



# News Letter Journal

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## Court will move

Alexis Shultz  
NLJ Reporter

Weston County Commissioners approved moving Circuit Court into the basement of the courthouse on Dec. 2 during their regular meeting, with the only commissioner voting against the motion being Commissioner Marty Ertman.

The commissioners — with the exception of Ertman — agreed that the move would be the best option to address safety concerns in regard to the Circuit Court clerk, as well as establish a place to house the county attorney's office.

"Courthouses are meant to be open and meant to be the people's house," professed Judge Matt Castano, adding that courthouses are also a place of conflict — and this raises concerns about the safety of people, including the Circuit Court clerk, explaining that the clerks are in an isolated building by themselves.

Castano — who presides over the Sixth Circuit Court for Crook and Weston counties — acknowledged that, with more traffic to the courthouse, there are safety concerns regarding those currently in the courthouse working, and he feels this is the time to address the safety of the courthouse in general.

"I think it's the appropriate time to look at the appropriate planning and procedures in the courthouse, to look at everyone's safety," reported Castano, explaining that there is a possibility for people to get heated in any of the offices in the courthouse.

"I want to look at what we can do to not make this a hindrance to the rest of the courthouse," stated Castano, he added that the county commissioners have received a court security assessment draft, and that Judge Nick Deegan, District Court judge for the Sixth District Court of Campbell, Crook and Weston counties, is going to head up the Weston County Security Committee.

"How many incidences have you had in the past 25 years?" Ertman asked Castano, referring to the safety of Circuit Court clerks and whether or not safety is really an issue. Castano replied that this safety concern is not

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Caden Esposito and Jayden Corley prepare gift bags of toiletries to send to military personnel overseas. Their second grade classmates helped prepare the packages.

## Santa's little HELPERS

### Kids give to military troop

Denice Pisciotti  
NLJ Reporter

Excitement was in the air last week in Erin Pzinski's second grade classroom at Newcastle Elementary School, when seven students prepared packages to be sent to United States military personnel overseas at an undisclosed location for the holiday season.

The donations were more than usual this year, creating more packages to be mailed, but the problem was quickly solved by the Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce and seven businesses who generously stepped up to the plate to provide financial assistance for the cost of mailing the boxes to the soldiers.

The boys and girls from various classrooms busily prepared the items to be mailed by placing liquid items in plastic bags. They explained the purpose of doing so was in case something spilled in the box.

"If the liquid doesn't stay in, the Army men can't use them," one young man described.

When asked why they need

the supplies, the youngsters said it was so the soldiers could stay good and healthy, because they don't have stores where they are.

The packages are going to a relative of one of the students, who stated he would share the supplies with other military members in his unit.

"Cause this is more than enough for just him," was the reply.

Daymon Oliver wore a Battle Dress Uniform for the occasion — referred to as BDUs or fatigues in military speak. He told the News Letter Journal he wore them, like his Grandpa did.

Pzinski explained that the students researched the servicemen and their families in November, learning the histories of various family members who had served in the military.

Last month, while learning about veterans, each of the students interviewed and wrote a report on a current or past military person they knew. For some of them it was a relative, while others were able to talk

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## ABATE gathers gifts for Operation Santa

Denice Pisciotti  
NLJ Reporter

Getting a new toy for Christmas is what every girl and boy dreams of. Operation Santa is the organization in Weston County that makes sure that children who have been signed up by their parent through the Weston County Peace Officers receives presents, such as new toys, new clothes, pajamas, hats and gloves, refurbished

bikes and handmade blankets. However, that wouldn't be possible without several different organizations in the community.

Claudia Iacovetto, Weston County representative for Northeast Wyoming chapter of American Bikers Against Totalitarian Enactments — or ABATE — said the group has been providing a new toy for each child on the Operation Santa list for the past six years. From the Weston County Peace Officers

organization she receives only the age and gender of each child signed up, from birth to 18 years of age.

"I buy one brand new toy for every person on the list. I make sure every child gets a brand new toy," Iacovetto stated. "We have gone as far as buying 30 iPad Nanos at \$150 a piece. Whatever it takes to get them all something they can actually

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"I would definitely appreciate any and all help ... I will come pick things up in town, Upton and Osage. If companies want to donate, it is tax deductible ..."

— Claudia Iacovetto,  
NWABATE

## Books educate public about safety

Alexis Shultz  
NLJ Reporter

Several new books are available to the public, courtesy of the Newcastle Police Department and sponsored by local businesses, that address drug abuse, disasters, violence, bullying, strangers and general safety.

"The books cover information for the community," professed Jim Owens, chief of NPD, at the Newcastle City Council's Nov. 1 meeting, explaining that through donations from businesses in the community they were able to produce these books with important information for all age groups.

"They were produced at no cost to the city of Newcastle," Owens told the council members, adding that donations were made by generous businesses throughout the community to cover the cost of the publication. In an interview



These booklets and more will be distributed throughout the community to educate the public about disaster preparation, drug dangers and more.

with The News Letter Journal, Owens explained that a representative from Wall Publications came to town to introduce their product to him. Owens then wrote a letter to accompany the gentleman to local businesses that explained what they were doing, and the importance of the information to the public.

"The businesses that donated have an [advertisement] in the book," stated Owens. He reported that the businesses who donated more, such as Prevention Management Organization of Wyoming, the Sage Motel, and the Wyoming Refining Company, all received full page ads. Other businesses to donate had their ads on one page in the book, including First State Bank, Pinnacle Bank,

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## Newcastle has new inspector

Alexis Shultz  
NLJ Reporter

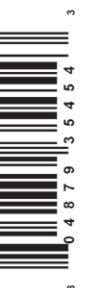
Richard Keuck, current building inspector for Newcastle, will be retiring as of the first of the year, and the city has officially hired Tina Sundstrom as of the first of December, who will be taking over Keuck's duties.

"Tina Sundstrom has a wealth of experience in construction," professed Bob Hartley, Newcastle's city engineer, at an October city council meeting. He continued to explain that, at that time, he wanted the council's go ahead to pursue her as a possible candidate for the job, and that she had expressed interest in the position.

Hartley added that he would make it known that he would be moving the position from part-time to full-time, and that there would be enough work to warrant the decision to do so because he will have work at his office that the new building inspector could do.

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<b>WEATHER FORECAST</b>	<b>Thursday</b> Sunny Hi 53 Lo 36	<b>Friday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 56 Lo 40	<b>Saturday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 54 Lo 28	<b>Sunday</b> Cloudy Hi 35, Lo 23	<b>Monday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 35 Lo 21	<b>Tuesday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 35, Lo 23	<b>Wednesday</b> Sunny Hi 38 Lo 25	<b>INSIDE</b> • Tree of Love, Page 6 • Flu spreading, Page 7 • Dear People, Page 8 • Festival, Page 10





# Opinion

## News Letter Journal

### Our View

## Heart of a champion

Over the course of the year a number of different opinions about our community have been expressed in this newspaper, and it is not uncommon for an interview subject or letter writer to compare Newcastle and Weston County to other locales and suggest that we are somehow inferior.

We've been told that other places offer greater economic potential, boast more entertainment and recreation opportunities, or are somehow just more attractive in general.

In some cases, our detractors may be right in their comparisons, and other towns may indeed be bigger, more exciting, more attractive, or somehow "better."

But once again, the holiday season has proven that you will not find a community that is more passionate, generous and caring than this one.

Over the course of the past few weeks (and for a couple more to come) the pages of the News Letter Journal have been filled with stories and photos that demonstrate those characteristics, and this issue is dominated with coverage of various organizations and businesses in our county that devote significant amounts of time, money and energy to "giving something back to the community."

Indeed, our charitable nature is on display throughout the year, but it seems as if the entire community becomes even more focused on improving the lives of others as we celebrate the holidays that mark the end of another year and herald the arrival of a new one.

People are fond of saying that it is better to give than to receive—particularly at Christmas—but the folks who call Weston County home literally put their money where their mouth is, and you will see countless displays of that generosity in this issue.

Even more impressive is the fact that the community's leaders have made a concerted effort to ensure that this tradition of giving continues by involving our young people in the various events held at this time of year. In some cases, the youth of the community actually drive the effort themselves, with little prodding from adult mentors, and we should take pride in the fact that these children will grow up to be even more charitable than we are.

So, as we prepare for a new year—and the new criticisms of our community that are sure to come—we would like to encourage the people of Weston County to take satisfaction from knowing that other places may be bigger, prettier, wealthier or more exciting.

When it comes to heart, however, none beats stronger than ours.

It's not even close, and we believe that's the measure of a community that matters most.

## College isn't for everybody

These lyrics ring out from the lush Beach Boys-esque harmonies in the Animal Collective song "College." The writers of the song have, upon graduating high school, managed to become basic slackers, tripping on LSD and creating headache-inducing "music" in their parents' living rooms. Regardless, the band slowly grew in popularity, and its most acclaimed release Merriweather Post Pavillion has managed to sell over 200,000 on the independent record label Domino.

In my life as a high school student, I am often pressured with many upcoming important decisions, including not whether or not to go to college, but merely which college, since it is assumed every person must undergo post-secondary education. However, seeing the example above, is it really necessary that we go to any?

While I do not speak against the idea of college or education in general, college is not for everyone, and should not be consistently forced on us.

College is an idea thrown in our faces commonly as students. I point to my normal school-day routine as an example. I wake in the morning, passing by a trash can filled with countless "personal" invitations from universities all over the nation. After my morning routine and going to morning sports and seminary, I drive to school and show up to the first class of the day: a class taken with concurrent credit that may or may not transfer over when reaching any further education. I check my school and personal email, crowded with countless scholarship emails, college advertisements, and ACT testing dates that all happen to evade my junk folder. Class is then interrupted as we are directed to the auditorium for another lecture on testing or future planning or some other idea covered countless of times before.

College fills our lives.

Is that not good though? Should we not have opportunity as a student? Well, I am a fan of opportunities personally, but when given so much information at one time, how much information does a person actually digest? We are overwhelmed in our lives as it is, and this talk of education merely adds another layer of paint to the heavy canvas.

So, with a student's life currently crowded, this pressure often leads to rushed decisions. A teen is often very insecure, as he is going through a transitional phase in his life. Being comfortable with making a decision affecting the rest of his life is probably not common. Teenagers, and people in general, need time to think about their decisions and consider all the possibilities. In the world today, most are rushed into making a decision on what to go to college for, and are often forced into post-secondary education in the first place.

This results in many students changing their degree several times before actually settling on

a profession and graduating. All of this uncertainty leads to more stress and time wasted, two assets which nobody needs in his life. Everyone has somewhere he needs to go in his life, and each person needs time to decide that.

When we consider society as a whole, it is bad when many people get degrees. College diplomas have value because they show the qualifications a person has. However, when everyone has those qualifications, how could they matter?

Let's think about this in terms of inflation. For much of our nation's history, there was little money in circulation, and so money was very valuable. However, in 1971 the government took money off the gold standard and began printing money as fast as paper and ink were available. Pretty soon, money became worth much less and consistently decreases in value each year. Now let's apply this to college. If everyone were to go to college, universities would be printing off undergraduate degrees like money, requiring even longer education and higher qualifications to work in the same jobs. This increases competition, leaving many graduates with no employment and no real purpose. There needs to be a gap to prevent the overcrowding of jobs and degrees.

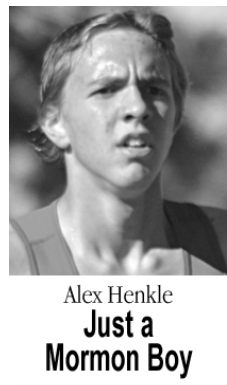
So we approach the final question, "Is a degree really necessary?" People can still be successful in life without a degree.

To support this claim, I cite my mother and stepdad. Neither have ever received any education after high school. Our family has seven children currently, the youngest 14 months old and the oldest a full-time college student. We also live 12 miles out of town, placing a further financial strain driving back and forth every day.

Regardless, my parents have still managed to provide for us for the last three years without many struggles, laboring at a full time job and still managing to make time for us. They taught me much and have shown me what really matters in life. My parents are successful people, as success should not be measured by societal status or income, but rather what personally matters to a person and whether he is able to live up to that value. A degree is not what should determine one's life or success.

In facing the pressure placed on going to college, I often contemplate the need for such a requirement. Personally, I have decided that I will go to college after serving a mission and giving myself plenty of time to decide what to do.

Despite my personal decision, however, the pressure placed on students to go to college is rather unneeded and extreme. By placing too much pressure on students, society manages to place students in rushed decisions and make degrees worth less, thus influencing many to turn to the lyric once again, "You don't have to go to college."



Alex Henkle  
Just a  
Mormon Boy

## Letters to the Editor

### A prayer for us all

Dear Editor,

In response to Jean Harshbarger, "The federal government is too present in our lives," November 27, 2014, page two:

Amen!

—Larry Napolitano

### We can get informed or we will get what we deserve

Dear Editor,

Let's you think that last weeks letter was only a disenchanted Democratic diatribe, please rest assured that there are plenty of culpable critters on the left as well. Fifteen years ago in Seattle, the WTO Meeting was being assailed, reportedly by as many as 50,000 union members (including those from around the world), students, environmentalists and others.

It was all about social and economic justice. They saw unfettered world trade as benefiting big business but contrary to everybody else's interests. Democratic President Clinton signed on with big business and the WTO. Shortly thereafter NAFTA reared its ugly head. There went jobs across the border(s). The big business leaders chalked up big profits while the American workers chalked up weeks of unemployment.

