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## Mead squeaks out win

CHEYENNE — Unofficial results for the statewide race for governor show U.S. Attorney Matt Mead winning the republican nomination and the chance to face democratic nominee Leslie Peterson in the general election in November.

Mead won 29 percent of the Republican vote, narrowly defeating State Auditor Rita Meyer in Tuesday's Primary Election. Meyer conceded the race in a phone call to Mead shortly after the election Tuesday, according to a report from the Casper Star-Tribune.

Mead also won in Hot Springs County, garnering 436 of the 1,446 votes cast. Mead was followed by Meyer and Ron Micheli, who earned 384 votes each, according to unofficial results posted on the Secretary of State's website, <http://soswy.state.wy.us>. Colin Simpson received 226 votes from county voters.

For State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Cindy Hill had more than twice the votes of incumbent Jim McBride and she will face Democrat Mike Massie in the General Election.

For State Auditor, unofficial results show GOP candidate Cynthia Cloud beating Bruce Brown for the position by a slim margin of just 1,585 votes.

Cynthia Lummis also retained her status as the Republican nominee for the U.S. House of Rep-

### Baker, Lumley move into General Election

Incumbent Hot Springs County Commissioners John Lumley and Mike Baker received the most votes among the three Republican candidates in the 2010 Primary Election on Tuesday.

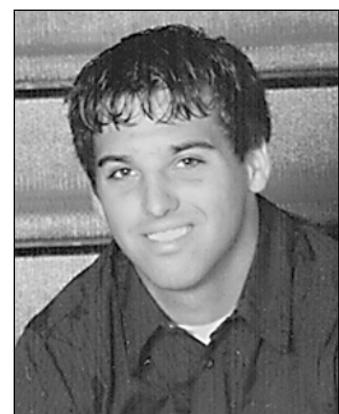
Baker had 991 votes and Lumley totaled 933. Challenger Jerry Langbehn was third with 473. Baker and Lumley will advance to the Nov. 2 General Election. There were no Democrats on the primary ballot.

County clerk Hans Odde said there was a 60.59 percent turnout for the primary, as 1,625 registered voters cast ballots.

resentatives seat. She will face Democrat David Wendt in the General Election.

Both Secretary of State Max Maxfield and State Treasurer Joe Meyer ran unopposed in the primary. Maxfield will face Democrat Andrew Simmons in the general election.

A record of Hot Springs County voting is printed on page 10 of this issue.



Samuel Lesmeister

## Man dies after crash in canyon

Wyoming Highway Patrol sustained when he was ejected from the 1996 Chevrolet four-door vehicle he was driving, according to a Wyoming Highway Patrol press release.

Lesmeister was traveling north on Highway 20 when he reportedly crossed the centerline near mile marker 124 and hit the guardrail on the

west side. He was ejected when the vehicle hit the guardrail and his body came to rest in the northbound lane.

The vehicle crossed the centerline again and went off the road where it came to rest in the barrow pit on the east side, according to the release.

Troopers do not know why the vehicle initially veered into the southbound lane. Lesmeister was not wearing a seatbelt.

Lesmeister was employed as a Day Hab technician at Big Horn Enterprises.

His obituary appears on page 5.

### Going to the polls



Jack Johnson gets help from volunteer Vickie Ross to submit his ballot at the Hot Springs County Fair Building on Tuesday morning during the Primary Election.

— J.D. Stetson photo

## HSCSD students see dress code, piercing changes

by Joe Sova

Students at Hot Springs County High School and Thermopolis Middle School will see changes in the dress code going into the new school year, which begins Monday.

Last year, added to the district dress code was: "No tank tops, pajamas, slippers or chains will be allowed to be worn starting with the 2009-10 school year."

While those changes remain in the dress code, there are new restrictions on the length of outerwear for the 2010-11 school year. Skirts, dresses and shorts must touch the waistline and kneecap.

Another district change states that no visible piercings will be allowed — except for earlobes.

Enforcement of the dress code at Ralph Witters Elementary will be based on the age of the

children, according to district superintendent Marty Kobza.

"What we would like to do is to establish that it's a special place," Kobza said of schools in the district. "Anywhere you work, there is a code that is required for you to do that job. This is the most important job the kids are doing right now."

Kobza and other district administrators believe eliminating distractions will maximize the learn-

ing process.

"We want the kids to be in a safe and orderly environment where they can focus on learning," he said.

The district dress code will be enforced during school hours while students are in their respective buildings. Failure to comply will result in a

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### Preparing for start of school



Mark Collins, a member of the Town of Thermopolis' street department crew, paints part of a "Slow - School Zone" marking on 14th Street near Thermopolis Middle School. Classes begin Monday.

## First demo derby for 16-year-old

by J.D. Stetson

Bryce Harvey has much to prove if his car is to survive the carnage and destruction people expect from the Thermopolis Demolition Derby — the biggest event in town at the end of the summer.

He'll have to prove his car can take the punishment served by up to 12 other oil-thirsty competitors in a ring where only one car can survive.

He must prove the work he's put into the car — more than 80 hours of stripping, reinforcing and working on the engine — will pay off and he'll be able to come into reach of the \$2,000 grand prize.

And, he'll have to prove that his strategic driving will be enough to beat the veteran drivers who won't be easily shaken by a bump to the front, side or rear.

But perhaps his biggest challenge will simply be to take that first lap into the ring before a stand-packed crowd.

You see, Bryce is only 16 and this will be his first appearance at the Demolition Derby.

### Finding his car

Bryce's father, Scott Harvey, has been a mainstay at the Demolition Derby for the past 10 years. This year, he'll step down and let Bryce have his chance at the wheel.

The father-son duo started last fall to develop the machine Bryce will drive Saturday.

After the last derby, they took a trip to Yetter's Salvage and asked the owner if he had any cars worthy of the demolition they had in mind. The proprietor took them to a car lot and told them to take their pick.

They came across a 1974 Oldsmobile. While the faded-green color of the car wasn't attractive, the structure of the car looked better than the rest and seemed to be in good-enough condition for it to be smashed at the derby.

Scott always drove a Chrysler with a Mopar engine, one of the preferred vehicles of derby veterans because of its resistance to dam-

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