



News Letter Journal

Weston County

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Newcastle, Wyoming

Year 130 Week 50

County landfill still three years away

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

During the November general election a mill levy was passed with the purpose of helping to fund the Weston County Solid Waste District create and establish a new landfill for Weston County. The current landfill situation in Weston County is bleak, and that prompted Upton Mayor Dustin Upton to attend the Weston

County Commissioners meeting on December 6.

Upton attended the meeting to determine how county officials have progressed since the tax was passed, and to find out how long it would take to see results after the mill levy passed. WCSWD Board Chairman Ed Wagoner, who will take a seat on the Weston County Commission next month, was present at the meeting to discuss the issue.

Weston County Commissioner Marty Ertman informed Upton that the three mills would not start being collected for the district until 2018, and Wagoner reported that permitting requirements likely mean that the best case scenario means it will be three years before the district begins putting a hole in the ground.

He explained that it would take even longer to begin if the county wanted to look into the possibility of

utilizing an unlined pit, and indicated the WCSWD board favors the use of a pit with a liner in it.

“Performance based we are looking at five years. As a board, we are looking at a lined pit because we are protected, and it is more secure 50 years from now. With pushing hard, we can get that in three years,” Wagoner predicted.

That time frame raises concerns for the Town of Upton, where the

current landfill will have to be shut down in a little more than a year.

“Like I said, I am running out of time. It makes me nervous. We can get through 2017 with what we are doing, but in 2018 we will have to start transferring. We are going to have to either way. It is a tough sell, collecting three mills but having to charge more to transfer out. Coming

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Proposed road could impact shooting range

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Due to a change in ownership of the piece of property that contains the road that provides the City of Newcastle with access to the orange water tank south of town, a potential new road is being investigated by the city, but a local group is concerned that the new road will threaten their ability to use the gun range located in the area.

Carey Voss, a representative of the Weston County Sportsmen’s Club, attended the December 5 Newcastle City Council meeting to express concerns surrounding the placement of the proposed new road, and how it may impact the club.

“We are a little disappointed we were left out of the loop. The gun club has a lot at stake. This road would cross directly in front of the trap shoot range,” asserted Voss, who explained that members of the club first heard of the potential road shortly before Thanksgiving.

According to Voss, the location of the road, which would act as the city’s access to the water tank, would compromise the club’s certification with the National Rifle Association (NRA), which directly affects their access to insurance and grants. He expressed the fear that, essentially, the road could mark the potential end of the Weston County Sportsmen’s Club.

Voss shared that the club has approximately 160 members and that those are not the only individuals who utilize the firing range at the location. The club has also given nearly \$250,000 back to the communities of Upton and Newcastle.

“I found out today while visiting with (City Engineer Mike) Moore that the city has given total approval for the road to be constructed,” declared Voss. He noted that prior to Thanksgiving the club was directed to supply a letter expressing their opinion, and that they do not believe that all individuals who will be impacted are being considered in this decision.

Voss commented that he had also discussed the topic with the new landowner of the property on which the current road is located, and was assured that city access would not be cut off and that

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Meet and treat



Bill and Marsha Lambert and Mark Peterson enjoy pulled pork sandwiches courtesy of True Value during their Customer Appreciation and Chamber Coffee event last Friday. (Andy McKay/NLJ)

Like Bing and Bob

Theatrics company offers Christmas variety show

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Bird Cage Theatrics Company is once again bringing a production to the stage that will look to put a smile on the face of Newcastle residents.

On December 17 and 18, the performers who take part in “Music, Magic and Merriment, a Christmas Variety Show,” will strive to bring an old-style Christmas feeling to the stage at the First United Methodist Church.

Organizers hope it will help those who attend embrace the Christmas spirit a bit more too.

“We wanted to put on that old-

style Christmas— think “Holiday Inn” or “White Christmas,” all those old movies. That’s what this is kind of like. This show is going to move from one to the next, and have intermission, and do another act the same way,” declared Shane Sellers.

The long-time promoter of the Bird Cage Theatrics Company said that the types of acts featured this weekend will vary, but indicated they will include singing, an accomplished violinist, dancers from the Meadowlark Academy of dance, cowboy poetry and even some original works.

“We’ve got some songwriters who are contributing some original material to the show...Rhonda Sedgwick Stearns is going to do some of her original Christmas poetry,” revealed Sellers.

According to Sellers, the idea of producing a Christmas variety show was first floated in August during “Motorcycle Macbeth,”

another production Bird Cage Theatrics participated in. Two of the actors from that show, Daniel Catana and his wife, Emily, inspired the idea as they were preparing to perform.

Sellers recalled that while Daniel and Emily were getting ready for Motorcycle Macbeth, they were warming up in the chapel at the Flying V. The sounds filling the room left Sellers feeling chills.

“It was just unbelievably overpowering. It almost made the place shake, the power in their voices, both separately and together,” professed Sellers, who revealed that this got the group talking about how to put something together that could feature those powerful voices.

“We said ‘maybe we should think about doing something,’ and they said they’d like to do a Christmas show, ‘we’ve always wanted to do a Christmas show but

nobody will produce it.’ And I said, ‘we’ll do it.’” Sellers recounted. That began a project that will culminate on the stage this week.

Daniel and Emily will be featured in the production, along with a number of other performers, to bring the Christmas spirit to town only a week before the holiday. The show will premiere Saturday at 7:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, with Sunday offering a matinee show at 1:00 p.m. Tickets will cost \$15 for adults and \$8 for children, and can be purchased at A-1 Agency, the News Letter Journal or by calling 307-746-8378.

“We wanted to keep it affordable...It’s Christmas...For the price of admission you get a great show and you get a little treat and beverage to go along with it,” professed Sellers. He revealed that a local caterer will be providing Christmas desserts to accompany the show.

Norovirus makes a return

Bob Bonnar
NLJ Associate Publisher

A press release issued by the Wyoming Department of Health is cautioning residents that norovirus is again causing illnesses in Wyoming.

The statement from WDH highlighted increased reports recently coming in from Casper and Cheyenne, but the illness is likely to show up in other areas as well, and may be already.

“Commonly described as “stomach flu” or “food poisoning,” norovirus is spread when people eat or drink contaminated food and beverages, touch surfaces contaminated with the virus or through close contact with someone already sick,” the release explained.

Cody Loveland, WDH surveillance epidemiologist, said norovirus spreads easily in places where people are typically in close contact such as schools, daycares and nursing homes.

“That’s exactly what’s being reported from

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Law requires you to call before you dig

Andy McKay
NLJ Reporter

With temperatures dropping below zero each night and the ground frozen, not many people are concerned about digging up their property for improvement any time soon.

But, should the occasion arise, there are about 501 reasons to put 1st Call Locates on your must call list.

1st Call is a utility line locator and it is their job to make sure the neighborhood’s

electricity, gas, water, sewer, cable, and fiber optic lines survive your latest renovation.

“The first reason is safety for our community. Cutting a fiber optic cable can be financially devastating, but hitting a gas line or power line can be deadly. Along with those, businesses, government entities, cell towers, and 911 rely on those services. Second of all, it’s the law. The first offense is \$500 for not calling before you dig,” stated Zach Rohde, owner and operator of 1st Call.

They’re the ones to call because they offer

the service and expertise to find out what’s lurking beneath the surface before your shovel does.

“We locate and map underground utility lines and use hydrovac excavation to expose utilities,” said Rohde.

Along with using instruments and equipment to locate utilities underneath dirt, rock, cement, and whatever else, Rohde also has a nifty machine called a hydrovac that he can

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WEATHER FORECAST	Thursday Overcast Hi 27, Lo 13	Friday Snow Hi 13, Lo -16	Saturday Partly Cloudy Hi -7, Lo -19	Sunday Partly Cloudy Hi 11, Lo -3	Monday Sunny Hi 17, Lo 6	Tuesday Sunny Hi 23, Lo 15	Wednesday Partly Cloudy Hi 24, Lo 9	INSIDE • Obituaries, Page 4 • Speech Team Success, Page 9 • Office Shuffle, Page 10 • Sports, Page 11	
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Landfill

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in a year, I've got some decisions I've got to make," declared Upton.

Wagoner suggested that the Department of Environment Quality should work with the Town of Upton to grant a permit extension for that community's landfill due to the fact that the county is working towards a solution, and Upton told the commission that he does plan on setting meetings up with the DEQ to discuss a possible extension. He maintained that transferring solid waste is not something he supports because the entire process does not make much sense. He noted that maintenance and upkeep of a transfer station would prove expensive as well.

Wagoner asserted that the community could not justify a transfer station because of the volume of garbage they are working with, and said he

believes it would be better to simply pick up and direct haul trash if Upton is left without a landfill. Commission Chairman Bill Lambert suggested that the transfer station in Osage may be another option for the Town of Upton until the new landfill is ready to be used.

Upton acknowledged that the Upton landfill has never been sited for environmental problems, prompting the commissioners to express that, as long as the ball is rolling, the DEQ should cooperate with the town. He noted that the town has discovered some dirt to use in the operation, which has been an ongoing issue for Upton, that could extend their ability to utilize the landfill with the approval of the DEQ.

"I get anxiety over all of this...I can't say I have a good grip on all the options and the best thing to do, but it seems to me like a whole lot

of this is a response to regulations. The constituents are put in a position where they don't know what's going on, and it all sounds ridiculous. The only way they are going to get interested enough to become involved in the regulatory process, is if it becomes financially inconvenient for them," announced Commissioner Tracy Hunt. He said that elected officials are sometimes guilty of insulating constituents to try to make situations as comfortable as possible, but cautioned that this tendency does not create the "torch and pitchfork" effect that sometimes elicits a response from regulatory agencies.

"I remain pretty frustrated. We are pigeon-holed into the same regulatory process as places in New York when it doesn't fit our situation, and we are expected to foot the bill," Hunt concluded.

Commission Clips

Notes from the December 6 Weston County Commissioners Meeting.

- County Clerk Jill Sellers reported that a recent audit is going well, and it should be wrapped up within the next month.
- Sellers shared that the Department of Labor overtime regulations have been delayed by an injunction filed by a judge in Texas, with no movement in the situation expected until January. Although the regulations are delayed, Sellers believes Weston County is in good standing.
- New Mallo Camp Manager Caleb Thompson began his job this month, and got a warm welcome to the position by receiving a large amount of snow to plow on his second day.
- Sellers reported that the Weston County Coroner's budget is going to be exceeded due to the Coroner's Inquest into the death of Richard Campbell. The unexpected nature of the inquest caused the budget to go beyond what was anticipated for the fiscal year.
- The Weston County Commissioners cast their vote on the Local Liability Pool ballot, voting for the same representatives as the Newcastle City Council— Brad Basse of Hot Springs for the at-large position and Tom Wringley of Sheridan County for the County Commissioners position.
- The Sunset Ranch Water District submitted nearly all the paperwork required to ask for enlargement of the district due to a constituent purchasing land near the boundaries of the district. A petition should be presented

to the commissioners for a hearing to be scheduled.

