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From the EWC President

Because we must trust others to assist us in reaching our goals, we enter into social partnerships.
We contribute our time and talents to provide educational opportunities that enhance quality of life, earning potential, safety and security, and a number of things we cannot afford to take for granted.
We’ve come to count on each other. And that’s a good thing. We must.

Think of the thousands of judgments that factor into that relationship. It doesn’t mean we always agree.
Some things we concede; on others, we compromise; still others we cling to, unable to surrender.
Hard, though, to argue with solid direction and unified energies or, moreover, place a price on harmony.

Our college community is woven from rich and varied resources. We value diversity in background, thought, and action. We also know that we exercise a shared responsibility to steward resources and advance healthy changes through thoughtful deliberations. We put our money where our mouth is.

Whether a current staff member, an alum, a strong friend of the college, or a friend to be, you are invited to become more engaged with Eastern Wyoming College. Together we create a learning environment dedicated to providing a healthy, vibrant experience that changes lives.

College trustees and foundation directors provide leadership intended to strengthen the college and transform it. Their intentions are simple: serve the community and serve students. Please, visit web links to become more familiar with those key individuals who invest so much in Eastern Wyoming College. Along with a virtual tour, you’ll also want to arrange a visit with us up close and personal. You can meet faculty, staff, and students and become familiar with our programs and facilities.

These ideals are manifested in college mission and vision statements that become more real and more visible in areas like expansion of agriculture programs, courses, and facilities that will provide hands-on experiences for students. Improving the quality of science classrooms and renovated laboratories is designed to enable teachers to be more effective and empower students to perform at the highest level.
We invest in activities that strengthen our career and technical programs while expanding our academic transfers to four year colleges and universities.

Continued support of scholarships is critical to ensuring access while serving the greatest number of students possible. Efficient internal procedures improve communications and optimize this pool. A growing number of gifts to EWC are designated as “unrestricted.” This distinction allows the college greater latitude in determining the best use of those funds on a previously prioritized schedule or as necessary dollars to meet new and emerging challenges.

Again, being able to respond in an appropriate and timely fashion requires both dollars and well-reasoned decision making. I appreciate your encouragement and assistance in both areas.

Tom Armstrong
President
Eastern Wyoming College
From the EWC Foundation

I am very excited for the Foundation as we arrange a retreat for the Board members this summer to consider the continued role of the Foundation in the support of the College. Necessarily the Foundation will look back and see in 2000 that Foundation assets totaled just under $1 million and the board and college trustees were launching the “Great Decision” capital campaign. The Foundation’s asset total is now $5 million and moving upward. This total reflects much hard work by board members and the EWC development staff, both past and current. It also reflects the relationships that have been built with individuals and institutions that have allowed us to take advantage of the State of Wyoming’s Endowment Challenge Matching Program. There is much more we can do.

We continue to work closely with Dr. Tom Armstrong to identify the areas for which he and the Trustees can look to the Foundation for financial support. While our scholarship program continues to thrive, we are looking forward as a board to making an even greater impact through such areas as science equipment procurement and potential expansion of the agriculture program and future facility growth related to that expansion.

As you will read in this issue of Lancer Luminaries, the Foundation has entered into its initial charitable gift annuity agreement. Thanks to a major gift from long time Goshen County resident Jerry Smith and his wife Diana and their establishment of a charitable gift annuity, we were able to serve their long range needs and build a base for long term support of their two areas of interest – fine arts and the natural sciences. In this issue, you will find more definition of planned gifts and hope you will take the time to read about them and how you might find it in your interest to discuss those with us.

The EWC Foundation is made up of tremendously committed and talented individuals and I want to take a minute to welcome a new member – John Patrick. Many of you know John and his history in Goshen County. He has recently been elected to the EWC Board of Trustees, and has agreed to an additional appointment as a member of the Foundation Board. John’s talents and dedication to higher education in Wyoming are reflected by his work as president of the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees, and a previous term as elected member and chairman of the EWC Board of Trustees.

