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## Fire lane system could see change

by Cindy Glasson

Few residents of rural Hot Springs County attended a meeting regarding fire number changes in the county at Thermopolis Middle School Tuesday night.

Those in attendance found out the current numbering system for rural fire numbers, also used as home addresses for residents, is about to undergo a complete revamping at the direction of the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT).

Fire numbers will have to be moved from WYDOT's right-of-way along the road to the property edge. With the tremendous amount of growth in homes and subdivisions in the county, many of those numbers are going to be changed and some roads renamed.

"These numbers have been in place since the 1970s," road and bridge supervisor Ray Shaffer said. "Many of them are gone or dilapidated to the point they're unreadable."

"The problem is, with all the growth we've had there isn't room for new fire numbers to be placed in a lot of areas so a new plan has to be developed to allow for new numbers to be put in."

The fire numbers were put in place originally based on the

distance from the stoplight in the center of town to the rural residence.

The numbers are used for mail delivery as well as for emergency responders to find a home.

"The only way to find you is by rural fire number," said Mark Mortimore of Mortimore Ambulance Service. "Without those, we can't find you, it's that simple."

"If we don't see them we just keep driving until we find one. Once we're off the marked pavement, we're basically lost without those numbers."

"I've lived here all my life and there are still places I don't even know where they are. The age of GPS (global positioning service) is great if you're a helicopter, but we don't fly," Mortimore said.

### Federal mandate for sign update

Shaffer said there was a Federal mandate that all signage needs to be updated to a prismatic, highly reflective sign by 2018.

"We're going to have to replace what's out there anyway and it's going to be expensive," he said. "It's not something we

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### School Days celebrated



Seven-year-old Shyllynn Hanzen colors a bandanna in the old Middleton schoolhouse at the Hot Springs County Museum and Cultural Center on Saturday. The school was open for arts, crafts and other fun learning activities in honor of School Days to show what education was like in the 1900s.

— J.D. Stetson photo

## Welcome to Summer set Friday

The fourth annual Welcome to Summer celebration, sponsored by Red Rock Family Practice, will be featured Friday at the Hot Springs State Park Washakie Shelter. The event begins at 5 p.m.

Red Rock Family Practice offers a free barbecue plus lots of activities, including the fourth annual Welcome to Summer Tug-o-War. Merriam-Webster Dictionary describes a tug-of-war as "a struggle for supremacy or control usually involving two antagonists." It will be a friendly competition, but will also be hotly contested in men's, women's and kids' divisions.

A bake-off featuring delicious desserts will also be held.

Other events include a watermelon eating contest and "treasure hunt in the sand" for kids ages 10 and under. A bouncing slide and gym will provide fun for children.

People attending Welcome to Summer can register to win a one-night stay in Salt Lake City and four tickets to Lagoon Theme Park.

Red Rock Family Practice will close at 3 p.m. June 10 to allow employees to set up for Welcome to Summer.

## BLM goes forth with RMP despite Salazar's request to take no action

In spite of a decision by Interior Secretary Ken Salazar directing the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to take no action under the Wild Lands Order, the BLM held a public meeting Monday night at Days Inn to discuss their draft Resource Management Plan (RMP).

Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead has opposed the order from the beginning, speaking about it on several occasions.

"The decision to reverse course on the Wild Lands Order is in the best interest of Wyoming and the entire West," Mead said. "I have already thanked Secretary Salazar for listening to the people of Wyoming."

My office worked closely with our county commissioners, our business owners and our Congressional delegation to let the secretary know that this order would have had serious effects on Wyoming's economy, which depends on the multiple use of public lands."

BLM personnel outweighed the number of local residents for the three-hour public meeting, enabling them to discuss the maps on display on a more one-on-one basis.

Each of the different maps on display featured the four proposals the BLM have developed, ranging from allowing the current management to remain in place, to the tightest restrictions seen in the four-county area — Hot Springs, Park, Big Horn and Washakie counties.