- The commissioners instructed both Sellers and County Administrator Dan Blakeman to provide a figure of estimated travel costs to present to the commissioners at the next meeting. Travel budgets were removed from their departments during the completion of the budget.
- The Weston County Sheriff's Department recently had two patrol trucks stripped down and almost ready to go on to their new owners. The commissioners instructed Sheriff Bryan Colvard to get one to Road and Bridge and the other to Mallo.
- Rick Williams with Road and Bridge shared that two bridges in Weston County are in "sad shape," one located on Lynch Road and the other on Bruce Road. The commissioners told Williams to contact the Department of Transportation regarding the bridge on Lynch Road. Williams was confident that the one on Bruce Road had been repaired by his crew and was in a stable condition.
- It was determined that Weston County has no guidelines in place for weight restriction on roads in case of excess moisture that may create weak county roads in the future. Williams asserted that is a matter of buying a bunch of signs and enforcing the limit, with County Commissioner Marty Ertman maintaining that enforcement is the issue.

Flu

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both Casper and Cheyenne right now," he said. "Many people blame the last thing they ate when they get sick, but norovirus is spread through many routes other than just food."

Loveland also said other viruses and illnesses caused by bacteria contamination can cause similar symptoms, but norovirus is the most common culprit.

The Department of Health indicated that people who are sick with norovirus may experience nausea, vomiting, watery diarrhea, stomach cramps, fatigue and dehydration. The release said illness can hit quickly between 12 to 48 hours after a person has been exposed. Symptoms

usually last from one to three days and go away without causing long-term problems.

"However, because norovirus can be serious when people become dehydrated, those who become severely ill may need to call or visit a medical professional," the release stated, noting that infants, young children, immune-compromised persons, and persons unable to care for themselves, such as the disabled or elderly, are at higher risk for dehydration and may need hospitalization.

Health officials are urging residents to combat the illness by taking appropriate steps to avoid spread contamination.

"Norovirus illnesses can be prevented," Loveland said.

"Good hand washing is critical because people can still be contagious and spread the virus for a few days after symptoms end."

"Handwashing is such a simple task but one that people seem to ignore. It's so important for people to wash their hands. I can't stress that enough. It is very important to teach children to wash their hands," Weston County Public Health Nurse Lori Bickford agreed.

She also encouraged people to put in a little extra cleaning around the house to help ward off the virus.

"Clean surfaces in the home often using a bleach solution or a commercial brand of cleaner," Bickford advised.

Recommended steps to help prevent illness



- Frequently wash hands, especially after using the restroom or changing

- diapers, and before eating or preparing food.
- If ill, stay home from work

and school, especially if employed in food-handling, healthcare or child care.

- Thoroughly clean and disinfect contaminated surfaces immediately after an episode of vomiting or diarrhea with a solution of 1 cup household bleach per 1 gallon of water and letting the solution sit for one minute. Always follow manufacturers' safety precautions.
- Immediately remove and wash contaminated clothing or linens after an episode of illness (use hot water and soap).
- Flush or discard any vomit and/or feces in the toilet and keep the surrounding area clean.
- Ill persons should take extra care to avoid spreading the virus by minimizing contact with other persons while ill and practicing good hygiene.

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Obituaries

Shirley Josephine Dixon Jan. 31, 1943-Dec. 6, 2016

Shirley Josephine (Podio) Dixon was taken to heaven on December 6, 2016. Shirley was born on January 31, 1943 to Joseph J. and Leota B. (Wocicki) Podio in Sundance, Wyo. Shirley's family settled on the prairie at Four Corners, Wyo. She was one of three children to Joe and Leota. Shirley had an older brother Joe J. Podio Jr. and several years later came a younger Robert L. Podio.

She attended prairie school until the 8th grade; from there Shirley attended Newcastle High School graduating in 1960. Shirley was a part of the local 4-H, FHA and her senior year she was named FFA Sweetheart.

On November 27, 1960 she married the love of her life Gideon H. Dixon. They made their home in Newcastle. From this union came Gideon H. Dixon Jr. in November of 1963, Timothy J. Dixon in July of 1965 and a few years later Deedra D. (Dixon) Stumpff in March of 1973.

Shirley and Gideon then moved to Rapid City, S.D. in 1974 to pursue a business adventure. In 1988 the couple returned to Newcastle to live and be close to family. Before they moved back to Newcastle Shirley went back to college and finished her cosmetology degree. Upon coming home to Newcastle Shirley then spent the next 24 years as a cosmetologist. She didn't have customers, she had friends.

During the last five years Shirley and Gideon enjoyed their retirement traveling, gardening and spending time at home.

Shirley leaves behind husband, of 56 years, Gideon H. Dixon of Newcastle; son Gideon H. Dixon and wife Angela of Rapid City, S.D.; son Timothy J. Dixon and wife Rebecca of Seattle, Wash.; daughter Deedra D. Stumpff and husband Greg of Newcastle; grandchildren Christopher and wife Kayleigh, Sarah and husband Adam, Connagher and fiancé Cheyanna, Billi Jo, Emily and Abigail; great grandchildren Liam, Remi, Isaiah and one baby on the way.

Shirley joins her father Joe Podio Sr., her mother Leota B. Podio and her great-granddaughter Aila Dixon.

Shirley was always surrounded by many family and friends that she loved and cherished very much.

Any memorials in Shirley's name will be welcome for the First United Methodist Church and The Helping Hands Foundation.

Memorial services were at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, December 10, 2016 at the First United Methodist Church in Newcastle with Rev. Michael Jarrell officiating.

Behrens-Wilson Funeral Home is in care of the arrangements and condolences may be conveyed to the family through their website.

Brigitte Hintz

Jul. 8, 1941-Dec. 1, 2016

Brigitte Hintz, 75, Bismarck, formerly of New Leipzig, died December 1, 2016, after a short battle with cancer. A funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, December 9, at Bismarck Funeral Home. Burial was at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service.



Brigitte Hintz

Brigitte was born on July 8, 1941, in Bruchweiler, Germany, the third of 13 children to Heinrich Doll and Elisabeth (Fischer) Doll. Germany was in the midst of World War II in her early childhood. After the war, her father came home and raised their large family in Idar-Oberstein, Germany.

She met her husband to be, Ervin Hintz, when he was stationed in Germany during his military service. They were married in Germany and had two boys, Michael and Stevan. In April of 1964, she bundled up her two little boys and set out for the journey of a lifetime moving to the United States with her husband to take over the family farm near New Leipzig, N.D. She left her parents and 12 siblings with nothing but love for her husband and hope for her family in a new country.

Things were a bit difficult for her at first as she spoke very little English but her husband and his parents spoke German so

that helped immensely. She learned most of her English from watching television. In February of 1969, they were blessed with the birth of their daughter, Janelle.

She enjoyed raising her family and helping Ervin on the farm. She was a member of the United Church of Christ in New Leipzig and the homemaker's club for many years. She also enjoyed cross stitching, knitting, sewing and other crafts and spending time with friends and neighbors.

One of her proudest moments was becoming a U.S. citizen in 1971. She enjoyed traveling to Germany to visit her family several times. Ervin and Brigitte continued to farm until his death in September of 1997. That December she began another new life, this time in Bismarck, where she worked for Merry Maids and the Waterford until her retirement in 2011. In April of 2009, she received a life-saving kidney transplant which would give her 7 more years of quality life. Here she also began meeting new friends and playing cards and bunco. She played many games of pinochle at the Amvets, Eagles and the Moose Lodge. She also enjoyed bingo and eating out with friends. She was very active up until her recent illness. She will be dearly missed by her family, neighbors and card playing companions.

She is survived by her sons, Michael (Donalda) Hintz, Dickinson and Stevan (Brenda) Hintz, Newcastle; her daughter, Janelle (Gary) Steiner, Baldwin; seven grandchildren, Chris and Travis Hintz, Newcastle, Amanda Hintz, Denver, Colo., Michaela and Mitchell Hintz, Dickinson, and Austin and Dylan Steiner, Baldwin; and six great-grandchildren; brothers, Dieter, Hartmut, Lothar, Helmut, Rolf and sisters, Gudrun, Ingeborg, Lieselotte, all of Germany.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ervin; her parents Heinrich and Elisabeth; brothers Wolfgang and Werner and sisters, Christel and Hanelorrie.

A memorial has been established for organ and tissue donors and recipients.

Go to www.bismarckfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook or to send a message of condolence to the family.

A Message from Weston County Public Health

If you know someone who is in crisis: Take a step forward

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Getting help is not a sign of weakness. It is a sign of strength

Realize you're not alone; there are people who care about you and want to help

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Contact a friend, family member, teacher, minister who can be with you during this crisis

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- BAHA'I FAITH:** Firesides (Open to All) 1st & 3rd Fridays 7:30 pm at 15 Skyview Dr; 746-3626.
- CAMBRIA COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH:** Pastor Todd Olson, 19 Stampede St. 746-2321. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship 10:30 am; Youth (6-12 grades) and Adult Bible Study Sunday Evening 6-7 pm; Wednesday Night Youth and Adult Bible Study 6 pm; Life Recovery Bible Study Sunday Night 7 pm.
- CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL:** Rev. Sally Boyd, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets, 746-9684. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday, Morning Prayer 10 am; 2nd & 4th Saturday 4 pm, Holy Eucharist. haydishall@hotmail.com
- CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Pastor Tsena Dinsna, 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 Mtg 9 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am.
- CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Tim Martinson, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5 pm; Sunday Mass 5 pm; Weekday Mass 8 am.
- COUNTRY CHURCH:** Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley, 746-9712, Worship 10 am.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:** Pastor Gary Anderson, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Evening Service 6 pm; AWANA Clubs 6:30 pm.
- CHURCH ON THE HILL:** Wayne Wilson, 301 Delaware, 746-5542. Sunday School 9:30 am; Prayer Service 10:15 am; Worship 10:45 am; Youth Group Wednesday 6:30 pm; Christian Academy preschool & K-12 746-9663.

- OUR SAVIOR CHURCH:** Pastors Doug and Frezil Westerlund, Weston County Fairgrounds, Service Sundays 9:30 am. 307-941-2524
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Michael Jarrell, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am; Traditional Church Services 10 am; 10:15 am Children's Church.
- GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am. Call 746-8091.
- KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES:** 5018 US Hwy 16, 746-2319 or 746-4517. Tuesday 7 p.m. Congregation Bible Study, Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting, Sunday Public Talk 10 am; Watchtower 11 am.
- NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sun. Worship 10 am; Wed. Night Prayer.
- OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** 348 Sheridan St. in Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm.
- SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST:** Pastor Chuck Gadway 303-229-3103, 78 Old Hwy 85 and Pastoral Assistant Matt Dooley 949-0831. Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11:00 am.
- ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Killian Muli, Upton. Sunday Mass 11:30 am.
- VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH:** Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366.
- UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Sharee Johnson, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 9 am; Fellowship 10 am; Adult Study 10:30 am; 1st & 3rd Wed Evenings Prayer and Praise Service 7 pm. August 7, 14, and 21 church is at 9am. August 28--no church in Upton, worship is at 11am at Rev Johnson's home in Custer. September 4th and all sundays following, 9am Sunday School, 10am Worship, 11am Fellowship, and 11:30 Bible Study.

