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Members of the Hot Springs County High School Drama team show their Class 1A/2A state championship trophy after returning to Thermopolis victorious from the State Drama Competition last week at Central Wyoming College in Riverton. The team had 11 all-state students and four honorable mentions during the competition.

## Drama team takes state!

by J.D. Stetson  
The Hot Springs County High School drama team brought back the Class 1A/2A championship trophy from the State Drama Competition last week at Central Wyoming College in Riverton.

The team took the title trophy and returned with 11 all-state honors and four honorable mentions.

Out of the past six years, Thermopolis has taken the state championship trophy five times and second place once.

In individual categories, the team had five first places, one second place and one third. The team consisted of 18 traveling members, but

25 students in all. Many of the students who participated in design categories stayed home while their pieces were submitted to the competition.

Earning all-state honors were Laurel Leonhardt, DeAnna Workman, Makelti Blake, Henry Chism, Holly Dennis, Spencer Hu, Megan Mortimore, Morgan Kraushaar, Amanda Randolph and Jared Mohr-Leiva. Hu was all-state in lighting design IV and proscenium. Leonhardt, Workman, Blake, Chism and Dennis captured first-place honors in events.

Drama coach Eric Kay said he was very pleased with the results of the competition. He said it was a very small,

young team, whose members were able to bring almost a full contingent to the competition. The team filled every category except humorous monologue.

If there were overall categories between schools, Kay said the team could have taken second in 3A and fourth in 4A because of their numbers.

Kay credited Ron Philips for his humongous amount of work helping the design aspects of the team.

"(The design team) is our meat and potatoes," Kay said.

For group categories, the team took seventh place in proscenium for its piece "Super Hero Sanitarium" and

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## Commissioners ponder road standardization

by Cindy Glasson

The Hot Springs County Commissioners reviewed a proposed resolution to standardize the names and numbers of county roads within the state road inventory system during Tuesday's meeting.

According to Road and Bridge Supervisor Ray Shaffer, the resolution shouldn't create many changes, but does clean up the road inventory. The resolution has nothing to do with the possible changing of fire numbers within the county.

The commissioners took no action on the proposed changes, wanting to take the next two weeks to evaluate the changes as well as speak with the postmistress to find out what the changes would do to mail delivery for citizens in the areas.

The commissioners will revisit the proposal at their Dec. 20 meeting.

Roads being considered for changes include:

**East River Road; County Road #8** - Upper East River Road (Co. Road #8) and Lower East River Road (Co. Road #4) will begin at the cattle guard leaving Hot Springs State Park at its northern entrance and will proceed 7.96 miles going north along the east side of the Big Horn River, ending at the intersection with Wyoming State Secondary 172, also known as Black Mountain Secondary. County Road #4 would be eliminated from the inventory and incorporated into County Road #8.

**West Cottonwood Road; County Road #10** - Known as Upper Cottonwood Road, it would now be referred to as West Cottonwood Road. The road begins at the intersection of State Highway 120 West and runs westerly 23.95 miles.

**East Cottonwood Road; County Road #3** - Known as Lower Cottonwood Road, it would now be called East Cottonwood Road. The road begins at the intersection with West Sand Draw Road and runs easterly down Cottonwood Creek, ending at the county line, 5.80 miles.

**West Sand Draw Road; County Road #18W** - Road #18 runs east and west along Sand Draw between State Highway 120 West and U.S. Highway 20 North. This road will now divide at the Little Sand Draw Road junction and be the westerly end, beginning at its intersection with State Highway 120 West, running easterly and ending 9.7 miles

later at Little Sand Draw junction.

**East Sand Draw Road; County Road #18E** - This portion of Road #18 runs east and west along Sand Draw between State Highway 120 West and U.S. Highway 20 North. The road will now divide at the Little Sand Draw Road junction and be the westerly end, beginning at its intersection with State Highway 120 West, running easterly for 9.7 miles, ending at Little Sand Draw junction.

**East Sunnyside Lane; County Road #27E** - Included with West Sunnyside Lane (County Road #27), it will now be separated and called East Sunnyside Lane, County Road #27E, beginning with its intersection with U.S. Highway 20 North, running easterly 1.44 miles, ending at the Longwell farmstead.

**West Sunnyside Lane; County Road #27W** - Included with East Sunnyside Lane (County Road #27), it will also be separated out and called West Sunnyside Lane, County Road #27W, beginning at the intersection with U.S. Highway 20 North and running westerly 3.4 miles, ending at the Lucerne Pumping Plant lift pumps.

**Lane 7; County Road #32** - Lane 7 (County Road #32), including Bobcat Road (County Road #33) will merge to be called Lane 7, County Road #32, beginning at its intersection with U.S. Highway 20 South, running westerly 1.38 miles, ending at the intersection with Lane 12, County Road #34. County Road #33 would be eliminated from inventory names.

