



# News Letter Journal

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## Witness intimidation case sent to District Court

Alexis Barker  
NLJ Reporter

A week after a Circuit Court judge ruled in a bond hearing that Caroline Scoutt could continue to be free on her own recognizance, the same judge determined that the state's case against her should be bound over to District

Court.

On November 9, Judge Matthew Castano heard an appeal of the original \$50,000 OR (Own Recognizance) bond that was set on Scoutt after she was arrested on October 29 for alleged intimidation of a witness who had been called to testify in a Coroner's Inquest that is looking into the 2015 death of Richard Campbell. He

didn't find reason to amend Scoutt's bail on that date, but on November 16, Castano determined that there was "probable cause to believe that an offense has been committed," according to court documents and ordered the case bound over to District Court.

Campbell was found dead in a trailer house on Scoutt's property on June 24, 2015, and the

nature of his relationship with Scoutt has been the focal point of the inquest that began on September 28.

After the first two sessions of the inquest were conducted on September 28 and 30, it was determined to continue the hearings on October

— See **Scoutt**, Page 7

## Pie dough



Yesterday at press time, The United Fund Pie Auction raised \$8,775.00 with some final tallying still to be done. Although numbers are down from previous years, community members bid and purchased hundreds of baked items with proceeds benefitting various non-profit organizations in our community. (Alexis Barker/NLJ)

## Hospital hurt by Medicaid cuts

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The State of Wyoming's revenue woes continue to impact communities across the state in unanticipated ways, and Weston County Health Services found themselves confronted by one of the state's new realities when the Medicaid program on October 1 discontinued the practice of paying fees for beds in long-term care units that are being held while a resident is temporarily receiving treatment in another facility.

Previously, Medicaid provided payment for up to 12 days while a facility held a bed for a patient. The holding of beds in long-term care occurs when the patient, for one reason or another, has to be transferred to another facility, which leaves their bed vacant for a period of time.

On November 17, the WCHS board discussed the issue, but no decision was made in regards to how exactly the policy at WCHS should be changed in response

to the change.

Quality Control Director JoAnn Farnsworth and CEO Maureen Cadwell presented a number of options to the board, but warned the group that individuals would probably express displeasure with the decision regardless of which option is chosen.

"We received a few months ago a list of ways the Department of Health was looking at reducing the Medicaid budget due to revenue shortfalls. They used to pay for so many days to hold a bed while patients were in another facility. What happened is, beginning October 1, they no longer are paying that," explained Cadwell.

She said that facilities across the state are trying to figure out whether to make Medicaid patients, or their families, pay for the cost of these "held" rooms.

"We wanted to bring this up to you. This is a big policy change for us," Cadwell told the board.

— See **Hospital**, Page 6

## Just in case

### County considers generators for government buildings

Alexis Barker  
NLJ Reporter

The Weston County Commissioners were initially hesitant to invest in equipment that would allow county government to continue operation during long-term power outages, but after a pair of conversations at meetings this month, it appears they may be willing to make that investment as winter approaches.

During the commissioners' meeting on November 1, County Administrator Dan Blakeman presented the group with two estimates for generators—one that would power the Weston County Courthouse during power outages and another that would provide the Road and Bridge building with power to run fuel pumps and, potentially, the rest of the building.

— See **Generators**, Page 3

## New motel coming soon East end construction boom continues

Alexis Barker  
NLJ Reporter

It appears all but certain that residents and visitors who have been clamoring for a new hotel in the community will soon be getting their wish, and when ground on the new facility is broken, it will be in a location where people have grown used to seeing construction taking place.

"A new hotel complex is being proposed for the City of Newcastle, Wyoming. D.A. Peterson & Associates, LLC, a land development company based in Lemmon, South Dakota, has purchased land adjoining the present Shopko building," a press release from D.A. Peterson & Associates, LLC declared.

The property is a lot just south of

the land occupied by Shopko near the four-way stop sign, and its location at the intersection of two major U.S. highways (16 and 85) has long been regarded as advantageous for this type of development. Pinnacle Bank just completed construction of their new branch at the same intersection, and a multi-million dollar renovation continues at the local hospital just a few hundred yards to the west of the property purchased for the new hotel.

The property's new owner, Doug Peterson, revealed some of his plans to the News Letter Journal on a recent visit to Newcastle.

"Groundwork should begin within the next few weeks," he declared, indicating that the project manager who will oversee construction of the community's newest business venture

has been on-site for some time.

Plans for the hotel complex include the construction of 59 rooms in a two-story, upscale facility that will be home to an indoor pool, a 1,500 square foot fitness center, sports bar and banquet facilities for 300, and an additional smaller meeting room for 30.

"Surveys show this is what Newcastle is lacking," Peterson reasoned, noting that studies indicate the banquet facility in particular is something the community presently lacks. He hopes the new complex will allow Newcastle to host an array of gatherings and events, and believes that Weston County will have a better chance of attracting things like athletic tournaments and legislative meetings once the facility is in operation.



The new motel scheduled to be built on the east end of town will look very similar to the one built by the company in Bowman, North Dakota. (Submitted photo)

— See **Motel**, Page 7

<b>WEATHER FORECAST</b>	<b>Thursday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 42, Lo 24	<b>Friday</b> Sunny Hi 50, Lo 30	<b>Saturday</b> Chance of Rain Hi 49, Lo 24	<b>Sunday</b> Sunny Hi 40, Lo 22	<b>Monday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 39, Lo 22	<b>Tuesday</b> Mostly Cloudy Hi 33, Lo 20	<b>Wednesday</b> Sunny Hi 32, Lo 19	<b>INSIDE</b> • Deer Disease, Page 8 • Second Grade Salute, Page 10 • Post-Season Awards, Page 11 • Achievement Awards, Page 12	



# Opinion

## News Letter Journal

### Our view

## Anonymous tip line is dangerous

A few weeks ago, the State of Wyoming unveiled a new program that at least one official has guaranteed will save lives, but we fear the opposite could prove true.

Late last month, the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security rolled out the Safe2Tell program, and that agency's director boldly predicted the anonymous tip line that allows Wyoming students to report a variety of concerns through an app, website or phone number would be a game-changer.

"This program has the ability to save lives, and it will save lives," Guy Cameron boasted when the pilot program for Safe2Tell was launched in the Natrona County School District on October 26. State and school officials are so certain that the program will make a positive impact that they held an event to celebrate the launch.

We certainly acknowledge that these issues— and their growing prevalence among our youth— are legitimate, and even terrifying, concerns. At the same time, we can't help but be struck by the irony of an anonymous tip line being used to confront these issues, given the fact that the bullying and threats that are so often linked to youth suicide often occur under the cloak of anonymity— especially when it comes to social media and digital technology.

We fear the State of Wyoming may have just created another platform on which the cowards who use modern technology to anonymously bully and threaten others can prey on their victims.

Additionally, while proponents of Safe2Tell pat themselves on the back for breaking a "culture of silence," and combatting "students' fear of reporting or being called a snitch," we are concerned that government is again guilty of treating symptoms of a disease instead of addressing the actual cause of it.

"The goal of Safe2Tell is to intervene at the earliest possible point in the life of a young person who is struggling," Cameron said at the launch party.

That certainly sounds good on the surface, but this approach fails to take into account that the best way for young people to be protected from such things ultimately lies in our ability to teach them how to protect themselves. Cameron's statement indicates a belief that students should immediately report any and every perceived issue, and we can't help but believe that children will be even less likely to develop coping skills than they are now as a result.

For now, the program has only been implemented in the Casper area, but officials intend to have it up and running statewide by the end of this school year. By this time next year, the tip line may very well save a few lives, but we have to wonder how many other children will become "at risk" as a result of the state's willingness to take the easy way out on these issues.

At the end of the day, it is hard to argue that these problems confronting modern children stem, in part, from the loss of communication and relationship skills that occurs as a result of their growing dependence on digital communication, as evidenced by their apparent unwillingness to report things as serious as potential suicides and threats of violence— even to parents and school teachers— unless they can do so anonymously.

Making concessions to that troubling trend certainly isn't doing anything fix the real problem.

### Letters to the Editor

#### It isn't Thanksgiving until...

Dear Editor,  
It isn't Thanksgiving until thanks has been given!

The thanks that is in the hearts of the Chord family to Newcastle and surrounding communities is as strong today as it was six and a half months ago, but it has not yet been publicly expressed.

We regret that, for we have been touched beyond words in countless ways by the hearts and generosity of this wonderful community.

How do you even begin to say thank you to the people who came running when they heard about the May 3 car accident?

Do they know that God ministered to us so beautifully through their hands to bring us the help and comfort we so desperately needed?

From the first responders at the accident site who themselves had to deal with the devastation of loss, yet so graciously offered their comfort, to our amazing pastor who came as a first responder to our home and worked tirelessly for days, to the droves of friends, coworkers, neighbors, family, students, and those who had experienced similar loss who came to lift us up in the perfect way that God enabled them to minister, we thank you!

Every need was covered even before we realized the need!

I remember one moment of desperation when I remembered that we didn't have enough Kleenex in the house, only to realize that several boxes had already arrived!

The outpouring of food, coolers

filled with drinks, the beautiful flowers and plants, hugs, cards, memorial gifts, and even thoughtful gifts for the children to enjoy, were all received with understanding of the love and support in which they were given.

You taught us how to care for the hurting!

The Weston County School District quickly stepped up to help in so many ways! From providing transportation for students who wanted to go to the burial, to preparing the auditorium for Laura's memorial service, for the custodians who worked extra hours, to teachers who volunteered to clean up afterwards, and for those who made sure we received Laura's belongings and writings from school, we are so very grateful.

We also want to express our thanks to the News Letter Journal, classmates, the Newcastle track team and coaches, the Upton and Sundance Schools, the Weston County Fair and Jr. Rodeo, and all other articles written and meaningful memorials that were done on behalf of Laura and ultimately for those who miss her!

Perhaps above all else, we thank you for your prayers! God truly has answered your prayers in countless ways. Even though this journey is painful beyond words, it has also been amazing to see how God is answering the prayer of Laura's heart that people would realize the need of having a personal relationship with Jesus! We continue to pray that this would be so!

So to everyone of you who walked through this difficult time with us, either by our sides, or from afar, we do give our thanks to you, not only on this Thanksgiving, but for eternity!

—Laura Chord's family

### Need to talk to a public servant?

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### Local couple shows kindness to military wife

Dear Editor,

I would like to tell you about an amazingly caring couple in your community, but I am unsure of their names. All I know is they live in your community!

I am a military wife stationed at Ellsworth Air Force Base. I met this wonderful couple at the Walmart in Rapid City on Studer Rd., and struck up a conversation with them about my children and their grandchildren being the same age— and how similar they were.

During the conversation, I asked them if they were from the area, and they mentioned Newcastle. They, in return, asked me where I was from (Iowa originally) but we had only moved here six months ago, and I had briefly mentioned my husband was deployed.

While the cashier was checking out my items, they thanked me and my family for our service, and offered to pay for my items. (I was shopping for my daughter's birthday gifts.)

I replied with a kind "No, thank you, you don't have to do that!"

They insisted, saying they are appreciative of our service, and they really wanted to do this for us

What they didn't know was that we had been struggling! I had a really bad job, which I had to quit due to bad management, and I hadn't made a lot of money because I was in between jobs! I have one child in full-time daycare, and one in after-school care, and I had just started a new job but hadn't yet gotten paid for that job.