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Luke 2:14

Daily Devotional Reading						
Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17	Dec 18	Dec 19	Dec 20	Dec 21
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A PIECE OF HISTORY

December 18, 1891

It is genuine Wyoming weather we are having now; pleasant, warm, & sunny.

Fred Coates, administrator for the Wagoner estate, shipped a car load of horses to Chicago this week.

C.C. Benner has been appointed City Clerk, & has assumed the duties of the office. It was a worthy appointment.

The old-timers on Beaver Creek propose to have a monster celebration the 18th of March commemorating the first settlement here.

One of the Cambria Schools has been closed until after the holiday on account of illness of Mrs. Pettigrew, the teacher, who has gone to Chicago for treatment.

Ed Cahill, blacksmith, is at work again. Ed was among the first to do blacksmith, in Cambria. He has been away more than eighteen months. He lost his wife while away.

December 21, 1916

P.A. Warlaumont United States Marshal, of Cheyenne, arrived in the city last Saturday & went to Cambria, where he took in charge a man who was wanted in Kansas for jumping his bond for moonshining.

The Sprecher Pharmacy is having their ice house filled with ice this week. In fact, nearly all those having ice houses are getting them filled now as the ice in in excellent shape for packing.

It has been reported that measles have made their appearance in Cambria.

Mrs. Anna Miller left Sunday evening for Webb City, MO., where she will spend the holidays with her children Mamie & Ruth.

A fine eight-pound boy was born Tuesday morning to Mr. & Mrs. C.E. Carr, of this city. All concerned are doing fine.

Mrs. Lizzie Adkins departed on No. 41 Monday to visit over the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Lissolo, at Butte, Montana.

December 18, 1941

The first war casualty affecting local residents became known here this week with the announcement of the death at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, of Holdran Sorenson, brother of Mrs. W.O. Horton.

Hundreds of Weston County boys & girls will be guests Wednesday, December 24th, at a gigantic Christmas party in Newcastle sponsored by various organizations.

School will be dismissed Friday afternoon for two weeks of Christmas Vacation, resuming

again on Monday, January 5th.

Dick Pfister, 21-year old brother of Mrs. L.H. (Sam) Hale, of Newcastle, & star guard on the Harvard Football Team, has been invited to play with a selected group of all-stars at Montgomery, Alabama. It was learned here this week. Pfister, son of Richard Pfister, prominent rancher 35 miles south of here, attracted the attention of Eastern Grid Fans, experts & scouts for his masterful playing in his third year as a regular on the varsity squad.

The Roxson & Seven Mile Schools are busy getting ready for their Christmas party next Thursday evening. It will be at the Central School House.

Should have seen it in color



This is a picture of the Antelope School Intermediate Class in Cambria 1900. (Photo Courtesy of Anna Miller Museum)


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WHAT'S UP

December 2016

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thurs 15	6:00 p.m.	WC Health Services Meeting	Board Room
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
	7:00 p.m.	Children's Center Concert	Crouch Auditorium
	7:30 p.m.	Masons	Masonic Lodge #13
Fri 16	7:00 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
Sat 17	10:00 a.m.	Super Saturday	Ad Pro
	6:00 p.m.	Perkins Tavern Ugly Sweater Party	Perkins Tavern
	7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting	Cambria Church Basement
	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Variety Show	First United Methodist Church
Sun 18	1:00 p.m.	Christmas Variety Show	First United Methodist Church
	7:15 p.m.	Women Only Life Recovery Meeting	Cambria Church Basement
Mon 19	6:00 p.m.	Newcastle Fall Guys Registration	North Platte Physical Therapy
	7:00 p.m.	City Council	City Council Chambers
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
Tues 20	9:00 a.m.	WC County Commissioners	Court House
	4:15 p.m.	After School with Jewel Cave	WC Library
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Mondell Heights, Breakfast Rooms
Wed 21	1:30 p.m.	WC Weed & Pest	Weed & Pest Office
	5:30 p.m.	WC Friends of the Fair	Fair Office
	6:00 p.m.	WC Humane Society	Shelter
	7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting	Cambria Church Basement
Thurs 22	11:45 a.m.	WC Health Services Foundation	Hospital Board Room
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
Fri 23	11:30 a.m.	WC Library Board Meeting	WC Library
	7:00 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
Sat 24	5:00 p.m.	Candle Lighting and Carols	The Country Church at Four Corners
	7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting	Cambria Church Basement
Sun 25	9:30 a.m.	Christmas Celebration	Assembly of God
	7:15 p.m.	Women Only Life Recovery Meeting	Cambria Church Basement

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 15
Mike Baldwin

December 16
Jennifer Steveson

December 17
Larry Berger
Shannon Proctor
Paetyn Sylte

December 19
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Ray & Amy Hawk

December 22
Amanda Mercer
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Ellen Crow

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For the Ages

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Talking over tea



Taylor Tystad helps Kim Praeuner serve soup at the annual Christmas Tea gathering at Corpus Christi Catholic Church. Attendees enjoyed warm drinks, and warmer conversation as they celebrated the season in fellowship. (Andy McKay/NLJ)

Senior Happenings

WC Senior Services		December 18	
December 15		Trivia	11:00 a.m.
Trip to Lodge		Church	2:00 p.m.
December 16		December 19	
Bridge Ladies	1:00 p.m.	Childrens Choir	9:00 a.m.
Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.	Wii	10:30 a.m.
Ceramics	1:00 p.m.	Tony's Tunes	3:00 p.m.
December 19		Bingo	6:15 p.m.
Rolls	9:00 a.m.	December 20	
Bridge Ladies	1:00 p.m.	Ceramics	10:30 a.m.
Senior Fitness	9:00 a.m.	Keepsake Crafters	2:00 p.m.
December 20		Stories	4:00 p.m.
Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.	Cards	6:15 p.m.
Helping Hands Board	6:00 p.m.	December 21	
December 21		Catholic Study	10:00 a.m.
Senior Fitness	9:00 a.m.	Bean Bag	10:30 p.m.
Toenail Clinic	9:00 a.m.	Out To Lunch	11:30 a.m.
Mondell Here for Lunch		Bingo	2:00 p.m.
Lions	12:00 p.m.	Farkel	6:15 p.m.
Creative Handcrafts	After Lunch	December 22	
December 22		Reminisce	10:30 p.m.
Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.	Manicures	2:00 p.m.
Ceramics	1:00 p.m.	Social Hour	6:15 p.m.
December 23		December 23	
Rolls	9:00 a.m.	Greedy	10:30 a.m.
Bridge Ladies	1:00 p.m.	Bingo	2:00 p.m.
Blood Pressure Check	9:30 a.m.	Bingo	6:15 p.m.
December 24		December 24	
Christmas Eve		Name that Tune Christmas	11:00 a.m.
December 25		Service	2:00 p.m.
Merry Christmas		Movie	6:15 p.m.
December 26		December 25	
Closed		Dinner	12:00 p.m.
December 27		Movies	2:00 p.m.
Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.	December 26	
Dementia Support Group	3:30 p.m.	Wii	10:30 a.m.
December 28		Crazy Cart	3:00 p.m.
Senior Fitness	9:00 a.m.	Bingo	6:00 p.m.
Manor Here for Lunch		December 27	
Creative Handcrafts	After Lunch	Ceramics	10:30 a.m.
December 29		Keepsake Krafters	2:00 p.m.
Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.	Stories	4:00 p.m.
December 30		Cards	6:15 p.m.
Rolls	9:00 a.m.	December 28	
Bridge Ladies	1:00 p.m.	Catholic Study	10:00 a.m.
Dance	7:00 p.m.	Crossword	10:30 a.m.
December 31		Out to Lunch	11:30 a.m.
Happy New Year		Bingo	2:00 p.m.
		Our Savior Service	4:00 p.m.
		Yahtzee	6:15 p.m.
		December 29	
		Jeopardy	10:30 a.m.
		Manicures	2:00 p.m.
		Social Hour	6:15 p.m.
		December 30	
		Greedy	10:30 a.m.
		Bingo	2:00 p.m.
		Movie	6:00 p.m.
		December 31	
		Resolutions	11:00 a.m.
		Noon Years	12:00 p.m.
		Movie	2:00 p.m.
		Bingo	6:00 p.m.

Direct deposit

Bank employees enjoy making meal deliveries

Andy McKay
NLJ Reporter

The United States' population of seniors is higher than it has ever been, and it only looks to keep growing for the immediate future. An impending problem is an elderly population that does not require full-fledged assisted living, but does need help with some of the more difficult tasks around their homes—like reliably cooking a nutritious meal for themselves.

Meals on Wheels is a national organization that boasts one of the most successful social solutions to

this growing issue. The organization boasts more than two million volunteers spread across over 5,000 local programs, and delivers meals to elderly and handicapped residents, most of whom live with little to no other assistance.

"It's for shut-ins or those who are homebound, people who are not capable to come in to the center. We deliver meals to about 70 people in Newcastle, up to 80 or even 90 with Upton (included)," explained Weston County Senior Center director Caroline Shields.

The Senior Center relies on volunteers to deliver the meals around town. One longtime outlet has been First State Bank, whose employees help with deliveries every Wednesday. First State Insurance Agent Joanne Akers cites the benefits of giving back to the community through service as

the motivation for the philanthropic tradition.

"We just think it's a really good community service that we can all participate in weekly. We give in many other ways as well, but this is one where we don't throw money at something. This is an opportunity that we can go and do something and help someone. We all take pride in it," Akers stated.

First State Bank sends volunteers by committee, making sure two are able to dedicate their time to making deliveries.

"We all take turns. It's a great community give-back. We've done it every Wednesday, with only a couple of exceptions, for 20 years. We do enjoy it, and that's how we've made it work all these years," Akers said.

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Gen's turn to triumph

Andy McKay
NLJ Reporter

At the respectable age of 102, Gen Roan has had what could only be considered a full life. This is not due to the amount of years of her life, but the amount of life she has packed into those years. A nurse throughout her entire career, helping those in need comes second nature to Roan.

She has an especially soft spot in her heart for her country's veterans, for the men and women who sacrificed so much. Much of Roan's admiration for veterans came from her brother, who served in the Pacific theater during WWII.

Her passion brought her to join the Ladies' Auxiliary which ranks among the most dedicated to serving and

honoring our honored veterans. "She joined the Ladies' Auxiliary #2516 on February 7, 1951," Roan's daughter Barb Hansen reported.

A member of the Auxiliary for over 65 years, Roan has done everything a member could possibly do on a local level and beyond.

"She's held every Auxiliary office here in Newcastle and was twice the District 2 President. She also attended two national conventions and regularly attended meetings up until six months ago. Mom has been known as Mrs. VFW. She is so very patriotic," Hansen said.

With all of her distinctions, Roan still had one experience she had yet to enjoy. She had never once won the

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The Spirit of the Season

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NLJ Reporter

The Newcastle Ministerial Association congregated this past Tuesday at the Corpus Christi Catholic Church to put together its annual Christmas Appeal program. With support from local businesses, the Association mails gift certificates to needy families to use during the Christmas season.

