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Tribe considering buffalo herd on land

by Cindy Glasston

The Hot Springs County Commissioners met Tuesday afternoon with members of the Northern Arapaho Business Council to discuss the Tribe's intentions for a parcel of land south of Thermopolis near Wind River Canyon.

Co-chairman of the council, Keith Spoonhunter, was joined by fellow council members Lydell Whiteplume, Kim Harjo and Julian Hubbard as well as legal counsel, Andy Baldwin.

Maryt Fredrickson, legal counsel for the commissioners, also attended the meeting.

Spoonhunter told the commissioners it was not the Tribe's intention to "rock the boat" or put the community into any sort of disarray.

"We're a new council, a new administration," Spoonhunter said. "Our intention was to get over here and inform you of our ideas, to really work with the community."

According to Spoonhunter, the council is considering a buffalo herd on the parcel of land, not a casino.

"We didn't purchase the land for a casino," Harjo echoed. "Our plan was to have access to the Arapaho Ranch."

"We want to have the land put into trust for the People. We wanted to keep gaming out of the equation until we heard you wanted to discuss it."

Commissioner Mike Baker asked the council why gaming had been put in the application from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) if gaming was not the initial intention.

Spoonhunter explained the BIA is the entity that takes care of getting native lands put into trust for the Tribe. The business council is the branch that actually puts together a use for the property after it is placed in trust.

Baker told the council about traveling to Fremont County to

view the application on invitation from the BIA, then being denied access to it.

"I really didn't leave there with a good feeling," Baker said.

Spoonhunter and the others apologized to Baker for the miscommunication with the BIA and asked that he contact the tribal council personally from this point forward.

"They don't know what we're going to do with it (the land)," Spoonhunter said. "They don't have much to say about this other than to get the land into trust."

Baldwin told the commissioners the BIA felt it necessary to leave the possibility of gaming in the application in case it became part of the equation down the road, to keep the options open for the land's use.

Hubbard said he was raised in Las Vegas and has seen both the positives and the negatives of the casino business, having worked in operations, regulations and compliance divisions in the casinos there.

"I would have to say my experience with gaming on the reservation has been positive," he said.

Harjo said the Tribe is very aware of the social implications a casino would bring to the community as well as the impact on services.

"We have regular gambling addiction classes," she said. "We work with the Tribe, the county and the state on those issues."

"The casino would bring in more options for those social services and we would be happy to work with you on a plan."

As far as infrastructure goes, Harjo also indicated the Tribe would use local services and said now is the time to keep those lines of communication open to start working out solutions that would be acceptable on both sides.

"We're working on rebuilding

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Chamber banquet fun



Thermopolis-Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce board member Gene Boehmke hands out balloons during the annual banquet Saturday at the Hot Springs County Fair

Building. The chamber raised about \$5,000 in net profits from the evening to be used for keeping the chamber running until the end of the fiscal year. — J.D. Stetson photo

Chamber banquet a huge success

by J.D. Stetson

It was a night of balloons and anticipation Saturday night at the Thermopolis-Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce's 90th annual banquet.

The event catered to 202 people throughout the night as members of the chamber's board of directors greeted them with Hawaiian leis and urged them to purchase balloons containing drawing tickets.

The participants were treated to prime rib, crab legs,

shrimp and dessert as they bid on various centerpiece items donated by local businesses, treated to jokes from Rick Ridenour and entertained by the giving away of various donated items.

The highest earning auction item was a centerpiece donated by Wyoming Whiskey and bought for \$535 by Jadeco.

But the real meaning of the night wasn't the auction or the drawings; it was about showing support for the chamber as the chamber showed support

to its members.

During the awards presentation, local business owners vied for the coveted awards — and bragging rights — of Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year. Added to the honors included two new awards, one for volunteer service and the other for chamber president Donna Nally's choice.

About midway through the evening, the chamber announced Jeanette Titmus as the recipient of Volunteer Service Award for her support and

work she's done for the chamber. Angie Guyon, general manager of the Wyoming Dinosaur Center, was given the Chamber President's Award.

The two highest awards were presented at the end of the banquet. The chamber honored Nature's Corner and owner Sarah Ferrell as the Business of the Year, and Steve Jellis, owner of Steve's Plumbing, as Citizen of the Year.

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School calendar for 2011-12 approved by board

by Joe Sovia

Hot Springs County School District No. 1 trustees approved the alternative calendar for the 2011-12 school year during the March 22 regular meeting.