We are truly blessed for the generosity of this beautiful couple! I wish I knew their name, but I hope you all read this and publish this story because they deserve the recognition!

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

—Ariel Thompson

### Her wealth is measured in the lives she touched

Dear Editor,

Sadly, the merit of an individual is measured by the size of their bank accounts! Truth be known, the real merit of an individual is in the number of people we call our friends. The physical touch is easily counted, but how can one count those that have been touched in mind and soul when we, our-

selves, do not realize the impact one has on another as we pass through life.

To quote Lou Gehrig, "today... I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the Earth."

Only now can my wife, Beth's, "wealth" be taken into account.

Today, I was handed an envelope, and in it were many names from the graduating class of 1989. I cannot explain clearly the many different feelings that surrounded me as I read their names over and over. A class from so many years gone by, and yet they remain close to one another, so united that their names are one "Class of 1989!"

From the bottom of my heart, I say thank you for this tribute you all have given to my beautiful wife, Beth Ann.

God bless you all!

—Dick Crawford

### Presidential election didn't halt the decay of Congress

Dear Editor,

No need for a post-mortem on the last election. That has already been done and over-done.

What remains is the swamp of corruption that is Washington. That may be a harder nut to crack.

There is big money at stake, which is the government trough to which the citizens' money is consigned. The involved politicians are not the same hillbillies from Duck Dynasty who voted so enthusiastically for the Donald.

They are real cage fighters. With fortunes at stake, they will not so easily be led astray. Out of this chaos, one thing becomes perfectly clear. "We The People" will still be responsible for cleaning out the Aegean Stables that are The Congress of the United States.

The lust for political power, usually accompanied by the greed for more loot, has ruined most, if not all, of those we send to Washington.

Some we send are already ruined by their own character flaws. On the other hand, "the people can never act, consult or reason together," observed John Adams over 200 years ago.

More recently, Lenin opined that "Representative Institutions" were unavoidable.

George Washington worried about and warned that political parties would be our undoing.

President Eisenhower cautioned about the rising power of the Military-Industrial Complex.

All of these observations and predictions are becoming or have become true.

Are we doomed to perpetual political turmoil? Seems like it!

Perhaps the only salvation might be Hobbism, a theory that absolutism in government is necessary to prevent the war of each against all, to which natural selfishness inevitably leads mankind.

President Theodore Roosevelt observed that, "behind each ostensible government sits, enthroned an invisible government owing no allegiance and acknowledging no responsibility to "the people."

That is as true today as it was during Teddy's administration.

There is no other reasonable explanation for our extremely large and growing disparity of personal wealth, financial deregulation, unnecessary and failed wars, runaway defense spending and a health care system controlled by the drug companies, insurance companies, and regulations— written by them in collusion with the members or agents of the medical and hospital associations.

Misapplied and corrupt capitalism is a large and growing factor in the dysfunction of our economy. It is probably the main factor that is driving so many citizens to unemployment, welfare or the "streets."

We used to be so much better than that.

—Jerry Baird

### Christmas Tea will be held a week later this year

Dear Editor,

The Christmas Tea is a local tradition usually held on the first Friday of December each year. Because of the events being held on this day, we will hold the Christmas Tea on the second Friday of December.

This year, the host church will be the Corpus Christi Catholic Church. The Catholic Church wishes to extend an invitation to all families in the surrounding area to attend this special and festive time of celebration and fellowship.

The theme is "Keeping Christ in Christmas" and it will be held on December 9, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Catholic Church at 19 West Winthrop.

Each church is asked to bring a dozen and a half cookies and a dozen and a half finger sandwiches by 10:30 a.m. on December 9.

Each church is also asked to decorate one table using the above theme. Please call me at (307)746-9381 to set up decorating times and for more information. If you can help to serve during this time, please call.

Your presence will make this a special and memorable time for community Christian fellowship in preparation for the Christmas season.

—Barb Hansen



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# Generators from page 1.....

Blakeman told the commissioners that the generators, especially the one at the road and bridge shop, would be necessary in emergency situations, such as those created by a blizzard, but the commissioners questioned whether or not it was really a need.

Commissioner Randy Rossman commented that it is unlikely the generators would be used more than once every three to four years, but Blakeman cautioned the group that such purchases prove their worth when difficult situations do arise.

“The Sheriff of Campbell County told me one time that you are always waiting for the next big emergency. You won’t think it’s big until there are plow trucks waiting there [at the fuel pumps],” professed Blakeman.

That concern kept the issue alive, and discussion continued on November 15 when Josh Liggett with 21 Electric came to answer questions the commissioners had regarding the generators and their installation. The original estimates for the

installation of the generators were \$6,600 for an 11-kilowatt unit to be installed at the Road and Bridge shop, and \$8,900 for a larger kilowatt generator to be installed at the courthouse.

The courthouse generator was not a main topic of discussion because it is believed that this can be included during potential remodeling of the Weston County Courthouse, or that it could be funded through courthouse security funds.

It was determined, however, that the suggested generator for Road and Bridge would probably be a necessity, and the commissioners hoped they may be able to get the Wyoming Highway Patrol, Weston County Sheriff’s Department and the Newcastle Police Department to help pay for the installation and equipment because those agencies use the fuel station as well.

The cost estimate originally provided to the commissioners was for an 11 kilowatt generator, but the commissioners questioned how much of the building would be able to be powered by something that size.

Liggett shared that for roughly \$1,000 more than the estimated he provided, the county could have a 20-kilowatt generator installed that would be capable of powering the whole facility.

“What is the benefit to having power to the whole building?” questioned Commissioner Marty Ertman.

Blakeman replied that the additional power would allow for the garage doors to be opened and vehicles to be pulled inside on days when the power was out, and Rossman asserted that for only \$1,000 more he does not see why the county would not install the larger generator and provide power to the whole building because the potential is there to need it.

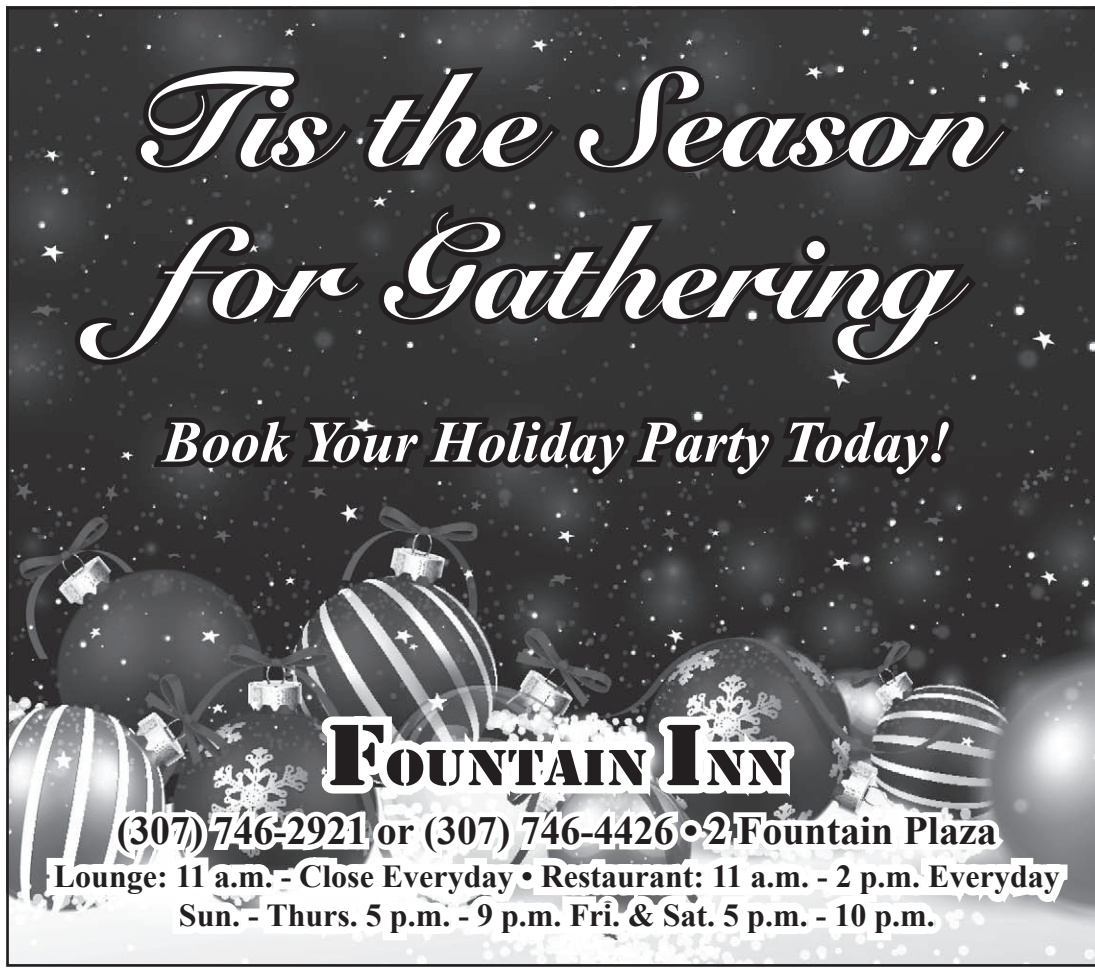
The commissioners were not willing to commit to a purchase until they could be more certain of what was necessary for the Road and Bridge building, so agreed to allow Blakeman to continue to explore the 20-22 kilowatt generator options available and provide further information to them in the future.