At a recent public meeting held by the county commissioners and the conservation district, concerns were raised by local oil interests that areas the BLM plans to manage would cut off their access to their fields and possibly eliminate future production and drilling.

According to the BLM's Sarah Beckwith, their plan is to manage the areas to protect the development of oil and gas within the four counties.

"Other things were starting to encroach on the areas," Beckwith said. "We want to make sure those encroachments are minimized."

Beckwith said the proposed changes in their preferred Plan D would not prevent future production or drilling for oil or gas in the managed areas.

Of significant importance to the tourism aspect of Hot Springs

County is the geothermal properties of the Big Spring and surrounding waters.

For years it has been the policy of the commissioners and county planner to have a geological study done before allowing the drilling of domestic or stock water wells near the springs. Without the approval of a geologist, no drilling can occur in certain areas.

Beckwith said protection of the geothermal properties in Hot Springs County is of tantamount importance to the BLM and they have enlarged the protected area around the springs to ensure development of the area will not hurt the water flow.

"We have noticed some change in the amount of water going through the springs as well as a slight shifting of where the water is flowing," she said. "By adjusting the protected area around the springs, we can take those shifts into consideration."

Wildlife protection areas, especially those for sage grouse, play a big part in the land management for the four counties as well.

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## Wyo-Ben proposes new mining project

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Worland Field Office announces the availability of an environmental assessment (EA) for a proposed bentonite mining project in Hot Springs County.

Wyo-Ben, Inc., proposes to conduct new bentonite mining and concurrent reclamation on public land in the Rattlesnake Gulch area east of Thermopolis. Wyo-Ben has been mining in the area since the 1970s and proposes to develop on a maximum of 73 acres. The cast-back mining operation will occur on 10 to 15 acres per year for a proposed seven to 10 years.

The EA has been prepared

to analyze the impacts of the proposed project. It is available for public review and comment by visiting the BLM website at [www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/wfo/wyo-ben-projects.html](http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/wfo/wyo-ben-projects.html).

The comment period runs from June 8 through July 7. Comments may be emailed to [worland\\_wymail@blm.gov](mailto:worland_wymail@blm.gov); include "Wyo-Ben" in the subject line. Comments may also be mailed to AFM Minerals and Lands, BLM Worland Field Office, P.O. Box 119, Worland, WY 82401.

For more information, contact BLM geologist Marilyn Wegweiser at 307-347-5100.

## River rises; runoff won't cause many problems

by J.D. Stetson

The flood outlook seems to have diminished over the past few weeks as spring runoff season in Hot Springs County gets closer to its end.

Hot Springs County Emergency Management Coordinator Bill Gordon says the current flow of the Big Horn River was running Tuesday at a rate of 2,400 cubic feet per second

(cfs) with discharges from Boyesen Reservoir of 5,400 cfs.

The reservoir is currently 58 percent of capacity, down from 84 percent earlier in the spring. Fremont County is expecting to see record inflows from the Wind River Range that could top 20,000 cfs.

With the amount of space

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A semi truck owned by R&C Trucking bogged down in the mud on the dirt road leading to the Lucerne substation.

The road, owned by Dr. Howard Willson, had been flooded earlier in the week.

— Cindy Glasson photo

## Power outage extends 27 hours

About 500 High Plains Power rural customers in northern Hot Springs County were without electricity for nearly 27 hours when a bushing on a transformer near Lucerne blew out mid-afternoon Wednesday, June 1.

Power was lost about 4:30 p.m. and was resumed around 7:30 p.m. Thursday, according to Oswald Smith, High Plains Power office manager in Riverton.

"We had to get a Tri-State (Generation

and Transmission) mobile transformer in," Smith said, the unit coming from Greybull.

However, the semi hauling the heavy unit became stuck in mud on Sprowl Road, which leads onto Dr. Howard Willson's property. Once the truck began moving again, the repairs were under way.