Trustees voted to move to a four-and-a-half day school calendar from the current five-day

calendar during their February meeting. Beginning with the 2011-12 calendar, school hours will be 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday for the elementary school and high school. Fridays will be "early release" days, with hours 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

At the middle school, classes

for students will begin five minutes later, at 8:05 a.m., Monday-Thursday to allow for students to be bused from the elementary school pick-up location. Classes will be dismissed five minutes earlier at TMS, at 3:40 p.m., to allow students to take the shuttle back to the elementary. School hours on Fridays will be 8:05 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. at TMS.

Superintendent Marty Kobza pointed out the new calendar features 185 staff days, including 140 full days and 45 half days. To satisfy the required 185 staff days, two days have been added for teachers — one each at the beginning and end of the 2011-12 school year.

"The hours are equivalent to what teachers are working now," Kobza said.

There will be 140 full days and 36 half days for students in 2011-12.

The first day for teachers will be Aug. 19 and students begin classes Thursday, Aug. 25. The Christmas-New Year's break extends from Dec. 19 through Dec. 30. Jan. 2, 2012, is a staff development day, and students return to the classroom Tuesday, Jan. 3. Spring break week is again

the second full week of March, which is March 12-16.

The last day for students will be May 25 and 2011-12 concludes for teachers June 1.

Graduation exercises are set for Sunday, May 20, 2012.

Reversion of Lucerne property

During the March 22 board meeting, Kobza informed trustees the apparent heirs of Ida Gwynn have been in contact with the school district about the Lucerne property.

Kobza referred to a "reversionary clause" pertaining to the property dated in 1957, deeding it to the school district to build a school there. The clause states when the property was not being used for educational purposes the north half of it would revert back to the heirs. The school district would retain ownership of the south half of the property.

A formal written request and proof of the status as heirs to the estate have been requested from the apparent heirs.

Trustees agreed the district would be advised to see if there is anyone interested in buying the south half of the property.

In other business, trustees voted to allow the district to ask for bids on the sale of two vehicles, a 1979 Chevrolet pickup and a 1999 Ford Taurus. An invitation to bid is being published in the Independent Record.

Kobza said repair work was needed on the east side of the middle school parking lot. He suggested trustees approve an addendum to the current contract for a bus circle at TMS to facilitate the pavement repairs. Trustee Hub Whitt's motion to add the addendum was seconded and then approved by the board.

Also during the meeting, elementary school writing specialist Heidi Hunt was recognized as district Teacher of the Month.

A Lights On Lego League presentation featured information from several teams in the district.

Third reading on policies

Trustees approved unanimously third and final reading on seven policies. They were:

- Policy AC-R Title IX and Other Discrimination/Harassment Complaint Procedure.
- Policy ACE Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and Americans with Disabilities Act.

• Policy ACE-E Section 504/ADA Guidelines and Forms.

• Policy ACE-R Section 504 Due Process Procedures.

• Policy JB Equal Education Opportunities.

• Policy JBA Discrimination-Student Complaint Procedure.

• Policy JBA-E Equal Educational Opportunities Grievance Procedure Form.

Adopted on third and final reading of job descriptions were Early Childhood Resource Program Director, Assistant Coach/Sponsor, Varsity Coach/Sponsor and Middle School Head Coach.

Passed by trustees on second reading were four job descriptions: Guided Study, Technology Director, Bookkeeper II-Federal Funds/Student Information and Network Technician/Technical Support Specialist.

Three policies were approved on first reading. They were:

- Policy IHBAD Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).
- Policy IHBAD-R Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).
- Policy IE Organization of Instruction.

The next meeting of the board of trustees is Thursday, April 21 at 7 p.m. in the board room.

Flag of honor



Michael McClelland and John Hausauer raise a new flag on Calvin King's property north of the school bus barn in honor of Alfred E. McClelland, Michael's father who died Nov. 8, 2008. King originally erected the flagpole in honor of Alan Dau, a friend of King who suffered from injuries he attained in an accident in Pine-dale. Hausauer and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2281 replace the flag in honor of local veterans every one-and-a-half years. Anyone wishing to donate a flag in memory of a loved one may bring it to the VFW at 302 Broadway St.