The Ministerial Association, which is comprised of ten clergymen from nine churches around the community, does this each year to help bring joy and goodwill to those who need it the most. The coalition sent out a total of 275 gift certificates, valued at \$15, to over 73 house-

holds this year, and told the News Letter Journal that the community gave over \$3,600 during the Christmas Appeal week.

To spread the cheer as best they can, the Association gives each family one certificate for each family member, and the certificates are redeemable at participating shops. Newcastle Hardware, Decker's, Woody's, Family Dollar, Shopko, and Frontier Home, Ranch, & Hardware all take part in the effort.

This year, for the first time in the nearly 40 years of the program's history, the Association included a short list of bible verses in the mailing to spread the Gospel, and bring people to Christ during the season that celebrates his birth.



Long time Ladies' Auxiliary member Gen Roan delights in the prizes she won from the Hamper Fundraiser. Proceeds from the drawing benefit veterans from around the region. (Submitted Photo)

Roan

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"Hamper Fundraiser" drawing.

The VFW Ladies, formerly the Ladies' Auxiliary, has filled a large hamper with homemade and store bought items each September to be given away in a December drawing.

"We all pitched in. There were lots of girls who did the sewing and we gave them the material," Roan said. She continued that proceeds went to hospitalized veterans around the area. "We started that as a money making project. We'd send money to Sheridan, Buffalo, Cheyenne, Fort Mead, and Hot Springs VA hospitals. We were always busy with something."

Although they've held the

fundraiser annually since the 60's, Roan had never been the winning ticket holder. Not, that is, until this year. The result was a pleasant surprise for the Ladies' most tenured member.

"The hamper, oh my, it had beautiful things in it. It had so much, they couldn't fit it all in the hamper," Roan remembered.

The hamper was mostly packed with quilts, a variety of towels, hot pads, bed spreads, and other homemade treasures—along with candles and candle tea light holders. Never one to hoard her blessings, Road had the perfect idea to spread her good fortune.

"I gave most of the items

from the hamper as presents to my family for Christmas," Roan shared. Her prolific family ranges across the state—from Thermopolis to Casper—and across state lines into Montana and Missouri, to name a few.

"She's always put church first, then her family, and then the organizations she was involved with. She's a very hard working woman, but she loves all of her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren the same," Hansen stated.

After years of toils and service, it seems right for the fates to grant this token of appreciation for one of Newcastle's upstanding citizens.

Meals

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The bank began its participation with Meals on Wheels in 1995 following an employee's suggestion. Multiple other businesses also volunteered with the program, but First State is currently the only one to carry on the practice. The other good Samaritans are altruistic individuals in the community.

"We have wonderful volunteers who come in each day. We have an east route and a west route," Shields stated. She went on to say they also have two other longer routes where meals are delivered by staff.

The east and west routes are manned by two volunteers who work as a team to deliver the meals as expediently as possible.

"Usually there's a runner and a driver. That way people can get their meals while they're still hot. It helps people stay in their own homes and be independent for as long as they can. That's what we work for," Shields professed.

It is obvious Shield's volunteers share the director's conviction by their unusually long tenure.

"We have people who have done it for a long time. One lady who comes in on Mondays has been doing it for 20 years. This is something that they want to do, and it helps us because otherwise—if our staff had to do it—we couldn't do as much as we do," Shields admitted.

The program has four different volunteers each day, Monday through Friday, but sometimes its personnel are stretched thin by the unpredictability of life.

"We actually have ten sets of volunteers who deliver the meals. We have some good substitutes if someone goes on vacation or gets sick or something, but we're always looking for more volunteers," Shields admitted.

Luckily for Shields, her volunteers at First State Bank don't show any signs of letting up anytime soon.

"We think it's a really good community thing to do because we do get to reach out to people who normally don't get to go out and have a brief conversation with them. Sometimes it's the only conversation they get to have," Akers related.

On top of providing a healthy dose of human interaction, volunteers also deliver a quality meal. The kitchen staff works hard to give variety in what dishes they provide, along with some basic staples.

"They get a hot meal along with bread and milk and stuff like that. I know on the weekend they'll give out extra food for them to get through the weekend. We pick up the food and we deliver it. We get the good part," Akers said with a smile.

While the menu varies by day, head cook Candi Meyers shared with the News Letter Journal what was prepared for one of the meals last week.

"Today, I did Salisbury steak, baked potato, cauliflower, mandarin orange salad, and spice cake," Meyers reported, noting that preparing close to a hundred meals a day is a high order, but the kitchen staff also prepares supplemental dishes if they have someone who can't eat something on the menu.

"They do it per the person's needs. If they're diabetic, they can't get certain things. They'll substitute certain items. The bags are marked so we can make sure they go to the right person. They're really good about the dietary needs of their people," Akers reported.

The kitchen staff does what they can to not only guarantee the right food goes to the right people, but that all their food is fresh.

"I like to order my groceries a week at a time so they're not sitting in there all that time," Meyers said.

The commitment to using fresh food for the meals is important to the dozens of residents who rely on the deliveries every week.

"We're the only one in this area that provides this service. For some people, this is the only hot nutritious meal they have that day," Shields explained, reporting that in addition to providing a hand-prepared meal, the daily check-ins can also save lives.

"If the people aren't home when they go to take the meal, we have an emergency contact number to call and check to make sure they're ok," Shields said.

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Requests for related information and documents about the proposed temporary turbidity increase should be directed to Cathy Norris by email (cathy.norris@wyo.gov) or phone (307-777-6372). Comments must be addressed to Cathy Norris, Wyoming DEQ/WQD, 200 West 17th Street, 4th Floor, Cheyenne, WY 82002, and postmarked before 5:00 p.m. on December 30, 2016 (or faxed to 307-635-1784) to be considered. Phone or email comments will not be accepted.



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Holiday energy



Black Hills Energy hosted its annual holiday open house last Wednesday, where the company offered to swap traditional Christmas lights out for bright and efficient LED strands. Nicole McFarland and Shirley Demeritt conducted such an exchange during the gathering. (Andy McKay/NLJ)

Road

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negotiations could be continued to secure an easement for the road. He revealed, however, that the landowner hoped to receive something in return.

“He said the bottom line would be, access is still there and he didn't intend to shut that off, but eventually something would have to be done. Where he is now, he would like the city to grant access to two water taps,” remarked Voss. He asserted that his request is for the city to at least delay the construction of the road, estimated at a cost of \$5,000, until further negotiations could take place. He also asked that the club be kept in the loop due to their vested interest in the issue.

“To clarify, we haven't met since before Thanksgiving, and we haven't had time to digest your letter as a council...The last conversation about the road, we said we have to meet with the gun club. It is a plan we said yes to until we got your letter,” explained Councilwoman Kara Sweet. Council President Todd Quigley said that the reason the discussion had not been public was due to the privileged nature of the conversation, which allowed the topic to be discussed in executive session.

City Attorney Jim Peck suggested there may be options when it comes to the road, including a system that could be in place to inform those at the gun range when the road would be used. He added that, as far as he was concerned, the road was used infrequently, which provides potential options for the gun club. He

expressed the belief that the city doesn't have many options in the situation however.

“Sometimes, unfortunately, things happen and our options are limited,” declared Peck, noting that it is against city ordinance to provide water taps to properties outside of city limits, making the request for the easement impossible for the city to pursue. Councilman Don Stevenson said that while he understands the city could not provide the taps, he is not against paying for an easement on that road.

Peck maintained that the city also must possess legal access to the water tank, which they do not have under the present circumstance.

“We have spent a lot of time deciding the best way to handle a bad situation,” asserted Peck. “I want to be clear. When you don't have legal access to property and you become aware of that, to protect public interest the city needs to proceed quickly so they can have legal access.”

Councilman Roger Hesse maintained that as far as the

council is concerned, nothing is set in stone for the road at this point, and Voss was adamant that the club “has a dog in the fight” and should be included in the conversation.

“Several citizens appreciate the rifle range, and we don't want to do anything to jeopardize that,” proclaimed Quigley. He requested that more information be provided from the club on insurance and NRA certification, and said that the city has a limited time frame in which to identify and implement a solution.

City Beats

Notes from the December 5 Newcastle City Council meeting.

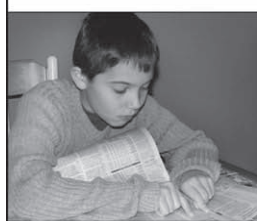
- Bruce Perkins, owner of Perkins Tavern, requested to have extended hours of operation for New Year's Eve beginning December 31 and ending January 1. Councilman Roger Hesse's motion to approve the request carried, allowing for all bars in town to have extended hours for that 24 hour period.
- City Engineer Mike Moore informed the council that water projects continue to move along, with underground piping being put in for the water main improvement project. The drilling rig has also been set up for water well number five, and drilling will take three to four weeks.
- Building Inspector Tina Sundstrom received a 75 cent raise for receiving her resident plumbing inspection license. This is the second license she has received since taking the position, with an intent to receive two more licenses.
- * Police Chief Jim Owens reported that the Newcastle Police Department has answered a total of 4,436 calls to date this year, with 441 of those taking place in November, which is up 56 calls from October.
- A motion to execute a quitclaim deed to Weston County Health Services for Taft Street was approved by the council, pending

approval of the survey of the road by city engineers.

- Discussion continued on the Charter franchise agreement concerning the reimbursement of fees if they are required to move their lines. City Attorney Jim Peck was instructed to once again contact Charter to address the concerns of the council.
- City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James told the council that the WAM winter workshop in Cheyenne is scheduled for January 11-13 and that Newcastle Mayor Elect Deb Piana has already made her reservations.
- The first Newcastle City Council meeting of 2017 will take place on Tuesday, January 3, instead of January 2 in observance of the New Year holiday.
- City Engineers Mike Moore and Bob Hartley received a request for a permit to install a 120-foot pole for data transmission in the middle of town, near Weston County Health Services. It was determined that the location was not appropriate due to potential life flight distraction, and the ability to install something that large outside of city limits. No official decisions were made due to a lack of understanding of what the pole would provide and FFA requirements.

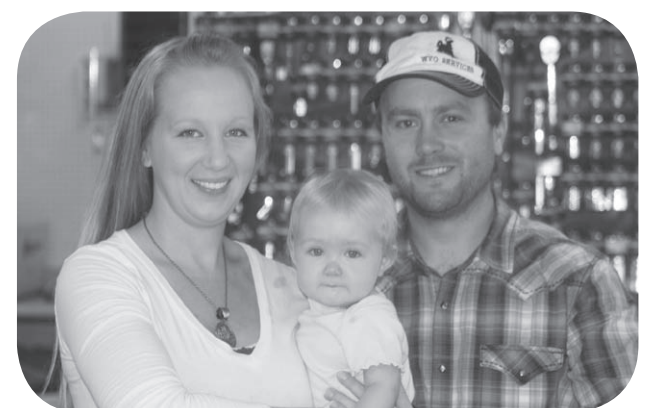
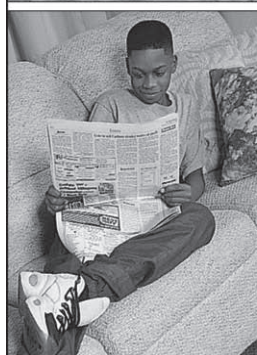


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Making Miners merry



Hattie Stoudt slings drinks at the Miners on Main grand opening held last Saturday night. The bar and grill featured music from local band Nate Smith and the Caddywhompus Band. (Andy McKay/NLJ)

1st Call

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utilize. "Basically, it's a high pressure jet vac. So, if somebody is going to be digging close to a utility or to cross it, then we use this big machine with high pressure water and a big vacuum that sucks all the dirt and rock to expose the utility line so they don't damage it," Rhode stated.