As always, it is my sincere pleasure and honor to thank all of you who have supported the College and Foundation through the Annual Fund, scholarship support, memorial gifts, or events such as our golf tournament or the Sagebrush and Roses annual gala. It is your commitment that counts, and on behalf of all of us on the Foundation board and the students that we all serve, I extend our gratitude and thanks for all you have done.

Patrick Korell, President
Eastern Wyoming College Foundation
EASTERN WYOMING COLLEGE FOUNDATION

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2010

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| Net Assets                    |      |      |
| Unrestricted                  | 237,549 | 212,683 |
| Temporarily restricted         | 271,832 | 2,109  |
| Permanently restricted         | 2,336,570 | 2,258,517 |
| **Total net assets**          | $ 2,845,951 | $ 2,473,309 |

| Total liabilities and net assets | $ 4,779,016 | $ 3,994,807 |
Distinguished Service Award

This is the first year the EWC Foundation has awarded a distinguished service award. This award recognizes exemplary achievement in service and support of Eastern Wyoming College.

The first annual EWC Distinguished Service Award for 2011 is awarded to Guido and Edie Smith. The Smiths came to Torrington from their native Kansas in 1958, the year that Guido began teaching biology at Goshen County Community College. Since that time, few have served the College and the community as they have. While Guido was working to build the College through his more than four decades of service, Edie also made important and lasting contributions to its well-being. This award truly requires that both of these wonderful people be recognized together. Throughout Guido’s time at the College, Edie was always ready to work on campus projects and to host groups of local and state officials with humor, intellect and vitality. Edie has a long and successful career as a teacher in Goshen County schools yet still found time to prepare gourmet meals for College events hosted in their home.

Guido’s work on behalf of students in this region has been unmatched. He began teaching biology at EWC in 1958, and worked through a variety of positions including teacher, basketball coach, dean of instruction, occasional horticulturalist, and eventually president - a position he retired from in 1990. He has additionally served as a member of the EWC Foundation Board of Directors, retiring from that position in 2009. There are only a handful who can be said to have truly been the “heart and soul” of their college. Guido is one of those – in fact, when people think of Eastern Wyoming College, they are often really thinking of him and his impact on this institution’s growth and success.

Guido and Edie regularly attend multiple events at the College and continue to hold the institution and its mission near to their hearts. They are thoughtful, committed people who continue to exemplify service to their community and their college as few do or have done in this area or statewide. They are truly deserving of the first award from the EWC Foundation for Distinguished Service.

Both Roth and the Smiths received their awards at the EWC Commencement ceremony.
Distinguished Alumni Award

The Eastern Wyoming College Foundation has announced the winners for the Foundation’s annual awards for recognition. The Distinguished Alumna is Dixie Roth and the Distinguished Service Award winners are Guido and Edie Smith.

Roth received her Associate of Arts degree from EWC in elementary education in 1982, and followed that with a BS in Elementary Education from Chadron State College in 1984. Ms. Roth currently teaches 5th grade at Trail Elementary in Torrington. She has a long history of service to the community including involvement with 4-H, the Goshen County Fair, Goshen County Cattlemen, Prairie Center Firefighter, Sunday school teacher, member of the EWC agriculture advisory committee, and memberships in the Goshen County, Wyoming, and National Education Associations. Her 24 years of teaching have included 18 years at Prairie Center, and six years at Trail Elementary.

When asked about her time at EWC, Roth shared the following, “EWC gave me the confidence and academic preparation to complete my degree and begin a teaching career. The College allowed me to participate in activities such as Student Senate and the Livestock Judging Team, both of which reinforced by leadership skills and desire to become a teacher. I combine teaching with the family’s nationally recognized ranching operation where we raise registered cattle, feedlot cattle and herd bulls.”

She has received many honors and awards in her career, including Phi Alpha Theta Honorary, Casper Star Tribune Golden Teacher Award, Goshen County School District #1 finalist for Teacher of the Year, FFA Honorary Degree, 4-H Leader of the Year, and recipient of the Wyoming Honor Scholarship. Both of Dixie’s children, Sarena and Rustin, earned degrees from EWC as well.

Call for Nominations . . .