A common belief is that campaign donations "buy" elections. Evidence indicates otherwise. Nine out of 10 candidates supported by Karl Rove's American Crossroads lost. Generally, Democrats bit the dust despite Steyer's \$58 million contribution. There are exceptions to this generality: Kentucky's McConnell beat his Democratic opponent with the help of a very large donation by a pro-coal group. Campaign donations are only one of many factors influencing the outcome of elections. But, voters seem, in part, to base their allegiance on repetition of a message rather than on reasoning. That is a factor that needs to be gone. The Citizens United decision of the Supreme Court sullies the reputation of that previously august body. We have lost our government to forces outside of our control.

Members of both political parties are siding with

big business contrary to our best interests. Atlantic, Pacific and other "Free Trade" agreements are about to be inflicted on us. More profits for big business owners, more unemployment for the rest of us. It can not go on this way. There is a limit.

They have distracted us with false animosity for the other party. We have let them manipulate us. We must take back control of our lives. It is our country and our children's future.

Good news for both the political right and left. A rebirth of civics education is imminent. MacPherson of the Associated Press reports that in North Dakota (other states pending) one will not be able to graduate High School unless he passes an Immigrant Civics Test. Natives should be at least as knowledgeable about our government as someone who just arrived.

We have been so uninformed, misinformed and consequently misled that government is held in very low esteem. Even head lice are less objectionable than most Senators and Representatives.

Candidates, their parties or their campaign managers know of this lack of knowledge and interest in the realities of governance. So, they revert to massive negative advertising rather than a rational discussion of policy. It snowballs downhill from there.

Reasonable and acceptable compromise to both sides of any proposal can be reached. But only if their allegiance is to the people of the United States rather than their biggest campaign donor. That is a high bar but an educated electorate will help.

—Jerry Baird

### Truth hurts

Dear Editor,

Jonathan Gruber thinks Americans have the IQ of a tuber, and I guess I'll have to agree in this rhyme. At least that's the case, with the President's base, the some who can be fooled all the time.

Gruber said it so often, it should be the final nail in the coffin, of the admitted Obamacare scams. This arrogant elitist stated, if the act were more complicated, it'd be easier to sell to the lemmings and lambs.

Denied by Barry and Nancy, now he don't look quite so fancy, but the progressives will be busy spinning. Any means are justified by the ends, and all their media friends, have Gruber and his ilk so used

to winning.

They think they're so smart, but many of us knew from the start, lies were being made to both the elderly and the youth. It's a very sad case in our nation, many gladly live on low information, and don't even want to try to handle the truth!

—Jim Darlington

### Local vets had a great year with a little help from their friends

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers and supporters for their efforts in making this one of the best years V.F.W. Post No. 2516 has realized in many years.

In addition, a large thank you to our vendors that have gone above and beyond to help us in doing the upgrades and improvements we either needed or desired. We have become a more viable post, and it will only get better.

To the staff of our canteen and kitchen: your diligence and hard work have literally made things easier for us, as veterans, to be capable of benefitting those in need, much less adding to our charitable work and donations to worthy causes.

I would be totally remiss if I didn't mention our "hard core" Bingo players, who, rain or shine, or even sub-zero weather, have been here in support of our Post.

As I have stated since being installed as the commander, it takes all of us to "get it done," and this year has proven this to be true. While we are not an open establishment, I would encourage the membership to bring family and friends to the post as guests, to enjoy an evening and see what changes have been made, and find out what has been done to further the memory of their loved ones.

We had people walk the cemetery, identifying and upgrading the plot directory, and currently there are people doing diligent work in finding the grave sites that aren't currently marked in all the surrounding cemeteries, so we can have a marker made for their resting place. Any help from the public, in either locating or identifying their loved ones as veterans, would be greatly appreciated.

Again, it takes us all to make this work! Thank you.

—John R. Larsen  
CMDR. VFW Post No. 2516

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## Prom for grown-ups

Deb Sewell and her date, Andy Rasmussen, enjoy a spin on the dance floor during Perkin's Tavern's Adult Prom, held Saturday night. (Photo by Denice Piscioti/NLJ)

# Why not do it all year?

Jessalynn Centifanto  
**Summer Solace**

As the climax of the holiday season nears with the arrival of Christmas just around the corner, it seems as though the world opens their hearts in what is generally the most joyful and generous time of year. Santa hat-clad volunteers ring bells at the entrance to every store, and people volunteer at homeless shelters, spreading joy and "peace to all men." But why is it just this time of year?

Why is it that spreading joy and "peace to all men" only comes with the holidays, and why not all year round? More than a quarter of annual charitable contributions are made during the holiday season (primarily October-December), according to the National Center for Charitable Statistics. This season is known throughout the nonprofit world as the "Giving Season," despite the fact that during the holiday season individuals are spending an average of \$804.42 extra on the holidays (and rising, up 5 percent from last year already), according to the National Retail Federation. Less disposable income and yet more giving. So why is it that the rest of the year, while disposable income is more, giving is less? Why is it that only during the holidays that goodwill is important? Why should every other day of the year not also be a time of giving? How do we somehow lose the "spirit of giving" the rest of the year? Especially in a country that

has so many charitable organizations and volunteering, and giving is more accessible than ever, how is this not the "norm" in our daily lives? How do we shift our focus from our smart phones to people around us? How do we re-prioritize, so that, in a world that encourages an out-of-control hectic pace, we make time and set aside energy and money for giving to others? How do we make our world a community where we share and give to each other, rather than a world where we exist solely for our own indulgence? How do we take this momentum from the holiday season and make it a year-round pursuit? How do we make this world a better place?

Allow me to suggest we live as though there is a higher purpose than our own individual comfort or ease. There is a greater good and a higher calling in your life than yourself. There is a reason that humans grow and thrive in community — we were meant for more than ourselves. As we live in light of this, I believe we will grow in joy and in peace to all men, not just in our own personal lives, but also our communities and our world.

The key to holiday joy all year round is giving sacrificially out of a heart of contentment. There is no greater joy than giving, and no greater peace than that which comes from contentment. Jealousy, envy, constantly striving for more — these are the thief of joy. Our culture encourages pursuit of the American dream, of pursuing the bigger and better, the promotion of the individual, but what if

we decided to be more than that? What if we started living with others in mind? We are insanely blessed in this country that we live in, let's start living like it by blessing others!

The most joyful people I have ever met have been the people that give their lives to others. When their focus is more than themselves it is not a stretch to be content in what they have, because they are striving for more than their own promotion. When you find joy not in having a "perfect life," but in helping others, you can have joy all year round — it doesn't matter the circumstance surrounding you, because it's about more than you.

So let's not let the giving season end with the holidays. Instead, let us allow this momentum to carry through to our everyday lives. Let the giving season be every season!

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### CORRECTION

Katara Cade's name was spelled incorrectly on Page 20 of the Dec. 4, 2014, News Letter Journal.

### CLARIFICATION

In the Page 1 story, "Trees need help," in the Dec. 4, 2014, News Letter Journal, in a discussion regarding tree care, Tom Streeter presented information to the Weston County Fair Board given to him by Travis Peterson of Acorn Tree Service, who previously offered a proposed plan and an estimate of service. The proposal offered by Peterson was in no way in association with Peterson's position with the City of Newcastle, and according to Peterson, he was not contacted prior to the discussion held at the WCFB meeting, nor did he have any input following his proposal to Streeter. We apologize for any confusion.

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Ramona McKenzie

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**KAZEN AXEL BARKER**

Cade Barker and Alexis Shultz are proud to announce the birth of their son, Kazen Axel Barker. Kazen was born on Nov. 2, 2014, weighing 8 pounds, 9 ounces. He was 20.5 inches long at birth. Welcoming the baby home are big sister, Breekle Loeb, paternal grandparents, Stephanie and Bob Bonnar and Chad Barker, and maternal grandparents, Kelli and Allen Shultz.

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**Books**

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Outlaw Motors, Edward Jones, Elliott Chiropractic, Home Place Realty, Worden Funeral Directors, Voelker's Auto Body and Glass, North Platte Physical Therapy, Farmers Insurance Group, and Weston County Health Services.

In the package purchased through these donations there are books for every age group, Owens explained that he was able to look over the items that were available to them and picked the package that offered something for every age group, from child to adult.

These books cover a wide range of topics of interest

to all.

"Not all books will go to all places," professed Owens, explaining that the books will be distributed by the police department to age-appropriate places. He said that a variety of the books will be distributed to the grade school, middle school, high school, FOCUS, and Weston County Health Services. Owens also stated that he would like to have these books anywhere they can get public exposure — especially the books addressing drug abuse and ending violence.

"People that donated will get at least one package [of

books]," reported Owens, adding that this will include one of each of the publications and will show them what their money was used to produce.

"If we need any more of the books we can have more printed," Owens told the council members.

In a letter addressed to the Citizens of the Community in the publication addressing drug abuse, which is also where the ads for the businesses who donated to the publications can be found, Owens stated "The law is a deterrent, but education is our protection."

He continued to explain to

the NLJ that this book contains important information that needs to be read and shared, because it can truly save a life. Owens also made it clear that anyone who would like more information is encouraged to call.

"I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to our many sponsors for their generosity and outstanding commitment to this project. I encourage you to support our sponsors, for without them this important information would not be available," stated Owens in the letter to the citizens.

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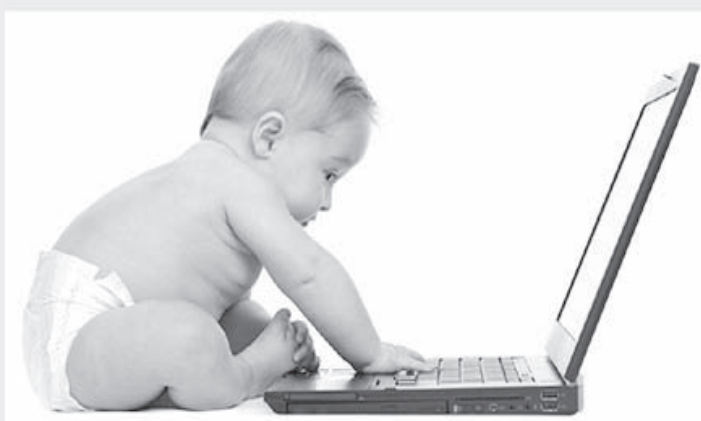
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- ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH:** Rev. Norm Brotzman, 216 S. Seneca, 746-2249. Call to Worship 9:30 am; Children's Church during Call to Worship; Faith Rally Sunday 6 pm.
- BAHA'I FAITH:** Firesides (Open to All) 1st & 3rd Fridays 7:30 pm at 15 Skyview Dr; 746-3626.
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- CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL:** Rev. Sally Boyd, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets, 746-9684. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday, Morning Prayer 10 a.m.; 2nd & 4th Saturday 4 p.m., Holy Eucharist. haydishall@hotmail.com
- CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Pastor John Hopper, 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am.
- CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS:** Bishop Greg James, 120 Ash, 746-4131. Sunday Sacrament Meeting 9 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am
- CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Killian Muli, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5:00 pm; Weekday Mass 8 am.
- COUNTRY CHURCH:** Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley, 746-9712, Worship 10 am.
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- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH:** Pastor Lynn Schleicher, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship 10:45 am; PrayerService 5 pm, Christian Academy.
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Jeff Thoms, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Sunday School 8:45 am; Church Services 10 am; Nursery care available.
- GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am. Call 746-8091.
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- SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST:** Pastor Gary Force, 78 Old Hwy 85, 746-3504 or 278-0254, Pastoral Assistant Jason Logan 746-2974. Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11:20 am.
- ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Killian Muli, Upton. Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
- VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH:** Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366.
- UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Sharee Johnson, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 9 am; Fellowship 10 a.m.; Adult Study 10:30 a.m.; 1st & 3rd Wed Evenings Prayer and Praise Service 7 pm.

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 John 15:1

**What's It All About**



Our children seem to be increasingly intelligent at an earlier age, yet they do not have the wisdom and learned logic they need to know 'what it's all about'. Those of us who are older have learned from experience that curiosity and immaturity can be dangerous partners...even more so in today's culture of instant access. How can we help our youngsters make sense of it all? Parents can begin early to teach their children right from wrong and show them by example the basic principles of responsibility and faithful living. Use the most reliable resource available to give your children the future they deserve; visit your house of worship each week.

Weekly Scripture Reading						
Zeph. 1.1-18	Zeph. 2.1-15	Zeph. 3.1-20	Zech. 1.1-21	Zech. 2.1-13	Zech. 9.9-17	Zech. 10.1-12

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**100 YEARS AGO –  
DEC. 10, 1914**

Last Saturday evening the Eagle Lodge of this city held a very interesting session, seven candidates being initiated into the mysteries of the order. This popular organization is making great headway in Newcastle, the roster showing the names of something like 75 members in the few short months since being organized here.

Dick Chapman and wife of Horton are to be congratulated over the arrival of a baby girl Dec. 1st.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Ora Mayberry is quite sick with leakage of the heart. It is hoped she will soon be well again.

John Baugh took a load of grain to Newcastle last of the week. On his return trip he brought out a load of freight for the Horton store.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Smith are the happy parents of a little son, born Nov. 28. Mr. and Mrs. P.G. Christensen are equally happy over their grandson.

Mrs. Wm. Dixon and Mrs. Allie J.H. Dixon and children left for Chicago, having received news that their mother was seriously ill.