Although it is only in its second year of business, Rohde boasts over a decade's worth of experience, and despite the recent downturn in business across the state, Rohde surprisingly has seen record work this past year.

"2016 was certainly the busiest year I've seen in my 11 years of doing this," Rohde related.

With a weak Wyoming economy, not many businesses can claim the same, but most of 1st Call's business has come from projects that were already funded and underway before the recent hit to the natural resource industry.

"I believe that is due to many highway projects the state is finishing up. The Madison Pipeline, a 36-inch water line they are installing to feed the City of Gillette, near Moorcroft and Rozet, have given us a huge amount of work this year. RT Communications has done some new Fiber Optic rebuild projects that have given us quite a bit of work too," Rohde reported.

While admitting the leap into the uncertainty of owning a business was scary, Rohde was con-

fident he had made the right choice financially.

"I just was kind of tired of making all the money for someone else, and not seeing much in return," Rohde confessed.

1st Call Locates is focused primarily on servicing Weston and Crook Counties, but work has taken them to Montana, South Dakota, and Idaho for bigger projects. For Rohde, no job is too big or small.

"We do everything, from normal homeowners putting in summertime landscaping, fences and sewer line work, to your major construction, from major contractors putting in water lines for several miles or all sorts of other things," Rohde explained.

Most of this work happens after spring begins, but there are always exceptions.

"Our peak season, what we call our dig season, goes from about March to August. That's our busiest time of the year. They used to shut down in the winter. Now they just use a bigger excavator," Rohde laughed.

When asked at what point a property owner should contact 1st Call, Rohde's response was quite simple.

"They should call anytime they are going to move earth is what it says in the law. Anymore, there are so many fiber optics in the ground. They are so very expensive. Make sure you call before you dig!" Rohde advised.



Brenna Watkins and Austyn Vaughn practice their duet speech in an after-school practice. The two are in their first year as part of the speech team. (Andy McKay/NLJ)

Speech team claims three titles

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The Newcastle Speech team set out for Thermopolis last Saturday for their second tournament of the year. Head coach Michael Alexander and assistant coach Lindsey Burling led a squad of veteran competitors and newcomers alike, and they came away with an impressive amount of hardware by the day's end.

Joining the Dogies for the one-day competition were nine

other schools, and 14 of the 16 members of the Newcastle team competed for honors.

Madison Frazee swept her rounds and nabbed first place in Lincoln Douglas Debate. She also picked up third in Extemporaneous Speaking. Colin Heaton and Kinlee Whitney also took first place in each of their rounds to finish at the top in Duet, while Heather Michaelis continued in the same fashion, claiming first in Oratory with a perfect record.

Newcomers Emily Freytag

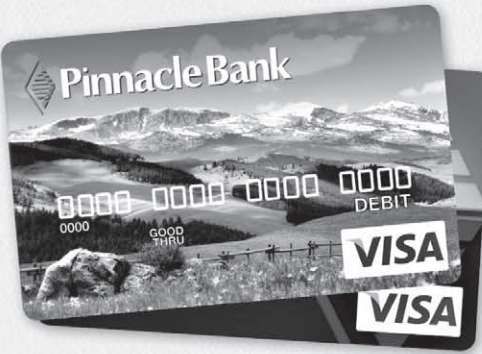
and Hunter Vaughn, despite being novices, placed fourth in varsity Duet. Markie Whitney finished second in novice Oratory, Arianna Anderson got first in novice Extemporaneous Speaking while Sean Hopper and Heather Donner picked up third in novice Duet.

The Dogies also tied for second as a team for the 3A Sweepstakes, and according to Alexander, those who didn't place received constructive criticism and enjoy real potential to place in future meets.

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Extemporaneous

3. Madison Frazee
Duet
1. Colin Heaton and Kinlee Whitney
2. Emily Freytag and Hunter Vaughn
Oratory
1. Heather Michaelis

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1. Arianna Anderson
Duet
3. Heather Donner and Sean Hopper
Oratory
1. Markie Whitney

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Weston County Attorney Secretary Pam Brackett makes herself at home in her new office at the Weston County Courthouse Annex. (Alexis Barker/NLJ)

County shuffles offices after leak

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Some time during the night of November 21, the water supply for one of the upstairs restrooms at the Weston County Courthouse broke, and excessive amounts of water damage occurred in both the Weston County Assessor's Office and the Weston County Attorney's Office.

At the December 6 Weston County Commissioner's meeting, both County Administrator Dan Blakeman and County Clerk Jill Sellers provided an update on the damage and the insurance claim that is currently being processed. "William's (County Attorney William Curley's) office is pretty much impacted to non-use. As you have seen, he has moved into this building," Blakeman announced at the meeting, which was held at the recently acquired Weston County Courthouse Annex (formerly Pinnacle Bank).

Blakeman revealed that he has received rough figures on remodel costs for that building, and indicated estimates near \$200,000. As such, he requested the commissioners allow him to review those estimates with Commissioner Tony Barton to utilize his construction expertise to determine where the county could save money on the project.

According to Dan, estimates for damage on the courthouse are upwards of \$50,000, with no official figures being provided at the time. Due to the amount of damage and the costs adding up to not only repair the

courthouse, but also to remodel the annex building, Blakeman request permission to seek funds from the State Loan and Investment Board to help.

"I believe that if you guys would give me permission and give Bill the okay to sign an emergency grant for money through SLIB to help fix that damage, along with the insurance money...It is an emergency and we need to get back to working order," commented Blakeman, who said he wanted to get the request in for SLIB's January meeting if possible, but would be satisfied with completing the application in time for the February meeting. Permission for him to explore SLIB options was granted, and Commissioner Marty Ertman suggested that he also contact the Wyoming County Commissioner Association (WCCA) to explore potential funding through them.

"They have a fund that may be able to help us too. We want to see if we can't tap into that fund, and see what we can do. They were pretty concerned about what happened to the building, and any little bit will help," suggested Ertman.

Sellers has been working with the insurance company on the water damage, and she believes they have most of what they need to process the claim. She noted that they have been discussing what damage will be covered and what is not. She explained that any personal items damaged as a result of the leak are being considered individually and according to the coverage plan.

"We have Cleaning Unlimited's initial bill. We will

also do some compensations for things," stated Sellers. She explained that due to Steve Price, the county's maintenance man, being pulled away from his normal duties, things like snow removal had to be contracted out.

Commission Chairman Bill Lambert asked how soon the county will start seeing money from the claim, and Sellers reported that the insurance company does not have an answer, although they have been given invoices and inventory lists.

"I don't think they can drag it out too long. We have been giving them what they need," asserted Sellers.

"I would like to publicly commend you guys for jumping right in. There was no down time. That is what we do, and this is how it is handled. For being bad, it was really great," commented Ertman. Blakeman echoed her statements, and thanked everyone who was a part of the process.

"It is a privilege to live and work in a community where everyone pitches in and does the best we can, so we can get back to work. Everyone has done a great job making it the best it can be. I think we learned a lot from this, about how we do things because we went through this. I don't think I can say thank you enough," proclaimed Blakeman.

At this time, the Weston County Assessor's Office can be found in the commissioner's room at the Weston County Courthouse and the Weston County Attorney is now located at the Weston County Courthouse Annex.

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 12/16-17 State Line Shoot-out at Lead TBA

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 12/15 Sundance Bulldogs V9 H 4 PM
 12/16-17 State Line Shoot-out @ Lead TBA

High School Wrestling
 12/15 Buffalo Bison @ Upton V9 H 4:30 PM
 12/16-17 Battle in the Big Horns V9 A 12 PM

Middle School Wrestling
 12/15 District's @ Moorcroft 2:00 PM

Middle School Girls Basketball
 12/16 Districts @ Wright TBA

Scores

Middle School Girls Basketball
 12/6 @ Moorcroft 8A W 38-17
 12/8 vs Lead 8A W 33-8

No blood, no foul

When anyone makes a decision to participate in sports, they are accepting the possibility that injury may be a consequence of their choice.



However, it seems as though the prospect of that happening has become much more likely as the years progress.

Granted, though I played a few decades ago and did experience injuries—including a knee injury and several ankle injuries—I think the severity of those injuries I suffered were not as significant as what athletes suffer today.

When Joe Theimann's leg was broken back in 1985, it was replayed on every network for days because it was something that was so very shocking. More recently, when Kevin Ware broke his leg in a basketball game in 2013, the shock value had worn off a little bit.

Over the course of my 10 years of coaching, I watched 17 players suffer torn ACLs. After I hung up my coaching hat, I parented my own child through an ACL tear, and she was far from the last to suffer a serious sports' injury here in Newcastle.

Though it doesn't seem to be an uncommon thing these days, as I've played Fantasy Football—and as the 2016 high school fall sports' seasons played out and the basketball season has begun—there seems to be an inordinate number of injuries again this year.

Regarding Fantasy Football, it has become a real challenge to find players who are not "Questionable" or on the "Injured Reserve List" or the "Out-for-the-season List."

Though this really doesn't affect my life in a meaningful way, it does spark a concern in me about the frailty of the human body as the rigors of sports increase, especially as it relates to adolescent athletes.

Just last weekend, as the basketball season began,

— See **Karp**, Page 18

Wrestlers set to battle in the Big Horns

By **Sonja Karp**
 NLJ Sports Reporter

The combined Newcastle/Upton wrestling team got their season underway with three days of competition last week, beginning on Thursday with a quadrangular in Custer. There the squad faced off against Newell and Bennett County in addition to the Wildcats, all of whom had a two-week head start as South Dakota began practice the week before Thanksgiving.

Despite picking up a 42-29 win over Newell, the squad lost a close 34-39 meet against Bennett County, and suffered a definitive 29-45 loss against Custer. At the end of the night, head coach Lee McCoy admitted he was disappointed with his team's performance overall.

"We definitely didn't wrestle our best. We were just real sloppy, with no intensity," he sighed. "We got beat pretty much in every position and though that could be expected, as it was our first match and the South Dakota teams had the two-week advantage, maybe we didn't expect it to be quite as bad as it turned out to be."

Trayton Dawson (113) and Reid Holmes (113) each picked up wins against Custer opponents, while Alan Baker (138), Zach Schuessler (145), Wyatt Corley (160), Conagher Testerman (170) and Teigen Marchant (195) each defeated Bennett County grapplers. Other wins for the Dogies/Bobcats came as a result of forfeits.