Eastern Wyoming College and the EWC Foundation have awarded the Outstanding Alumni award since 1990. In coming years, we will additionally award the Distinguished Service Award to those who have made a significant difference in the College’s or Foundation’s ability to help change lives. If you have a nomination for either of these awards, please contact the EWC Office of Development at 307-532-8304 for nomination materials or to discuss criteria for each award. Nominations may be submitted at any time, and will be considered for selection by the Foundation in February of each year.
The EWC Lancer Legacy Society

Over the years, the EWC Foundation has received significant gifts from the estates of many special college friends. These gifts have created scholarships, cultural programs, and educational opportunity for hundreds of future students for as long as the doors of the College are open. The Foundation wishes to recognize that support, and would like to ask you to consider being a part of this recognition effort.

Eastern Wyoming College is creating a special recognition group, to be known as the Lancer Legacy Society. This group will be made up of individuals and/or families that have made the important decision to support the College far into the future through their estate planning.

We are asking the many people who have included the College in their estate plans to voluntarily advise us of this decision. We do not wish to know the amount of their intended support. We do want to recognize those who have made this important commitment Society, and, upon their approval, list their name publically in a place of honor on the EWC campus.

We understand the desire for many people to support the college in their estate giving, but who may also wish to remain anonymous. We will of course honor these wishes, however include this commitment as an anonymous designation if you desire. It is our hope that by creating the Lancer Legacy Society, and providing recognition to those who wish to have it, that it might inspire others to consider such an action in support of higher education in our community.
Physical Sciences and Fine Arts programs targeted for support from a charitable gift annuity

Through a gift of $200,000, long-time Goshen County residents Jerry and Diana Smith have put in place a strong foundation for the future in EWC programs in physical sciences and fine arts. The gift has created the first charitable gift annuity through the EWC Foundation. Additionally, the gift has qualified for matching funds through the Wyoming Community College Endowment Challenge program, effectively providing $400,000 for eventual support of the College and student opportunity.

In developing this gift with the Foundation, Mr. Smith said “With my intended retirement approaching, and following the sale of the family ranch, I determined that a charitable gift annuity would be part of my estate plan in order to provide income to me and my wife for our lifetimes, and also benefit a charitable cause with a significant gift. After reviewing numerous worthwhile entities, we determined that the EWC Foundation would be the best choice for our gift for several reasons. The family ranch was in Goshen County, my parents G. McKinley “Mack” and Ellen Otto Smith were long time supporters of Goshen County Community college and EWC, and that Mack had served two terms on the EWC Board of Trustees. Also, it was important to us that the gift was matched dollar for dollar by the State matching program and that we could direct the future use of the gift remainder to programs we wanted to support. We encourage anyone desiring to make a difference in the community to consider a gift annuity as a way to donate to a cause such as EWC, obtain tax benefits, and receive income for the rest of their lives.”
Charitable Trusts Provide Income and Tax Benefits

By Howard Scotland, Hickey & Evans, LLP

Charitable Remainder Trusts provide donors with a means to make a charitable gift to an institution of their choice and receive an income stream from the contribution. In addition, the contribution will allow the donor to enjoy certain income tax benefits and donors may designate the use of the “remainder” of the trust at the institution.

Two of the most common charitable remainder trust mechanisms are the Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust (CRAT) and the Charitable Remainder Unitrust (CRUT). Both types of charitable remainder trusts allow the donor to donate assets to the charity and receive a guaranteed income for a predetermined period of time, often the life of the donor and spouse. Additionally, the donor avoids capital gains taxation on the appreciated assets, and a current tax deduction base on the value of the donated assets.

The character of the income stream varies depending on the type of trust selected. A charitable remainder annuity trust (CRAT) provides an annuity style income stream that remains the same year to year. The charitable remainder unitrust (CRUT) offers an alternative where annual income is based on a fixed percentage of the value of the assets, which may increase or decrease in value in accordance with market conditions.