Several ladies of the Cambria Mutual Aid journeyed to Newcastle last Friday and attended the bazaar given there.

Geo. DeBow has purchased a set of puncture-proof tires, and now rocks, glass, etc. hold no terrors for him. Mr. DeBow still claims that the Ford is the best car going — when it goes — and has other pet names for it when it doesn't go.

The local U.M.W. of A. held an election of national officers last Tuesday and everybody voted. This is easily explained when it is mentioned that those who did not vote were liable to \$1 fine. Why not try this scheme on our state election?

The dance given by trea-

surer-elect, Carl Hayes, at the Humphrey's hall on Friday night was a decided success in every way. About 90 people attended and all reported having had the best of good times.

T.A. Christy was in town last Friday and reported the finding of coal about three miles west of his ranch, in Township 42, Range 63. The outcropping shows three veins ranging from eight to 24 inches and increasing in thickness with the short entry that has been made by the farmers who have already taken several loads of coal from the veins. The coal burns well and the quality is expected to become better as a further distance from the surface is reached.

**75 YEARS AGO –  
DEC. 14, 1939**

Displaying a strong defense and exceptionally good teamwork, Coach Syverson's Newcastle Dogies won the championship of the tri-county basketball tournament held here Friday, by defeating Gillette 29 to 22.

Richard Hansen was elected Chancellor Commander of the local Knights of Pythias Lodge at the regular meeting on last Wednesday evening.

Fred Fawcett, chairman of the board of county commissioners, announced this week the appointment of Miss Sybil Jackson, Newcastle grade school teacher, as county superintendent of schools, to succeed Mrs. Olivia Pickle, who died last week.

Members of the X-T Club will sponsor a Christmas party on Friday afternoon at three o'clock for their children. The party will be held at the library basement.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ray Cummings, a seven-pound baby boy, at the Acord Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hansen are the parents of a 5 3/4-pound baby son, born on Wednesday

morning at the Acord Hospital.

Lee Hunter purchased the house vacated by the Carl Hunter family in the Osage Refinery District.

The Legion Dance, Saturday evening in Osage, was well attended. Teagarden's orchestra played.

Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Townsend Sr., and Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Townsend attended the funeral of Mrs. Waldron Townsend's father in Edgemont Friday.

The Prairie Pals Club held its meeting at the home of Mrs. Andy Kudlock. After a lovely dinner, three tables of Bridge were played.

The dance and house-warming at Jesse Scott's on Beaver Creek Saturday night was well attended, everyone having had a very good time.

Mrs. Ben Schulze spent a few days this last week with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fawcett.

Osage Women's Club sponsored its annual Wyoming Day program Saturday evening at the community building, with about 50 being present. The state song, "Wyoming," was sung to both the old and new tunes. Si Holst gave an interesting talk on the early cattle days and stated that he was familiar with all the cattle states in the union.

**50 YEARS AGO –  
DEC. 10, 1964**

Saturday afternoon is free movie time for children in the Newcastle area.

Longer shopping hours are being put into effect in Newcastle for the convenience of Christmas shoppers.

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**From the Vault of the Anna Miller Museum:**

Boyd Church stood beside the Boyd Cemetery until it was moved to its present location at Four Corners, known as the Four Corners Church.

WHAT'S UP			Meetings & Events Calendar
DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Dec. 11	5:30 p.m.	City Planning Commission	City Hall
Dec. 12	2 p.m.	W.C. Courthouse Retirement	W.C. Courthouse
	5 a.m.	Open House	Short Stop
	5 p.m.	Fall Guys Registration	NHS Commons
	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
	7 p.m.	Square Dancing	Newcastle Elementary School
Dec. 13	11 a.m.	Story Time	The Wedding Closet
Dec. 14	2 p.m.	Christmas Cantata	Crouch Auditorium
	2 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Church
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
Dec. 15	3 p.m.	RER Open House	Upton Office
	3 p.m.	W.C. Natural Resource District	USDA Building
	7 p.m.	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers
Dec. 16	9 a.m.	W.C. Commissioners Meeting	W.C. Courthouse
	Noon	Cowbelles Christmas Carry In	USDA Building
	6:45 p.m.	ALANON Meeting	Mondell Heights
	7 p.m.	Helping Hands Foundation	W.C. Senior Center
	7 p.m.	W.C. Travel Commission Meeting	Upton Food Bank
Dec. 17	9 a.m.	W.C. Senior Center Meeting	W.C. Senior Center
	10 a.m.	Chamber Coffee	W.C. Health Services
	Noon	Newcastle Lions Club	W.C. Senior Center
	2:30 p.m.	W.C. Weed & Pest	Weed & Pest Office
	6 p.m.	W.C. Humane Society	Shelter
	7 p.m.	Lady's Firearm Safety	WC Sportsman Club
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
Dec. 18	5 p.m.	W.C. Health Services	Board Room
Dec. 19	11:30 a.m.	W.C. Library Meeting	Newcastle Library
	7 p.m.	Dance - Music by Western Ramblers	W.C. Senior Center
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall

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# For the Ages

## News Letter Journal

### A little 'love' for those in need

Denice Piscioti  
NLJ Reporter

Imagine the entire house being pitch black, unable to see anything. That is what happened to Marian Stickel last year when a power outage occurred in her home. The elderly woman was relieved to see the light from her Lifeline Medical Alert System. She is grateful for the use of the machine, which gives her the ability to live alone with the reassurance from the touch of a button around her neck that someone will quickly be available on the other end of the phone line to assist her in a time of need.

"If it wasn't for my Lifeline, I wouldn't be here today, that is for sure. I had to use it one time — and I am sure glad I had it! There was a blackout last year when everything in town went black. That's when I used that. Immediately, they were ready to help me just that quick," recalled Stickel. "I was trying to find myself in the dark and scared. I could see my little light so I reached over and pushed my button. I am sure glad I have that thing, thanks to LeAnn [Kenagy]. I recommend it to anybody."

After pushing the button, an operator at Lifeline reassured Stickel the outage was not her fault. Within five minutes an officer from the Newcastle Police Department was at her door to assist her.

Because the widow lives alone, Kenagy, manager of Weston County Health Services' In-Home Services program, suggested a Lifeline Medical Alert System would benefit Stickel.

However, for Stickel, Lifeline wouldn't be possible without donations made to the Tree of Love each December, which allows In-Home Services to offer a sliding scale payment system to residents of Weston County. The program was started 19 years ago, Kenagy told the News Letter Journal.

Originally, Weston County Health Services monitored individuals with equipment they had purchased. Calls were received at the nurse's station at the hospital. Several years ago, they began working with Lifeline, leasing the equipment from the company and paying them to monitor the service.

From the beginning, Kenagy explained, the objective was to make

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the service affordable for those who needed it, which is where the idea for the Tree of Love was initiated, to financially contribute to Lifeline.

"Without the Tree of Love we wouldn't be able to afford to do it, so it is very, very important that we have that support from the community to support that program. We decided to use the Tree of Love to subsidize folks who can't pay the monitoring fee plus our fees of handling the program, and that kind of thing. So far it has been working really well, we break even almost every year," reported Kenagy.

When she checked the amount of donations last week, they were \$2,000 away from this year's \$7,000 goal. Contributions of \$25 can be in honor or memory of family members or friends, until Dec. 19. Each donor will receive an angel, and the honoree's name will be listed in an ad in the News Letter Journal.

"There is a sign beside the tree at the courthouse that the angels on the tree are in memory or honor of a loved one, and there is a list beside the tree listing who is being honored. I update the list every Friday. It will stay up until after the first of the year," Kenagy stated. "It is a tradition with many, many folks. Every year they have been really good about donating in memory of their loved one to help someone stay at home."

Previously a land line telephone was required for the Lifeline service, but Kenagy explained that now they have wireless units to be used with cell phones. However, the cost is more, and good cell phone coverage is necessary also.



Denice Piscioti/NLJ

**Marian Stickel wears a Lifeline Medical Alert button around her neck that helps her feel secure that help will be available quickly should she need it.**

"They don't have to pay for cell phone coverage on this. It is part of the AT&T network and they just use the network to use the calling. We have a couple out in the community," she added.

Also, wireless location tracking is a new service Lifeline will be offering after the first of the year, Kenagy said, to allow Lifeline customers to go fishing or to the barn and still be covered. It is used with wireless services and Global Position Services. She doesn't have much information yet, but she does know it is coming.

"The theory behind this Go Safe

system is for the elders that are active. The higher the technology, the higher the cost. I haven't gotten any figures on that yet, though," Kenagy informed.

Through donations, several individuals who financially qualify — including Stickel — do not have to pay the \$300 annual cost to have their Lifeline. Almost everyone in the program is helped by the donations through the sliding scale, based on their income.

Stickel has called Newcastle home

— See Lifeline, Page 9

### Senior Happenings

**Weston County Senior Services**  
Dec. 11: Bridge Ladies 1 p.m.  
Dec. 12: Blood Pressure Check 9:30 a.m.  
Dec. 13: Open Rec Room  
Dec. 16: Helping Hands Foundation Board Mtg. 7 p.m.  
Dec. 17: Toenail clinic 9 a.m.  
Dec. 18: Trip to The Lodge  
Dec. 19: Dance 7 p.m.  
Dec. 20: Open Rec Room  
Dec. 22: Visually Impaired Support Group 1 p.m.  
Dec. 23: Mexican Train 1 p.m.  
Dec. 24: Manor for lunch  
Dec. 25: Closed: Merry Christmas!  
Dec. 26: Closed  
Dec. 27: Open Rec Room  
Dec. 30: Mexican Train 1 p.m.  
Dec. 31: Mondell for lunch

**Weston County Manor**  
Dec. 11: Manicures 2 p.m.  
Dec. 12: Greedy 10:30 a.m.  
Dec. 13: Namit 11 a.m.  
Dec. 14: Trivia 11 a.m.  
Dec. 15: Cooking 3 p.m.  
Dec. 16: Keepsake Kraffers 2 p.m.  
Dec. 17: Bingo 2 p.m.  
Dec. 18: Al & the Gang  
Dec. 19: Children's Choir 9 a.m.  
Dec. 20: Quiz Ball 10:30 a.m.  
Dec. 21: Proverbs 11 a.m.  
Dec. 22: Wii 10:30 a.m.  
Dec. 23: Stories 4 p.m.  
Dec. 24: Services 2 p.m.  
Dec. 25: Holiday movies 2 p.m.  
Dec. 26: Movie 6 p.m.  
Dec. 27: Hangman 11 a.m.  
Dec. 29: Bingo 6 p.m.  
Dec. 30: Music 6 p.m.  
Dec. 31: Bingo with Mocktails 2 p.m.



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

### Holiday goodies can sometimes get the better of you

Every kitchen in the country is probably busy with people getting ready with holiday treats, and I've already baked seven dozen chocolate chip cookies. Some went in the freezer until it's time to decide which happy bachelor should get some for a gift, maybe, and which ones I should keep around for the coffee drinkers that show up at my house. Well, the chocolate chip ones I can hardly mess up, but I have made my share of big goof-ups, I have to confess.

Once it was pumpkin pie — now, how could anybody mess up pumpkin pie? All it takes is a can of pumpkin, a bit of flour (not much) ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg, a

little bit of salt, some beaten eggs, and a can of condensed milk, right? I made one just like that once, whoops! Go back and look again! I forgot the sugar! The whole troop ate their pie slathered with

whipped cream and never said a word. Not until I got around to my own piece of pie did I discover what I did. I guess that's not quite as bad as the time my Mom got the powdered sugar and the flour mixed up and made

potato dumplings with it! Now that would be truly gross.

About three years ago, I had an awful run-in with a recipe, something new, and it sounded so easy and delicious that I decided to try it out. Truffles! Who wouldn't



Donna Gochanour  
I Remember When



Donna Gochanour Photo

like truffles? The recipe said I was supposed to melt 24 ounces of chocolate chips, add 14 ounces of condensed sweetened milk and a dash of almond and salt. Okay. Then form into balls.

Well, their balls were beautifully round, mine were malformed and lumpy. My hands were slathered in chocolate. Bright idea, spray my hands with Pam!

Next, roll my balls in multi-colored sprinkles. Theirs were nicely evenly coated. All of my sprinkles fell off on the floor and counter top. Mine had a few little blobs adhering by the skin of their little teeth. Well, the Pam wasn't working out, either, it had made the balls kind of greasy, and that's why the sprinkles were all over the floor I figured.

I ended up with a bunch of lumpy blobs of chocolate, definitely not round, chocolate-covered hands, a floor I had

to wash, and a bruised ego.

I carefully pressed some of the sprinkles that were all over the table top into the lumpy balls of chocolate and tried to make them look a bit festive. Not too bad, but not exactly good, either. Not good enough so that anyone would mistake them for truffles either. Whoever gets these little darlin's in their Christmas stocking was going to wonder just what I had been thinking (or drinking!) — if I even had enough guts to give them away!

I think I remember that I ended up gradually eating them all. It wasn't all bad if somebody actually got to eat them, right? They really did taste pretty good once you got past the way that they looked!

From now on, I promised myself, I would stick to the old tried and true holiday recipes that I had some practice at — no more experiments for me!