"Though we didn't see a whole lot of good things happen, it did give us a lot of things that we needed to work on," McCoy nodded. "It was good to get the first one out of the way to see where we were at to start the year."

Following the lackluster performance on Thursday, the



Aaron Fullerton and Trayton Dawson listen attentively to Coach Lee McCoy. (Andy McKay/NLJ)

squad headed to Rapid City on Friday for a high powered, two-day tournament, where they would compete against athletes from over 30 schools of all sizes out of Wyoming, South Dakota and Nebraska.

"For the most part, we looked a lot better on Friday and Saturday than we had on Thursday," McCoy nodded. "The kids knew going in that they were going to have to pick up the intensity, or they wouldn't have a lot of fun."

The Dogies/Bobcats did indeed step up their intensity, with three breaking into the championship/consolation brackets. Though only Corley (152) ended up placing, Dawson (113) and Marchant (195) were just one match short of making

it to the medal rounds.

"I was excited to see Wyatt place sixth," McCoy grinned. "He really ramped things up and only had losses to an Aberdeen kid, a Milbank kid and a Pierre kid on the day"

While McCoy took the varsity squad to Rapid City on Friday, assistant coach Sean Crabtree took four freshmen to a tournament in Lusk.

"I was pretty impressed with how the boys performed overall. For some of them, it was their first time competing in a high school tournament," Crabtree stated.

Though none of the four placed in the tournament, Jacob Rhoades had what Crabtree described as an impressive match, taking his opponent into

overtime. Rhoades ultimately won that match, while Jory McFarland and Ike Fisher of Newcastle, and Gavin Durfee from Upton, also performed well according to the coach.

With the first competitions under their belts, the Newcastle/Upton team are preparing for another full weekend of wrestling as they host the Buffalo Bison in Upton on Thursday beginning at 4:30 p.m., and then head to Worland for the Battle of the Big Horns on Friday and Saturday.

"We are looking forward to this week," McCoy began. "We have lots of areas and things we need to improve on, so we're going to be working hard to get better. Buffalo will be tough, but there will be a couple of good

matches at 152 with Corley and 195 with Marchant."

The weekend tournament is another big, high powered meet, with over 20 teams expected to attend. Over the course of the two days, McCoy anticipates that his squad will end up with nine duals, so each athlete will have the potential to wrestle nine matches.

"The Battle of the Big Horns is a tough, tough team dual tournament, but we will have Bryce [Womack] back, so we should only be giving up two weights at 170 and 182, which means we should be able to compete a little better as a team," McCoy said, explaining that Womack had to sit out last weekend and

— See **Wrestlers**, Page 12

Swimmers get stood up



Brandon Benson and the Dogies continued to practice on Tuesday despite having found out that their weekend Invitational has been cancelled. (Andy McKay/NLJ)

The learning curve

By **Sonja Karp**
 NLJ Sports Reporter

A young and inexperienced Newcastle Dogie basketball team opened up their 2016-2017 season at the East/West Challenge in Buffalo last Friday and Saturday. Though they returned two starters from last season in Triston Roberson and Cam Quigley, Cade Ostenson and Lyle Whitney were the only other players hitting the court with any real varsity experience under their belts.

Head coach Allen Von Eye knew going in that his squad would be up against some very talented 3A West teams in Cody, Pinedale and Powell, so he was looking to these four players to lead their teammates, all of

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Ladies struggle to sustain fast starts

By Sonja Karp
 NLJ Sports Reporter

The Lady Dogies opened up their season at the annual East/West Tournament in Cody last Friday and Saturday with only three players taking the court who had any varsity experience. That meant the squad dealt with some serious jitters, and head coach Tyler Bartlett admitted he wasn't sure how they would manifest themselves.

"To be honest, I had a pretty nervous group of girls prior to the Powell game, and the team was pretty anxious. That being said, I was really pleased with how we turned that anxiousness into energy to start the game," he grinned.

That nervous energy resulted in great defense and aggressive offense in the first quarter, which allowed the squad to jump out to a 16-4 lead to start the contest.

The Panthers weren't ready to roll over and concede however. The Lady Dogies stayed on top throughout the next two and a half quarters, but Powell kept chipping away at the deficit and finally turned the tables with two minutes to play. Newcastle was able to push the contest into overtime, but ended up short in the extra frame by a score of 57-60.

"I was really pleased with a lot of what we did in that game, but we didn't get the necessary scores and stops down the stretch, and didn't take advantage of all the opportunities our defense created," Bartlett admitted. "At the same time, that's a quality team and there's no shame in coming up short. I just feel bad for the girls because I really think we outplayed Powell the vast majority of the game."

Four Lady Dogies were in double digits, and leading the way in scoring was junior Sarah Henkle, who racked up 17 points in her first varsity start. She added eight rebounds, six steals and one assist to her stat line as well. Sister Rachel Henkle picked up a double-double with 11 points, 15 rebounds and five steals, and Rachel Ehlers added 12 points, four rebounds and three steals while Alyssa Umphlett chipped in 10 points two assists and one steal.

Competition resumed Saturday morning as Newcastle faced off against the Lady Wranglers of Pinedale. The challenge for the Lady Dogies with

this squad was their extremely talented and athletic point guard, and Bartlett said she gave his athletes everything they could handle and more.

"We had to work hard to corral her the entire game," he began. "When we did a nice job of that, we were able to jump out to a lead, but when we struggled with that, she put her team back in front."

The game was a battle, with the two squads trading leads. However, once again down the stretch the Lady Dogies gave up too many easy buckets, and weren't able to answer offensively. As a result, they dropped their second contest 55-62.

"This was another very winnable game where we didn't do enough of the little things to come out on top," Bartlett sighed.

Ehlers led the squad with 16 points, seven rebounds, two assists and two steals. Rachel Henkle picked up a second double-double with 10 points, 11 rebounds, three steals, one assist and one block.

Three games in two days is tough at any point in the season, but in the first weekend it can be brutal. The Lady Dogies were feeling the effects of that as the contest against Cody tipped off on Saturday afternoon.

"From the start you could see that the girls were pretty exhausted from two games of pressing and running all game," Bartlett nodded. "While we were actually up eight at halftime, we had missed numerous layups and open shots in the first half due to some heavy legs."

Unfortunately, the mid-game break didn't refresh the team, and Cody was able to take advantage of the situation to pull ahead in the second half. Newcastle continued to struggle offensively and defensively, and as time ticked off the clock the Lady Dogies found themselves down 44-59.

"I understand the physical fatigue of playing three games in two days, but at the same time, Cody was in the same situation," Bartlett stated. "Being physically tired is what it is – the kids need to be mentally tough enough to find a way to get it done."

Ehlers once again led the way with 15 points and three rebounds. Umphlett was next with 11 points, three rebounds, three assists and two steals, and Rachel Henkle added six points,

13 rebounds and one steal. Closing out the weekend without a win was not what the Lady Dogies had hoped for, and Bartlett lamented lost opportunities to hold on to early game leads.

"Maybe it's the optimist in me, but I truly feel we could have come out of Cody 3-0," he declared. "In every single game we had second half leads, and at times we did some really good things. Unfortunately, the bottom line is we didn't do enough of the little things to get actual wins. I was pleased with the girls' effort in a lot of areas, but we're going to have to execute better going forward if we want to be on the winning side."

Three seems to be the magic number this week, as the ladies had only three days of practice to work on cleaning up their game in order to be ready for the Stataline Shootout Tournament. That event consists of another three games, but this time those are spread over three days.

Competition tips off as the Sundance Lady Bulldogs come to town on Thursday, with action beginning at 5:30 p.m. On Friday and Saturday, the ladies head to Lead for the duration of the tournament. They will take on the Lady Diggers Friday at 5:00 p.m. and the Belle Fourche Lady Broncs on Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

Girls Basketball

Newcastle v. Powell 12-9-16: 57-60 OT
Rachel Henkle: 11 points, 15 rebounds, 5 steals
Rachel Ehlers: 12 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals
Alyssa Umphlett: 10 points, 2 assists, 1 steal
Taylor Spain: 1 rebound, 1 steal
Sarah Henkle: 17 points, 8 rebounds, 1 assist, 6 steals
Lexus Voelker: 5 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal
Makenzie Wagoner: 1 rebound
Lauren Lacey: 2 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal
Newcastle v. Pinedale 12-10-16: 55-62
Rachel Henkle: 10 points, 11 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals, 1 block
Rachel Ehlers: 16 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals
Alyssa Umphlett: 6 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists
Taylor Spain: 3 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal
Sarah Henkle: 6 points, 1 rebound, 3 assists, 3 steals
Lexus Voelker: 5 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal
Makenzie Wagoner: 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals
Lauren Lacey: 9 points, 1 assist, 1 steal
Newcastle v. Cody 12-10-16: 44-59
Rachel Henkle: 6 points, 13 rebounds, 1 steal
Rachel Ehlers: 15 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal
Alyssa Umphlett: 11 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals
Taylor Spain: 6 points, 4 rebounds
Sarah Henkle: 2 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 4 steals
Lexus Voelker: 2 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals
Lauren Lacey: 2 points



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Wrestlers from page 11

will not get to participate on Thursday as he was nine pounds over at certification. Unfortunately, his weight loss plan does not allow him to compete until this Friday, given the amount he had to lose.

Having Womack back in the line up should help this week, and the rest of the grapplers will look to build on what they learned in South

Dakota a week ago. "Thursday through Saturday, we as coaches were watching and evaluating what changes we needed to make in practices as the weekend exposed some areas we needed to address. We will implement the changes this week and see how the weekend goes," McCoy finished.