The income tax deduction for either type of trust will vary with the terms of the trust agreement and will be determined by an IRS formula. The charity is generally able to assist with the determination of the deduction the donor qualifies for as a result of the donation. Because the terms of the trust will allow for the assets remaining at the end of the term of the trust to become the property of the charity, the life of the donor or other time span associated with the trust will determine the final amount the charity may receive, and accordingly the deduction the IRS will allow the donors. As noted above, a charitable remainder trust allows avoidance of capital gains on appreciated assets once those assets are transferred to the trust under a charitable remainder trust agreement. Many people feel that an instrument such as a charitable remainder trust may not allow them to take care of their children if they put their assets in this kind of agreement. An option in this case is to use some of the return from the assets in the trust to create a “wealth replacement” trust that uses life insurance to cover children at the same time the charitable remainder trust works to the benefit of the charity.

If you feel that a charitable remainder trust may benefit you and you wish to assist your favorite charity, you should speak with a representative of that organization. These trusts can provide you with opportunities for multiple tax benefits, and advance the goals of organizations that improve people’s lives in your community.
# THE ANNUAL FUND 2010

In recognition of significant annual support through unrestricted giving
Barbara Bonds, Gary Olson, and Todd Peterson, Co-Chairs

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EWC Foundation offers charitable gift annuities

Beginning this year, the EWC Foundation has incorporated charitable gift annuities as a way for donors to help build the long term future of the College. Gift annuities are an instrument that many people consider as part of their estate planning, and have benefits for both the donor and the institution. A gift annuity can provide a lifetime source of income to a donor, and allow the donor to make a gift to the institution at his or her death. (In another part of this Lancer Luminaries issue, you can also read about charitable remainder trusts, and how those may be a valuable way to help the college and your own estate planning.)

Charitable gift annuities are basically a contract between the donor and the Foundation. Donors provide a gift to the Foundation, and in return are paid a yearly annuity by the Foundation for life. The annuity amount is determined by rates set by the American Council on Gift Annuities and are based on the age of the donor. Gift annuities may also be created for two lives, and payments are made until the death of the second life. At the death of the donor (or donors for a two life annuity) the remainder of the gift goes to the Foundation for purposes designated by the donor.

For example, a gift of $50,000 on a single life of a donor age 75 would pay an annual amount to the donor of $3,200 based on a 6.4% rate at that age. The payments may be made quarterly, semi annually, or annually. As of this time, gifts for gift annuities designated for endowment qualify for State matching funds on a dollar for dollar basis, however payments to donors are based on the gift amount, not the matching total.

For additional details on whether a charitable gift annuity might be a part of your estate planning, call the EWC Office of Institutional Development at (307) 532-8304.

2010 Annual Appeal

The 2010 Foundation Annual Appeal raised over $41,000 from donors, friends, trustees, foundation members and members of the EWC faculty and staff. In the first two years of the program, the appeal has raised nearly $80,000 for College projects, including scholarship support and future requirements to be designated by EWC president Dr. Tom Armstrong. Annual appeal funds are unrestricted by purpose, and allow the Foundation to work with the College to react to unexpected challenges and opportunities in all areas of College activity. Thanks once again to all of those who participated in the appeal!!

Charitable IRA Rollover

The charitable IRA rollover allows people who are 70 and ½ or older to make tax free contributions of up to $100,000 to qualified charitable organizations, including the EWC Foundation. Funds must be transferred directly from the IRA to the charitable organization in order to qualify. The benefit to donors is that they do not have to pay income tax on the amount withdrawn from the IRA through this process. It is not a qualified charitable deduction but has advantages for tax avoidance.

State of Wyoming Endowment Matching Program

As shown above with the gift from Jerry and Diane Smith, donors wishing to maximize the impact of their gifts continue to be able to do so through the State of Wyoming Endowment Challenge program. Direct gifts of cash or securities, charitable remainder trusts, and charitable gift annuities qualify for the dollar for dollar match. The EWC Foundation endowment has gained over $2 million in value due to this important program.

People wishing to discuss the Wyoming Endowment Challenge program and how it can be a part of your estate planning or philanthropy are encouraged to contact the EWC Office of Institutional Development at (307) 532-8304 for additional details.
Honoring a Veteran – From Combat to the Classroom

Frank Ringleman served our country in the United States Army for five years. He served overseas in Iraq, Afghanistan and in Cuba at Guantanamo Bay. During his service, he was a combat MP.