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## Customer Appreciation

First State Bank of Newcastle held its annual Customer Appreciation Day Friday, where more than 800 adults and 60 children attended, entering their name for the many door prize drawings held throughout the day. Above, Ida Wanner drops her name in the box while talking with Joanna Akers of FSB. The grand prize, an iPad, went to Kathleen Engle. Cookies, pastry, punch and coffee were served and guests were treated to special gifts from the bank, this year a collapsible storage container and a notebook. Calendars, pens and a plethora of candy canes were also on hand for guests to take home. "We sure enjoyed having everyone," said Mike Morrison, vice president of FSB. The event, coupled with several other open houses throughout Newcastle the same day, offers an opportunity to visit with friends and neighbors. At left, Barb Ondrizek picks up a couple of candy canes. Below, Jessica Bettorf, Kim Praeuner and Susie Rabenberg offer gifts to Marcell and Bill Carson.

Photos by Amy Menerey/NLJ



## Wyoming influenza cases on the rise

Influenza cases are increasing. Here at Weston County Public Health in Newcastle, we have been very busy giving flu shots this year.

With flu activity reports stepping up across the state, residents are encouraged by the Wyoming Department of Health to take common-sense steps to avoid spreading influenza or becoming ill with the disease.

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

"The influenza activity reported to us has clearly picked up in Wyoming recently," said Reggie McClinton, surveillance epidemiologist with WDH. "Natrona County appears to be showing the highest level of influenza activity right now. Unfortunately, one of the reported cases from this county involved the death of an adult woman."

Dr. Tracy Murphy, state epidemiologist with WDH, said influenza should not be taken for granted. "This can be a very serious disease for some people. Every flu season we see hospitalizations and deaths due to influenza and its complications."

Murphy said common-sense measures can help slow or prevent influenza's spread. "Covering your mouth and nose with your sleeve or a tissue when you sneeze and cough; frequently washing your hands; and staying home from work, school, day care and errands when you are ill can help," he said.



Lori Bickford  
The Public Health

Flu vaccines are also available in many locations. WDH recommends nearly everyone over the age of six months receive an annual flu vaccination. "We are not yet seeing widespread community transmission or the likely peak of flu activity for the season, so we encourage people who have not yet been vaccinated to do so," Murphy said.

In Newcastle, we have about 100 doses left. For those who haven't received their flu shot, there is still time to get the shot.

Murphy acknowledged flu vaccines are not able to offer guaranteed protection from every possible strain of influenza.

"However, they remain the most effective and most important tool available to help prevent this often serious illness," he said.

Murphy reminded residents it takes about two weeks for flu vaccines to offer effective protection, so those exposed to the flu during that time may still become ill.

Doctors may recommend prescription antiviral medications to help treat influenza. "For antiviral medications to be a good option, it is important to seek medical care quickly," Murphy advised.

Prescription antiviral medications may be especially helpful for persons at higher risk for complications from flu such as young children, adults 65 years of age or older, persons with chronic medical conditions, persons with altered immune systems, women who are pregnant or soon after delivery, persons less than 19 years of age who are on long-term aspirin therapy for other conditions, those who are extremely overweight, and residents of nursing homes or other chronic-care facilities.

Murphy said residents who become ill should get lots of rest, drink plenty of liquids and avoid using alcohol or tobacco. "You may also take medications to relieve your symptoms, but should avoid giving products containing aspirin to children or teens with flu-like symptoms," he said.

The peak for influenza cases is January and February, so folks need to make an appointment. It takes about 10 minutes from the time they get out of their car until they are on their way.

Weston County Public Health is located at 400 Stampede Street in Newcastle. Phone (307) 746-4775, Ext. 106, to make an appointment or for more information.

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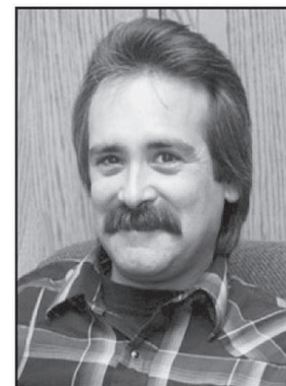


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**Kids Shopping Day**

Astrid Carr cuts ribbon for a special gift she chose during the Kids Shopping Day held Saturday at First United Methodist Church in Newcastle. The annual event is staffed by volunteers, with gifts that have been donated for children to choose for parents or grandparents, free of charge. (Photo by Denice Piscioti/NLJ)

**Kids Helping Kids OPERATION SANTA**

These letters were written by Newcastle Elementary School third-graders, asking the community to help them with Operation Santa: Kids Helping Kids, an annual event to help those less fortunate.

Nov 17, 2014

Dear Families,

Hi! My name is Amelia. I'm 9 years old. I go to school in Newcastle and I am trying to raise money for families that are having a hard time buying presents for their children.

There are two ways we are raising money. First we will be selling cookies for Cookie Day and the cookies are only 25¢ each. Another thing that we will be doing is putting cans in businesses. The cans are for your spare change. Remember every penny helps.

Thank you so much for helping others this Christmas.

Sincerely,  
Amelia

Dear Weston County,

Hello my name is Colton. I'm in 3rd grade and eight years old. I'm writing this letter to earn money to buy clothes for the people who need help.

There are two ways you can help. First you can come to Cookie Day Dec. 17. The cookies are 25¢ each. Or we will be putting cans in stores. We'll take change, dollars and even checks.

Please help us with Operation Santa kids Helping Kids!

Sincerely,  
Colton

Dear Weston County Residents,

Hi! My name is William Beastro and I'm 9 years old. I go to Newcastle Elementary School and I need your help to earn "money" for the people who need help.

There are three ways we are going to raise money we need. First, we have cans. We are putting them in businesses to earn change. Another thing we do is have Cookie Day. It's on Dec. 17, 2014 at the Newcastle Elementary school. Each goodie is 25¢, Yum!!!

Last, but not least we have raffle tickets. I like raffle tickets because Mrs. Ragland is selling a wreath, the Polar Express book with a CD and a Santa night light.

I hope you can help.

your friend,  
William

Nov 17, 2014

Dear Newcastle,

Hi my name is Ava Williams, I'm 8 years old and I am in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. The reason I'm writing this letter is because I wanted to for help. There are some families that need help with Christmas presents, clothes, boots and coats.

Here are two ways that we are making money. First we will be selling raffle tickets. There are the very cool prizes you can win, like the very cute Santa Claus night light. Next we will be setting out cans that you can drop your loose cents and dollars. Every penny helps. Thank you for helping us raise money.

Your friends  
Ava Williams

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# Kids Helping Kids OPERATION SANTA

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Nov. 17, 2014  
Dear Weston County,  
Hi, my name is J.J. Lipp and I'm eight years old. I'm in third grade at Newcastle Elementary School and I'm writing this to inform you that we are raising money for families who can't afford clothing for their kids. We would like your help. They are three things that we are doing to raise money. One thing is we are going to have a Cookie Day at Newcastle Elementary School on December 17th. It's not just cookies, there will also be brownies and chips. It's time to fill up your cookie jars. The cookies are 25¢ each. Yum!  
Next we are putting cans in businesses. We will take any thing you have. You can even give us dollars if you want!  
Finally we are going to sell raffle tickets. There are going to be awesome prizes, like a Santa night light.  
Your friend, JJ Lipp

Dear Newcastle,  
Hello, my name is Wyatt Cole. I am 8 years old, and I am in third grade. I'm writing this letter because there are parents who can't afford clothes and I want to help.  
Here are two ways. We will collect money. First, we will place a can in stores, and you can put your money in it. Second, we will be having Cookie Day. The cookies cost 25¢, you can buy as much as you like. There will be lots of goodies.  
I hope you can help.  
yours truly,  
Wyatt

Nov. 17, 2014  
Dear Newcastle  
My name is Steven and I am eight years old and I am in 3rd grade at Newcastle Elementary School. My purpose is to earn money for kids that don't have much clothing and toys. There are several ways we are going to raise the money we need. The first thing we are doing is having a Cookie Day. It is on December 17th. There are all kinds of flavors. There might be chocolate cookies in there to help us.  
I hope you're buying some of our cookies and drop money in my can. Thank you for helping us.  
Your truly friend,  
Steven

Dear Families,  
Hi name is Camara. I'm 8 years old and I am in 3rd grade. The reason I'm writing this letter is because we are trying to raise money for our charity, Operation Santa kids Helping kids.  
There are three ways we are going to raise money. First, we are going to put cans around town to gather change, dollars, and even checks. In addition, we will be having Cookie Day. The cookies are 25¢ each, and starts Dec. 17th. There will be a ton of goodies.  
Will you please help us help others?  
Thank you!  
Sincerely  
Camara

Nov 18 2014  
Dear Families,  
Hi, I am Lola Lewis and I am 8 years old. I am in 3rd grade. The reason I am writing this letter is because use there families all over Weston County that can't afford to buy any clothing for their children. I am asking for your help!  
There are three ways we are going to raise the money. First, we are putting cans around town. Every penny counts. Next we are selling raffle tickets. They are 50¢ each. Five fantastic prizes will be given. On Cookie Day, they will be 25¢ each! Fill your cookie jar.  
Thank you for your help!  
your friend  
Lola

Dear People  
I am Jayde Harrington. I am 9 years old. I go to Newcastle Elementary school and. The purpose I am writing this is for the kids that don't have much for clothing. Kids need to stay warm this winter so I hope you can help us raise money for clothing.  
Second, we are going to have Raffle Tickets and we will give 5 things. Here is 3 things we are giving away, a wreath The polar Express book with a CD and a Santa night light.  
Last it is the time to eat alot of cookies. They are all 25¢ each. A pie or some thing bigger will cost more. There may even be homemade kisses if my Mom makes them!  
Your friend,  
Jayde Harrington

Dear People of Newcastle,  
Hi, my name is JR. I am 9 years old. I am writing this letter to get money for Operation Santa-kids helping kids. Next we are putting cans out for people to put money in we can take anything you can spare. Also, Raffle Tickets are 50¢. If you win you can get a wreath, The Polar Express book with a CD, or a Santa night light.  
Thank You for helping us.  
Your friend,  
JR Graham

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### ABATE

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use. We did buy basic tool kits for boys, something to keep in their car."  
Make-up is something she shies away from for girls, but she does try to get personal care items such as electric leg shavers, curling and flat irons. The home base for Northeast Wyoming ABATE is in Gillette where they have a space set up like an actual toy store, which is the first place Iacovetto will go to fill her list for Weston County. What she cannot find she will purchase in stores. There is no dollar amount limit. It is whatever is needed and can be useful.  
"I have been trying to collect money here in Weston County that will be used for Weston County," she acknowledged. "I would definitely appreciate any and all help. Do you know what five bucks can buy at Family Dollar for a toddler? Corporate sponsors get a plaque. Right now two main corporate sponsors in Weston County are Wyoming Refining Company and Farnsworth Services. They have always been very generous with me and this fund."  
Dec. 18 is the deadline for donations. Iacovetto can be reached through her Facebook page or on her cell phone, at (307) 629-0555.  
"I will come pick things up in town, Upton and Osage. If companies want to donate, it is tax deductible, and I will give them a receipt. We are a 501(c)(3) [non-profit organization]," she added.  
Northeast Wyoming ABATE raises funds throughout the year for the toy store, with activities such as auctions and poker runs.

### Kids

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to NES staff that had served, noted Pzinski.  
"Then we displayed those in the lobby during November for Veteran's Day. This is the second part of that, and we try to get them sent before Christmas," she continued.  
The Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp contributed a large number of items for the boxes. Pzinski is grateful for the chamber and the businesses that helped contribute monetarily so the items could be shipped overseas. These included A-1 Agency, Andersen Plumbing and Contracting, Four Corners Country Inn, John's Electric, Modern Cleaners & Laundry and Rocky Top Taxidermy.  
"We would like to thank the businesses that sponsored the postage on the care packages we are sending to troops overseas this holiday season," acknowledged Pzinski.

### Lifeline

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since moving with her husband, John, and son John Jr. in 1963. Since then her family has either passed away or moved.  
For close to 30 years, her husband enjoyed work as a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service in the community. Through the years, she said, she has worked at many different places in town, including cooking at the old hospital on the hill — which is now Mondell Heights.  
For many years, Stickel and her husband lived outside of town on Old Highway 85. She fondly recalls enjoying living there, planting gardens and cactus.

"We moved here because my mom was real sick. I had come to take care of her and she just kind of talked us into moving here, and so I have been here ever since. I am the last of my family now," she explained.  
Not only is Stickel grateful for her Lifeline, but for Kenagy as well. As a child, Kenagy lived next to Stickel, and has continued to look out for her. The elderly woman gave her a lot of compliments, saying she is good at her job.  
Around the first of the month Stickel tests her machine by pushing the button around her neck, triggering a help call in progress. The NLJ was on hand while she did her check on the machine for the month of December. Within seconds a live operator, Jane, was on the phone speaking with her, wishing her a nice holiday season.  
Stickel never takes her Lifeline button off, even when she is not in range of her machine at her house, and recommends the modern convenience to anyone — especially the elderly.  
"I got one and I am sure glad I did," she said smiling.

## PERSON of the year

It is time for the News Letter Journal to select Weston County's Person of the Year for 2014...

**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, and we will publish feature stories on our top 8-12 nominees in the January 1, 2015 issue of the News Letter Journal.

The NLJ staff will select the person we believe has made the most positive impact on the community, and honor them as our Person of the Year.

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**FURNITURE:** Butcher block kitchen rack; new office chairs; green legged oak table; dresser; floor lamps; oil paintings.