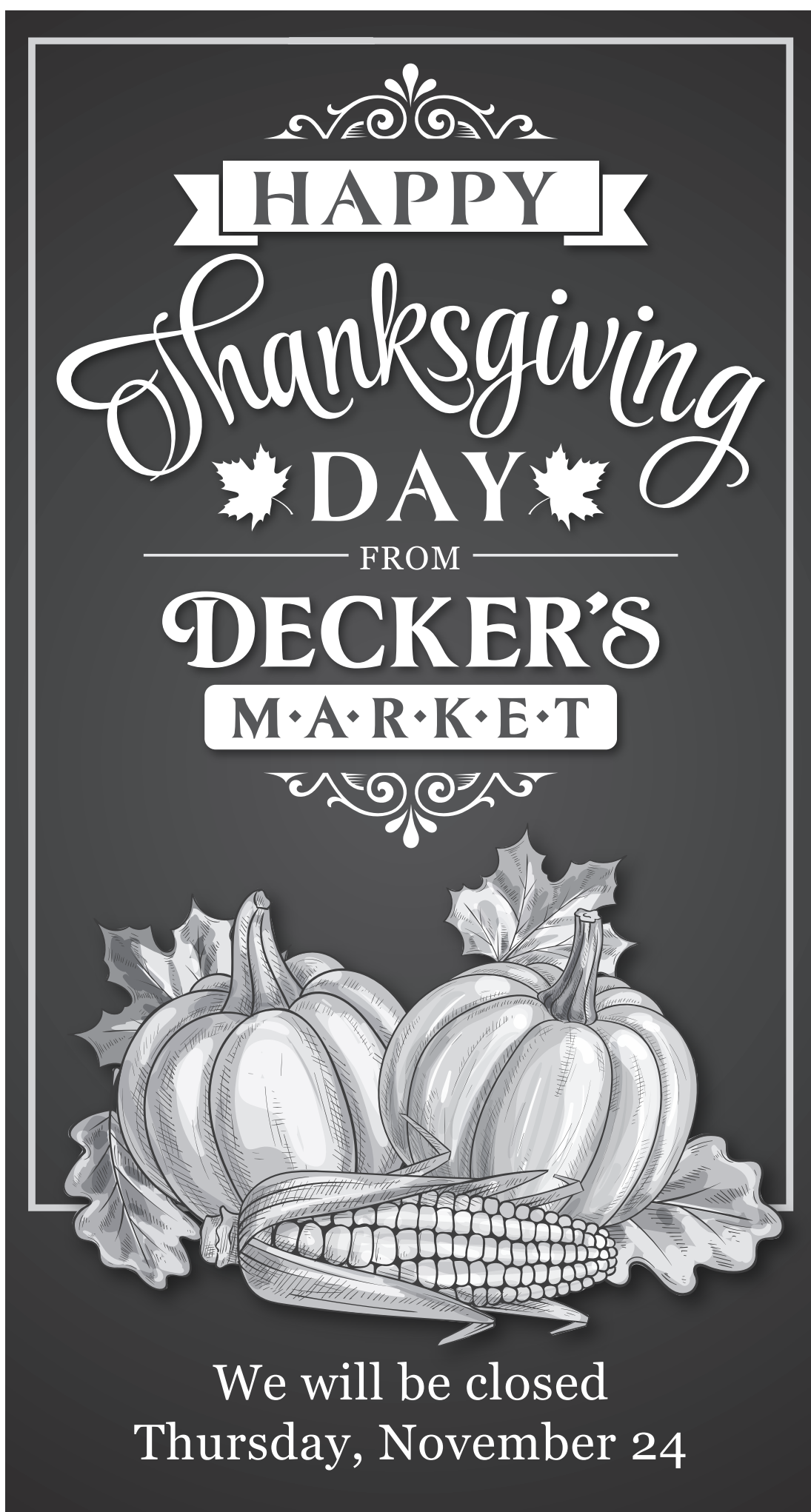
### Commission Clips

Notes from the November 15 Weston County Commissioners meeting.

- County Clerk Jill Sellers informed the commissioners that the auditors would be present that week, beginning Tuesday afternoon and ending their stay on Friday.
- Sellers provided an election update for the commissioners and reported that Weston County saw 93.11 percent of registered voters casting a ballot with a total of 493 new voters this year, which is almost a 13 percent increase. This was an all time record for Weston County, although it was not the highest turnout in Wyoming.
- The total cost of special election for the Weston County Solid Waste District was \$1,899.34, and Sellers informed the commissioners that she would be billing the district for that cost.
- Commissioner Tony Barton suggested that the county look into getting an alarm system in the basement that would alert someone if there was a water main break. He said that they are pretty simple devices, and explained that many of them just sit on the ground and sound an alarm if they detect water.
- \*Commissioner Randy Rossman mentioned that the Weston County Fairgrounds should be required to sustain themselves financially. He pointed out that Mallo Camp is required to do so, and noted that entity receives less money from the county than the fairgrounds. He expressed that, “The fairgrounds needs to step up to the plate a bit,” and suggested that those who govern the facility need to do a better job of utilizing what the fairgrounds has to offer.
- A budget amendment hearing is scheduled for December 6 at 10:00 a.m. in reference to unanticipated revenue.
- The commissioners approved a number of liquor licenses, included one that simply transferred the liquor license for the West End into another individual’s name. The other two were for business that already possessed licenses, but requested the ability to dispense

- alcohol in different locations within their facilities. These were the Flying V and the Pizza Barn.
- Stan Sheehan was reappointed to the Mondell Airport Board.
- A motion to offer the position Mallo manager position to Caleb Thompson was approved by the commission. Commissioner Tracy Hunt maintained that the decision was hard to make due to a slate of good candidates for the position.
- County Administrator Dan Blakeman shared a report on the Crook County cattle guard policy hearing that he attended on November 1. Blakeman reported that more than 60 people showed up to contest the Crook County policy, and reasoned that there has to be a balance that will make people happy in Weston County. Blakeman asserted that the county needs a policy— or at least guidelines— to use when people come in to request cattle guards. This would prevent the Road and Bridge Supervisor from having to make those decisions on his own.
- Commissioner Tony Barton informed Blakeman that the commissioners had come up with a few things they would like to see improved while discussing Blakeman’s evaluation. The commissioners primary concern was with the level of communication between the County Administrator and the commissioners, and urged him to use emails to keep the group updated on what he is doing and learning. Barton was adamant that they did not need to have every detail in the email because they would still want a verbal report at meetings so the public would have an opportunity to be informed as well.
- “We are not looking to micromanage your hours, we don’t want to know about bathroom breaks. Just give us a little background information and anything you are going to hand out in the meeting beforehand,” Barton requested.








## 20 Meadow View Ln

This property has it all! Breathtaking views, country living with the convenience of being close to town, and just off the highway! This home features an open kitchen, dining room, and living room floor plan. The master bedroom has an attached master bath with garden tub. A freight elevator makes moving items into the basement a breeze. Large 30X50 shop is insulated, heated, and has a bathroom.


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### Safety first when stringing holiday lights

Holiday decorations help make a special time of year even more memorable. Whether you’re hanging mistletoe above a doorway or decking the halls, safety must be a priority when decorating a home for the holidays.

Accidents can happen no matter what type of holiday decorating you’re doing, but stringing holiday lights around your home may be especially dangerous. This season, keep the following safety tips in mind when stringing lights so this season of celebration starts off safe and sound.

- Work with at least one partner. Never go it alone when stringing holiday lights. Make sure someone is there to hold the ladder steady as you climb up and down. Partnering up when stringing holiday lights allows decorators to use both of their hands to climb up ladders instead of using one of their hands to carry lights. Once they reach a point where it’s safe to hang lights, they can then have a helper hand them the lights. If possible, work in groups of three so someone can hold the ladder steady at all times.
- Inspect lights before hanging them. Lights are not built to last forever, and over time holiday lights can suffer damage that has the potential to be dangerous. Wires can fray, and sockets can crack or break. Inspect lights and wires before hanging them, replacing any that pose a hazard. When replacing bulbs, be sure to replace them with bulbs of equal wattage.
- Use an extension cord of adequate length. Exterior holiday lights are often plugged into extension cords that

extend to a shed or garage. Do not connect several extension cords to power holiday lights; instead, use just a single cord that’s lengthy enough to reach the outlet. Connecting extension cords is a fire hazard. In addition, make sure the amperage of the decorations matches the amperage rating of the extension cord, which can be found on the product label or possibly on the manufacturer’s website. Make sure the extension cord is not plugged into the power source while you are hanging the lights.

- Make sure lights do not pose a safety hazard inside. Some people string holiday lights indoors as well. Lights might be hung on Christmas trees or along hallways. Such lights and the cords connecting them to power sources should never pose safety hazards, so make sure they are not lying on the floor. Staple lights to the wall and never place them beneath furniture or rugs. Lights can overheat when placed beneath rugs, and lights that are not properly secured to a wall can pose certain dangers, including being potential tripping hazards.
- Hang the correct lights. When stringing lights, make sure you hang lights designated as exterior lights on the exterior of your home and those designated as interior lights inside your home. Hanging lights in the wrong places poses a fire hazard and creates additional safety concerns, so adhere to manufacturer instructions when stringing lights.

Safety should reign supreme when stringing holiday lights around the house.



## Calling All Elves!



*Santa is in need of your help!*  
Due to rising costs and the growth of our community, Operation Santa is looking for donations. No gift is too small.

All donations can be dropped off or mailed to the Newcastle Police Department. For more information, please call Amber Mason, (208) 316-7749 or 746-4486.

## The Hop Thanksgiving Dinner

Turkey, Ham & all the Trimmings for your donation! So come have Thanksgiving with us.

November 24  
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.



# Recapture A PIECE OF HISTORY

**November 28, 1890**  
"Missonli Jane" who has been one of Newcastle's most conspicuous oddities since the town started this week sold her belongings & went to Hill City.

Warren Avenue is being graded in front of the new city hall.

John P. Ost is building a large addition to his commodious store room, preparatory to filling up with a heavy line of furniture & Christmas goods.

Messer's Becker & Holly the liverymen, will run a daily hack line between Newcastle & Cambria, leaving Newcastle at one o'clock and returning at six.

The Deadwood Police raided the gambling house of Dwyer & O'Dell on Wednesday of last week & run in the whole gang of dealers.

**November 30, 1916**  
A "hard times" masquerade dance will be given by the Sage Brush Social Club on Friday evening, December 8th, at the home of C.D. Keef on South Beaver, two miles west & one mile south of Howard. A premium will be given to the party wearing the best makeup.

The ladies of Newcastle joined in making up Thanksgiving dinner for the members of Company A. now stationed at Deming, New Mexico. Nothing was omitted

that is usual in the feast of this kind, from the fixings to the delicacies, & a large dry goods box was required to carry the shipment. The box was sent by express last Thursday evening & its contents will be enjoyed by the boys.

Ex-marshal Johnnie Johnson motored in from his Howard homestead Sunday, returning Monday afternoon.

Julius Frederickson, of Green Mountain, brought in a load of grain Tuesday, taking back with him a load of supplies.

Dr. & Mrs. E.E. La Frierier entertained the O.O.L.L. Club & other guests at their regular monthly social meeting Monday evening.

W.J. Morgan accompanied Frank Thornton to Rawlins last Saturday, where Thornton commences to serve his term of eighteen months to two year's hard labor at the penitentiary. Mr. Morgan returned home Tuesday evening.

Ross. W. Rhinehart, of the Ohio Company, at the LAK Ranch, started a crew of men

at work last Tuesday to build a sheep shed 70 x 350 feet in size. This is the first shed built in this vicinity of such a large size, & will shelter a large bunch of sheep.

**November 27, 1941**  
Hundreds of colored lights will flash on along the business district here Saturday night, setting the pace for the city-wide decorations that, in the past, have instilled the spirit here throughout the Holiday Season.

The capacity of the LAK Dam, one of the largest privately owned dams in the Rocky Mountains, will soon be increased more than 40 percent, H.A. Gudger, manager of the Ohio Company's vast ranch holdings announced.

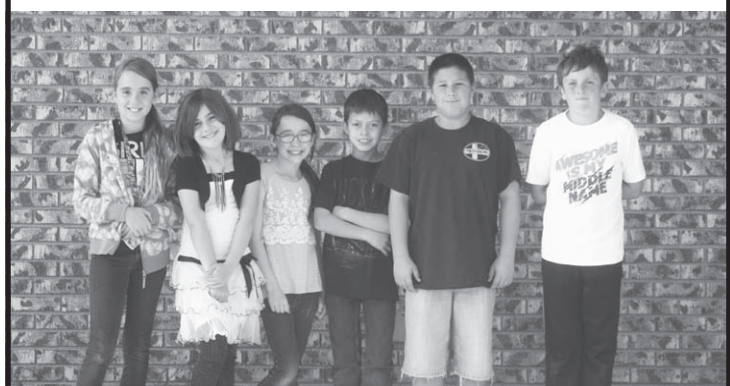
Reward posted for suspects in the Upton fire. Whispers of sabotage that followed the disastrous fire October 31 at the American Colloid Bentonite Plant near Upton gained credence this week with the announcement of the \$1000 reward for information leading to the arrest & conviction "of any party or parties for responsibility for the fire."