On his first tour to Iraq, Frank was injured. “We came under fire and I didn’t get my flack vest on in time. A bullet hit me in the left lung.” This injury only kept him down for six weeks and then he was back with his troop.

While on his second tour, which was in Afghanistan, Frank suffered injuries that were nearly fatal.

“Our humvee hit an anti-tank mine. I was in the turret (the top where the guns are located) and it blew me out of there. I was the only soldier to survive that explosion.”

He woke up in a hospital in Germany, unaware of the extent of his injuries. His leg was severed at the knee, his shoulder was injured, collarbone broken and other injuries along his left side. Until these injuries, Frank planned a career in the Army but his health made it necessary for him to take a medical retirement from the Army.

When Frank returned to western Nebraska he had a choice to make. “I didn’t want to be one of those guys that just give up, so I decided to go to school.”

“Before I enlisted in the Army, I used to work in sales for a radio station in Scottsbluff. As part of that job I would call on EWC. I always liked this campus and remember that all of the people here were so friendly and helpful. That’s why I decided to enroll here.”

As a EWC student Frank staying involved in a number of campus activities. He is a member of the livestock judging team, vice president of the Block and Bridle Club, a member of the Student Senate, on the Student Fee Allocation committee and also found time to help with Sagebrush & Roses.

Frank’s hard work and determination has payoff at EWC when he received a EWC Livestock Judging scholarship after his first semester of commitment to academics and dedication to the EWC Livestock Judging Team.

In the classroom, Frank really enjoys his animal science courses. “Livestock production and beef production have been my favorites. The faculty here at EWC have also been so supportive and are helping me pursue a career.”

“Frank has taken his dedication, commitment, and determination from the battle fields of protecting our country to the campus here at EWC. He has become a student leader and active student while on campus,” comments Rob Eirich, Agriculture Instructor and Livestock Judging Coach. “He has also become a strong competitor on the national level competing with his team members at the American Royal, North America International Livestock Expo, National Western Stock Show and the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo.”

Future plans for Frank involve transferring to Ft. Hays State in Kansas where he will receive an animal science scholarship and will be a member of the livestock judging team there. “My goal when I finish my education is to be a ranch manager with hopes of one day having a place of my own.”
Over the past many years, the family of Jack Rosenthal has made significant gifts of historical materials to the University of Wyoming, and many Wyoming community colleges, including recent gifts of rare original 19th century Wyoming territorial maps to Eastern Wyoming College. As many of you may know, Jack passed away recently at his home in Casper at the age of 80.

Jack was involved in television broadcasting in several western states, including KTWO in Casper. He was also a nationally known stamp collector who worked closely with the US Postal Service and the Smithsonian Institution — in fact, he designed the Wyoming Centennial Stamp.

Beyond that, Jack was a devout historian — and especially so with the history of Wyoming. He collected a vast number of historical documents, maps and photographs, several of which he and his family donated to Eastern Wyoming College because of their relevance to the Oregon Trail and Wyoming’s territorial history. The EWC Foundation, Board of Trustees, faculty and staff wish to once again extend their gratitude to the Rosenthal family for their kindness and thoughtful generosity.
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2011 Commencement Speaker

Marilyn S. Kite
Chief Justice, Wyoming Supreme Court

Marilyn S. Kite was appointed to the Supreme Court on June 2, 2000. She is Wyoming’s first female justice. She became the Chief Justice on July 1, 2010. Prior to her appointment to the Wyoming Supreme Court, she served as Senior Assistant Attorney General for the State of Wyoming from 1974 through 1978. She then entered private practice with Holland & Hart, a regional law firm where she remained until her appointment to the Supreme Court. During her private practice, she served on the faculty of the Western Trial Advocacy – University of Wyoming and the Denver Regional National Institute of Trial Advocacy. She also served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation and the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals Advisory Board. She received her B.A. from the University of Wyoming in 1970 with Honors and her J.D. from the University of Wyoming Law School in 1974.

