15, 2015.

Talk with your agent or spend some time on the HealthCare.gov website to become familiar with the offered services and to compare insurance plans and rates. The only one that can advise you on what plan is best for you is a licensed agent.

The federal government operates the exchange in Wyoming, using the name "Health Insurance Marketplace." Beware of fraudulent websites that may look like the Health Insurance Marketplace. Look for the official government seals, logos and websites that mark the main Marketplace website: www.HealthCare.gov.

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ment has trained and certified assisters in Wyoming to help you at no cost. To find help, visit: www.HealthCare.gov or get a referral to a local, Wyoming navigator for in-person assistance, by contacting Wyoming 2-1-1 (in Wyoming dial 2-1-1 or 888-425-7138) or visit Wyoming211.org.



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November 2, 2014
Threats reported. Report of a dog at large.
Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.
Report of dogs at large, Impounded.
Accident reported. Traffic stop, Written
Warning issued. Accident reported.
November 3
Open door discovered. 911 hang
up. Phone fraud reported. VIN inspection
requested. Phone scam reported.
Traffic stop, Citation issued. Vandalism
reported. Phone fraud reported. Injured
deer reported. Injured deer reported.
November 4
Welfare check requested. Lost
property reported. Assist other agency.
Assist other agency. Open door discovered.
Welfare check requested.
Harassment reported. Domestic problem
reported. Suspicious activity reported. Found
property reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning
issued.
November 5
Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. VIN
inspection requested. Trespassing complaint.
Lost property reported. Suspicious activity
reported. VIN inspection requested. Civil standby

requested. Arrest Warrant issued. Traffic stop,
Citation issued. 911 hang up. Drunk pedestrian
reported. 911 hang up.
Motorist assist. Traffic
stop, Written Warning
issued. Arrest Warrant
issued. Traffic stop, Written
Warning issued.
November 6
Motorist assist.
Suspicious activity reported.
911 hang up. Welfare check
requested. Drunk driver
reported. VIN inspection
requested. Arrest Warrant
issued. Injured deer reported.
Arrest Warrant issued.
Missing child reported.
Dead deer reported. Traffic
stop, Written Warning issued. Assist other agency.



November 7
Arrest Warrant issued. Arrest Warrant issued.
Arrest Warrant issued. Arrest Warrant issued.
Open door discovered. Traffic stop, no action
taken. Injured deer reported. Traffic complaint.
Suspicious activity reported. Suspicious activity
reported. Welfare check requested.
November 8
Report of a dog at large. Missing dog reported.
Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop,
Citation issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued.
Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, Citation
issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Missing dog
reported. Report of a dog at large. 911 hang up.

Government Information

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Weston County Board of Commissioners
gives notice that county information can be
accessed on the Weston County website at www.
westongov.com
Dated this 7th day of July, 2014.
Mamie C. Krank, Weston County Clerk
(Publish November 13, 2014)

Hearing Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Hearing is being held for the following
projects, beginning at 3:00 pm:

CAMBRIA TANK
SWEETWATER WATER SUPPLY
NEWCASTLE 2015

When: December 2, 2014, 3:00 p.m.
Where: USDA-Forest Service Office
1225 Washington Blvd
Newcastle, Wyoming

The Wyoming Water Development
Commission will hold a public hearing to receive
comments on the Cambria Tank, Sweetwater
Water Supply and the Newcastle 2015 projects.
Representatives of the Water Development
Commission and the project sponsors will be
present to explain the proposed project and to
record comments.

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City Council Minutes

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2014

Mayor Greg James called the regular meet-
ing of Monday November 3, 2014 to order at 7:00
p.m. In attendance were: Don Steveson, Mayor
Greg James, Roger Hespe, Archie Callander,
Linda Hunt as well as one guest. Absent:
Todd Quigley and Kara Sweet. Also present
Department Heads: City Attorney Jim Peck,
Clerk/Treasurer Charita Brunner, Police Chief Jim
Owens and Engineer Bob Hartley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor James
added Item #1 under Mayor/Council reports,
a letter from The Newcastle Area Chamber of
Commerce and he added an Executive Session
before Claims regarding pending litigation and
property. Roger Hespe moved and Linda Hunt
seconded to approve the agenda for Monday,
November 3, 2014 as amended. MOTION
CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Archie Callander
moved and Roger Hespe seconded to approve
the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October
20, 2014. MOTION CARRIED.