A fire, believed started by a gasoline stove, inflicted heavy damage early Monday to the residence of W.S. Bell in Forest Park addition. Refinery employees, were first to arrive with firefighting equipment, assisted the volunteer fire department in bringing the blaze under control.

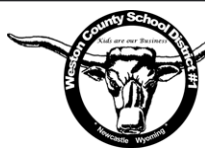
Dr. W.O. Horton, Peter & Christy Smith, & C.J. Jensen of Greenwich, Conn., spent the weekend at the Art Stortz's hunting lodge at Lisco, Mont. The hunters were after wild geese & ducks & all returned with their game birds.

Plans are being completed for an oyster supper to be held at the Prairie Store at 6:30 Friday evening, Nov. 28th, to celebrate the completion of a bumper harvest of wheat & other grains, and to create more interest in Farm Bureau activities.

## Good Deed Lunch



Camara Bell 5th, Astrid Karr 3rd,  
Lizzy Mills 4th, Christian Cole 4th,  
Jordan Varner 5th, Liam Gorman 4th



Thank you Pizza Hut for hosting this month's Good Deed Lunch and partnering with Newcastle Elementary School to reward students who display good citizenship by helping others.

## Should have seen it in color



The Prairie Store, painted by George Butler. (Photo Courtesy of Anna Miller Museum)

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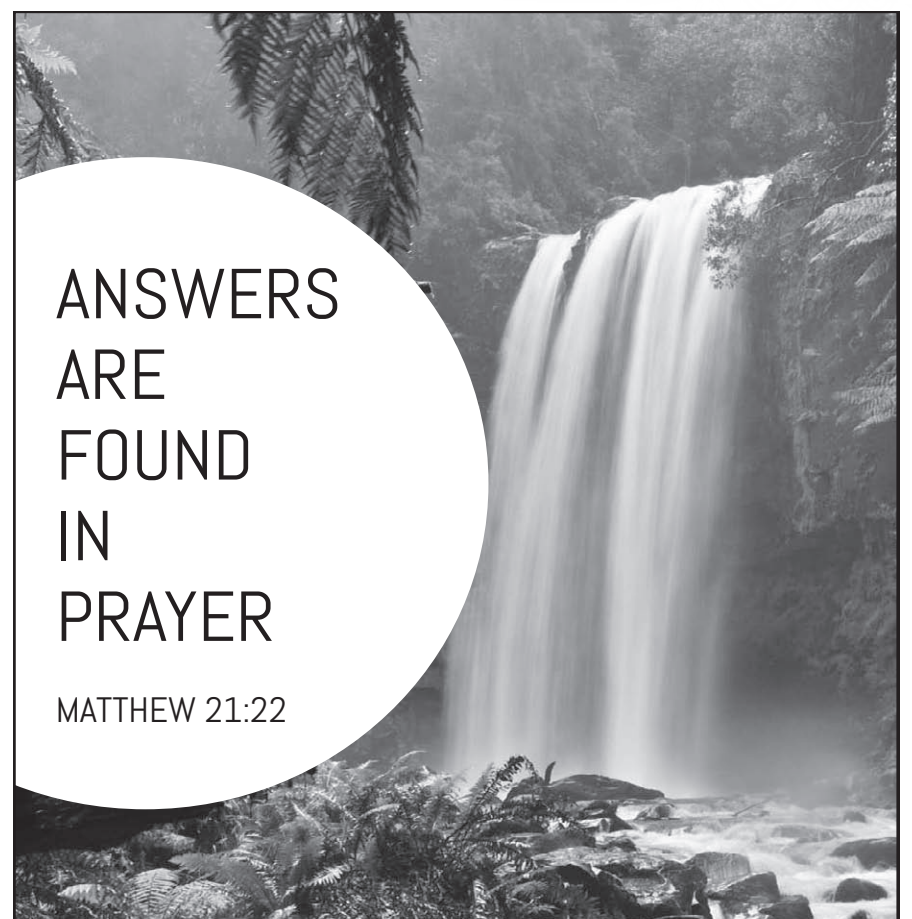
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- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:** Pastor Gary Anderson, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Evening Service 6 pm; AWANA Clubs 6:30 pm.
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- KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES:** 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. Sun. Worship 10 am; Wed. Night Prayer.
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### Daily Devotional Reading

Nov 24 Psalm 65	Nov 25 Psalm 66	Nov 26 Psalm 67	Nov 27 Matthew 24.1-28	Nov 28 Matthew 24.29-51	Nov 29 Matthew 25.1-30	Nov 30 Matthew 25.31-46
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## Laughing ladies



Mamie Plymness Sconiers and Dorothy Walker Brown are all smiles during the First United Methodist Church's annual holiday bazaar. (Pamela Penfield/NLJ)

## Obituary

### Rosetta Mae Colson Feb. 16, 1940-Nov. 3, 2016

Rosetta Mae Colson passed away on November 3, 2016 in Casper, Wyoming. Rosetta was born on February 16, 1940 in Forbes, ND to Lyle and Doris Morrow. She spent her school years in Forbes and at her grandparent's farm nearby.

Rosetta married Merrill A Tanner in 1959 and raised two children in Newcastle, WY. Rosetta was very active raising & training Arabian horses. Rosetta was a 4-H leader, helped her own as well as other kids in rodeo, cheered on school sports, and drove a local school bus. Rosetta and

Merrill divorced in 1978. Rosetta later worked for Burlington Northern and the Lamp Lighter Lounge which is where she met Raymond (Ray) Colson. Rosetta married Ray in 1980. Rosetta and Ray spent most of their married lives on a ranch north of Gillette where Ray was employed as a ranch hand. They spent much of their time participating with the Gillette chapter of the Pony Express and loved the activities on the ranch. Rosetta and Ray continued to raise horses and loved all their extended family and friends that frequented the ranch. When the ranch changed owners, Rosetta and Ray moved to Ipswich, SD where they bought a small

house. Ray passed away in 2009 and Rosetta continued to live in Ipswich until 2012 when she moved to Casper to be closer to her son and daughter.

Rosetta is survived by her children, Billy Dale Tanner of Colorado and Carmel Gail Brantz of Casper, 4 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and many extended family and friends.

Rosetta was preceded in death by her parents Lyle and Doris Morrow and husband Ray Colson.

A memorial service will be held Saturday December 3, 2016 at the Mount Pisgah Cemetery Shelter in Gillette at 2 p.m. with a reception to follow.

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## WHAT'S UP

### November 2016

#### Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>Thurs 24</b> 7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
<b>Fri 25</b> 11:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	WC Library Board Meeting Bingo	Library VFW Hall
<b>Sat 26</b> 7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting	Cambria Church Basement
<b>Sun 27</b> 7:15 p.m.	Women Only Life Recovery Meeting	Cambria Church Basement
<b>Mon 28</b> 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Low Vision Support Group AA Meeting	WC Senior Center WC Senior Center, Family Room
<b>Tues 29</b> 7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Mondell Heights, Breakfast Room
<b>Wed 30</b> 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lions Club NA Meeting	WC Senior Center Cambria Church Basement

### December 2016

<b>Thurs 01</b> 1:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	VFW Auxiliary Salt Creek Water District AA Meeting WC Museum District Masons	WC Senior Center District Office WC Senior Center, Family Room Anna Miller Museum Masonic Lodge #13
<b>Fri 02</b> 9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Red Nose Winter Fest Pinnacle Bank Festival of Trees Bingo	Downtown WC Senior Center VFW Hall
<b>Sat 03</b> 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Red Nose Winter Fest Lighted Parade Santa at Isabella's NA Meeting	Main Street Isabella's Cambria Church Basement

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For a complete listing of events, for more information on these events, or to list your own event, visit the Chamber website at [newcastlewyo.com](http://newcastlewyo.com)

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

**November 25**  
Vincent Stanton

**November 26**  
Greg Stanton  
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Groner  
Mike Ronning

**November 28**  
Beau Bradford  
Jeannette Patik

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## Grinning greeter



Mike Carpenter, PA-C, in his holiday fashions, mans the door and welcomes the community to the First United Methodist Church's annual bazaar, Christmas in Wyoming last Saturday. (Pamela Penfield/NLJ)

## Hospital

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Cadwell and Farnsworth explained to the board that hospital personnel had discussed the issue and initially felt that holding the bed for three days without charging would represent the best route for the hospital moving forward, but backed away from recommending that solution after investigating how other facilities were confronting the problem.

Farnsworth told the board that she had broached the topic with other facilities in Wyoming, and learned that the only two—Wheatland and Sheridan—that had made a decision and begun moving forward with it were going to assess charges to their Medicaid patients from day one.

It was estimated during the meeting that this loss of money could total up to \$30,000 a year if the facility continues to hold beds at no cost for extended periods of time. The current daily rate for a bed in the Weston Manor is just shy of \$200, and Cadwell reminded the board that the specific clients that will be affected by their decision may not have the resources available to cover that fee.

"Some Medicaid folks may not have the money to pay. That is a concern too," she said.

"I'm suggesting you think this thing through," asserted WCHS Attorney Jim Peck, who strongly suggested that

the entire board needs to support that decision that will be made and understand the ramifications of that decision.

"It is going to come back, and you are going to have complaints," he predicted.

He acknowledged that patients on Medicaid may not have the money to pay for those days when they are at another facility, but pointed out that there are individuals who are depleting their own resources and paying for their own stay in the manor. He warned that such clients would feel it is unfair that they are required to pay for days when they are at other facilities, but Medicaid patients are not.

Cadwell said that the decision was touchy, but agreed that the fact that self-pay manor residents are currently paying from day one to hold their bed at the facility, while Medicaid residents aren't paying anything at present, demands that a decision be made one way or the other.

"No matter what you do, there are potentially emotional issues with people," Peck nodded.

Cadwell suggested that the board and staff could consider a reduced rate for the days that a bed is being held, instead of charging the full \$199. She further indicated that a reduced rate could be offered to both Medicaid and self-pay residents. She said the decrease may be justified because the fees that are currently charged

cover both the bed and the care given to such residents. As such, she indicated that the care portion of the payment—or part of it—could be removed from the fee charged for days when a bed is simply being held.

At the same time, the hospital's budget is based on the assumption that those beds will

be full, and generating revenue accordingly, so the board was asked to think about the issue for the next month. At their December meeting, the group hopes to develop a plan that will minimize the level of displeasure expressed by patients and their families, but still provide the facility with the funds they require to operate.

## Tax support remains strong

Alexis Barker  
 NLJ Reporter

WCHS CEO Maureen Cadwell reported on the success of the hospital's mill levy in this month's election at last week's board meeting, noting that the hospital lost a bit of ground and approval came by a few percentage points less than in previous years.

She was impressed, however, with the results in Upton, where approval of the three additional mills being levied rose by 3.91 percent for voters inside the Town of Upton, and saw a 1.87 percent increase among those voters from the rural areas outside of Upton.

WCHS Attorney Jim Peck suggested the success of such tax measures here is somewhat unusual, indicating that other counties throughout Wyoming have wondered how Weston County has succeeded in passing these additional taxes.

"I think the people of this county have really stepped up and said this is our home, and we need to keep things new," remarked Peck, noting that the voters not only approved the hospital tax, but also gave the nod to a new three mill levy for the Weston County Solid Waste District.