Some mailed issues of the IR delayed

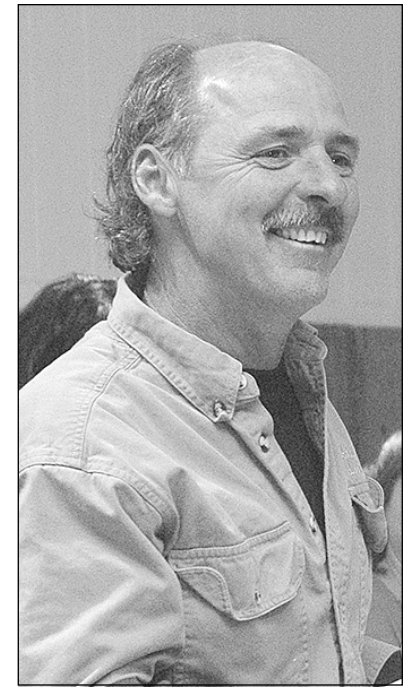
Due to changes by the United States Postal Service, issues of the Thermopolis Independent Record that are mailed to subscribers outside Thermopolis will be arriving a day later than usual for the next 10 weeks. The delay begins with the March 31 issue.

Each copy of the newspaper going out via the USPS must be counted by the local post office before it's sent on its way to the subscriber.

The one-day delay in delivery via mail is necessitated by the Thermopolis Post Office going to a computerized system.

After the initial 10-week period, newspapers must be counted once every quarter and out-of-town delivery will be delayed on those respective dates.

The Independent Record apologizes for any inconvenience the delay in delivery will cause.



Steve Jellis, of Steve's Plumbing, won Citizen of the Year and Sarah Ferrell, of Nature's Corner, accepts the award for Business of the Year during the 90th annual Thermopolis-Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce Banquet Saturday.

Chamber

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The chamber managed to raise \$5,000 of net profits in order to keep the doors open.

The chamber raised \$2,781 from the Balloon Frenzy drawings and \$3,360 from the centerpiece auction.

"We're not out of the woods yet, but it helps," said Michelle Lue, interim executive director.

The chamber usually runs on about \$6,000 to \$8,000 a month and the fundraising efforts should allow it to continue to operate up to the next chamber event, the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. The chamber hopes the proceeds from both events will allow it to keep operating until the chamber starts to receive renewal dues from members in June and July.

"It definitely helped and we appreciate everyone who came," Lue said of the banquet.

The event was more successful than the previous year in terms of numbers and fundraising due in part to more people coming out to support the chamber.

The chamber has suffered financially since the budget year started due to a drop-off in funding from the town and county, and a restructuring of its membership dues system which drastically cut down revenue.

Now, the chamber looks ahead toward the 3-on-3 Tournament. Registration forms are now available at the chamber office, 220 Park St.

People can help the chamber with the event by getting the word out about 3-on-3 or become more involved in the planning of the event by contacting the chamber and joining the 3-on-3 committee, Lue said.

Relay for Life auction



Storyteller was the site of a charity luncheon and silent auction Saturday for Team Ohana, participants in Relay for Life this summer. Pictured are Sallie Wesaw and J.W. Bailey, enjoying a delicious ham and bean lunch. — Cindy Glasson photo

Diplodocus on display at WDC

New on display at the Wyoming Dinosaur Center is an 8-foot-tall leg of the Jurassic Giant *Diplodocus*, a long-necked, plant devouring, behemoth that roamed Wyoming 150 million years ago. While all dinosaurs are unique and interesting, what makes this particular dinosaur special is how and by whom it was excavated. Families on vacation visiting Wyoming played a major role in the recovery of these ancient remains.

The Wyoming Dinosaur Center offers programs that allow the public to participate in the active excavations of these magnificent prehistoric creatures. The remains of at least a half dozen juvenile and sub-adult diplodocids have been unearthed at a quarry know as the "Bone Bed."

Over the past 15 years, the public at large along with help of the Center staff has recovered more than 1,500 bones from at least six different individuals at this site. Now, for the first time, parts of these animals are mounted and on display at the Dinosaur Center.

About 150 million years ago, the layers at The Wyoming Dinosaur Center dig sites were along the margin of a large lake and river system. Dinosaurs died, were scavenged and were eventually buried along the muddy shores of the lake. Often animals

were buried together and the remains of several individuals are mixed-up but pushed together in distinct layers; this allows Dinosaur Center paleontologists to focus their efforts and dig in layers where they know the dinosaurs are buried. It also means visitors get to work in areas with high concentrations of dinosaur bones.

The Center, a 16,000-square-foot museum complex, is only a 15-minute ride from the dinosaur quarries where the excavations take place and visitors who sign up for the Dig-for-a-Day program learn how to dig, collect data and remove dinosaur bones from working paleontological quarries.

Each day from the first of June to the end of September, Center personnel work alongside program participants and guide them as they excavate some of the most productive dinosaur quarries in the world.

Visitors to the Center have discovered the remains of many species of dinosaurs including *Apatosaurus*, *Camarasaurus*, *Diplodocus* and *Allosaurus*. They have also uncovered remains of ancient plant life, invertebrate and micro-vertebrate fossils at several sites.