NOMINATIONS FOR APPRECIATION OR
RECOGNITION: Archie Callander nominated the
new business "People First" which opened up on
Main Street.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION and
APPRECIATION: None.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS: - 1. Mayor
James read a request from the Newcastle
Chamber of Commerce to hold the annual
Christmas Lighted Parade on November 28,
2014; the chamber requested closing portions
of the street and that the sidewalks be available
for local vendors and carolers. Roger Hespe
moved and Don Steveson seconded to approve
the request from the Newcastle Area Chamber of
Commerce. MOTION CARRIED.

Todd Quigley joined the meeting at 7:06 p.m.
DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:
City Attorney Jim Peck - 1. spoke to the
Council regarding liquor licenses and how those
are administered.

City Engineer Bob Hartley 1. requested hir-
ing Tina Sundstrom at \$18/hr effective December
1, 2014 as the new building inspector to a full-
time position with a one year probation. Todd
Quigley moved and Archie Callander seconded
to approve the hiring request as presented.
MOTION CARRIED. 2. The crews have fin-
ished conduit work on the lights by the 4-Way
stop; waiting on John Keller Electric to install the
lights. 3. crews have done a little bit of patching
with cold mix before winter sets in. 4. will be
in Casper Wed. for an Industrial Siting meet-
ing regarding the Two Elks Power Plant. Then
on Thursday will have the hearing on the City's
grant application from the Water Development
Commission. 5. He reported on the details of the
water tank repairs.

Police Chief Jim Owens - 1. reviewed the
October Activity Report; 2. he informed Council
that Detective Williams will be leaving at the end
of November to take a job with the Wyoming
Highway Patrol.

City Clerk/Treasurer Brunner - 1. reviewed
the State Consensus Revenue Estimating Group
report of State finances; 3. read a list of the
Uncollectible Debts that the City has attempted
to collect and been unsuccessful. She requested
being allowed to write off the debt from the City
books and turn them over to the City's collection
agency. Linda Hunt moved and Don Steveson
seconded to approve extinguishing the uncollect-
ible debt for 2014 in the amount of \$666.39 and
authorize the clerk/treasurer's office to send the

debt to the City's collection agency. MOTION
CARRIED. This dollar amount was from two
accounts of persons who are deceased. 4. she
requested approval of Pinnacle Bank as an "offi-
cial depository" for public funds. Roger Hespe
moved and Linda Hunt seconded to approve the
request for approval of Pinnacle Bank as an offi-
cial depository. MOTION CARRIED.

Roger Hespe moved and Linda Hunt sec-
onded to suspend the rules and go into Executive
Session regarding possible litigation and property
at 7:26 p.m. Roger Hespe moved and Archie
Callander seconded to return to regular session
at 7:53 p.m.

Linda Hunt moved and Archie Callander sec-
onded to pay claims dated November 3, 2014.
MOTION CARRIED.

Archie Callander moved and Todd Quigley
seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 PM.
MOTION CARRIED.

Claims: Ad-Pro, office supplies, \$113.87;
Advanced drug Testing, DOT test/Newman,
\$26.00; All about Play, rubber mat, \$968.82;
Alpha Communications, tower rent, \$95.00;
American Engineering Testing, Landfill wells
monitored, \$5652.37; American Water Works,
membership, \$50.00; AT&T, cell phones, \$736.02;
B&K Cleaning, City Hall cleaning, \$360.50; BH
Power, electricity, \$11,467.63; BMS Software,
cemetary software, \$1586.25; BCBS, health
insurance, \$34,130.50; Blue Tarp Financial, sup-
plies, \$799.86; Bryand Streeter, airport wages,
\$1158.75; Bullseye Promotions, cemetary
block signs, \$823.65; Butler Machinery, sup-
plies, \$162.79; Centurylink, E911 bill, \$956.69;
Centurylink, ADE database, \$650.00; City of
Newcastle, WA/SW/GA, landfill deposits applied,
\$591.65; CNA Surety, position bond, \$100.00;
Croell Redi-Mix, lean concrete, \$383.00; Econo
Signs, sweatshirts, \$175.73; Fired Up Rescue,
leather boots, \$265.00; Fisher Sand & Gravel,
base course, Gambian, \$4042.94; Gametime,
aerosol paint, etc., \$3814.35; Gempler's gloves,
\$161.65 Grabar, maintenance, \$2148.00; Hillyard,
soap/towel/liners, \$120.39; International Code
Council, plan review, \$1963.00; James Peck,
attorney retainer, \$2800.00; Jenner Equipment,
filters, belt, \$243.95; John's Electric, water
tank gauge, \$558.00; Larry Honebrink, work-
station table, \$392.00; Lost Cabin Photo, fly-
ers, \$590.00; MasterCard, supplies/travel/
security, \$2964.08; MES Rocky Mtn, supplies
- FD, \$1159.63; Minuteman Lube, oil changes,
\$511.26; Newcastle Ambulance, ambulance
service, \$8333.33; Newcastle Motors, repairs,
\$1955.85; Newman Traffic Signs, signage,
\$1043.80; Office Shop Leasing, copier count,
\$63.86; Petty Cash, postage, \$6.49; Phil's Tire
Sales, tires, \$658.44; Powder River Energy,
electricity, \$300.81; Public Engines, subscription,
\$1400.00; Public Safety Center, supply hose FD,
\$2456.00; R. Douglas Dumbrell, judge fees/mile-
age, \$1086.24; RT Communications, telephone,
\$1208.61; Sourcegas, natural gas, \$382.90; Stan
Carlson, cement work, \$450.00; TOP Office,
PD copy chg, \$129.96; Tracey Tupa, reimb/sup-
plies, \$18.90; West River International, cylinder,
\$383.64; Weston Co. Treasurer, LEC utility share,
\$942.16; Weston Co. Public Health, flu shots/
employees, \$140.00; WAM, 2014 handbook,
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FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the "Note") dated 12/20/2006 executed and delivered by Perry D West to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by Perry D. West and Amanda R. West ("Mortgagor") to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., and which Mortgage was recorded on 12/21/2006, as Rec 690439, Book 293, Page 0085 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming; and