Peck commented that this amount of support is impressive, and believes it proves that residents throughout the county understand that it may take a little bit of money to take care of the things that are valuable to the community.

### Hospital Happenings

Notes from the November 17 Weston County Health Services Board Meeting.

- CFO Lynn Moller shared data on growth in both the net worth of the facility and the net patient revenue over the last five years. The net worth of WCHS has grown 31 percent over a five year span, or 6 percent per year. Net patient revenue saw an even larger increase of 34 percent, after contractual adjustments, over the same five year period.
- Moller reported that sales tax collections are going strong, and the facility received \$111,000 for the month of October to be used to pay off the current

- renovation project.
- A construction pay application for \$537,991.51 was approved by the board. This brings the total of paid out funds to \$9.2 million, out of the \$12 million laid out in the contract with Scull Construction, the general contractor for the job.
- The board approved employee holiday bonuses totaling \$6,850 for the 137 full and part time employees at WCHS.
- CEO Maureen Cadwell informed the board that they are still a few weeks away from being able to move into the

- new patient wing and manor rooms. She explained that a number of items for that part of the construction project had to be back-ordered, and indicated there is still a short list of tasks that need to be completed in both areas.
- WCHS Retail Pharmacy, according to the prepared reports, is \$22,797 ahead of where they anticipated they would be at this point in the venture. The pharmacy is still not generating a profit, but it was originally estimated that it would take three years before the venture started to actually generate money for the district.

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# A sweet investment



Jeff Virchow with Edward Jones Investments makes his baked goods selections during the United Fund Pie Auction held yesterday at Weston County Senior Services. (Alexis Barker/NLJ)

# Scoutt

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25, and it was on this day that Scoutt allegedly made efforts to discourage Kim Swisher, who had been subpoenaed, from testifying in the matter.

A complaint was made to the Weston County Sheriff's Office, and after interviewing Swisher and her husband a warrant was sought for Scoutt's arrest on a felony charge of "influencing, intimidating, or impeding a witness."

Deputy Weston County Attorney Lynda Black, who

is handling prosecution of the case, requested a review of Scoutt's bond because "members of the community have contacted the County Attorney's Office in fear for their safety with the Defendant released into the community," according to a motion she filed with the court on October 31. Judge Castano made no significant changes to the original bond decision on November 9, but last Wednesday ruled that the case should be turned over

to District Court. "It is therefore ordered that the matter is hereby bound over to the District Court of the Sixth Judicial District for arraignment and further proceedings," the Order of Bindover to District Court declared. According to court documents, the criminal case has been assigned to Judge John R. Perry, and an arraignment in his court will take place at 9:30 a.m. on December 9.

# Motel

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Peterson further explained that the sports bar will primarily feature burgers and beer, and will carry 12 beers on tap in addition to offering a simple meal consisting of a burger and type of potato in just under three minutes. The hotel's eatery will feature a top of the line grill that cooks the burger from both side simultaneously to produce a meal quickly.

"Everything is done right behind the bar... Nothing is ever frozen," professed Peterson, who also revealed that the potato products are transformed from a whole potato to a side dish right before the customers' eyes while their burger is being cooked.

The community's newest lodging establishment will be modeled to resemble a Comfort Inn because Peterson indicated that he may at some point decide to "brand" the hotel. He said that he would like to keep it independent to avoid the costs associated with branding, but admitted that he may at some point decide to partner with a national chain.

That may prove to make sense, as D.A Peterson & Associates have constructed, designed and/ or managed hotels from Lemmon, South Dakota to Bowman, North Dakota. The most recent facility the company has remodeled is the Black Stone Inn & Suites in Lead, South Dakota.

"Rooms vary from single kings to double queens and suites, including two bedroom units for families," the press release stated.

Jim Perino of A-1 Agency in Newcastle worked with Peterson on the acquisition of the land on the east end of Newcastle, and Peterson said his expertise proved helpful as the company considered establishing a Newcastle location. He also explained that ownership of the facility will include a number of different investors, both from within the community and from outside of this immediate area.

Construction of the hotel is anticipated to take approximately eight months, and Peterson said he hopes it will be completed by August of 2017.

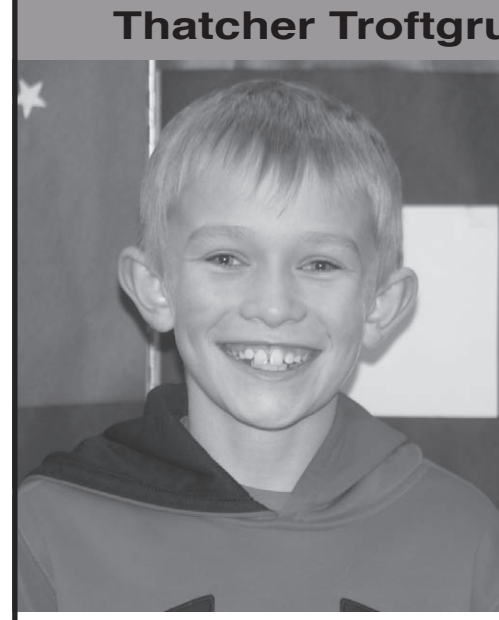
# GOOD CITIZENS Good Citizen Newcastle Elementary School Good Citizen Awards

YaQuelin Munoz - 3rd, Mr. Marty



The Good Citizen is an award that should be looked at as a great accomplishment. To me it is not just getting good grades, it's much more. This award goes to a student that shows characteristics that go above and beyond the rest of their class and will serve them well for the rest of their lives. These include honesty, responsibility, integrity, but most of all respect. Respect for their peers, treating them like they would want to be treated. Respect for adults, listening and following directions. Respect for themselves, doing their best, striving to be better at whatever they are doing, and remembering what is right and wrong. There is one student that shows me all of these qualities each and every day with a smile on her face and never ending kindness. That is why YaQuelin Munoz is the third grade Good Citizen for the month of November.

Thatcher Troftgruben - 4th, Mrs. Giesler



November is the month in which people all across America think about the many aspects of being grateful. Gratitude is an emotion expressing the appreciation of others and being thankful for what we have. For numerous reasons, we are thankful for the Good Citizen in our classroom. This young man enhances our days of learning with his enthusiasm for knowledge. With his positive attitude and contagious personality, he is a constant source of encouragement to his classmates! Not a day goes by that he doesn't let someone know how impressed he is by something they have accomplished, through their actions, words, and talents. His friends, peers, and teachers, have such generous caring things to say about him, "He makes me feel better, when I am having a bad day." He tells me, "Good job, when we are playing on the playground." Another student said, "He is so responsible and respectful when the teacher is talking, he listens." As you can see, the student we are honoring today exhibits many outstanding qualities of a Good Citizen. We are delighted and grateful for our classmate and friend, Thatcher Troftgruben!

Aaron Miller - 5th, Mr. Soriano



This month's Good Citizen is a person who has surprised me time and time again. At first I thought he was too concerned about being "Mr. Cool Guy" to his friends to be the Good Citizen. But then I realized that he just is a super cool guy. He doesn't need to pretend or show off, and he doesn't let "being cool" get in the way of doing the right thing. Even when he's joking with his friends or dabbin over a 100% on his test, I still see the Good Citizen shine through. I've caught him helping other students and encouraging them through their difficulties. I've seen him commit himself to a goal and work tirelessly to accomplish it. I've even seen him give up his spot on the 4-square court even when he disagreed with the call. But what I admire most about this young man is how he pushes and inspires those around him to be better. It's easy to see that this Good Citizen wants to be the best in everything he does, but what is truly remarkable is how he surrounds himself with others who challenge him and help him do even greater things. You are who you hang out with. So, if you want to be the best, hang out with the best. And if you need a friendly person to work with you and to help you accomplish your goals, look for this month's Good Citizen. Look for Aaron Miller.

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## CWD is something we should take seriously

Chronic wasting disease is a serious illness with a poor prognosis, and I think it is important for people to take proper precautions. I

have been working with the folks at the Salt Creek Veterinary Clinic in regards to zoonotic diseases that cross over into the world of humans, and have some information I would like to share with residents.



Lori Bickford  
The Public Health

What is Chronic Wasting Disease? Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is an infectious, neurologic disease which can be found in North American deer, elk and moose. CWD has been diagnosed in both free ranging and captive animals. Other diseases of this nature include bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), sometimes called "mad cow disease," scrapie in sheep and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) in humans. Chronic wasting disease is believed to be caused by an abnormal protein. While normal proteins are found in the cells of the nervous system and other body tissues, the abnormal protein is resistant to conventional disinfectants, high temperature and enzymes that break down normal proteins. The abnormal protein is a self-replicating (self-duplicating) protein that has the capacity to transmit an infectious

disease. CWD infection does not cause a detectable immune response or inflammatory reaction like those found with typical bacterial viral or parasitic infections.

How is CWD transmitted? The exact mechanism of transmission is still unclear. However it is known that CWD is highly transmissible within deer and elk populations. Researchers believe that CWD is spread through direct animal to animal contact. Evidence exists that the disease can be transmitted from mother to offspring.

Chronic wasting disease causes progressive degeneration of the central nervous system and most often affects adult animals. The most obvious and consistent clinical signs are progressive weight loss and dehydration. Other signs include changes in temperament (loss of fear of humans, nervousness, hyperexcitability), changes in behavior (teeth grinding, walking in repetitive patters in pens), uncoordination, excessive thirst and urination, drooping of the head and ears, and excessive salivation.

The incubation period is usually 18-24 months, but there has been evidence of an incubation period of five years. The health of affected animals typically deteriorates over a period of 12 months. There is no treatment for CWD, and infections typically lead to death. Unfortunately, no vaccine exists.

There is currently no evidence that CWD

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#### Cold and flu season

Doctors' offices are often crowded during the winter months, meaning you may have a wait for care. Your health insurance may offer phone or web consultations with health care professionals who can answer questions or provide remote diagnosis.



Urgent care centers may accept your health insurance and are likely more cost-effective than a trip to the ER. However, for any prolonged or acute illness, visit your doctor.

#### Snowmobiles

Snowmobiles are not covered under typical homeowners, renters, or auto insurance. Explore a separate snowmobile insurance policy. If you are planning to rent a snowmobile, consider rental insurance. Read the contract carefully and ask questions if you don't understand the terms.

#### Snow plowing

If you plan to remove snow from your own driveway with a plow attached to your

vehicle, your personal auto policy should cover your liability and any property damage you might cause.

But before offering to help friends and family, read your policy or talk with your auto insurance agent to make sure you are covered. If you are using your plow to make a little extra cash, your personal auto insurance policy will not likely provide coverage. Ask your agent if an endorsement is available to add to your existing policy or if a commercial auto policy is needed before committing your snow plowing services.

#### Snow removal at home

Generally, homeowners or renters insurance will cover liability for injuries if someone other than a family member slips and falls on your property. However, you must perform due diligence in removing snow and ice to make your home safe for visitors. City snow-removal laws may also affect what is considered due diligence. Check local ordinances to see what rules apply.

#### Travel insurance

Traveling in the winter months can be full of surprises. Bad weather can cause unexpected delays. Travel sites and airlines offer travel insurance that may help mitigate the cost of rebooking a flight or an unexpected overnight stay. Travel insurance can cover everything from lost luggage to delays and cancellations. Read any policy carefully before your purchase.

#### More information

Many winter activities come with increased risk. Speak with your agent to understand your coverage. If you have additional questions about your insurance needs, contact your agent, insurer, or the Wyoming Department of Insurance.