For more information or to sign-up for a dinosaur dig, call 800-455-3466 or visit website www.wyodino.org.



This 8-foot-tall leg of the Jurassic Giant *Diplodocus* is on display at The Wyoming Dinosaur Center in Thermopolis. — Photo courtesy of The Wyoming Dinosaur Center

Chamber Chat

Banquet a hit; membership drive ahead

by Donna Nally
Chamber of Commerce president

Our annual Thermopolis-Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce Banquet was a huge success. The board of directors, Michelle Lue and I wish to thank everyone who attended the banquet, helped decorate, prepare food and serve our guests.

We are very grateful to all who helped us make this a grand evening with lots of fun, good food, great prizes and entertainment from Bass n' Beat. A BIG thank you to everyone who helped!

It was a beautiful evening with more than 200 chamber members and friends attending. The fair building was staged in the Luau theme with lighted palm trees and balloons galore, and fish netting with seashells decorating the walls. We even had a Tiki Bar decorated by Days Inn.

We congratulated all of our

nominees for Business of the Year, with Nature's Corner being applauded as the grand winner. Congratulations to Sarah and all her staff.

All of the nominees for Citizen of the Year were congratulated with Steve Jellis being applauded as the grand winner. Thank you, Steve, for all you do for the people of our community. Special recognition went to Angie Guyon as the President's Award winner and Jeanette Titmus as recipient of the chamber Service Award. Thank you, ladies, for all your help and good deeds!

The board is gearing up for our big membership drive. We are working on finalizing our sponsorship levels for all events. We want to add this to the membership flyer so our members can select what event they want to sponsor and at what level. We will be out and about visiting you all!

The 3 on 3 Basketball Tour-

namment is nearing at a fast pace. May 14 & 15 is little over a month away! The committee welcomes any ideas, suggestions and of course your assistance in making this event a great success. We are still working on raising money to pay for the event. All donations are greatly appreciated!

The Lodging Tax Board has agreed to pay for all the advertising for the event. Our interim executive director, Michelle Lue, has the advertising packages ready and will be submitting them to news areas around the state and surrounding states very soon. Thank you, Lodging Tax Board, for your assistance in making this a successful event.

Our door is always open at the chamber of commerce office. If myself, Michelle or any of the board members can be of assistance to you or your business, please let us know. We are here to serve our members!

Buffalo

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the (Arapaho) ranch, keeping the kids on the ranch," Whiteplume said. "We're building trails for hiking. We want to bring in the buffalo. We want to bring these things to you, too."

Harjo suggested the commissioners consider doing a study on how the community feels about the possibility of gaming in the area and hold a series of public meetings on the issue.

"We would be happy to help you with that

study," she said.

Baker said the council had made a huge step in rebuilding his trust by coming for the meeting. "In this infancy stage we really want to keep the lines of communication open," Spoonhunter said. "We want the communication to continue."

The commissioners agreed to keep the council informed of any public meetings that may be scheduled in the future.

Public notices

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the County of Hot Springs, Wyoming will receive sealed bids until 5:00 P.M. local time April 18, 2011 at Hot Springs County Clerks Office, 415 Arapahoe, Thermopolis, Wyoming for MATERIALS, LABOR AND ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REPLACEMENT OF MAIN ROOFTOP UNIT (RTU) AT THE HOT SPRINGS COUNTY MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER AT 700 BROADWAY ST. Bids will be opened and contractor will be selected at the April 19, 2011 meeting of the Hot Springs County Commissioners' Meeting. Bid materials may be picked up at the Hot Springs County Clerks Office. Questions may be directed to Hot Springs County Courthouse Maintenance Department at 307-921-5680.

Pub. March 31 and April 7, 2011

No. 6200

PUBLIC NOTICE

The proposed overall Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal for fiscal years 2011-2013 for the Hot Springs County Airport, Thermopolis, WY is 0.62%. The proposed goal and its rationale are available for inspection during normal business hours at the Hot Springs County Courthouse, 415 Arapahoe, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443 until 04/30/2011. Comments on this proposed DBE Goal will be accepted in writing until 05/16/2011. Please send comments to: GDA Engineers, ATTN: Annie Ness, PO Box 338, Cody, WY 82414.

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No. 6199

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Thermopolis hereby gives notice of the filing of a land use change application with Hot Springs County, the purpose of which, is to change the land use of 1.435 acres of land purchased from JB and Ellen Roden on February 10, 2011. The small parcel of land is currently categorized as agricultural land use and the intent is to establish institutional land use for a new water tank to be located just west of Round Top. The parcel of land is situate in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 26, Resurvey Township 43 North, Range 95 West of the 6th P.M. Easements for utilities and access to the small parcel of land have already been acquired from adjacent land owners.