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

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$117,521.49 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$111,797.92 plus Interest accrued to 9/25/2014 of this notice in the amount of \$4,937.76 plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale;

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

NOW, THEREFORE Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on 11/18/2014 at the Weston County Courthouse, 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY, 82701, Weston County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

A tract of land in the NE 1/4 of Section 12, T47N, R65W, of the 6th P.M., Weston County, Wyoming, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the N 1/4 corner of Section 12, thence N88°12'00"E a distance of 247.00 feet to the true point of beginning, said point is a rebar and cap (LS-584); thence N88°12'00"E a distance of 660.00 feet to a rebar and cap (LS-584); thence S08°02'43"W a distance of 669.87 feet to a rebar and cap (LS-584); thence N41°22'26"W a distance of 856.20 feet to the true point of beginning.

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

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$144,142.61 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$95,196.92 plus Interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$39,139.13 plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale;

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

NOW, THEREFORE Wells Fargo Financial Wyoming, Inc., as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston, WY County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10 o'clock in the forenoon on November 18th, 2014 at the Weston County Court House located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, Wyoming, Weston County for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

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- At right angle to a ship
- Actress ____ Michele of "Glee"
- These lips sink ships
- *Reason to celebrate Thanksgiving
- *Pilgrim helper
- "C" ____ la vie!"
- Chopped fish bait
- "Casablanca" pianist
- Maui dance
- Horrify
- All over again
- Oily freshwater fish, native to Asia and Europe
- Red Sea peninsula
- Beehive State
- Aussie "bear"
- *Baste the turkey or set the table, e.g.
- *Cornucopia's shape
- Ill-gotten gains
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- Frame or trap
- *Marshmallows are placed ____ the sweet potatoes
- European Nuclear Society
- Very curious
- To nail, as in criminal
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- Bonanza find
- " ____ into Me" by Dave Matthews Band
- Dwarf buffalo
- * ____ Lett's famous Thanksgiving football blunder
- Reason to cram
- Three-layer cookie
- Sinks into a couch, e.g.
- Between rock and a hard place?
- In so far as, conjunction
- Popular rye bread addition
- *Cranberry ____
- Playwright Chekhov
- Had in mind
- Cambodia's neighbor
- Falafel bread
- Battery terminal
- Burdened
- *NFL hosts
- Helicopter sound
- Surveyor's map
- Extreme suffering
- Mouth sore
- Hawaiian dish
- *Macy's tradition
- Arrogant person

- Relating to barium
- "Hey ... over here!"
- "Do ____ others as..."
- Express complaint
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- Ability to work with people of various personality types
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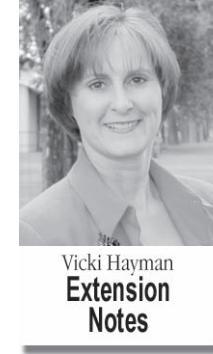
This beautiful, crusty, and fluffy bread is the result of just four ingredients! All it takes is flour, salt, yeast and water, all mixed up in a bowl. The best part of all? The dough only takes five minutes to come together, but it does take some time to rise. Make sure the flour is fresh and the yeast isn't expired. Start it in the morning and you'll be wowing your family and/or dinner guests with freshly baked bread without breaking a sweat. Give it a try!