"The operations manager said it was going to be tomorrow sometime," Smith said of the resumption of power to High Plains customers, knowing it would be at

least an overnight outage.

He said the transformer was built around the mid-1980s and High Plains would not know the extent of the damage to the transformer until it's thoroughly checked out. If a new transformer is required, Smith said it could take from three to six months to have one manufactured.

In the meantime, the mobile transformer is providing power to customers in the area.



## Semi wreck in Wind River Canyon



A semi truck tip-over in Wind River Canyon nine miles south of Thermopolis had the road closed for a couple of hours Monday. According to the Wyoming Highway Patrol, a southbound truck driven by Marty Johnson, 54, of Omaha, Neb., clipped the guardrail while navigating a curve when the load of bentonite in the trailer shifted, taking out approximately 40 yards of guardrail before tipping over on the passenger's side. The semi came to rest in the middle of the lane of traffic. Neither Johnson nor his dog were injured. — Cindy Glasson photo

## Fire numbers

want to do, but something we have to do.”

County residents who were at the meeting expressed concern with changing addresses, pointing out those who have businesses in the country are going to face a good amount of expense if their address changes.

Residents first found out their addresses were being changed when they received a letter in the mail. Some had already been experiencing mail being returned as undeliverable.

“I understand it’s frustrating,” commissioner Mike Baker

said. “You haven’t moved an inch and you’re going to have to completely change your numbers.

“We commissioners were unaware things had gone this far until notification came from the post office. Our plan was to have this meeting first to get everyone’s input.”

The group discussed the possibility of grandfathering the current addresses and coming up with a plan that would allow for future number expansion.

Shaffer presented a plan used by Park County for everyone to review, and the commis-

sioners will be going over it as well, making changes they think would be more appropriate for Hot Springs County.

Fire chief Mark Collins also commented that some consistency with the numbers – even numbers on one side of the road, odd numbers on the other – would really be helpful for fire crews when looking for a fire in the county.

The commissioners will be holding another public meeting in the near future and hope more people will be in attendance to give their input on the changes.

## Summer arts and crafts for kids offered

One arts and crafts class offered by the Hot Springs County Recreation District is wrapping up Friday, but there is still time to register for the second and third sessions.

Session II runs from Monday through Friday next week. Ses-

sion III is set for June 20-24. The time schedule for age groups: 3-5, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.; 6-8, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.; and 9-12, 11 a.m. to noon.

Instructor Judy Cramer said there would be a variety of arts and crafts offered for children during each session.

## River

available in the reservoir and the ability to raise discharges at the dam to 12,000 cfs, it should allow runoff season to pass without problems downstream in Hot Springs County, Gordon said.

Creeks coming from the west may fluctuate daily due to snow pack on high peaks, but according to data created by the National Resource and Conservation Service there is not any

snow at 9,000 feet in the Owl Creek Range. While there is expected to be significant runoff from drainages further west, it will not be nearly as much as some other counties will endure, Gordon said.

The creek also may jam up near Highway 20 North as it tries to enter the river during high flows, he added.

Drainages from the east should have most of the snow-

melt finished. The greatest effects of the streams will be the possibility of flash flooding after downpours in the upper country.

“My summary would be that HSC residents should be vigilant for and during rising water conditions,” Gordon said. “But they can also be optimistic that our county will get through the remainder of the runoff season in pretty good shape.”



Water from the Big Horn River floods part of the boat dock at Hot Springs State Park last Saturday afternoon. Water levels are currently between 2,400 cubic feet per second (cfs) and discharges from the dam at Boysen Reservoir are at 5,400 cfs. Discharges may be increased up to 12,000 cfs as water pours into the reservoir from the Wind River, but no significant problems are expected downstream in Hot Springs County. — J.D. Stetson photo

## BLM

Hot Springs County already has an effective land use plan in place that takes the natural habitat of wildlife and sage grouse in particular into account. Landowners and the conservation district have worked hand in hand to ensure those habitats are protected.

