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Family Dollar coming to town

by Tom Burkindine

The purchase of land at 514 S. Sixth St. was finalized earlier this month and plans are underway to build a Family Dollar store at the location.

Town codes administrator Fred Crosby confirmed the purchase and an application for a demolition permit for Overland Construction, a company based in Salt Lake City, Utah. According to Crosby, the store is one of six Family Dollar outlets being

built in Wyoming.

Overland Construction Project Manager Dave Holman said building plans would be submitted to the town planning and zoning board this week.

Demolition at the corner of Sixth and Richards streets, across from Blair's Super Market, was scheduled to begin this week and should be completed before the end of the month. A 90-day building period is scheduled once plans are accepted.

Paint the Town Purple

by Cindy Glasson

In honor of the 2010 Relay for Life, Mayor Bill Malloy has proclaimed the week of June 14-18 as Paint the Town Purple Week.

Businesses and individuals are encouraged to decorate their homes and stores with the color purple during the week to support the Relay in its fight against cancer.

Participants in the decorating will receive tickets to the carnival on Friday, June 18.

A survivor's dinner at the senior center starts things off at 5 p.m. The dinner is open to those who have beaten cancer.

More information on the survivor's dinner is available by calling Patty Georgius at 921-9800.

Opening ceremonies for the Relay will begin at 6 p.m. at the high school track with a survivor's lap. That is a new event location; the Relay had been held at Hot Springs State Park.

Teams of 8-15 people will spend the evening camping at the track, walking or running, to raise money to fight cancer.

At least one member of each team will be on the track during the entire event.

A variety of carnival games will be open to the public from 7 to 9 p.m., along with live music by Sweet Water.

A very moving part of the evening is the luminary ceremony, where luminary candles are lit to honor those who lost their battle with cancer.

Lighting will begin at 9 p.m. with the ceremony starting at 10 p.m.

Luminaries are still available for purchase and more information can be obtained by calling Rachel Hughes at (307) 250-3830.

Festivities will continue throughout the night and into the morning with teams walking and participating in various games to keep them going.

The core group for the local Relay for Life has set a goal this year of \$39,000. Proceeds will be given to the American Cancer Society. Monies raised go toward cancer research as well as raising awareness about the many forms of the disease.

Serving up a Milk Can Dinner



Doris Ann Ready serves sausage, cabbage, potatoes and carrots during the Milk Can Dinner at Stagecoach Days on Saturday evening outside the museum. See more Stagecoach Days photos on page 14 of this issue. — Joe Sovia photo

Dr. Manning contributed to community in countless ways

by Cindy Glasson

It's not often one finds a single person who exemplifies commu-

nity mindedness like the late Dr. Frank Manning.

Born in Denver, Colo., in 1931,

Manning spent much of his childhood in Montana and Washington State before coming to Ther-

mopolis, where he graduated from high school in 1949.

He joined the Wyoming Army National Guard 300th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, Battery A, and served in Korea from 1951-52.

One of the most highly decorated artillery battalions, the 300th received a meritorious unit commendation and five presidential unit citations during 805 combat days in the Korean War.

Manning himself received the Bronze Star and a Purple Heart during his tour of duty.

According to Manning, they fired over 500,000 105mm rounds at 35 pounds each in Korea. They suffered 11 members killed in action, 172 wounded in action and eight prisoners

of war. The battalion has been credited with more than 19,000 enemy casualties.

He wrote of his experiences in Korea in his book, "Fire Missions and Cherry Blossoms."

He met his wife Jackie while attending dental school in Chicago at Northwestern Universi-

ty. They married in 1955, moving back to Thermopolis in 1957, where he started his own dental practice.

A key member of Rotary for 50 years, he was instrumental in fundraising for the organization.

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Baker withdraws from race

by Cindy Glasson

Sandra Baker, a Republican candidate for Hot Springs County attorney, withdrew her name from consideration, effective June 8.

Baker, a local attorney, would have been running against current county attorney Jerry Williams, creating the only contested race on the ballot for the primary election.



Water in Owl Creek rushes down stream toward the bridge at Highway 170 Wednesday morning. Increased flow from Anchor Dam caused officials to issue a flood warning for areas on the creek. — Lara Love photo

Flooding possible from Owl Creek

by Cindy Glasson

Flooding on Owl Creek in Hot Springs County became a real possibility Tuesday with an increase of flow from Anchor Dam west of Thermopolis.

According to emergency management director Bill Gordon, Anchor Dam was releasing approximately 420 cubic feet per second (cfs) on Tuesday morning. In order

to make room for run-off expected to come from the South Fork, the release amount was nearly doubled by Wednesday morning to 800 cfs.

"The South Fork really hasn't started moving yet," Gordon said. "We need to move the water out (of Anchor Dam) to make room."

In response to the possibility of Owl Creek leaving its banks, sandbags were made

available to residents in the area through the road and bridge department.

Sand was brought in from Webb Road north of town, where it was being stored by the department. Bags could be filled at the road and bridge office and was also made available at Cozzen's Corner and the gravel pit on Jones Road.

Gordon said the county had

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Welcome to Summer celebration set Friday

by Cindy Glasson

Red Rock Family Practice is gearing up for the third annual Welcome to Summer event to be held in the State Park on Friday from 5 to 9 p.m.

A free barbecue will be held at the Washakie shelter, featuring barbecued beef and pork sandwiches along with potato salad, baked beans, chips and drinks.

Save some room for the watermelon-eating contest, though.

Three divisions — children, teen and adults — will compete by speed-eating slices of watermelon with T-shirts awarded to the winners.

Face painting and carnival games are planned as well as a DJ to provide music throughout the evening.

If you're known for your baking skills or just

love to cook, the Community Bake-off will allow you to compete against others for top honors.

Entry forms for the bake-off are available at Red Rock Family Practice and must be turned in at the clinic by 3 p.m. June 10.

Entry forms for the tug-o-war are available at the clinic as well.

There will be five divisions this year: business- es, womens, mens, teens and kids. Complete rules are available at the clinic.

Team entries for the tug-o-war are also due by 3 p.m. June 10.

Everyone is eligible to enter for a chance to win tickets for four to a Colorado Rockies game, including hotel accommodations.

In order to prepare for the event, Red Rock Family Practice will close at 3 p.m. June 11.