**MISC:** Records; DVD & VHS; knick knacks; sewing machine; new Wii game station & games; chick egg incubator.

**AUTOGRAPHED ITEMS:** Sandy Koufax mat; Muhammad Ali mat; Mickey Mantle, Whitey Ford & Billy Martin mat, Ted Williams mat, Willie Mays mat, Mickey Mantle & Hank Aaron mat, Same Jaffe-actor card, Access Suzanne Pleshette card, Bob Feller 8x10; Greg Nettles 8x10; Stan Bahnsen "1968 A.L. Rookie of the Year" 8x10; vintage baseball cards in cases; Bob Feller card, Gaylord Perry card, Al Lopez Hall of Fame card, Bobby Bell Hall of Fame card, graded sports cards, Brett Favre football, Ryan Howard baseball, 1989 Fleer Factory sealed box of baseball cards, Lebron James Rookie cut-sheet, Joe DiMaggio ball case, Pavel Bure bobblehead.

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**Festival of Trees**

The annual Pinnacle Bank Festival of Trees was a big hit Friday night, with more than \$37,000 raised during the auction of festively decorated wreaths and trees, donated by area businesses. Of the money raised, 50 percent will go to the Weston County Children's Center, with the other 50 percent split between the Weston County Humane Society and the B.R.E.A.D. office. According to Amy Hoffman of Pinnacle Bank, the best wreath went to Carr Custom Fencing, and best tree went to Peabody. Especially entertaining was a Bronco tree that was auctioned off three times, raising a total of \$5,425.



Pictured clockwise, from top: Jordon Holden displays one of the many wreaths to be auctioned off; Jerry Tystad, Caroline Zerbst and Kathy Townsend celebrate a winning bid; the crowd enjoys music provided by the Hill City Slickers; Neela Beardley looks as though she's preaching to the choir, as she tries to express the gratitude of the Weston County Humane Society — without microphone feedback.



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# Court

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because of how often something might occur, but because of the gravity of the situation should something happen. He compares it to wearing a seat belt in a vehicle — chances are you are not going to wreck, but you want to prepare for the possibility of it happening.

“Do you regularly have a bailiff when court is in session?” asked Commissioner Jerry Shepperson, asking if the clerks would feel safer if there was a deputy present at all times. Castano explained that he doesn’t object to having a deputy present, but it would be costly to have someone present at all times. He added that, other options presented would be a one-time cost, whereas a deputy’s presence would be an ongoing expense.

“Is there any feasibility of putting a barrier up?” questioned Commissioner Randy Rossman, asserting that this could be done until the basement of the Law Enforcement Center is ready for Circuit Court to be moved down there.

“That’s a pretty big project over there,” explained Castano, adding that he is not against moving to the Law Enforcement Center basement, but it’s a more modest, lower-cost alternative to move the court downstairs. He explained that the building the Circuit Court currently occupies could be made safer, too, but you would be putting money into something that would never be safe enough.

“The time frame on that is not feasible to what we are trying to do now,” explained Shepperson, adding that this doesn’t address the immediate problems, like security.

“It’s generally a continuous flow,” reported Castano, adding that the daily traffic through Circuit Court is high, reiterating that when it comes to safety, you never know when someone is going to come in with an issue and be argumentative or ready to cause problems.

“I think what you have done, is you have substituted whatever protection you lack there and put it on the shoulders of the other employees here,” professed Ertman, explaining that moving the Circuit Court doesn’t get rid of the problem, it just moves it to another building where other employees might be affected.

Castano replied by stating that, with Circuit Court in the basement of the courthouse, the clerks wouldn’t be alone, they would have others to respond to any possible situation that might arise.

“What would your suggestion be, if the people in the courthouse now feel threatened

by the extra traffic?” questioned Lenard Seeley, Weston County Commission chairman.

In response, Castano said that a plan courthouse-wide is the solution, and he believes that this could come together fairly quickly.

Seeley brought up the issue of scheduling, indicating that with District Court already in the courthouse, they would have to share the same courtroom upstairs with Circuit Court.

Castano explained that the clerk of District Court would have to provide blocked out dates for their scheduled court dates, and that, with the short nature of most Circuit Court hearings that come up, those could be done during breaks of the District Court hearings. He added that it may not be ideal, but it can work here and does work in Crook County.

Deputy County Attorney William Curley — who will take over the position of county attorney in January — stated that people going to the courtroom won’t even be present on the main floor of the courthouse, should Circuit Court be moved. Currently the procedure is to escort them downstairs and take the elevator to the second floor, thus avoiding the main floor and a majority of the traffic in the courthouse.

“The number of visits to Circuit Court, that are actually bound for the courtroom, are low compared to the number of actual visits to the clerks,” professed Commissioner Tracy Hunt, adding that with the use of the outside door to the basement, a large majority of the Circuit Court traffic would not even have to come through the courthouse.

“The issue at hand is where our county attorney will go,” reminded Ertman, explaining that the problem of Circuit Court’s placement is not an immediate issue. Instead, the commissioners should be dealing with finding office space for Curley to conduct county attorney business, rather than rushing into relocating Circuit Court, she indicated.

“What we have to do is find a place for Mr. Curley,” stated Seeley, adding that this is the main issue at hand.

Curley told the commissioners that he shouldn’t be honed into the basement on the excuse that Circuit Court can be dealt with later, stating he feels that they can address it now and solve both problems.

Castano pointed out that he and Curley have had discussions about the issue, and Curley could temporarily house himself for a little bit of time while other

things are taken care of. Curley said he would remove himself as the excuse if it would take some time to move the Circuit Court to the basement.

“They believe they have a problem,” stated Hunt, explaining that the safety issue is something that needs to be addressed, not just where to house Curley. Castano reported that he is no security expert, but there are security issues that need to be addressed, and, although he doesn’t feel that magnetometers at every door is the answer, something needs done.

“It’s not that far out,” explained Shepperson, adding that he feels the remodeling of the basement could be ready for Circuit Court by the first of the year.

Seeley, though, stated that the security issue needs to be dealt with before the transition can be made into the courthouse.

Castano mentioned that if the go-ahead is given, he can be on the phone contacting the Supreme Court on his way back to Sundance, in reference to getting help from the Statewide Court Security coordinator to help with security measures at Weston County’s courthouse. He explained that he has already done the groundwork and if told to move forward he can get to work on it right away.

After this discussion, Shepperson made the motion to remodel the basement for the Circuit Court and to move the county attorney’s office into the vacated current Circuit Court building, with Hunt seconding this motion. The only commissioner to negate the motion was Marty Ertman, who made it clear she wanted her vote recorded.

Shepperson then made the motion to have the Statewide Court Security coordinator come to Weston County to assess the security of the courthouse and have the security issue addressed prior to the move of Circuit Court to the basement. Hunt also seconded this motion, with all commissioners supporting this motion.

It was clarified that Scott Rager, Weston County Emergency Management coordinator, will meet with the state security coordinator as well as contact the department heads and Castano, regarding their wants and needs for security before the move.

The final decision about whether or not the necessary security measures are in place and the Circuit Court can be moved will be made by the commissioners.



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# Inspector

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The council gave Hartley the go-ahead to see if Sundstrom would be interested in the position, and it became official last week.

“Sundstrom is working with Keuck right now,” reported Hartley, explaining that she has been working side by side with him as of the first of the month to learn the job, prior to his retirement the first of the year.

“It’s interesting, because I went through all the phases,” explained Sundstrom in an interview with the News Letter Journal, when asked how long she has been in the construction business. She told the story of her childhood and how she started cutting and harvesting trees at the age of 13, and how in her teen years she helped mill

wood at her parent’s sawmill in Spearfish, S.D. She actually started building in the ‘80s, with her taking a serious professionalism in it in her 30s.

“It’s been just about 20 years,” Sundstrom professed. She added that she just finished up some construction jobs in November, prior to taking the position with the city.

Sundstrom explained that there are many things she is looking forward to when it comes to her employment as building inspector. Coming from a job as a contractor and being self employed, this position has job security and less stress then running a business, she stated.

“Steady income and benefits, that’s what I’m most looking forward to,” stated Sundstrom.

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**New services at WCHS**

**Denice Piscioti**  
NLJ Reporter

Weston County Health Services has announced it is offering more resources to community members, by providing the services of mental health professionals through electronic medicine.

The service, which has now been available for the past couple of months, is available after a referral from a doctor. Patients can see board certified adult psychiatrists and child-adolescent psychiatrists or other mental health specialists via a tele-health conference in a room at the hospital.

"How the process works,

is the family practice provider — whomever they see on a regular basis — makes a referral for them to see a mental health provider. We fax the referral to HealthLinkNow and they assign them a patient care navigator," explained Piper Allard, WCHS' director of Patient Services.

HLN will contact the patient based on the referral to assess their needs — medication adjustment or counseling — to determine the type of provider to schedule an appointment with. Insurance and other needed information will be obtained, then an appointment is scheduled.

WCHS is then notified to

make sure a room is available. When it is time for their appointment in the out-patient clinic area, a staff member will escort the patient to a room, help them log on to the computer and establish video connection to begin their appointment. The staff member then leaves the room so the patient will have complete privacy during their interaction with the mental health professional, Allard said.

The resource is among many new services WCHS is now using that incorporate the use of technology to link patients and staff with professionals who are not physically present on the premises.

**Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.**

*—Emilie Buchwald*





# Sports

## News Letter Journal

### Schedule

Wrestling				
12/11	VJ	Belle Fourche Triangular	A	4PM
12/12	V	Rapid City Invitational	A	9AM
12/12	JV	Lusk Invitational	A	9AM
12/13	V	Rapid City Invitational	A	9AM
12/13	JV	Lusk Invitational	A	9AM
12/18	VJ	Buffalo Bison	H	5PM

### Boys Basketball

12/12	VJ	E/W Challenge, Buffalo	A	Noon
12/13	VJ	E/W Challenge, Buffalo	A	Noon
12/16	9	Sundance Bulldogs	H	6:30PM

### Girls Basketball

12/12	VJ	E/W Challenge @Cody	A	Noon
12/13	VJ	E/W Challenge @Cody	A	Noon
12/16	9	Sundance Bulldogs	H	5PM

### The Score

#### NMS Girls 8th Grade A Team

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2014  
Newcastle 21, Lusk 27  
Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014  
Newcastle 16, Sundance 28  
Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014  
Newcastle 29, Moorcroft 12  
Newcastle 31, Upton 12

#### NMS Girls 7th Grade A Team

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2014  
Newcastle 26, Lusk 4  
Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014  
Newcastle 29, Sundance 19  
Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014  
Newcastle 12, Moorcroft 20  
Newcastle 15, Upton 20

#### Newcastle Middle School Wrestling

Rapid City Invitational Tournament  
Dec. 6, 2014

##### 1st Place

J.J. Stalder (77 lbs)  
Davin Tysdal (80 lbs)  
Bryson Johnson (160 lbs)

##### 2nd Place

Aaron Fullerton (95 lbs)  
Isiah Covey (165 lbs)

##### 3rd Place

Jory McFarland (70 lbs)  
Dylon Tidyman (112 lbs)  
Conrad Prell (119 lbs)  
Jake Devereaux (134 lbs)

## Wrestlers have a new coach

Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Reporter

The winter sports' season kicked off last Monday and the Dogie and Bobcat wrestlers hit the mat together once again to get ready for the opening matches coming up this weekend.

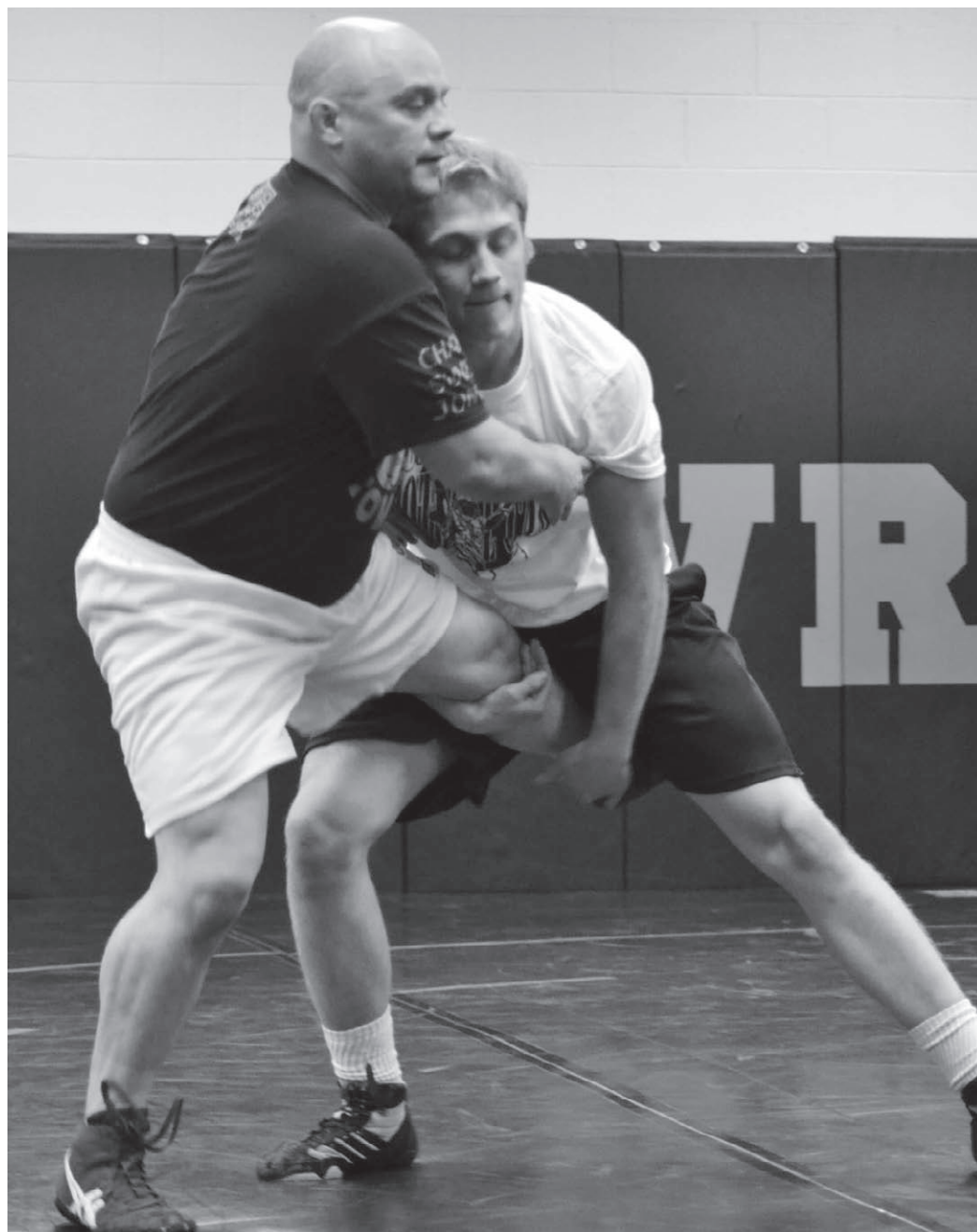
Because of declining numbers in the Upton wrestling program, last year the two Weston County squads combined. The blending of the Newcastle and Upton wrestling teams will continue on this season.