**Lane 12; County Road #34** - Lane 12 (County Road #34), including a portion of Lane 12 to Rimrock Drive (County Road #35E), will be referred to as Lane 12, County Road #34, beginning at its intersection with U.S. Highway 20 South and running westerly 2.0 miles to its junction with Rimrock Drive, County Road #35. County Road #35E would be eliminated from inventory names.

**Rimrock Drive; County Road #35** - Rimrock Drive aka Sable Run (County Road #35), combined with a portion of County Road #35E (Lane 12 to Rimrock Drive) would be known as Rimrock Drive (County Road #35), beginning at its intersection with U.S. Highway 20 South and running westerly 1.52 miles to its junction with Lane 12, County Road #34. County Road #35E would be eliminated from inventory names.

**South Kirby Creek Road; County Road #19** - This road will begin with its intersection with East River Road, County Road #8 and run easterly 5.30 miles.

## Business owner sees speeding problem in alley

by J.D. Stetson

Speeders in alleys are a problem in more than one way in the alley between Amoretti and Clark streets connecting Fifth and Sixth streets.

In October, the Thermopolis Town Council directed the town streets department to install speed bumps in the alley to appease residents who use the alley as access to their property.

But that action caused a further hazard to Fred Carey of Riverbend Sheet Metal.

Carey saw the speeders use his driveway adjacent to the alley to avoid the speed bump, which made the chances of the speeders

hitting a gas meter dividing his property from the alley more likely.

He contacted town officials and was working with them to address the issue.

Carey had sought removal of the speed bump and would have preferred the placement of signs on each end of the alley telling people to slow down.

The final straw came after Carey had stepped out a door on the south side of his building and a vehicle almost ran him down. The driver of the vehicle tried to avoid him and then came within inches of smashing into the gas meter. Carey decided to remove the speed bump that day as a matter of personal safety.

The next day he was visited by the Thermopolis Police Department, who inquired about the speed bump. Carey had a heated exchange with them about the incident that led him to remove the bump and he showed the officer where he had taken the bumps, which was further up the alley.

Town workers later retrieved the bumps and police officers brought the issue to the Thermopolis Town Council at its Nov. 15 meeting.

At the meeting, officers sought more tools for law enforcement to stop speeders in the alley. Officers briefly discussed their involve-

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## HSCMH trauma team earns CTH certification

by J.D. Stetson

Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital recently received confirmation of its official certification as Community Trauma Hospital from the Wyoming Department of Health.

Dr. Vernon Miller, the hospital's trauma medical director, brought the good news to the hospital's Board of Trustees during its Nov. 29 meeting.

Miller explained the process for receiving the certification that started with a complete review of the hospital and its trauma record Aug. 2 by state medical reviewers Dr. Charles F. Rinker and Kim Todd. They were accompanied by Kelli Perrotti, who is the state trauma coordinator.

The hospital was one of the first to be reviewed under new guidelines and the facility will not have to renew its verification for three years.

The review highlights the deficiencies, strengths, weaknesses and recommendations recognized by the reviewers in determining the hospital's certification.

The reviewers did not find any deficiencies in the hospital's policies or actions when dealing with trauma patients. Miller elaborated the previous certification had listed quality concerns as a deficiency, but the

hard work of all those involved in the interim had removed it from the list during the latest verification and designation.

### Strengths

The reviewers highlighted the work performed by Miller and Les Snyder, trauma coordinator/program manager, in developing an exemplary Trauma Performance Program.

The hospital's performance improvement process impressed the reviewers in its review of patient care and system issues.

The reviewers noted evidence of prompt resuscitation and transfer, as well as a commitment from the trauma team and staff for proper care and positive patient outcomes.

The program also benefits from support from the hospital hierarchy in the form of budget support and strong support from hospital officials.

The reviewers recognized Miller's understanding of performance improvement and Snyder's commitment to continuously update the program. The reviewers also recognized Snyder for his attendance and participation in educational activities regarding the program.

The strengths also list the ambulance personnel, radiology

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## Toys and Santa



Alexis Kellogg and Samantha O'Brien visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus next to Bicentennial Park after the Lighted Christmas Parade Saturday. During the parade float

competition, the Independent Record placed first, Scout Pack #5053 was second and T&J Propane came in third.

— J.D. Stetson photo

# Town gives golf course \$10,000

The Thermopolis Town Council has recognized the burden the Legion Town and Country Club golf course board carries with regard to its woeful financial situation.

After several weeks of deliberation, the council made the decision at its Tuesday night meeting to dip into the town's cash reserves and provide the golf course with \$10,000 to help it pay costs until it can make revenue in the spring.

The council stressed the money is not intended to bail out the golf course on its debt, but to pay actual costs for the course such as the money the course owes its greens keeper.