For additional information, please contact Thermopolis Town Hall at (307)864-3838 or Engineering Associates at (307)864-5297.

Hans Odde, County Clerk, has set the time and date for the Final Public Hearing at 4:30 PM on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 in the Commissioner's Room of the new County Annex Building. Public comments are being accepted in written form or vocally at any time during the land use change process.

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Warrants List

The following list of warrants approved March 22, 2011, by HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT is hereby published as required by the Wyoming Education Code of 2005, as amended, Chapter 3, Section 21-3-110 (a)(ii).

Bree Gerber	\$502.13
Exactbind	\$503.57
Signs Of Sutherland	\$509.96
Sarah Green	\$511.73
Gopher Sport	\$514.62
Rayann Lofink	\$518.17
Patterson Medical	\$530.82
Lakeshore Learning Materials	\$538.75
Super 8 Motel - Wheatland	\$539.00
Antler Motel	\$540.00
Erin Derose	\$566.67
Kelly Reseigh	\$566.67
Kyla Uribe	\$566.67
Xesi Document Solutions	\$597.44
Kara Janes	\$600.00
Comfort Inn - Laramie	\$600.00
Bresnan Communications	\$615.55
Pamida	\$729.16
HSCSD #1 School Lunch Fund	\$740.00
Steve's Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	\$746.99
Loti	\$750.00
Kone, Inc.	\$751.77
The Booster Club	\$754.00
Postage By Phone/Purchase Power	\$754.71

Thermopolis Hardware	\$793.17
Christie Colvin	\$800.00
Holiday Inn Express-Rawlins	\$801.00
WCS Telecom	\$823.88
Bridger Lewis	\$849.82
Sarah Basse	\$880.07
Wyoming Dept. Of Education	\$883.28
Sysco Food Services Of Montana	\$903.96
Maggie Paris	\$908.30
School Specialty	\$919.93
Colman Equipment Company, Inc	\$932.33
Ellison Educational Equipment Inc	\$942.34
Music Theatre International	\$978.50
Ivy Paris	\$984.86
Airgas Intermountain	\$998.58
Fremont Beverages, Inc.	\$999.35
Central Bank & Trust	\$1,000.00
Dr. Brian Pyper	\$1,000.00
Blairs Market - Thermopolis	\$1,028.76
Central Wyoming College	\$1,200.00
The Office Shop	\$1,292.98
E T Paddock Enterprises, Inc	\$1,350.00
Walmart Community	\$1,484.25
Big Horn Basin Hearing, Inc.	\$1,560.00
Advanced Wyoming NCA CASI	\$1,675.00
Saf-T-Net, Inc.	\$1,730.70
Seon Design	\$1,744.00
Verizon Wireless	\$1,763.73
Love And Logic Institute Inc	\$1,801.24
Amazon.Com Inc	\$1,849.09
Verizon Wireless	\$1,865.67
Long Building Technologies Inc	\$1,881.40
Shirts & More	\$1,991.74

Meadow Gold Dairy	\$2,228.36
Carquest Auto Parts Stores	\$2,345.65
RT Communications, Inc.	\$2,425.20
Town Of Thermopolis	\$2,450.75
Wyoming Sight & Sound	\$2,452.00
Ramada Plaza Riverside	\$2,520.00
CDW Government Inc	\$2,527.18
Jadeco, Inc.	\$2,543.08
Wyoming Inc	\$2,767.43
International Reading Association	\$3,150.00
Julia's Rental Sales & Service	\$3,317.25
Cloud Peak Productions, LLC	\$3,401.00
Gotsche Rehabilitation Center	\$3,440.00
OPI-Montana Drive	\$3,480.00
K-B Commercial Products	\$3,562.40
Curriculum Leadership Institute	\$4,053.62
Compass Learning Inc.	\$4,100.00
Travel Wright, Inc	\$4,922.60
Discovery Education	\$6,161.00
Global Scholar	\$7,421.50
Sunshine Office Products	\$7,484.32
Marc Prensly	\$9,000.00
Rocky Mountain Power	\$16,176.55
Wyoming Gas Company	\$16,393.92
Food Services Of America	\$17,366.58
Pinnacle Bank Of Thermopolis	\$27,732.81
Region V Board Of Coop. Ed.	\$29,572.08
Wyoming School Boards Assoc.	\$115,282.85
Wyoming School Boards Assoc.	\$119,393.07
	\$482,837.51

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