This combined team benefits both programs by being able to fold a larger pool of kids into one program in order to be competitive with some of the stronger programs in the state and surrounding area.

The coaching staff will see a change this year with a new head coach, Lee McCoy of Upton. Other than that change, the coaching staff looks much the same as it did last year.

"We have a great mix of coaching experience in the wrestling room, and I feel that is absolutely essential for our kids to grow and develop. Each coach brings something a little different to the table, and, as a whole, we make a complete package," McCoy determined.

He is assisted by Alex Schaneman, Doug Sankey, former head coach Sean Crabtree, Duke Ottema and



Sonja Karp/NLJ  
Head coach Lee McCoy works with senior Nick Bock to demonstrate a take-down move for the rest of the team.

Scott Garhart.

"I am very proud and excited to be taking over head coaching duties for the Newcastle-Upton wrestling program," McCoy smiled.

McCoy grew up in Newcastle and graduated from NHS in 1989. He started wrestling in 1977 in the club program, placed at the state high school meet four times including bringing home a runner-up and a championship title, and continued competing at Black Hills State University until the wrestling program was eliminated in 1992.

"Throughout those years, and even today, I'm heavily influenced by my coaches, Joe Murphy, Myron Hoffman, John Lliteras, Gordon Love, Duke Ottema, Mike Kadera, Bill Hughes and Steve Colling," McCoy acknowledged.

McCoy started coaching in 1996 as an assistant coach in Newcastle under Darren Heslep. Since then he has been an assistant coach under Clark Coberly at St. Thomas More High School in Rapid City, S.D., and has been the head wrestling coach in Upton since 1999.

In 2007, he was awarded Coach of the Year and coached the Bobcat Wrestling team to a third-place finish at state, and thus far he has had 12 state champions and runners-up.

— See Wrestling, Page 20

## It's that time!

EEK! It's that time again, my favorite time of year. You might be thinking I mean Christmas, or the coming of the New Year, but you would be wrong. It's time for some hoops, Baby!

Ever since I can remember, the excitement of a new season of basketball gets me going. Since being a coach, it's even a bigger deal in my life.



Sonja Karp  
Karpe Dogie

As soon as the volleyball season ends, I start to think about how the conference might shape up for the boys' and girls' basketball teams.

I start looking at WyoPreps for pre-season information on the teams in the 3A conference, revisiting last year's stats to see who will be returning and what the teams will look like, and setting up my calendar with the game schedules.

I start putting together possible post-season scenarios and trying to anticipate which games will go our way and which ones will pose challenges.

I even start watching last season's game film, because I just can't wait for the opening tournament.

Now, I realize that I may be slightly obsessed with the sport, but I just can't stop myself. Of course, it doesn't help my obsession that I have kids in both programs.

So, is this obsession unhealthy? Do I take my love for the sport of basketball a bit too far? I'll admit that I may be a little over the top at times, however, I choose to think of myself as a super fan rather than super annoying.

In fact, I actually think that I am much more in control of myself than I have ever been in the past.

The first few years that I watched my kids play, I found it extraordinarily difficult to divorce myself from coach-mode. I talked to the team as if they were mine. I'd call out screens, advise the team on defensive situations, "help" the officials with calls that they may have missed

— See Karp, Page 20

## Ladies hoping for more success

Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Reporter

After back-to-back state semifinals berths in 2013 and 2014, the Lady Dogies basketball team is back on the court, looking to build on that success in the upcoming season.

The ladies have a great deal of experience returning to the court with seniors Scottlyn Wiggins and Bailey Karp, and juniors Abby Gray, Alyssa Dawson, Kendra Back and Abi Devereaux.

Wiggins, Gray and Dawson were starters for the team all season last year and Karp, Back and Devereaux all were letter winners as well.

Returning head coach Tyler Bartlett expects these players to provide leadership for the team, while some upcoming talent in the lower grades learn how contribute to give the squad the right mix to be competitive in the 3A Conference again this season.

A noticeable absence on the court this year is junior Hannah Cass. She suffered an anterior cruciate ligament tear mid-season last year, and unfortunately re-injured the ACL during the volleyball season so will not be able to contribute to the Lady Dogies basketball squad this year.

"I believe we've lost the best girls' basketball player in the state with



Sonja Karp/NLJ  
Tyler Bartlett, Lady Dogie basketball coach, instructs senior Bailey Karp and junior Kendra Back on post moves under the basket.

Hannah's injury, but I also believe very strongly in the other players in our program," Bartlett stated. "I think we showed last year that we have numerous players in our program who have put in a lot of time and effort over the years, and are very capable basketball players in their own right."

Last year the team had to adjust to Cass' injury on the fly, while this year they have had all season to tinker with things and find the right fit for the squad to be successful, though Bartlett admits that it will be an ongoing process.

Because of changes by the

Wyoming High School Activities Association, the 2014-2015 basketball season has been shortened with practices beginning after Thanksgiving rather than two weeks prior, as has been the case in the past.

Given that, the ladies only have nine practices prior to their first competition, which happens to be against Powell, who is ranked number two in the state coming into the season — and this means the ladies really had to get after it in the first week of practice.

"While we're a little short on numbers at the JV level this year, I couldn't be happier with how practices have gone this year," Bartlett smiled. "It may be somewhat fashionable to quit things around here, but the kids that stick with it are extremely dedicated, committed, and willing to work. We have an extremely long way to go before we'll be where I want us to be, but I'm very pleased with our start so far," he added.

Of the two returning seniors, Wiggins started all 29 games last year and brings a tremendous amount of experience back to the team.

"Scotty has already established herself as one of the best perimeter defenders in 3A basketball, and now she's looking to round out her game

— See Ladies, Page 20

## Small but mighty team gets ready

Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Reporter

Coming off of great fall seasons, the Dogie basketball team is getting ready to move their game indoors as they lace up their shoes and hit the court running.

The team does not have a great deal of size this year, but returning head coach Allen Von Eye has a plan.

"This year we plan on getting back to our roots of playing multiple-disciplined, hard-nosed defenses. We really believe that with our lack of size we have to stress our defensive rules and be much more solid with it,

because you can't win in this conference without being good defensively," Von Eye admitted.

There are several teams in the conference that post a challenge for the Dogies in the half-court, so the coaches really want to get back to full court pressure. To do this, the squad will need to develop depth early in the season.

According to Von Eye, the team will be moving to a five-out, open post offense to best utilize the skill sets and minimize the lack of a strong post presence.

The coaches, Von Eye, Matt Conzelman and Scott Beehler, are teaching motion

offense principles that allow their kids to just "play basketball" once they start grasping it.

Von Eye also wants the men to push the ball in offensive transition more than they have in the past in order to take advantage of the athleticism and skill sets of the players.

"I believe that the team will have a couple of the better scorers in the conference from the wing in senior Dillon Ehlers and junior Taylor Allen," Von Eye stated. "Both players have skill sets that allow them to score from the perimeter, to score off the bounce, and to

be successful in transition," he explained.

"We also feel that we have a good, experienced leader at the point guard position in senior Colton Sweet, but need to get him to buy into the fact that he needs to be a bigger offensive threat, because he has the ability," Von Eye continued.

The coaches also anticipate that sophomore Triston Roberson will continue to be a versatile player, playing anywhere from the point guard to the large forward position, and he is especially good in transition.

Freshman Cam Quigley is expected to give the team

minutes at the point guard and two guard spots because, according to Von Eye, he has already shown the Varsity game isn't too big for him.

At the large forward and post positions, the team has several guys that the coaches think will play good roles for them, especially if they can get them to play strong inside.

"Junior Cooper Karp has good versatility and fits into the five-out offense well. Junior Vincent Oedekoven has been a pleasant surprise with some versatility, as well. Senior Alec Walker is a

— See Men, Page 20



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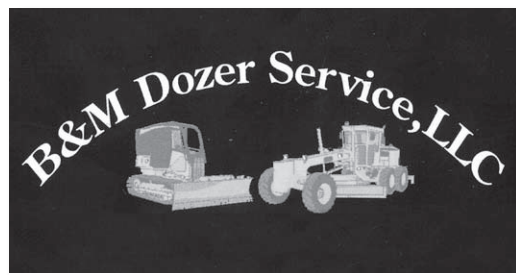


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Back row from left: Abby Gettinger, Hannah Cass, Nolan Behnke, Cooper Karp, Alyssa Dawson, Sierra LaCroix, Abby Gray, Calbi Ausmann. Second row from left: Abi Deveraux, Cassie Munoz, Katara Cade, Nathina Crabtree, Kendra Back. Third row from left: Madison Crawford, Dillon Ehlers, Scottlyn Wiggins, Bailey Karp, Hannah Williams, Jordan Brooks, Zac Rasmussen. Front row from left: Bradon Rushton, Kalyn Houser, Colton Sweet and sponsor Jimmie Josephson.



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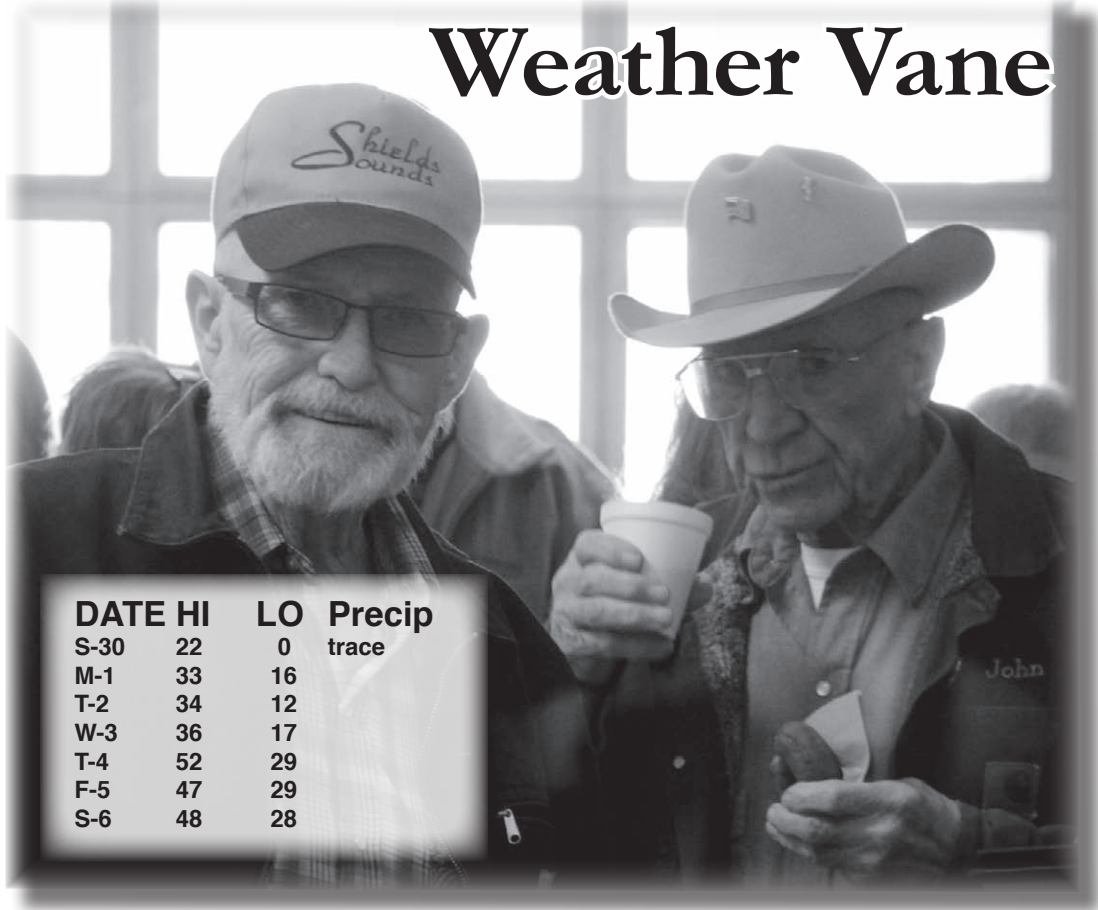
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## Environmental Notice

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For further information, you may contact Lily Barkau Lee with DEQ at (307) 777-7541 or James Runyan with Wyoming Refining Company at (307) 746-4445.