Heat 1 cup of water. When the dough is ready to bake, take a sharp knife and slash the bread 2 or 3 times, making a cut about 1/2 inch deep in the shape of diagonal lines, a cross, or number symbol.

Being careful, pick up the parchment paper and slide the dough onto the very hot baking sheet or stone. If not using parchment paper, place the rimless cookie sheet with cornmeal on the stone or overturned sheet. Carefully pour the hot water into the shallow pan on the lowest oven rack. It will bubble and steam; close the oven door quickly.

Bake for 25-30 minutes, or until dough has a dark golden brown crust. When it is fully baked, leave it in the oven, heat turned off, and the door cracked a few inches. Cooling it in the oven makes the crust wonderfully crunchy.

Remove the bread from the oven and allow it to cool for at least 5 minutes for easier slicing. Enjoy!



The recipe:
 3 cups of warm water, about 100°F
 1 1/2 tablespoons of instant yeast — also known as “fast-rising” or “fast-acting” (2 packets)
 1 1/2 tablespoons of kosher salt
 6 1/2–7 1/2 cups of unbleached, all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting
 Parchment paper or 2 tablespoons cornmeal

Step 1: Mix, do not knead.
 Combine warm water, yeast, and salt in a large bowl or 6-quart food-safe dough-rising bucket. Mix well. Step 2: Add flour, a couple of cups at a time, and mix well with each addition. If you have a stand mixer, beat at medium speed with the beater blade for 30 to 60 seconds. Do not over-work the dough.

Step 2: Wait.
 Cover container with plastic wrap or lid. Do not seal the lid, just allow it to rest on the top so that it allows some of the gases to escape, but still holds in the warmth and moisture. Let the dough rise at room temperature in a warm spot for 2 hours, until dough doubles in bulk. (If pressed for time, skip the initial room-temperature rise, and stick it right into the fridge).

Step 3: The chill factor.
 Once the dough has doubled in size, refrigerate it for at least 2 hours, or for up to about 7 days. The longer the dough is chilled, the tangier it will develop; if refrigerated for 7 days, it will taste like sourdough.

Step 4: Bake.
 Line a rimless cookie sheet with parchment paper or sprinkle with cornmeal. This will prevent the dough from sticking.

Take the dough out of the refrigerator and sprinkle the top of it with flour; this will make it easier to grab.

Grease your hands, and pull off about 1/4 to 1/2 of the dough. This recipe will yield 4 one pound loaves.

Place the dough on the prepared cookie sheet. Shape the dough into a ball, long loaf, or flattened oval — no kneading! If necessary, sprinkle the dough with about 1-2 teaspoons of flour and gently spread it around to create an even distribution. Do not fuss around trying to make it a perfect shape. Allow dough to rest for 45 to 60 minutes.

During the second rise, preheat the oven to 450°F. Place a baking stone or overturned baking sheet on an upper oven rack and a metal (not glass) pan on the lower rack.

Bread Tips:
 Wait a minute — exactly how much flour should be used, 6 1/2 cups or 7 1/2 cups? Use 32 ounces, measured with a two-pound bag of unbleached all-purpose flour. The amount used depends on how the flour is measured. If measuring it by the “sifting and leveling” method, use 7 1/2 cups. If measuring via the “dip and level” method — that is, dip the cup into the flour canister, tapping the cup lightly to tamp it down, then level off the excess — use 6 1/2 cups. Why? Because flour you dip out of the canister can weigh about 25 percent more than flour measured by the “sift and level” method. Therefore, by volume, you use less of it to achieve the target weight of 32 ounces.

So what's with the steam? It settles on the bread's crust, making it soft and flexible enough to rise as high as possible during those first few crucial minutes of baking. The steam created by doing this is also what will give the dough a crispy crust.

This recipe is a great base for artisan bread flavors.


Mix 1 cup of whole-wheat flour with 5 1/2 cups of unbleached all-purpose flour. Using whole-wheat flour will change the texture and taste of the bread. Add 1/3 cup of bread flavoring such as pumpernickel, 12-grain, herb and garlic, or olive.

Blend in 1 tablespoon rolled oats, poppy seeds, ground flax seeds, and/or sesame seeds.

Sprinkle with 1 teaspoon poppy seeds, flax seeds, or sesame seeds. There really is no limit on what can be added to homemade bread: herbs, spices, cheese, nuts, dried fruit, olives, even preserved meats. Use your imagination! Note: If the dough is kept in the fridge too long, it will turn grey. At this point, wash the bowl/bucket and start again.

That's it! You did it! How easy was that? Wrap each loaf of bread in a dish towel and deliver it for a holiday gift!


(Sources: King Arthur Flour, www.instructables.com)



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