Mayor Bill Malloy recognized the golf course has stepped up to the plate in all of the things the council has asked. The board is in the midst of planning seven different fundraisers to keep the golf course alive, and has approached various other government entities in the county for aid.

"I think they have been working on it," Malloy said. Mayor's assistant Fred Crosby said the council this year had budgeted \$30,000 for the golf course, which was down from \$42,500 from the previous year.

Malloy said the situation was made even worse by the bad weather conditions in the spring, causing a drop in revenue at the course.

## Drama

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10th in group performance art for an originally written piece "Skars."

Kay credited Rob Kelly, who is in his first year as assistant drama coach, with being instrumental in the success of the team's proscenium piece. He said the group performance art piece was the first time the team had written and performed its own original piece in the category.

"I gave them the skeleton and they ran with it," Kay said.

### Individual results

Tori Anderson, 15th, duet; 15th, mono-

logue

Zach Anderson, 15th, publicity design II  
Blake, 1st, lighting design II, all-state; proscenium, honorable mention  
Hannah Channel, 14th, duet  
Chism, 1st, publicity design IV, all-state  
Greta Delaland, 15th, costume design II; 15th, duet; proscenium, honorable mention  
Dennis, 1st, makeup design IV, all-state; 14th, duet  
Janea Gerrells, 15th, script monologue; group performance art, honorable mention  
Kendra Gerrells, 15th, script monologue  
Cyle Hart, 4th, monologue  
Hu, 2nd, lighting design IV, all-state; 10th, publicity design IV; proscenium, all-state  
Logan Kay, 3rd, lighting design III  
Kraushaar, 5th, OS monologue; 15th,

D monologue, all-state; group performance art, all-state

Leonhardt, 1st, lighting design III, all-state; 5th, scene design III  
Cody Bleak, 14th, duet  
Mohr-Leiva, 15th, duet; group performance art, all-state  
Mortimore, 3rd, OS duet; 14th, D duet  
Maggie Paris, 15th, costume design I  
Randolph, 9th, makeup design II, all-state; 15th, duet  
Kelley Sheperd, 15th, publicity design II  
Kaycee Tenboer, 15th, publicity design II  
Krista Tippetts, 15th, OS monologue  
RD Waltz, 15th, publicity design II  
Kaden Wood, 9th, publicity design II, honorable mention  
Workman, 1st, makeup design III, all-state; 10th, costume design III



The photograph above shows the former location of a speed bump to the right of the gas meter as well as the driveway for Riverbend Sheet Metal. The owner of the business removed the speed bump after he felt his life was threatened by people trying to avoid the bump by using his driveway.

## Speeding

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ment with Carey, but focused more on solving the dilemma to appease everyone involved.

Both officers and Mayor Bill Malloy questioned the severity of the speeding problem in the alley. When Carey read the subsequent news story from the meeting, he

disagreed with both the police and mayor. He considers speeding to be a very frequent problem in the alley at times of the day when the convenience store up the alley, Maverik, is busy.

During the meeting, Malloy said the council would continue

to discuss the issue. The town and the police department are currently waiting for direction from the council on what can be done to address the safety concerns of residents and slow people down without causing further hazard.

## HSCMH

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services, laboratory and blood bank, the nurses and staff as strong contributors to the trauma program.

### Weaknesses

Although the hospital has an exemplary program, the reviewers identified a few things that could use improvement.

Reviewers listed the lack of a hospital district could impede future progress of the program

at the hospital.

The hospital also does not currently have a trauma injury prevention program or coordinator and does not provide any community activities to stress prevention. Miller elaborated the hospital does not have a budget for prevention and some of the activities suggested include a bicycle safety course or other activity to inform the public.

The reviewers also recognized

the hospital does not currently have a specifically designated decontamination area. Miller stated the hospital currently uses decontamination tents provided by the Hot Springs County Volunteer Fire Department.

They also listed the hospital did not have a massive blood transfusion protocol or a hard copy of the trauma policy manual in its emergency department.

The reviewers noted a lack of

documentation of training for all of the nurses involved with the program and recommended a training course to help the hospital improve.

The reviewers also considered as a weakness the hospital's lack of participation in joint education with other regional institutions.

### Recommendations

Some of the recommendations

the reviewers proposed would be to continue developing the program and to document trauma education for nurses and staff.

The reviewers also suggested taking steps to address the weaknesses by following recommended guidelines.

Additionally, they suggest the hospital continue to send representatives to state meetings and educational opportunities and work with other hospitals

to create their own programs.

The final recommendation was to share the results of the review with the public and show the community the work the hospital has undertaken to receive the designation of Community Trauma Hospital.

"We're very proud of the people and physicians who participated," Miller said, stressing the teamwork involved. "We're now good for three years!"