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## Budget Notice

### NOTICE OF BUDGET AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the board of Weston County Commissioners proposes to amend the county budget for the fiscal year 2015 in the following particulars:

Increase the General Fund portion of the budget because of unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$350,000.00 and transfer the funds from the County Road Fund to the CRF WYDOT Gravel Crushing Project expenditure line item 413.50.60.0340000.0000.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that these matters will be considered and acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting on December 16, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. DATED this 1st day of December, 2014.

Board of County Commissioners  
Weston County, Wyoming

(Publish December 11, 2014)

## Meeting Notice

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Weston County Predator Board will meet on December 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Upton branch library meeting room for election of officers.

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## Public Notice

### LIEN SALE ON PROPERTIES IN OSAGE

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- \*Season of four Sundays before Christmas
- Legal excuse
- Shoemaker's tool
- "The \_\_\_\_\_" by Dostoyevsky
- Capital of Tunisia
- Pied Piper follower
- Mother-of-pearl
- Strip of wood
- Head \_\_\_ at a country club
- \*Color of most Christmas trees

#### DOWN

- Trigonometry abbr.
- Nanjing nanny
- London art museum
- Swiss leafy green
- Barn loft
- Squirrel's nest
- Unit of electrical resistance
- Two-door car
- Bellifluous deity, Greek
- Goes with sound?
- Yemeni port
- Lively
- Seismic shake
- Middle Eastern V.I.P.'s
- Hi-\_\_\_\_\_
- Winter flask
- \*\*A Christmas \_\_\_\_\_"
- Manila hemp
- Muslim woman of high rank
- "\_\_\_\_\_ good example"
- Vientiane location
- Weasel's aquatic cousin
- \_\_\_\_\_gritty
- \*A traditional holiday main course
- Sub station
- \*Kitschy prop in "A Christmas Story"
- Expressing a desire
- Madagascar lemurs
- India's smallest state
- "\_\_\_\_\_ Private Ryan"
- Like a cheddar variety
- An aromatic wood
- Welcome \_\_\_\_\_, pl.

- Twelfth month of Jewish civil year
- Fashion house founder Ricci
- One's final notice
- The lowest female voice

- \*Elf on the Shelf's report
- Ripped
- "What is it good for? Absolutely nothin'!"
- Face cards are counted as this in Blackjack

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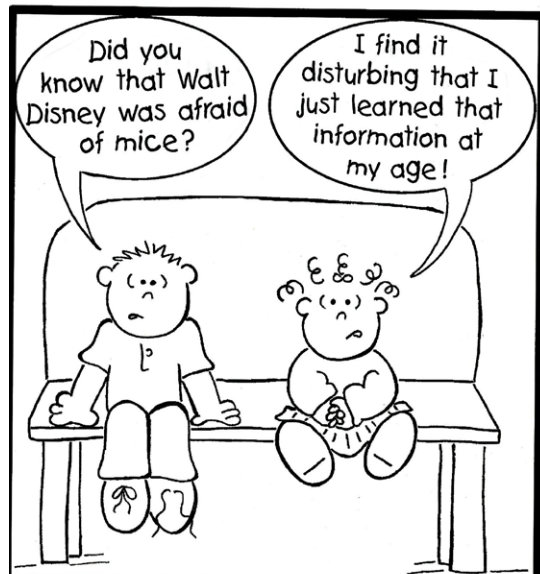
### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Weston County Board of Commissioners gives notice that county information can be accessed on the Weston County website at [www.westongov.com](http://www.westongov.com) Dated this 7th day of July, 2014.

Mamie C. Krank, Weston County Clerk

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**City Council Minutes**

**NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014**

Mayor Greg James called the regular meeting of Monday December 1, 2014 to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were: Mayor Greg James, Roger Hespe, Don Steveson, Linda Hunt, Kara Sweet, Archie Callander, and Todd Quigley as well as several guests. Absent: Clerk/Treasurer Brunner. Also present Department Heads: City Attorney Jim Peck, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Deb Mills, Police Chief Jim Owens, and Engineer Robert Hartley.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mayor James amended the agenda to approve the electrical and plumbing licenses for 2015, in addition to Mayor Council reports. Linda Hunt moved and Archie Callander seconded to approve the agenda as amended for Monday, December 1, 2014. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Linda Hunt moved and Roger Hespe seconded to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2014 and the Executive Session Minutes of November 17, 2014. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**NOMINATIONS FOR APPRECIATION OR RECOGNITION:** Linda Hunt would like to recognize the city crews for the lighting on Main Street and at the 4-Way. Kara Sweet nominated Donna's Main Street Diner for repainting their building

**CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION and APPRECIATION:** Mayor Greg James presented a certificate of Appreciation to Bob and Jo Williams.

**CITIZEN'S BUSINESS – IN WRITING:** Mayor James read a catering permit request from Cap 'N Bottle to cater the Pinnacle Bank Festival of Trees on December 5, 2014 at the Weston County Senior Citizens Center from 9 a.m. on December 5, 2014 through 9 a.m. on December 6, 2014. Roger Hespe moved and Linda Hunt seconded to approve the request as read. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CITIZEN'S BUSINESS – VERBAL – none.**

**MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS:** - 1. Mayor James read the plumbing contractor licenses for approval for the 2015 calendar year (all fees and proof of insurance have been provided): **PLUMBING LICENSES for 2015:** Powder River Heating and Air Conditioning, Jaye Drake, Master Plumber; Anderson Plumbing and Contracting, Clay Anderson, Master Plumber; Jeremy Moore, Jonathan Hopkins, Bryan Olson, Apprentice Plumbers; Wolff's Plumbing and Heating, Inc., Scott Hartman, Master Plumber; Black Hills Plumbing and Heating, John Patik, Jr., Master Plumber; Aaron Napolitano and John M. Patik, III, Journeyman Plumbers; Chris Gray and Mike Buffington, Apprentice Plumbers; Water Works Plumbing, Inc., Jeffrey Daniels, Master Plumber; Derrick Williamson, Journeyman Plumber; Jon Peldo Apprentice Plumber. Mayor James read renewal requests for **LIMITED PLUMBER LICENSES for 2015:** SourceGas, LLC., (gas piping) Donny Munger, Limited Plumber; James Curren, Limited Apprentice; Black Cat Construction, (water/sewer line within 5 ft. of building) Jeff Sorch, Limited Plumber; Wayne Anderson, (gas piping) Wayne Anderson, Limited Plumber; Andrew C. Wolfe dba Andy's Service Co., (water/sewer line within 5 ft. of building) Andrew C. Wolfe, Limited Plumber; David A. Wolfe, Limited Apprentice Plumber; Culligan Soft Water of Hot Springs, Inc., (soft water service) Richard D. Olstad, Limited Plumber; Mayor James read the **MASTER PLUMBER LICENSE ONLY requests for 2015:** Ed Porter, Master Plumber; Roger Hespe Moved and Linda Hunt seconded to approve the plumbing license as read, **MOTION CARRIED.** Mayor James read the **ELECTRICAL LICENSES Renewal requests for 2015:** Homestead Works Electrical, Howard D. Bogue, Master Electrician; Russell J. Whetham, Journeyman Electrician; ProElectric, Inc., Curtis E. Juby, Master Electricians;

Carl Sundstrom, Brad Dow & Charlie Smith, Journeyman Electricians; Treavor O'Dowd & Dalton Shanks, Apprentice Electricians; John's Electric, John Keller, Master Electrician; Ricky Ray Phillips, Journeyman Electrician; Ryan Yuronich, Apprentice Electrician; Arrow Electric, Inc., Richard Andrews, Master Electrician; Zachory Heidelbauer, Journeyman Electrician; Mining Electrical Service, LLC., Josh Liggett, Master Electrician; John Zimmerschied, Journeyman Electrician; Dakota Electric Brett Allan Olson, Master Electrician; Jason Swaney, Journeyman Electrician, Benjamin D. Shank, Adam M. Bender, Derik Geuke, and Clint C. Goodroad, Apprentice Electricians; H&H Electric, David J. Hill, Christopher David Hill, Curtis J. Maxwell, Master Electricians, Ryan Marshall, Robert Parrish, Jason Gray, and Broady Read Apprentice Electricians. Proof of insurance and bond have been provided on all licenses. Roger Hespe Moved and Archie Callander seconded to approve the electrical license renewals for 2015 as read. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor James: 1. Read an invitation for the Secretary of State Max Maxfield's retirement party at the State Capital Dec 12, 2014 from 3-5PM. 2. Read an invitation to Pinnacle Bank's Festival of Trees on Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Senior Center 6-9PM. 3. Mayor James asked the Councilmembers if they had any desire to change committees, new appointments will be made in January. 4. Mayor James stated he had spoken to Tracy Hunt in reference to swapping tenants if and when Circuit Court moves out of their office with the new County Attorney. The consensus of the council was it would be no problem. No decision was made.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police Chief Jim Owens** - 1. Calls for service are about the same as last year at this time. 2. Jim passed out books to each of the council members pertaining to drug/alcohol abuse, domestic violence and stranger danger to be used by the community. 3. As of Nov 26, 2014 Officer Jared Williams resigned and as of December 19, 2014, Mary Robertson will retire as dispatcher. Chief Owens requested authority to advertise and hire for these positions. Roger Hespe Moved and Archie Callander seconded to accept the resignations and authorize the Chief to advertise for the vacant positions. **MOTION CARRIED.** 3. Officer Hillhouse will attend Field Officer Training course Jan 12-16, 2015

**City Clerk/Treasurer Brunner** - 1. Was absent and had no report.

**City Attorney Jim Peck** - 1. Lease with WYDOT is up in January 2015. This lease is for the property occupied by the Chamber of Commerce building. Todd Quigley Moved and Archie Callander seconded to authorize Mayor James to sign the lease extension with WYDOT. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**City Engineer Bob Hartley** 1. Water Tank walls are painted, ceiling painted, the contractors are working on the floors which is 75% done. City crews have been working on snow removal and Christmas decorations. 2. Dec 3, 2014 at 3PM there will be a public hearing with the Water Development Commission for the grants on a new well and water improvements, all are well-

come to attend. Roger Hespe moved and Linda Hunt seconded to suspend the rules and go into Executive Session regarding personnel at 7:23PM Linda Hunt moved and Roger Hespe seconded to return to regular session at 8:43PM. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Don Steveson moved and Linda Hunt seconded to pay claims dated December 1, 2014. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Archie Callander moved and Todd Quigley seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:44PM. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Claims:** Alpha Communications, Upton PD channel, \$90.00; AT&T Mobility, Cell phones, \$723.45; B&K Cleaning, city hall, \$360.50; Biolyneus, probiotic scrubber, \$1755.40; BH Power, electricity, \$12,153.47; BCBS of WY, employee health insurance, \$32,149.94; Bryand Streeter, airport wages, \$1158.75; Butler Machinery, parts, \$71.81; C&B Operations, supplies, \$2053.83; City of Newcastle, WA/SW/GA, \$321.73; Energy Labs, water testing, \$180.00; Front Range Fire, valve kit, \$388.79; Gateway Auto, supplies, \$190.96; Gempler's, gloves, \$73.00; Hills Materials, cold mix, \$1,607.52; James Peck, attorney retainer, \$2800.00; MasterCard, supplies, travel, training, \$3833.64; Motor Power, starter/freight, \$368.29; Neve's, uniform shirts, \$181.87; Newcastle Ambulance, Ambulance service, \$8333.33; Newcastle Vol. Fire Dept., reimb, \$31.79; Northern Safety & Industrial, drum/ramp, etc., \$1919.94; Petty Cash, certified mail-

ing, \$6.49; Phil's Tires, 8 Cooper tires, \$1574.56; Powder River Energy, electricity, \$929.55; R. Douglas Dumbrill, municipal judge/travel, \$1086.24; RT Communications, telephone, \$1208.11; SourceGas, natural gas, \$865.72; Strawberry Patch, float materials, \$20.00; TOP Office, PD cop charge, \$104.37; Two-Way Radio, pager repairs/FD, \$315.00; Vanway Trophy, plaque/Keuck, \$91.00; Wesco Gas, propane, \$1071.54; Weston County Public Health, employee flu shots, \$80.00; Weston Co. Treasurer, tax handling/airport expense/LEC Ctr share, \$1894.20; WY APCO Chapter, conference registration/McMeekin, \$150.00; **WATER DEPOSIT REFUND:** Amy Humes, \$82.96; Francis Carr, \$99.02; June Lee, \$68.15; Sharon Schulze, \$13.58; Travis Wynia, \$82.86;

Greg James, Mayor  
ATTEST: Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer, Deb Mills

(Publish December 11, 2014)

**Foreclosure Notice**

**FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE**

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note ("Note") and real estate mortgage ("Mortgage"). The Mortgage dated November 30, 2012, was executed and delivered by Kara Newbolt ("Mortgagor(s)") to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., as security for the Note of the same date, and said Mortgage was recorded on November 30, 2012, at Reception No. 740006 in Book 341 at Page 500 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: Quicken Loans Inc.  
Assignment dated: October 22, 2014  
Assignment recorded: November 3, 2014  
Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 755726 in Book 355 at Page 549