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## Flavors of the Fall



Sue Kettley with Quilter's Quisine greets guests during an Open House hosted last Saturday by Serendipity Nails and Dottie's Creations. Shoppers enjoyed homemade treats, hot cider and holiday shopping. (Pamela Penfield/NLJ)

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## Cash your Fair checks

Alexis Barker  
NLJ Reporter

Children generally aren't rewarded with money when they perform well in competitions, but one local entity that does provide cash awards to participants is urging winners to collect their bounty before the end of the year.

Exhibitor checks are issued every year at the Weston County Fair, and different dollar amounts—generally ranging from a dollar to five dollars—are designated for each place in each category. This is the case with both animal exhibits and the static exhibits that fill the tables and shelves of the buildings scattered around the facility.

Weston County Fairground Manager Ellen McKenzie is asking everyone who took home an exhibitor check from the 2016 Weston County Fair to cash those checks prior

to December 31. She told the News Letter Journal that the checks will be voided in January, and officials at the fairgrounds will then have two options to pursue in order to keep their books straight.

"We have to reissue those checks, or report them as unclaimed funds," reported McKenzie, who explained that an auditor had recently informed her of the need to have such accounts cleared up before the end of the year. As such, she is trying to get as many checks cashed as possible.

McKenzie said she believes that a number of people do not cash their checks because they believe they are making a donation when they don't collect their premium and that the money will go back to the fairgrounds. The Fairgrounds Manager, however, said that is simply not the case, and indicated the funds are actually

county money.

That means the funds are actually provided by taxpayers and designated specifically to paying premiums, which means the money from uncashed checks never gets to the fairgrounds. Those competitors who would like to donate their cash winnings to the Fair can do so, but it takes just a little bit of effort.

"If people want to donate that money, they can endorse the check and send it back to the Weston County Fairgrounds with a note stating that they are donating their premium," commented McKenzie, who indicated that nearly 80 exhibitor checks still have not been cashed from this year's fair alone.

McKenzie urges anyone who possesses one of those checks to get them cashed, or send them back to the fairgrounds at 24 Fairgrounds Rd, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701.

*The News Letter Journal will be closing at Noon on Wednesday, November 23 and will be closed until 8:30 am Monday, November 28.*

## Public Health

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can be transmitted to other ruminates, such as sheep, cattle or goats, under natural conditions. No evidence exists that CWD is naturally transmitted to humans, either through contact with or by eating meat from infected animals. However, routine precautions should be taken when handling carcasses of animals to prevent transmission of other diseases.

Ranchers and hunters, and members of the general public, must take precautions necessary to reduce transmission. Wild animals that appear ill should be reported to wildlife officials.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "it is generally prudent to avoid consuming food derived from any animals with symptoms of CWD. To date, there is no evidence that CWD has been transmitted or can be transmitted to humans under natural conditions. However, there is not yet strong enough evidence that such transmissions could not occur."

CWD is an emerging disease and informa-

tion is rapidly evolving. For the most current information on CWD, please consult [www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvrd/cwd/](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvrd/cwd/)

### Hunters should:

- Avoid harvesting deer or elk that appear sick
- Wear rubber gloves while field dressing animals and wash hands thoroughly afterwards
- Remove all bone and fatty tissue from the meat of the animals
- Not saw through the brain or spinal cord
- Minimize handling of the brain, spinal cord, spleen, tonsils, lymph nodes and eyes
- Not remove anything but pure meat (muscle) from areas where CWD exists.

# PERSON *of the year*

It is time to select Weston County's Person of the Year for 2016!

## And we need our readers to tell us who we should consider.

We invite you to nominate an individual that you believe has made a significant contribution to **Weston County and its residents** over the course of the past year.

Stop by News Letter Journal at 14 W. Main St. or call 746-2777 to submit your nomination or email them to [editor@newslj.com](mailto:editor@newslj.com)

*We will publish feature stories on our top 8-12 nominees in the January 5, 2017 issue of the News Letter Journal.*

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# Generations

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Top: Treyden Purviance recites the explanation for his letter of the alphabet during the Thanksgiving A-B-C skit that Mrs. Hutchinson's kindergarten class performed for their families. Below: Allee Knight reads a holiday book to her mom, Amber. (Alexis Barker/NLJ)

## Real heroes

2nd graders honor veterans in their lives

By Andy McKay  
NLJ Reporter

Who is your American hero? At once, this is a simple yet profound question. Our heroes are those who shape what we see as important in a world of many distractions. They show us what is admirable and what it means to succeed, just as they point out injustices and how to fight them.

Many think a hero has to be some larger than life figure with an unending supply of fans and a catchy theme song, but second grade teachers Erin Pzinski, Pam Carr, and Jamie Gray know heroes can just as easily be a family member.

Those teachers decided to bring that lesson home to their students by having them delve into their family's history to find family members who served their country by putting their lives on the line. The students set about answering the question, 'Who is your American hero?' with this in mind.

"We have our students take an interview sheet with the information they need to get. They either interview a veteran, or research information if they've passed away. We display them in the lobby during November," second grade teacher Erin Pzinski said. The stories are hung up around a giant American flag made from a massive supply of paper hands.

While the tribute is a nice tip of the hat to family members who have served their country, the teachers make sure it meets practical criteria as well.

"We use this project to teach paragraph structure. It has a topic sentence, a closing sentence, and at least three details. Usually, they introduce their veteran and then let us know when they were born, where they served, what branch of the military they were in, and we like them to include an interesting fact. It makes it more personal, and the kids enjoy that," Gray professed.

"We talk about the different branches," Pzinski added. "They at least know what the military is, but we just dig a little bit deeper."

The teachers knew they would have to find some way to get engaged in the lesson, which is aligned to current state standards, so it would stick.

"One of our standards is to learn the holidays, and if we can pull some personal stories in, then they remember better what a veteran is and why it's important and why we celebrate Veteran's Day," Gray reasoned. "It's nice for them to know

their history, and pay homage to their veterans. Almost all the students know someone personally, or are related to someone who has served. It makes them realize, 'Hey, we know them.' It touches them a little closer," Gray explained.

"We had a student this year learn that his grandmother was born six days before Pearl Harbor was attacked, and his great grandfather was a fighter pilot in the South Pacific," Pzinski shared, who noted that for some students, the connection to the military isn't nearly that old.

"We have twins whose mother is in the National Guard," she reported.

The project is part of a legacy brought to this community from Pzinski's former position in Douglas, where she said the lesson struck home just as hard.

"We had a field day and we were asked to each create a poster, and the theme of the field day was the armed forces. My class was throwing out ideas, and they made a veteran's wall for people to write and honor those they knew had served," reminisced Pzinski. "They wanted to take it a little bit further, and around the border they each wanted to write about a veteran they knew. We did these reports for this field day. It was such a cool project that then we went about doing that every year."

The lesson was strong enough to survive the transplanting to Newcastle, and has thrived ever since. The project has been part of the local curriculum for the past six years. For students with a tie to the military, this is an eye opener to not only their country's history but also their family's. That knowledge has a considerable impact.

"In my previous school, one of my students had lost someone in a helicopter crash in Iraq. For her, it tied a little bit of meaning to that and helped her understand that sacrifice. Sometimes it's tough, but it's good information for them to have," Pzinski stated.

Each student gets to present their findings to the rest of the class, but some parts get too exciting for them to wait their turn to show-and-tell.

"They really enjoy it. They're eager to share their information, especially if they can bring in pictures. We kind of go piece by piece when we get to the part of where they traveled," Gray explained.

The teachers also let students write their reports on service members who aren't family members, like friends of the family, veterans working at the school, and even the teacher's relatives. Of the latter, they have no lack of grandparents who served in WWII or Korea, or cousins and siblings who served recently or are still active duty.

"The kids love it. It's great to see the pride that they have in their friends and family who have served," Pzinski said.

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# Sports

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### Schedule

<b>High School Boys Basketball</b>	
11/28 1st Practice	
<b>High School Girls Basketball</b>	
11/28 1st Practice	
<b>High School Boys Swimming</b>	
11/28 1st Practice	
<b>Middle School Wrestling</b>	
11/29 Moorcroft Mixer	A 3:00 PM
<b>Middle School Girls Basketball</b>	
11/29 "B" Team vs Edgemont	A 4:00 PM
11/29 Lusk Tigers	A 4:00 PM
12/1 "B" team @ Gillette Rec	A 3:30 PM
12/1 "Wright Panthers	H 4:00 PM

### Scores

<b>Middle School Girls Basketball</b>	
11/15 vs Sage Valley	7A L 2-30 8A W 29-25
<b>11/19 Wheatland Invite</b>	
vs Douglas	7A L 5-43
vs Wright	7A L 13-20
vs Douglas	B L 6-22
vs Wheatland	B L 16-17
<b>11/19- Douglas Invite</b>	
vs Douglas	8A L 10-58
vs Buffalo	8A L 16-20

## For the love of the game

Last May, I watched my son play in his last high school sporting competition. Having graduated my daughter the year before, I thought it would be the last time I would get to see a child of mine play competitive sports.

Turns out, I was wrong. For a brief moment this fall, I had the fortune of being able to watch my daughter resurrect her basketball career as she laced up her shoes and donned #35 again to play for the Laramie County Community College Lady Golden Eagles.

Not only was it awesome to see her back on the court in general, but she also got to be a part of LCCC history as the 2016-2017 season is the first time the school has had a women's program in about 25 years.

When Bailey heard the program was being reinstated last spring, she took a risk and contacted the school's athletic director. She was interested in seeing if she could make the team, and the AD put her in touch with the coach. She met with the coach, tried out and was offered a spot on the squad.

Given that LCCC is a two-year college, she was looking at playing only one season before moving on to a four-year school, but it was the love of the game that drove her to try.

When she returned to school in August, the pre-season workouts began. Having had a two-year hiatus from any sports, she had a rough go for the first couple of weeks, but soon was in the swing of things.

She knew that playing college sports would require putting in more time than playing high school sports, but

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Freshman Jake Deveraux looks for the call from Coach Matt Conzelman to be relayed into the huddle at the team's semi-final game in Big Horn last month. He was one of several Dogie Football team players that received All-Conference or All-State honors. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

## Dogies earn post-season awards



Rachel Henkle graciously accepts her award at the Conference Finals held in Newcastle. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

By Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Reporter

The 2016 fall sports seasons have wrapped and the post-season honors are in, with several Dogies making the lists.

For 12 Newcastle seniors, being awarded with All-Conference and All-

State recognition is payoff for the hard work they put in to their respective sports over their careers. For the underclassmen, it's great motivation as they look to next season.

Cross country and girls' swimming each have an individual component in addition to the team dynamic, which

gives their selection procedure a different look than purely team sports like football and volleyball.

In order to make All-Conference or All-State in cross country, the athlete must finish in the top ten in the culminating races. As such, two Lady Dogies and one Dogie claimed All-Conference honors. Senior Catherine Orban finished fifth at the Absaraka Conference meet to earn her spot and freshmen Emily Rushton and Dylon Tidyman also made the list by finishing seventh and eighth respectively.

In swimming, one must finish in the top two in their event in the final two contests to be named to All-Conference and All-State, and the third place finishers at the conference meet receive All-Conference Honorable Mention. Seniors Mikenna Waggener and Rachel Henkle were named to both post-season lists with first and second place finishes at the conference and state meets, and Sarah Henkle achieved honorable mention for her third place 50 Free finish at the conference meet.