Wrestling

Newcastle/Upton @ Custer Quadrangular 12/8/16


Newcastle/Upton 29 Custer 45	Newcastle/Upton v. Newell Newcastle/Upton 42 Newell 29	Newcastle/Upton v. Bennett County Newc/Upton 34 Bennett County 39
106: Dylan Thompson L by Fall 1:36	106: Dylan Thompson L by Fall 2:00	106: Open
113: Trayton Dawson W by TF 15-0 3:10	113: Trayton Dawson W by Forfeit	113: Trayton Dawson W by Forfeit
113: Reid Holmes W by Decision 8-2	120: Payton Parks W by Forfeit	120: Payton Parks L by Decision 1-7
120: Payton Parks L by Fall 2:34	126: Aaron Fullerton W by Forfeit	126: Aaron Fullerton L by Fall :24
126: Aaron Fullerton W by Forfeit	132: Jacob Rhoades L by Fall 3:22	132: Jacob Rhoades L by Fall 1:19
132: Jacob Rhoades L by MD 16-2	138: Gavin Durfee W by Forfeit	138: Alan Baker W by Fall 3:18
138: Alan Baker L by Decision 13-8	145: Zach Schuessler L by Fall 1:08	145: Zach Schuessler W by Fall :32
145: Zach Schuessler L by TF 3-20 4:52	152: Open	152: Open
152: Open	160: Wyatt Corley L by Decision 4-3	160: Wyatt Corley W by MD 17-4
160: Wyatt Corley L by Decision 4-3	170: Conagher Testerman W by Forfeit	170: Conagher Testerman W by Fall 1:47
170: Conagher Testerman L by Fall :58	182: Double Forfeit	182: Double Forfeit
182: Open	195: Teigen Marchant W by Forfeit	195: Teigen Marchant W by Fall 3:13
195: Teigen Marchant W by Forfeit	220: Open	220: Open
220: Open	285: Double Forfeit	285: Double Forfeit
285: Double Forfeit		

Newcastle/Upton @ Rapid City Invitational 12/9-12/10

106: Reid Holmes DNP 0-2	138: Zach Schuessler DNP 1-2
113: Trayton Dawson DNP 2-2	152: Wyatt Corley 6th Place 4-3
120: Payton Parks DNP 1-2	160: Conagher Testerman DNP 1-2
126: Aaron Fullerton DNP 0-2	195: Teigen Marchant DNP 2-2
132: Alan Baker DNP 0-2	

Newcastle/Upton JV @ Lusk Invitational 12/9

106: Joey McFarland DNP 0-1
120: Jacob Rhoades DNP 1-2
138: Gavin Durfee DNP 1-2
195: Ike Fischer DNP 0-2

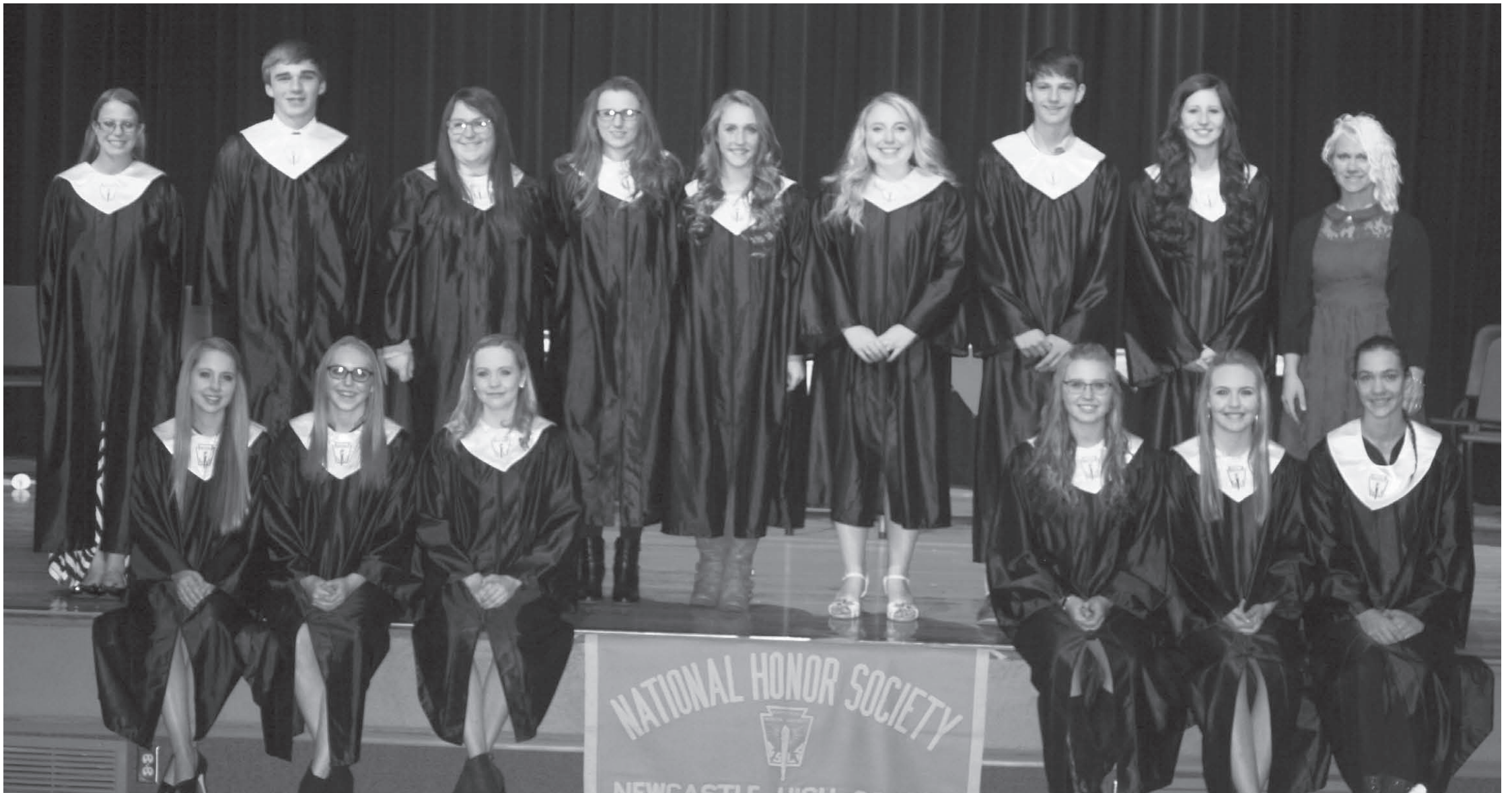


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Blotter

December 4, 2016
Disturbance reported.
Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Motorist assist. Drunk driver reported. Fight reported. One arrest.
December 5
Traffic stop, Citation issued.
Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Report of a dog at large. Two VIN inspections requested. Assist other agency. Medical assist. Hit and run accident reported.
December 6
Hit and Run accident reported. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Written



Warning issued. Assist other agency.
December 7
Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, One arrest. Suspicious activity reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. 911 hang up. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Verbal Warning issued.
December 8
Traffic stop, Citation issued. Found property reported. Medical assist. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Motorist assist. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Arrest Warrant executed. Traffic complaint. Domestic reported.
December 9
Traffic stop, One DUI arrest. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Assist other agency. Civil standby requested. Civil standby requested. Arrest Warrant issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Civil standby requested. Message delivery requested. Fire reported. Suspicious activity reported.
December 10
Minor accident reported. Commercial alarm reported. 911 hang up. Assist other agency. 911 hang up. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Civil standby requested. Traffic hazard reported. Dog bite reported.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE
Notice is hereby given that on November 30, 2016 application for the Transfer of Ownership for a Retail Liquor License was made at the City of Newcastle. The application is for the transfer of Retail Liquor License #3, Barbara A. & William H. Brown (dba) The Little Ceramic & Smoke Shop, 2007 West Main, Newcastle, Wyoming to: Decker's Food Center of Newcastle, Inc. (dba) Smoke Shop Liquors, 2007 West Main Street, Newcastle, Wyoming. Protest against this transfer if there be any, will be heard at 7:30 p.m. December 19, 2016 in the Newcastle City Council Chambers at City Hall, 10 W. Warwick, Newcastle, Wyoming.

Dated: November 30, 2016
Gregory H. James, Clerk/Treasurer
City of Newcastle
(Publish December 8 and 15, 2016)

Deadline for Legals is noon on Friday

Foreclosure Notice

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF FORECLOSURE SALE
WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the "Note") dated 11/07/2011 executed and delivered by Gerald J. Gesinger, ("Mortgagor") to Guild Mortgage Company, a California Corporation and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by said Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Guild Mortgage Company, a California Corporation, and which Mortgage was recorded on 11/09/2011, as Reception No. 731214 Book 332 Page 0835 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming; and The property covered by said Mortgage is described as follows:
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Wyoming Statutes Section 34-4-109(2003) that the foreclosure sale scheduled for 10:00 in the forenoon on 12/06/2016 at the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, Weston County, State of Wyoming, has been postponed to 10:00 in the forenoon on 01/17/2017 at Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, Weston County, State of Wyoming.
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(Publish December 8, 15, 22, 29 and January 5 and 12, 2016)

Bid Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Weston County Commissioners will consider proposals at their first meeting on January 3, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. for publishing the county's legal advertisement for the calendar year 2017. All proposals need to be received by 4:30 p.m. on December 30, 2016 to the Weston County Clerk's office, 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY 82701.
Jill Sellers
Weston County Clerk
(Publish December 15 and 22, 2016)

Public Notice

WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CHEYENNE, WYOMING NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AND FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR HIGHWAY WORK
Notice is hereby given that the State Transportation Commission of Wyoming has accepted as completed according to plans, specifications and rules governing the same work performed under that certain contract between the State of Wyoming, acting through said Commission, and Foothills Contracting Inc., the Contractor, on Highway Project Numbers N442061, B014074 & N442A02 in Weston County, consisting of Recon, with grading, draining, pavement, struct., rehab, etc., and the Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Director of the Department of Transportation will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on January 25, 2017. The date of the first publication of this Notice is December 15, 2016.
STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING
By: Kimberly Lamb
Project Resource Coordinator
Budget Program
(Publish December 15, 22 and 29, 2016)

Fun and Games

WINTER FUN

- ACROSS**
1. "e.g. "A Winter's Tale" by Mark Helprin
6. Bag in Paris
9. "Cold-weather lip trouble
13. Speak one's mind
14. "What?"
15. What phoenix did
16. Used a lot in sports
17. ____ of Aquarius
18. Misrepresent
19. *Troika ride
21. *Has two eyes made of coal
23. Beluga yield
24. Found in a wall
25. Reggae precursor
28. Whiskey without water
30. Mother of Calcutta
35. What little kittens did with their mittens
37. Computer operating system
39. Ascetic holy Hindu
40. Hippocrates' promise
41. Chemically induced waves, pl.
43. Good obtained illegally
44. Garment fold
46. Sandwich alternative
47. Northern freshwater fish
48. No, they don't really crawl in one's ear
50. Substance abuser
52. Neither
53. Type of tide
55. Jamie ____ Curtis
57. *Popular cold weather fabric
61. *Desired winter destination, pl.
64. Don McLean: "Drove my chevy to the ____"
65. *Elf on the Shelf, e.g.
67. *Remove its furniture in winter?
69. Like a Harvard building?
70. Call to Bo-peep
71. Painter Degas
72. Mrs. Lincoln's maiden name
73. Weary traveler's destination
74. Lofty homes

58. Prefix in levorotary
59. Like a zealous fan
60. Pauper's permanent state
61. Bridge
62. Units of work
63. Cut and run
66. *Gingerbread creation
68. 60 mins., pl.