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 Mortgagor 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 \$56,787.51 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$54,455.25 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$1,359.41, plus other costs in the amount of \$972.85, 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 Quicken Loans Inc., as the Mortgagor, 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 16, 2014 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 25 N. 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:

**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 09/11/2012 executed and delivered by Ricky A. Miller ("Mortgagor") to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by said Mortgagors, to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., and which Mortgage was recorded on 09/12/2012, as Instrument Number 738210 Book 339 Page 875 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the Mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of said default, the Mortgagor 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 \$142,474.34 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$137,120.05 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$3,162.96 plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale;

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

NOW, THEREFORE Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as the Mortgagor, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston, WY County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on 12/16/2014 at the Weston County Sheriff's Office located at 25 North Sumner Ave, Newcastle, Wyoming, Weston, WY County for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

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With an address of : 1034 Wood Street  
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AMERICAN FLOOR MATS	\$636.00
AVI SYSTEMS, CORP	\$7,698.78
CITY OF NEWCASTLE	\$3,159.04
COMFORT INN WORLAND	\$1,519.84
CRUM ELECTRIC	\$1,418.40
CULLIGAN SOFT WATER	\$670.50
GATEWAY AUTO SUPPLY	\$1,299.18
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HAWKINS, INC	\$584.95
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PRESSURE SERVICES INC	\$507.15
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SCHOOL HEALTH CORPORATION	\$1,264.80
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VOELKER'S AUTOBODY & GLASS, INC.	\$8,069.10
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WORKERS COMP. FUND	\$1,740.00
WYOMING ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION	\$1,203.00
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WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DIST -	\$2,645.97
WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DIST -	\$1,027,881.74
BEST WESTERN RAMKOTA HOTEL	\$664.00
BLACK HILLS POWER & LIGHT CORP	\$21,655.97
CUMMINGS ROCKY MOUNTAIN, LLC	\$597.94
DALE'S TIRE AND RETREADING, INC	\$734.96
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LINCOLN ELECTRIC COMPANY	\$775.00
MARCO	\$780.00
NCS PEARSON, INC	\$6,432.29
NORCO, INC	\$6,650.21
NORTH PLATTE PT SERVICES, INC	\$829.47
POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORP	\$2,340.50
ST JOSEPH'S CHILDREN'S HOME	\$5,098.22
THE TREE DOC	\$10,637.00
WESTON CO. HEALTH SERVICES	\$3,019.69
WESTON COUNTY CLERK	\$655.00
WOODY'S	\$4,105.93
WYOMING ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION	\$2,742.11
SOURCEGAS	\$8,958.86
VISA	\$2,742.11
Checking Account Total:	\$1,171,342.74
EASTERN WYOMING COLLEGE	\$74,185.00
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR-13	\$3,524.49
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR-13	\$1,273.93
VISA	\$686.74
WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DIST -	\$1,947.91
Checking Account Total:	\$81,618.07
SOURCEGAS	\$2,188.68
Checking Account Total:	\$2,188.68
FOOD SERVICE OF AMERICA	\$4,071.45
DEAN FOODS NC	\$1,236.36
FOOD SERVICE OF AMERICA	\$5,682.83
WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DIST -	\$23,665.18
WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	\$1,131.96
WYOMING FOOD BANK OF THE ROCKIES	\$565.87
Checking Account Total:	\$36,353.65
DALE BUCKINGHAM ARCHITECTS LLC	\$7,975.12
VAN EWING CONSTRUCTION, INC	\$84,019.86
VAN EWING CONSTRUCTION, INC	\$71,916.71
Checking Account Total:	\$163,911.69
DOWL LLC	\$500.00
Checking Account Total:	\$500.00
SUBWAY	\$508.80
WCSD#1	\$14,920.63
Checking Account Total:	\$15,429.43
EASTERN WYOMING COLLEGE	\$4,181.00
Checking Account Total:	\$4,181.00
Grand Total:	\$1,475,525.26

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**City Council Minutes**

**NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2014**

Council President Todd Quigley called the special meeting of Thursday, December 4, 2014 to order at 9:00 p.m. In attendance were: Roger Hespe, Don Steveson, Linda Hunt, Kara Sweet, Archie Callander, and President Todd Quigley as well as City Clerk/Treasurer Brunner, Police Chief Jim Owens and City Attorney Jim Peck. Absent: Mayor Greg James.

President Quigley stated that the only item on the agenda for this special meeting was consideration of a personnel item. He also stated for the record that the late starting time was for proper notification to the local media. Don Steveson moved and Roger Hespe seconded to go into Executive Session at 9:01 p.m. MOTION CARRIED. Roger Hespe moved and Linda Hunt seconded to go back into regular session at 9:41p.m. MOTION CARRIED. Don Steveson moved and Roger Hespe seconded to adjourn the special meeting at 9:42 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Todd Quigley, Council President  
ATTEST: City Clerk/Treasurer Charita Brunner  
  
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**Public Notice**

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Public Works Project: Kitty Moats Project for Osage Improvement and Service District -project located in Osage, Wyoming.

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**§ 16-6-116. Final settlement with and payment to contractor; required notices.**

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Dated the 27th of November, 2014

Osage Improvement and Service District  
Osage, Wyoming  
Joseph R. Wood, Jr., Chairperson  
Osage Improvement and Service District  
  
(Publish: December 4, 11 and 18, 2014)

**Blotter**

**November 23, 2014**  
Probation violation reported. Traffic stop, No action taken. Assist other agency. Open door discovered. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Open door discovered. Medical assistance requested. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Lost property reported. Phone harassment reported. Medical assistance requested.

**November 25**  
Welfare check requested. Parking complaint. Funeral escort requested. Disturbance reported. Disturbance reported. 911 hang up. Hit and Run accident reported. Assist other agency. Traffic complaint. Traffic stop,



Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued. Suicide attempt reported.

**November 26**  
Traffic complaint. Three VIN inspections requested. Assist other agency. Assist other agency. Report of a dog at large.

**November 27**  
Report of a dog at large, Impounded. Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Trespassing reported. Hit and run accident reported. Missing dog

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by contributing more on the offensive end," Bartlett noted.

Karp was working back from an injury last season, but things really seemed to click late in the year, and she was a big part of the team's post-season run.

"Bailey worked hard in track last spring and during the summer to build on that momentum, and we're expecting her to provide a physical presence inside on the offensive and defensive ends," predicted Bartlett.

Juniors Gray and Dawson also started all year for the squad last season.

"Abby has really come into her own as the point guard and offensive leader of our team, and I'm expecting her to have a breakout year this season," nodded Bartlett.

"The same could be said for Alyssa. We're looking at moving her around a little on the offensive end to find where we can best utilize her athleticism and ability, but we know she will be a major contributor for our team this year," he added.

Kendra Back and Abi Deveraux are also returning letter winners who played a lot of minutes for the team last year and will look to increase their role during their junior seasons.

Newcomer Aspen Checketts has joined the program from Melstone, Mont.

"She's already demonstrated the intelligence, positive attitude, and work ethic we look for, so we're confident she'll have a successful career for us here in Newcastle," Bartlett stated.

The Lady Dogies also have four sophomores in Alyssa Umphlett, Kaprina Jones, Rachel Ehlers, and Rachel Henkle, who may contribute at the Varsity level.

"How big of a role they play will depend on how quickly they can learn our system and adjust to the speed of the Varsity game, but they've all shown flashes of great play during the first week of practice," commented Bartlett.

The 3A class is always tough across the state. The east side of the state has been extremely

challenging in recent years, and now with the quadrant system, the Northeast quad, which consists of Newcastle, Douglas, Buffalo and Worland, may be the most competitive of them all.

"This season will be all about the process for us. We're not where we want to be yet, and we won't be for quite some time. If we're peaking in December then we're not doing it right," Bartlett determined.

The team is looking to stay healthy throughout the year and improve each day, each week, and each game. Bartlett believes that if the squad can do that, they have the right players in the program to make another run in March.

The Lady Dogies kick off their season this Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12 and 13, at the East West Challenge in Cody, where they will get a chance to see teams from the west side of the 3A class.

The Varsity squad will face off against Powell at 3:30 on Friday, and on Saturday they will play Cody at 1:30 and Pinedale at 4:30.

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According to McCoy, the main goal driving the wrestlers and coaches forward is to be the best program in the state.

The Dogies return seniors Nick Bock and Bradon Rushton to the mat to provide leadership this season.

Five juniors will be joining the seniors, along with five sophomores and eight freshmen.

"I'm very excited about this team in particular, and so far I'm most impressed with the work ethic of the kids," McCoy commented.

Because this season is two weeks shorter than it has ever been, the coaches have instituted mandatory morning practices where the focus is on conditioning and technique, while the afternoon is for working technique, drilling and live wrestling.

McCoy believes that these extra practices will give the athletes a mental advantage.

He is not just looking for success on the mat, but also wants his wrestlers to develop a genuine love for the sport and to have the confidence to continue competing and coaching after high school.

"We have a great tradition of wrestling here in Weston County, and I want our wrestlers to know that they are part of something much bigger than just themselves or this team," McCoy nodded.

According to McCoy, the preliminary lineup shapes up as follows, but will change as the season progresses.

Treyton Dawson and Alan Baker will wrestle at 106. Dilon Jeppeson, Bailey Domina and Donovan Prell are at 113. Dennon Parks and Bryson Tidyman at 120, Zach Schuessler and Jacob Hobbs at 132, Ricky Larson and Preston Rushton at 138, Bradon Rushton at 145, Wyatt

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We have a great mix of coaching experience in the wrestling room, and I feel that is absolutely essential for our kids to grow and develop. Each coach brings something a little different to the table, and, as a whole, we make a complete package.”

— Lee McCoy

Corley at 152, Nick Bock and James Moberly at 160, Chris Carter at 170, Tiegen Marchant at 182, and Bryce Womack at 285.

The coaches and the team are looking forward to having great support from the parents and fans this year.

There are a number of matches in Newcastle and Upton this year that will give the public more opportunities to cheer on the team at home.

The wrestlers hit the mat for the first time this Thursday, Dec. 11, when they travel to the Belle Fourche Triangular. The Varsity squad is back on the road again on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12 and 13, to compete in the Rapid City Invitational, and the JV crew will travel to the Lusk Invitational on Friday and Saturday as well.

The first home meet in Upton is on Dec. 18, when the team will take on Buffalo, and the first Newcastle home match is the Newcastle Tournament on Jan. 16.

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good offensive player from the perimeter who also isn't afraid to be physical defensively. Junior Dawson Norton is the strongest out of the four bigger players as a defender, especially on the interior, and he doesn't shy away from physicality, and senior Chandler Burd plays really strong, and is possibly our best passer and one of our better finishers inside," Von Eye noted.

As per usual, the 3A East Conference will be very strong this season.

"Rawlins combines a lot of experienced talent while being well coached. They have good inside outside presence and are deep. Wheatland is deep

as always, and loaded with offensive talent. Worland has Hoyt Nicholas [possibly the best player in the conference] and they are scrappy, disciplined on defense, and deep on the bench. Buffalo is also very deep again, and return most of their team. They are extremely tough with zone pressures. Glenrock returns their top three players from the title game. They are well coached and disciplined, and Douglas will be well coached with some really good, experienced athletes," predicted Von Eye.

The Dogies tip off their season this Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12 and 13, as they travel to

Challenge in Buffalo.

"We play Powell, who will be very solid with three seniors that have played an integral role in their success since they were sophomores. They are talented on the perimeter and very athletic. Pinedale has one of the better players on that side in Jordan Costello, who can really score the ball, and Jackson shoots it well and plays pretty disciplined basketball," Von Eye detailed.

Powell is the first matchup of the tournament with the game starting at 3 p.m. on Friday. On Saturday the team takes on Pinedale at 11 a.m. and finishes the weekend with Jackson at 5:30.

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or, in my opinion, got wrong.

While I'm sure that all of the individuals involved, from coaches to players to fans to officials, appreciated all of my assistance, I am also pretty confident that they would have been just as happy had I not been quite so exuberant in offering my opinions.

I will say, however, that I have been progressively getting closer to achieving my goal of being a kinder, gentler fan/parent.

To do that, however, I had to indulge a little more in my obsession. When I played, my mom would keep my stats for me, so I decided to do the same for my kids, hoping that would distract me from coach-mode.

First, I began filming their games when they were in middle school, but they never seemed to want to watch the games afterward. I'm not sure what was up with that.

When they got into high school, they could watch game film with their coaches, which meant that I didn't need to film anymore, so I decided that I would just keep their stats.

Technology has improved greatly since my mom kept stats on the game programs, so I downloaded an app on my iPad to take stats. It was so easy to use that I ended up keeping stats

for the whole team!

I must say that deciding to take team stats, while it's admittedly a little obsessive, really helped me keep some of my usual advice for the officials from being said.

This season I won't be keeping stats, because I'm hanging up the iPad for the camera. I'm sure that will also be of great assistance in keeping me quiet, but I will still get to be part of the action.

Not only that, but now I'll have pictures to look back on rather than just the statistics from the game, so it's a win-win situation for me.

I got a small taste of the season last Saturday night at Meet the Dogies night. I didn't get to watch the girls scrimmage though, so I'm still itching a little for that first game.

It's only a couple of days until I get to scratch that itch, because I'm loading up and heading over the mountain for the short trip to Cody for a weekend of girls' basketball action.

The weather is going to be great, the drive is beautiful, and Cody is a wonderful place to spend a couple of days. I can't think of anything else I'd rather be doing than feeding my hoops obsession — and I can't wait to be sitting in the gym. Go Dogies!