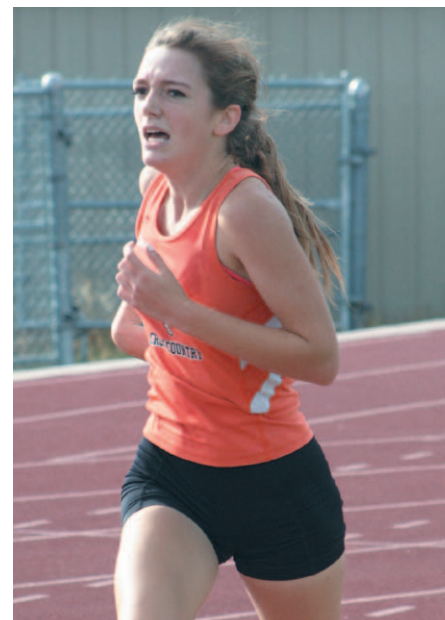
As team sports, coaches vote on who receives honors for football and volleyball. Senior Taylor Spain won a spot on the 3A East All-Conference list for the Lady Dogie netters, while teammates Tania Bau and Jade Roady were awarded with Honorable Mention.

Football was last in, with their post-season lists being decided last Thursday, and the number of Dogies who earned All-Conference and All-State honors is indicative of the successful season the squad enjoyed.

Seniors Triston Roberson, Preston Rushton, James Lewis and junior Cam Quigley were named to both the All-Conference and All-State Teams. Seniors Zach Schuessler and Bryce

Womack were named All-Conference and second team All-State, while senior Colin Heaton, sophomores Sawyer Roberson and Bryson Johnson and freshman Jake Deveraux made the second team All-Conference list.

"This 2016 Dogie football team's Philosophy was 'Rise Up' and this team did rise up, and showed a lot of heart and toughness this season," began head coach Matt Conzelman. "As a coach you are looking for players with heart and toughness and we had 25 of them! This team really stepped up and were playing really good football at the end of the season. I truly enjoyed coaching these young men! A big thanks go out to the parents and community for their continued support for Dogie Nation."



Catherine Orban digs deep at the end of the 3A Conference Meet in Douglas. (Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

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# Achievement Day honors 4-H contributors

By Stacy Buchholz for NLJ

Weston County 4-H Achievement Day was held November 6 at the Weston County Events Center. Chili was served to honor the support of the community, with each club bringing the fixings and some deserts. There was also a decorate-your-own cookie station that was a big hit with all the 4-H'ers.

During the evening, 4-H'ers, leaders, and community members were recognized for their outstanding service to their 4-H club, community, and others.

Susan Love was recognized as this year's Friend to 4-H for all her work with the 4-H'ers, donating her time teaching visual arts classes and providing all supplies. Susan Love's passion for art and promoting youth participation in the arts is definitely evident through her dedication to the 4-H program. Her classes were fun and engaging, allowing youth to discover their talents and skills. Susan's passion for the community, and dedication to providing opportunities definitely aligns with the 4-H mission, which makes her an excellent and valued partner.

Several leaders were recognized for their outstanding contributions to Weston County 4-H. Kami Lopez, Ann Wehri, and Rick Wehri were acknowledged for going above and beyond the call of duty with the Extra Mile 4-H Leader Award. Kami Lopez is constantly looking for ways to make her club better, and make sure that every member in her club has a positive experience. Both Rick and Ann contribute



Rick Wehri shows off his heifer during the Over the Hill Showmanship contest at this year's Weston County Fair. (Submitted Photo)

countless hours, demonstrating the 4-H spirit and a willingness to help out no matter what is asked of them. As one of their nominations stated, "Rick and Ann are amazing leaders and a wonderful example of how we should try to live our lives."

Jamie Beastro was awarded the Outstanding first or second Year Leader Award for her tireless efforts, offering to help where needed. Not only has she helped, no matter the task, but she does so with a smile and joke to make it fun. Jamie believes in helping create opportunities for youth, so her addition to the 4-H program has been an asset for Weston

County youth.

Jessica Graham was recognized for her outstanding efforts to make Weston County 4-H the best it can be with the Outstanding 4-H Leader Award. Jessica works hard to make sure members have a memorable experience with her positive, vibrant attitude and love of fun. According to her nominations, "Jess has a way of building members up and helping them realize their potential. She is a true leader and mentor."

The 4-H Alumnus award recognized Tucker Hamilton's continuing dedication to Weston County 4-H, even though he is no longer a 4-H'er.

Whether serving as a fair judge or entering placings, his smile and kind words put members at ease when working with him. Tucker is a true example of the 4-H motto.

Many 4-H'ers were also recognized for their outstanding leadership, commitment to 4-H, hard work during the year, community service, and mentorship of other members. Weston County 4-H'ers definitely are making a big difference to the community.

All in all, Weston County 4-H is a richer and better program for having such dedicated members, leaders, and community members.

**Corrections**

We misidentified a couple of people in pictures that appeared in last week's News Letter Journal. In the page 7 photo that accompanied our feature story, "Unified veterans thrive," the man pictured was John Holloway, not Don DeFoe.

We also misspelled the name of the man in our page 11 story, "Build it and they will come." He is Brad Boylan, not Brad Boiler.

We regret the errors.

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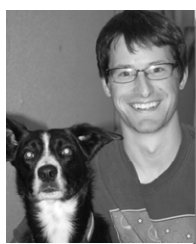
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# Lessons beyond the X's and O's

I took a giant leap this fall, and signed up to be a girls' soccer coach.



Andy McKay McKay has something to say

Since I was young, I have had a long abiding love for sports. The challenge of striving against another person, my skills against theirs, gives an immediate reward of pride and accomplishment upon success, and a slap in the face upon failure. As long as it is seen in the correct light, both offer encouragement for self-betterment. For success it's to make sure it happens again, for failure that it doesn't repeat.

The game isn't about winning or losing, it's about rising up to the challenge and pushing yourself towards excellence. It's about learning mental fortitude and endurance and not giving up. It is the perfect mantra with just one defect— my girls really couldn't care less, and it showed.

We started our season 0-2. Not just two straight losses, but two straight blowouts. We didn't get a single goal, but what dawned on me after that second game was a revelation.

It wasn't them. It was me. I was making it too much about how I wanted it to be, rather than cultivating the talent as it was. My original strategy was demoralizing because I was focused on the wrong thing.

I found the most important part of coaching my girls wasn't making sure we drilled hard and scrimmaged well. It wasn't focusing on the basics and teaching them to become good technical players. It certainly wasn't defining success within the confines of results and statistics.

The biggest impact a coach can have on the field was not as a drill master, talented player, or master strategist, but as a positive role model. Coaching is a balance of applauding players for trying even if they underperform, while diagnosing areas that need work and pushing them to improve. It's a difficult tightrope to walk

as too much of an emotional cushion discourages improvement and too much discipline shuts them down.

I've fallen hard on both sides, and I can attest that neither ends well. What I found is to fall back on one simple rule— always put the player's best interest first. Their best interest isn't necessarily what they want, but their best interest isn't necessarily what you as the coach want either. There were times that I exerted discipline to make players go outside their comfort zones, but there were other times I replaced a drill or exercise with a game to keep them engaged.

The biggest improvements I saw in my players came after I told them I believed in them. The best efforts came after I told them I knew they could. The most passion they showed came after I told them how proud of them I was. Confidence doesn't win games, but I'm absolutely convinced you can't win without it.

Their success didn't come until after they learned that success isn't the only measure of a player, and that they're allowed to make mistakes. Being a coach isn't about winning, it's about showing these young kids what they're capable of and letting them soar.

Sports are an essential part of a child's growth. I am unaware of anything else that breeds such self-reliance while simultaneously demanding cooperation. The biggest lesson is that sports are not important because of what they are, but because of what they teach.

They teach that no one is immune from losing, but that anyone can make a comeback. They show that hard work pays dividends, but doesn't guarantee victory. They demonstrate honor comes just as much from being recognized as giving recognition, even if it comes at your expense. They value self-reliance and individual effort, but not at the expense of the team. They praise integrity, even when no one is watching.

Anyone who has to cheat

doesn't deserve to win, but that's a small comfort for any who have lost because a team placed winning above the respect for the game. Winning does not make a player great. Integrity and character do, and it is a coach's most sacred responsibility to role model that.

Video games offer a false sense of accomplishment because they are designed to be beaten, intentionally built to have flaws to be exploited. Sports are not like that. Only rarely do athletes intentionally lose, and they are met with the most severe of disdain.

My U10 team went 6-3-2 and won their bracket at a tournament in Sturgis, and the Girl's U14 team went undefeated. Not only did they go undefeated, but they didn't allow another team to score a single goal on them all season.

I must admit I don't know how the other teams fared, but I do know that regardless of how many W's and L's were on their schedule, the real victory came from individual progress, not only as better soccer players, but as better people too.



Gabby McVay prepares to send the ball upfield during a home game against arch-rival Sturgis. The squad posted a 2-0 win to finish their season. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

## Karp from page 9

was perhaps not prepared for the demanding schedule that began to present itself.

As a walk-on and the only sophomore on the team, Bailey was in a little different situation than the rest of her team. She received no scholarship money to play— as that was used up by freshmen recruits— and she had a quickly approaching graduation, so was dealing with scheduling complications that had cropped up for the spring semester.

It's a long, tough haul when all you do is work out and practice without having any competitions, and there were times in the first month or two of the year that she considered quitting.

But still she played because, above it all, she loves the game.

Preseason scrimmages finally began in the middle of October, so that took away some of the practice doldrums as the squad really started to prepare for their opener in November.

Finally, the time for the first tournament arrived, and she was off to Sheridan with me on her heels. It was awesome to see her

warming up again, and to see the comradery she had developed with her teammates.

Though she didn't get to see much court time, when she was in the game she played well and scored some points for her team!

Unfortunately, a looming spring class load of 21 credit hours, as well as other circumstances, have caused her to decide to hang up her jersey for good this time. Her collegiate career, though brief, allowed her to play the sport she loves competitively one more time. Though it was over faster than she had anticipated, she has no regrets.

She has made great friends, and she will always know that she took a chance to fulfill a dream. Though it didn't end the way she might have liked, she is proud of her time back in the game and is grateful to have been back on the court.

She will always have the knowledge that she was part of the inaugural Lady Golden Eagles basketball program, and that's pretty cool too.

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Notice is hereby given that the work by Croell, Inc., 230 Croell Drive, Sundance, WY 82729, for the Asphalt Overlay 2016 project for the City of Newcastle has been accepted and the final settlement for payment is to be made per WS 16-6-116 in consideration of any outstanding financial obligations. Concerned parties may contact the City Engineer, City of Newcastle, 10 West Warwick, Newcastle, WY 82701. Full amount due will be paid on December 20, 2016. The date of first publication is November 10, 2016.