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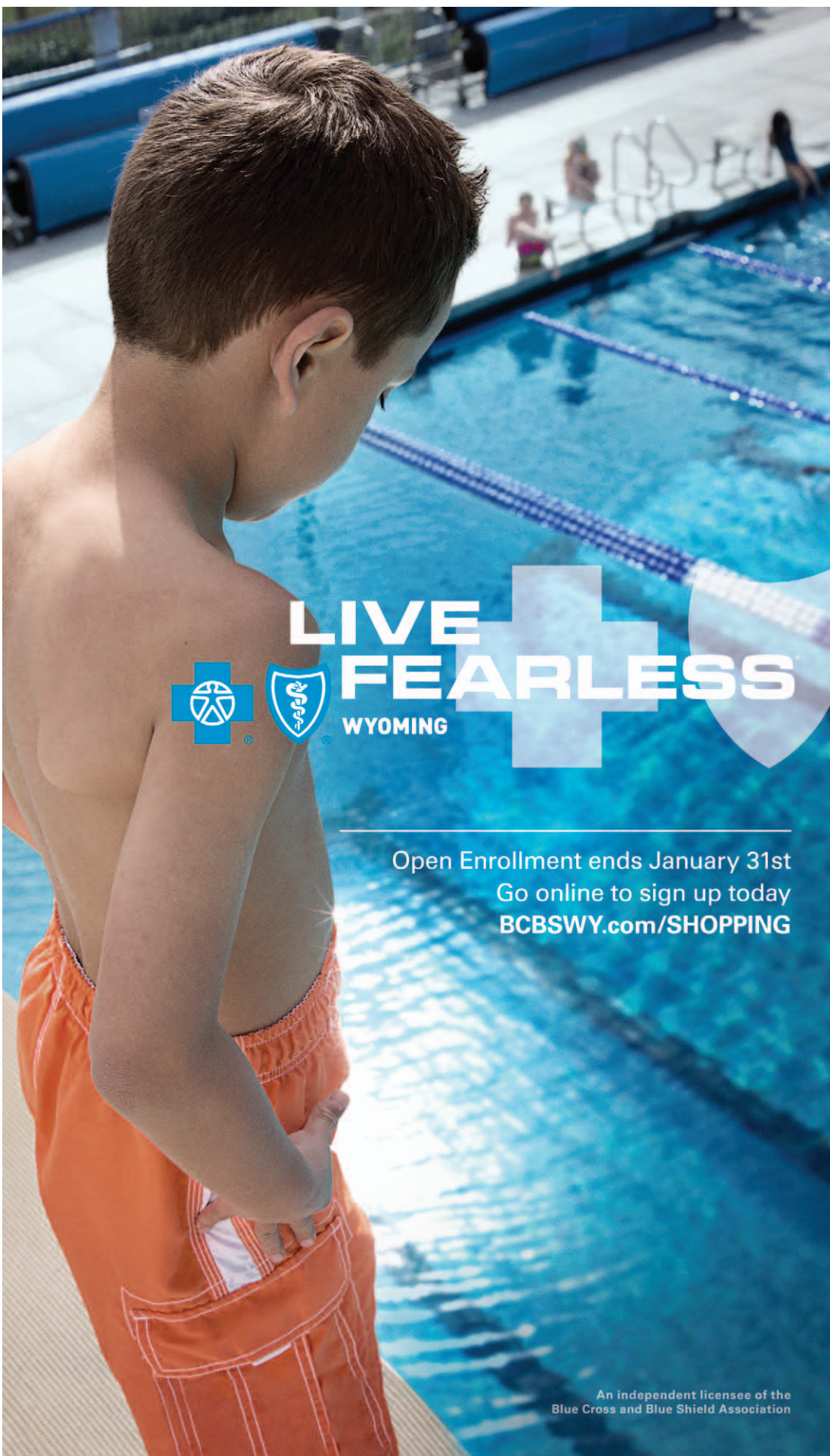
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whom were new to varsity level play.

Unfortunately, an injury to Quigley early in the second game took him out for the duration, and foul trouble plagued Ostenson, which resulted in a great deal of time on the bench for him, and the inexperienced Dogies had to make a few adjustments on the fly.

The Dogies opened up play against the Broncos of Cody on Friday afternoon, and though they got off to a fast and dominating start to begin the contest, the Broncos were able to close the Dogie lead to only two by the end of the first quarter. The Park County team ultimately pulled ahead and extended their lead to take the 67-35 win.

"We knew that Cody was going to be very good, but they were even better than I anticipated," Von Eye admitted. "Though we played well and came out in the first quarter attacking and pushing the basketball and defending well, we had a hard time keeping them off the glass."

Part of the rebounding struggle for the Dogies was a 6'8" Cody Bronc player who was part of a team that crashed the glass very hard. With their tallest player only standing 6'0", Newcastle was at a clear disadvantage for the boards.

"That's one aspect we were really poor in, and it killed us in the first quarter," Von Eye explained. "Out of their 15 first quarter points, six buckets came from offensive rebounds. And not the first rebound, but like the third or fourth shot. Other than that, I thought we did great. We were very efficient on offense. I thought we took great shots and played well defensively, forcing them into difficult shots, but we gave up offensive rebounds so they were able to narrow the gap to only two by the end of the first."

During the quarter break, Von Eye addressed the rebounding issue and the squad did a much better job of boxing out in the second frame, however Cody was able to get out in transition and the Dogies had a couple of ball-handling mishaps that resulted in turnovers. Those led to easy buckets for the opponent and swung the momentum their way as well.

In addition, the offensive game went cold for Newcastle for the rest of the contest. After a 17 point first quarter, the squad was only able to add 18 through the remaining three quarters of play.

Ostenson, who led his team in scoring with 11 points on the day, got into foul trouble late in the second quarter and had no luck staying out of the officials' sights in the second half. He ultimately played only 14 seconds after the break.

"Cade had eight of our 17 points in the first quarter and scored our only points in the second," Von Eye began. "We sat him to start the third so we could save him, and when we put him in, he went in for a trip down the court and back and picked up his fourth foul so he had to sit again. The same thing happened in the fourth quarter, so that really hurts when you're

missing your leading scorer."

Following Ostenson was Quigley with nine points, three rebounds and two steals.

Saturday morning competition began with the Dogies taking on Pinedale. The Wranglers brought to the court a senior heavy team, most of whom had three years of varsity experience, and it showed.

"Pinedale was good and we knew that going in," Von Eye nodded. "I thought we played okay at the onset of the game, but then went into a lull and started missing shots while they continued to make them, so they went up a little on us."

The Dogies suffered a blow when Quigley went down at the end of the first quarter with a shoulder injury. Though he attempted to reenter the contest in the second, it was evident to all that he was not in top form, so Von Eye pulled him for the remainder of the tournament.

"Losing Cam hurt and then we also got into a little bit of foul trouble again, so we were a little short-handed depth-wise, but we still battled through the second quarter," he stated.

The squad went into the half down but not out, but they came out flat and had another bad third quarter, so Pinedale was able to extend their lead. As the third frame was ticking down, the Dogies started to turn things around and were applying pressure.

In fact, they were looking pretty good, according to Von Eye.

"From there until the end, we had them on their heels and we looked like the veteran basketball team. We had their point guard flustered, and forced them to make mistakes. We forced a lot of turnovers, our shots started falling and we got ourselves out into a transition game and really pushed the ball well," he nodded.

Despite the fact that Newcastle dominated the fourth quarter, Pinedale had extended the lead to 22 in the third and the Dogies were unable to cut it to any less than 10 points. The squad dropped the second game of the tournament 40-53.

"We looked great in the fourth, but by then we had used so much energy, and had dug ourselves a pretty deep hole. It's hard to make up the points to make it a meaningful game, especially that late in the contest," Von Eye sighed.

"There were a lot of positives to take out of it, especially playing the entire second half without Cam. We had some young guys step up, and do what they needed to do," he continued.

Ostenson once again led the Dogies with 17 points, four rebounds and two assists. He was followed by Whitney with seven points and seven rebounds, Roberson with six points, eight rebounds, three assists and three steals and Lacey with six points and six rebounds.

The third and final game was also the second contest of the day on Saturday, and as both the Dogies and the Powell Panthers hit the floor, fatigue was evident.

"This is always my favorite game of the weekend because it really shows you where you're

at. It shows you how tough you are mentally and physically," Von Eye nodded. "We came out flat, but so did they because both teams were tired."

Tired legs affected the Dogies throughout the first three quarters of play offensively and defensively. Foul trouble in the second frame gave the Panthers the opportunity to gain a double digit lead by the time the teams headed to the locker room. Then another flat third quarter had Newcastle down by 22 points and struggling to score while shooting only 18 percent from the floor for the game.

However, the beleaguered squad refused to quit.

"After they went up 22 on us, we came roaring back," Von Eye exclaimed. "We put a little pressure on them and cranked it up, and finally got some shots to fall and forced a lot of turnovers in the fourth. Dylan was at the point of our press and he got his hands on the basketball a lot, and Cade ended up with eight steals so we were able to get some easy buckets off of that."

Though the Dogies were able to cut the Panther lead to seven, they just couldn't quite get out of the hole they had dug for themselves and lost the final game 44-54.

Ostenson led with 19 points, seven rebounds and eight steals, followed by Triston Roberson and Lacey with six points each.

Reflecting on the weekend, Von Eye admitted his team has some work to do defensively, but felt that— if not for a little thing here and there— his squad had a pretty successful weekend.

This week the Dogies are gearing up for the Stasteline Shootout, where they will face off against Sundance, Lead and Belle Fourche.

The tournament tips off at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday in the Dogie Dome when Sundance comes to town. The home opener is also the annual Pink Game, and each team will be auctioning off autographed pink basketballs and selling pink taffy to raise money for breast cancer awareness.

On Friday, the tournament moves to Lead, where the Dogies will take on the Diggers at 6:30 p.m. They will return to Lead on Saturday to face the Belle Fourche Broncos at 12:30.

Boys Basketball

Newcastle v. Cody 12-9-16: 35-67
Triston Roberson: 3 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists
Cam Quigley: 9 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals
Cade Ostenson: 11 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal
Lyle Whitney: 5 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist
Sawyer Roberson: 3 rebounds, 1 assist
Jake Lacey: 5 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal, 1 block
Dylon Tidyman: 2 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal

Newcastle v. Pinedale 12-10-16: 40-53
Triston Roberson: 6 points, 8 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals
Cam Quigley: 2 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist
Cade Ostenson: 17 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists
Lyle Whitney: 7 points, 7 rebounds, 1 steal
Sawyer Roberson: 3 rebounds
Jake Lacey: 6 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist
Dylon Tidyman: 2 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 block

Newcastle v. Powell 12-10-16: 44-54
Triston Roberson: 6 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal
Cade Ostenson: 19 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 8 steals, 1 block
Lyle Whitney: 4 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists
Sawyer Roberson: 2 points, 3 rebounds, 2 steals
Jake Lacey: 6 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals
Dylon Tidyman: 5 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist
Bryson Tidyman: 2 points

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Newcastle athletes faced the injury monster. While some of those injuries resulted in no more than a moment or two of lost play, others may be much more serious.

Having had a child who suffered the injuries that ranked on the more serious side, it makes me wonder what can be done to alleviate the circumstances that result in season ending and, quite frankly, life altering injuries.

I don't know that there is anything that can be done. We have elevated the expectations and the physicality of sporting contests to a point at which I'm not sure the human body can adapt.

Athletes spend more time in the weight room, working hard in off-season training to prepare for the rigors their sport will present, but then in a moment something gives and their season is done.

I'm not sure what the answer is. I don't know if the physical weaknesses come from environmental factors or if it is that the sport has just demanded more than our bodies can sustain.

I know that the injuries I suffered were worth what I gained from participating in sports, but when I see the instances of injuries seeming to become more common, it makes me question if it's possible to do something to try to minimize that eventuality.


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