# Public notices

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Thermopolis, Wyoming will receive sealed bids until 2:00 P.M., local time, December 15, 2011 at the Thermopolis Town Hall, at 420 Broadway, Thermopolis, Wyoming, for MATERIALS, LABOR, SERVICES, TRANSPORTATION & COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ARAPAHOE STREET TREATED WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT - PHASE I & II. The Engineer's opinion of probable construction costs ranges from \$574,000 to \$861,000. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud - date and time stated above. Mail or deliver to Town of Thermopolis, P.O. Box 603, 420 Broadway, Thermopolis, WY 82443. The Town of Thermopolis will take no responsibility for delivery of bids through mail. Bidding documents are available at: Engineering Associates, 429 Broadway, Thermopolis, WY 82443 for \$50.00, non-refundable. The Town of Thermopolis reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive any informalities if deemed in the best interest of the Owner. No bid may be considered unless accompanied by the required bid guarantee of 5% of the total bid amount which amount shall be forfeited if the bidder is awarded the Contract and fails to enter into a Contract with the Owners. A pre-bid meeting will be held at 2:00 P.M. local time, on December 8, 2011 at the Town Hall, 420 Broadway, Thermopolis, Wyoming.

Dated this 18th day of November, 2011.

/s/ Town of Thermopolis

Pub. November 24, December 1 & 8, 2011

No. 6411

### FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the "Note") dated July 9, 2008, executed and delivered by Martin J. Kobza and Nicole M. Kobza ("Mortgagor(s)") to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Heartland Bank its successors and assigns, and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by said Mortgagor(s), to said Mortgagee, and which Mortgage was recorded on July 15, 2008, at Reception No. 0479106 in Book 131 at Page 672 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Hot Springs County, State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: GMAC Mortgage, LLC  
Assignment dated: November 3, 2011  
Assignment recorded: November 9, 2011  
Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 0496650 in Book 148 at Page 602

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

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

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$268,015.16 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$260,785.82 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$7,267.68, plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale;

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

NOW, THEREFORE GMAC Mortgage, LLC, as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Hot Springs County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon on December 27, 2011 at the front door of the Hot Springs County Courthouse located at 417 Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis, WY, Hot Springs County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 3 IN BLOCK 2, CEDAR RIDGE SUBDIVISION, FIRST FILING, THERMOPOLIS, HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING.

with an address of 104 Cedar Ridge Drive, Thermopolis, WY 82443.

Together with all improvements thereon situate and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto.

GMAC Mortgage, LLC  
By: Castle Stawarski, LLC  
330 S. Walsh Drive, Ste. 202  
Casper, WY 82609-0000  
(307) 333 5379

Pub. December 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2011

No. 6412

IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE )  
OF IVA DORTHY SPAIN, ) Probate No. P11-26  
)  
)  
Deceased. )

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR SUMMARY DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Robert R. Spain has filed an Application for Summary Decree of Distribution in the above-captioned Estate on the 23rd day of November, 2011.

Said Application for Summary Decree of Distribution requests that all real property owned by the decedent be set over to said applicant, including the described real property, to-wit:

Being all of the following described portions of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 18 of the original Townsite of the Town of Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming; to wit:

Beginning at the northeast corner of said Lot 1 and Block 18, a rebar with aluminum cap stamped "Corner LS 519 1994"; thence S 1°15'13" W, along the east line of said Lot 1, a distance of 78.37 feet to a rebar with aluminum cap stamped "Corner LS 519 1997", from which the southeast corner of said Lot 1 bears S 1°15'13" W, 60.00 feet distance; thence N 88°44'47" W, parallel with the South line of said Lots 1 and 2, a distance of 52.36 feet; thence N 1°11'09" E, a distance of 78.37 feet to a point on the north line of said Lots 1, 2 and Block 18; thence S 88°44'47" E,

Along last mentioned line, a distance of 52.46 feet to the point of beginning.

SUBJECT to all patents, easements, rights-of-way, reservations, zoning restrictions, covenants and any other matter of public record or otherwise established; all assessments and subsequently assessed taxes.

Any objection to said Application should be filed with the Office of the Clerk of the District Court, Hot Springs County, Wyoming, on or before December 15, 2011.

Dated this 23rd day of November, 2011.

Terri Cornella  
Clerk of the District Court  
Fifth Judicial District  
Hot Springs County, Wyoming

Pub. December 1 and 8, 2011

No. 6413

### Public Notice

The December meeting of the Hot Springs County Predator Management District will be held on December 9, 6 p.m. at the Annex building.

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No. 6415

### Notice of Public Hearing

There will be a Public Hearing concerning the disposition of residential structures located at 704 Springview Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming at the regularly scheduled Hot Springs County School District No. 1 Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room located at 415 Springview Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming. All persons having an interest in this matter are invited to attend and make their views Known at this time.

/s/ Liz Mahoney  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Pub. December 8, 2011

No. 6416