New Members of the Board of Trustees

Angie Babcock was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2010. Angie retired from EWC in 2010, having served as Testing Center Coordinator for 20 years, journalism sponsor/adjunct instructor for 16 years, and grant writer for two years.

John Patrick was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2010. Mr. Patrick previously served three terms on the Board from 1986 through 1998. In addition, he served as Board President from 1993-1998.
Science wing remodel underway

Science labs and offices in the Teblett building that were new in the 1960’s are getting a major facelift. Not only will the labs be more attractive for students, but will enhance the College’s instructional capabilities and address safety issues. The remodeling project will bring EWC laboratory space in the up to standards found in all Wyoming and regional colleges and universities.

According to EWC Vice President for Finance and Administration, Bob Cox, “This project is long overdue. Changes in lab equipment, teaching methods and technologies need to be enhanced for both students and faculty if we expect to deliver the best possible educational product to our students. This renovation will be a major step toward bringing these facilities up to where they need to be, and have needed to be for a long time.”

The project affects classes in mathematics, biology and chemistry, and is funded through the federal Aid for Recovery and Reinvestment Act – or more commonly known as stimulus funding. The funding comes to the State of Wyoming and is distributed to the College through the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund.

“I am most excited about the renovation of the chemical storage and preparation area. Safe storage of our chemical inventory has been an ongoing concern, and the prep area when newly fitted with adequate space will be a major plus for weekly lab activities. The safety of students will also be enhanced when this is complete” -- Dr. Lorna Stickel, EWC chemistry instructor

Renovation is estimated to be completed by August of 2011, and at a cost of $300,000. Federal and State guidelines allow only major renovation, and not new equipment. The College will work through other possible funding sources for major new equipment needs to bring the programs up to the highest possible level.
Wrestling title at the 2010 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, NV.

““It’s amazing. I am so grateful for all that I have and for the opportunity to do what I love each and every day,” shared Gorsuch. Dean lives in Gering, Nebraska with his wife Bekah and their two sons -- Tayden, six and Trell who is two.

In the fall of 1998, Dean accepted a scholarship to rodeo for Coach Jake Clark as part of the Lancer Rodeo Team. “All I wanted to do when I went to college was rodeo. I had met Jake and really liked him so I came here not knowing what I wanted to study but then I met Leland Vetter and decided to weld.”

During the summer before enrolling at EWC, Dean had spent quite a bit of time welding and enjoyed working with his hands. “I loved the welding program. Leland is a great teacher. Stan (Nicolls) was my pipeline instructor and he was great also. They gave me something that I can fall back on someday.”

Dean fondly remembers his time in the classrooms at EWC. “I liked that you knew the teachers and they knew you. In the welding classroom, it wasn’t just about welding. It was like going to a job each day. We would weld and then we would go on break together; just like you would with your co-workers. Leland and Stan would also take breaks with us.”

Leland set an example for Dean not only in the classroom, but outside of the classroom as well. “When I think of Leland, I think of family. I wanted to be a dad like Leland, with not as many kids! You knew that family was important to him.”

“I also remember that we used to spend a lot of time in the Student Center. Everybody knew everybody and we were all friends. It was like a family environment. While we were rodeoing in the region, we would visit some of the bigger schools. They just were not for me.”

“Big Dean Gorsuch is what my wife called him,” chuckled Leland Vetter, director of the EWC welding program. “Big, kind and gentle. He was like a magnet, students were attracted to him.”

“Dean’s work ethic was second to none,” shared EWC welding instructor Stan Nicolls. “He would work hard and practice harder. We are all so proud of what he has accomplished in his career.”

“My time in college is really where I developed a lot more consistency as a dogger. Jake was a great coach and always had a bunch of steers available for practice. I felt like the opportunity was there for me to take. He gave us a lot of time to practice as well.”

EWC rodeo coach Jake Clark shared the following about Dean, “As a student, Dean was so positive and very appreciative of his opportunities here at EWC. He set a new standard for work ethic. He was the first one to practice and the last one to leave. I don’t think you can wear him out.”

After earning a certificate in Welding, Dean went to work for Kinder Morgan as a pipeline welder. He worked there for five years until 2005. That is when Dean made the tough decision to quit his job to pursue his rodeo dreams full time.