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**Foreclosure Notice**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

Default having occurred and all prerequisites to foreclosure having been met, notice is hereby given that the mortgage given by Gene E. Adams and Frieda A. Adams, mortgagors, in favor of GMAC Mortgage Corporation, mortgagee, dated August 21, 2006, recorded August 22, 2006, in Book 289 of Photos, Page 657, in the Office of the Clerk of Weston County, Wyoming, given to secure payment of a note in the original amount of One Hundred Twenty Four Thousand Two Hundred Forty Five Dollars and 00/100 (\$124,245.00). Said note and mortgage were assigned to the Wyoming Community Development Authority by Assignment dated August 21, 2006, and recorded August 24, 2006, in Book 289 of Photos, Page 704 in the Office of the Clerk of Weston County, Wyoming. The past amount due as of October 25, 2016, is Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Nine Dollars and 35/100 (\$5,989.35), plus accruing interest, fees and costs, and the amount due as of October 25, 2016, is One Hundred Nine Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Dollars and 94/100 (\$109,560.94), plus accruing interest, fees and costs. Said mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of default of the owner of the Note and Mortgage 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. 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 days prior to the commencement of this publication. The property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale and any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting the bid.

Therefore, said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the following described real property located in Weston County, Wyoming, described as:

LOT FIVE (5), BLOCK THREE (3), WEST SADDLE SUBDIVISION OF ARNOLD FIRST EXTENSION TO THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, TOGETHER WITH IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THEREON.

which has the address of 3346 Latigo Street, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701, to be sold by public auction by the Sheriff to the highest bidder, for cash, at 10:00 a.m. on December 6, 2016, at the Weston County Courthouse, 1 West Main, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701. The sale will take place only if a representative of the Wyoming Community Development Authority, or its agent, is present.

Wyoming Community Development Authority  
By: Thomas A. Valdez  
Chapman Valdez Law Office  
125 West 2nd Street  
P.O. Box 2710  
Casper, WY 82602

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**Blotter**

**November 13, 2016**

Report of a dog at large. Phone fraud reported. Traffic hazard reported. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Dead deer reported. Assist other agency. Harassment reported. 911 hang up. Barking dog complaint. 911 hang up. Civil standby requested.

**November 14**

Traffic stop, Verbal Warning issued. Injured deer reported. Five VIN inspections requested. Funeral escort requested. Residential alarm reported. Assist other agency. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic com-

plaint. Arrest Warrant issued. 911 hang up. Arrest Warrant issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Welfare check requested. Traffic hazard reported.

**November 15**

Medical assist. Parking complaint. Traffic control requested. Theft reported. Civil problem reported. Traffic stop, no action taken. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

**November 16**

Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic control requested. Hit and Run accident reported. Traffic

stop, Written Warning issued. Disturbance reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Welfare check requested. Report of dogs at large. Assault reported. Assist other agency. Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, Welfare check. Dog at large, Impounded. Trespass reported.

**November 17**

Assist other agency. Welfare check requested. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Extra patrol requested.

**November 18**

Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Suspicious activity reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic control requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Civil standby requested. Phone harassment reported. Civil problem reported. Suspicious activity reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

**November 19**

Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Verbal Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Parking complaint. Theft reported. Assist other agency. Injured deer reported. Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Verbal Warning issued.



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## Foreclosure Notice

### FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the "Note") dated 11/07/2011 executed and delivered by Gerald J. Gesinger, ("Mortgagor") to Guild Mortgage Company, a California Corporation and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by said Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Guild Mortgage Company, a California Corporation, and which Mortgage was recorded on 11/09/2011, as Reception No. 731214 Book 332 Page 0835 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming; and WHEREAS, the mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: Guild Mortgage Company  
 Assignment dated: 08/18/2016  
 Assignment recorded: 08/31/2016  
 Assignment recording information: Reception No. 761847 Book 368 Page 645  
 All in the records of the County clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, Wyoming.

WHEREAS, the Mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of said default, the Mortgagee declares to have become operative, and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part there-of, 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 \$120,717.36 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$112,426.11 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$3,662.38 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 Guild Mortgage Company, 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 AM o'clock in the forenoon on 12/06/2016 at the Weston County Courthouse 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:

LOT SEVEN (7) IN BLOCK TWO (2), BLACK HILLS VIEW ADDITION TO THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

With an address of: 109 Frontier Ave. Newcastle, WY 82701.

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## Foreclosure Notice

### FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE #2

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note ("Note") and real estate mortgage ("Mortgage"). The Mortgage dated August 6, 2002, was executed and delivered by Dale L. Heberling and Muriel L. Heberling, Husband and Wife ("Mortgagor(s)") to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS") acting solely as nominee for Wallick and Volk Inc., its successors and assigns, as security for the Note of the same date, and said Mortgage was recorded on August 12, 2002, at Reception No. 653958 in Book 258 at Page 931 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the mortgage was assigned for value as follows:  
 Assignee: MidFirst Bank, A Federally Chartered Savings Association  
 Assignment dated: August 3, 2016  
 Assignment recorded: August 24, 2016  
 Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 761793 in Book 368 at Page 557

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

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

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$38,912.87 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$36,273.37 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$1,968.94, plus other costs in the amount of \$670.56, 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 search the status of title before submitting a bid;

NOW, THEREFORE MidFirst Bank, A Federally Chartered Savings Association, as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on December 6, 2016 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 25 North Sumner, Newcastle, Wyoming, Weston County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

LOT TWO (2), BLOCK TWO (2), EAST ADDITION TO NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING;

with an address of 4 West Park Street, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701.

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MidFirst Bank,  
 A Federally Chartered Savings Association  
 By: Tamara Schroeder Crolla, #6-3976  
 Weinstein & Riley, P.S.  
 123 West 1st Street, Suite 433  
 Casper, Wyoming 82601-2482  
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## Fun and Games

### HOLIDAY MOVIES

### ACROSS

- Group of pupils
- Fossil fuel
- Dust arachnid
- Abdominal muscle, pl.
- Grass bristle
- Like a ballerina
- Deflect
- \*She played wife and mom in 21 Across
- Lazybones
- \*It happened on 34th Street
- \*Nicholas Cage 's "The \_\_\_ Man"
- Wednesday's child issue?
- Mouthful, swallowed
- \_\_\_ Francisco
- \_\_\_ Verde National Park
- Adorn the halls with holly, e.g.
- Singer Tori
- Jailbird's home
- Tax of one tenth
- Popular e-reader
- DNA half
- Inmate's weapon
- Loose-fitting top
- "\_\_\_ and sound"
- Performed alone, pl.
- Madison Square Garden and STAPLES Center, e.g.
- Snouts or beaks
- \*"\_\_\_ Takes a Holiday" with Basil Rathbone (1930)
- Inoffensive manner
- Long time
- \*Jim Carrey's green grump
- \*Holiday movie time traveler
- Courtroom excuse
- Bo Peep's follower
- Bus commuter
- Object of Tiny Tim's affection
- Corn piece
- Twig of a willow tree
- Aquatic snakes
- Pastrami partner
- Proceeds

### DOWN

- Pack like sardines
- Denim innovator
- Maple, to a botanist
- Scarecrow stuffing
- "The Goldbergs," e.g.
- Arc de Triomphe, e.g.
- Leave speechless
- Big mess
- Between mini and maxi
- Short for "it will"
- He plus she
- "Ever" to a poet
- Marine gastropod
- Olden day blood-drawing equipment
- Priest's vestment
- Like a knight in shining armor?
- \*Billy Bob Thorton's was bad
- Love, to Napoleon and Josephine
- Nobody
- \_\_\_ Candies, chocolatier
- Treat without respect
- \_\_\_ vs. pathos
- Popular cook-off dish
- \*"Home Alone" main character
- \*Jim Carrey's was green when he stole Christmas
- \*It's wonderful?
- Three-masted vessel
- Tabby's favorite herb
- Pollen \_\_\_
- Feeling at a funeral
- Holiday feeling

- Hustle and bustle sound
- Tar to feathers
- Tiny river
- Wading bird
- Dried up

- Norse deity
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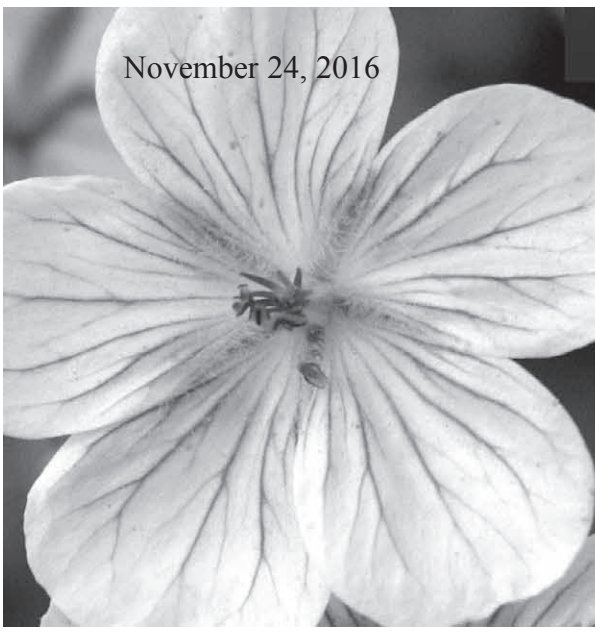
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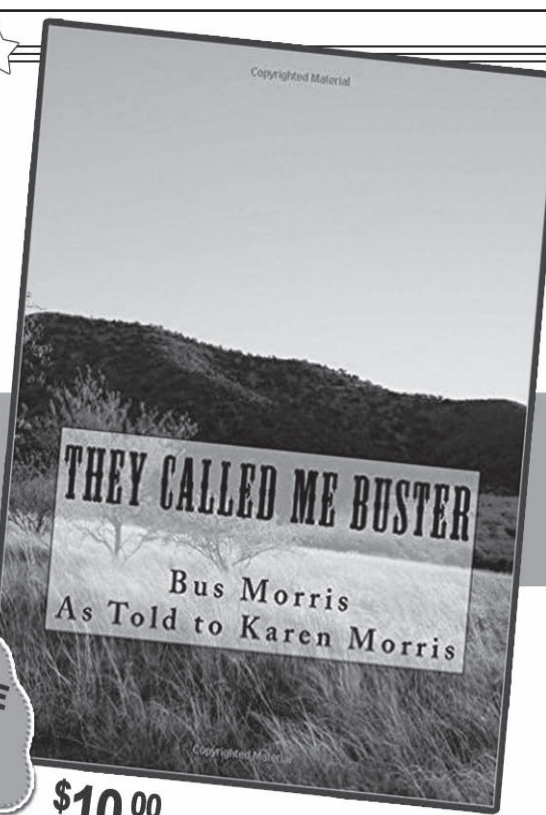
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for the food of this earth that nurtures life,  
for the life-giving love of family and friends  
without which there would be no life.*

*We thank you for the mystery of creation:  
for the beauty of the Earth that the eye can see,  
for the joy that the ear may hear,  
for the unknown that we cannot behold  
filling the universe with wonder,  
for the expanse of space that draws us  
beyond the definitions of our selves.*

*We thank you for setting us in the  
communities to which we belong:  
for families who nurture our becoming,  
for friends who love us by choice,  
for companions at work,  
who share our burdens and daily tasks,*

*for strangers who welcome us into their midst  
and whom we invite into ours,  
for our brothers and sisters  
of all ages, all races, all nations and all faiths,  
for people from other lands  
who call us to grow in understanding,  
for children who lighten our moments with delight,  
for the unborn, who offer us hope for the future.*

*We thank you for this day:  
for life and one more day to love,  
for opportunity and one more  
day to work for justice and peace,  
for neighbors and one more  
person to love and by whom be loved,  
for your grace and one more  
experience of your presence,  
for your promise:  
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