“It was a tough decision. I didn’t know if I could do it. My son was one week old when I left and I sold everything to go. I didn’t want to leave behind a big pile of debt and wasn’t sure if I would have to come home in a month or not.”

The gamble paid off for Dean. In 2006, he was the World Champion Steer Wrestler. A title he would repeat in 2010. “You never know from day to day how things are going to go. I was injured in 2007 and had to go home to recover. I
tore the pec muscle off of the bone and had to have surgery to repair it. The Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund is awesome and got me through that time period. I was out the entire year.”

In spite of his very busy schedule, Dean still finds time to visit the EWC Lancer Rodeo Team and his former instructors. “I like to attend practice with the team when I can. I know it helps them, but in reality, they help me just as much as I help them. I try to make it over two or three times a year.”

“When he comes back to practice with us it is just an awesome experience to watch him work with our team members. I am very thankful to him for that,” shared Clark.

When asked about what is it like to wake up each day and do what you love Dean shared the following. “It’s amazing. There are days that you don’t feel good about the run you just made and you walk out of the arena not feeling so great but then your boy walks up to you and says ‘good run Daddy – I love you.’ That brings you back into reality. That’s what rodeo is all about – family. Rodeoing everyday is a great feeling, but not as great as your kids and family. There are times I just want to quit and go home because I am missing my family so bad. But then again, we are driven because you are worried about needing to go home if you aren’t winning.”

“Any student who is considering going to EWC needs to realize that when you get out on your own, you need a coach that will give you the opportunity to do what you want to do. And Jake and EWC can provide that opportunity.”

“I am always proud of him, not only in the rodeo arena but what he has done outside the arena as well,” concluded Clark.
Student Spotlight – Julie Buckhaults

Attendees at the 2011 Lancer Rodeo not only enjoyed great rodeo action, they also were delightfully entertained by the trick riding performance. That performance was delivered by freshman student Julie Buckhaults from Yoder, Wyoming.

“I enjoyed performing at the Lancer Rodeo. It was fun to get back into it,” shared Buckhaults about her recent performance.

She first became interested in trick riding when she was little and traveling to PRCA rodeos with her father, Ross Buckhaults, pick-up man. During the rodeo, she would see other trick riders perform and decided she wanted to learn how to do it.

When she was 9 years old, she went to trick-riding school at Harry and Karen Vold’s ranch in Fowler, Colorado. During this week long school, she not only trained herself, but she also trained her horse. Her Dad bought her first trick-riding saddle for Christmas that year.

“They would start us out slow. We would do tricks while the horse was just standing, then walking, then loping. We worked up to speed. I also received a lot of help from Kelly (Walters) Brown and her sister Kim Walters. They are known as the dare-devil darlings. They also gave me a lot of their outfits.”

Her debut performance came when she was just 9 years old, during the fair in Torrington. She started getting contracts to perform throughout western Nebraska when she was just 10 years old. She also performed at the Lander, Wyoming PRCA rodeo when she was 11.

“I began when I was 9 and performed until I was 14. Once I began high school, I focused on high school sports.”

Julie’s Dad has also served as her coach.

“He has always been there for me and is always in the arena for me. It is a comfort to have him there in case something happens. He holds all of my stuff for me and also helps me remember my routine.”

Julie’s goal is to one day perform at Cheyenne Frontier Days but right now she is also focusing on her studies at EWC. Her major is Ag Business. She is looking forward to training a new horse for her trick-riding career as her current horse is getting a bit old. Julie hopes to perform at more rodeos in the summer.

“This is a fun place to be. It’s more like home. Especially if you come from a small school it is the place to be. I like how everyone seems to know everyone and we all hang out together. There are always things to do.”

Julie also serves as a EWC Student Ambassador.

“I like giving campus tours and getting involved with campus activities.”

Her future plans involve staying in the community and applying what she is learning in the classroom into a great job in the community.

“I chose to come to EWC because it was close to home. Everything is here for me. I didn’t really want to leave. It was affordable and I received scholarships.”

She received the Hathaway scholarship and the Bloedorn Lumber scholarship.
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