When asked how the BLM’s plan for wildlife protection would make Hot Springs County’s plan better, Beckwith had no answer,

but agreed the county has an excellent plan in place.

At their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, the commissioners, along with commissioners from the other three counties being affected, cooperatively signed a letter to the BLM requesting an extension of the current comment period on the RMP from 90 days to 120 days.

Anyone interested in commenting on the RMP are encour-

aged to do so. Comments may be emailed to BBRMP\_WYMail@blm.gov or mailed to Big Horn Basin RMP and EIS, Bureau of Land Management, Worland Field Office, P.O. Box 119, Worland, WY 82401.

The RMP may be viewed in its entirety at any of the BLM field offices or online at <https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/projects/lup/9506/19700/20213/default.jsp?projectName=BB+RMP>.

# Public notices

### NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the “Note”) dated November 21, 2005, executed and delivered by Randal D. Williams (“Mortgagor(s)”) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Decision One Mortgage Company, LLC., its successors and assigns (“Mortgagee”), and a real estate mortgage (the “Mortgage”) of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by Mortgagor(s), to Mortgagee, and which Mortgage was recorded 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, on November 23, 2005, at Reception No. 0464072 in Book 115 at Page 649;

WHEREAS, the Mortgage has been duly assigned for value by Mortgagee as follows:

Assignee: US Bank National Association as Trustee  
Assignment dated: January 19, 2010  
Assignment recorded: January 20, 2010  
Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 0487128 in Book 140 at Page 42

Assignee: U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee for RASC 2006KS2  
Assignment dated: March 15, 2011  
Assignment recorded: March 30, 2011  
Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 493465 in Book 145 at Page 913

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

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale, pursuant to the terms of the Mortgage, has been served upon the record owner and party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to first publication of the notice of sale;

The property covered by said Mortgage is described as follows:

LOT 28, CANDY HILLS SUBDIVISION TO THE TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS, HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING.

with an address of 1514 Fremont Street, Thermopolis, WY 82443.

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;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Wyoming Statutes Section 34-4-109 (2003) that the foreclosure sale of the above Mortgage, scheduled for May 17, 2011 at the front door of the Hot Springs County Courthouse located at 417 Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis, WY, Hot Springs County, State of Wyoming, has been postponed to 11:00 o’clock in the forenoon on June 21, 2011 at the front door of the Hot Springs County Courthouse located at 417 Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis, WY, Hot Springs County, State of Wyoming.

U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee for RASC 2006KS2  
By: Castle Stawiariski, LLC  
330 S. Walsh Drive, Ste. 202  
Casper, WY 82609-0000  
3073335379

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No. 6240

### FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the “Note”) dated November 12, 2002, executed and delivered by Veda Clevett (“Mortgagor(s)”) to Wells

Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., 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 November 18, 2002, at Reception No. 446905 in Book 98 at Page 27 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 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 \$74,765.77 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$74,506.70 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$ 259.07, 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 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. successor by merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc, 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 June 21, 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 7, AND THE WEST 20 FEET OF LOT 8, ALL IN BLOCK 1 OF THE MEADOWLARK SUBDIVISION TO THE TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS, HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING

with an address of 118 Meadowlark Ln, Thermopolis, WY 82443.

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

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. successor by merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc  
By: Castle Stawiariski, LLC  
330 S. Walsh Drive, Ste. 202  
Casper, WY 82609-0000  
(307) 333 5379

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No. 6245

### NOTICE

**TO:** Byron Mylan, Alleged Father and Unknown Father of minor child, M.M. Bond, born April 3, 2005, in La Mesa, California, to Tracey Ann Bond.

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that suit has been filed against you by the State of Wyoming, Department of Family Services, in the District Court, Fifth Judicial District, Hot Springs County, Wyoming, being Civil Action No. C11-32. The object and prayer of the State of Wyoming’s Petition is for the termination of the legal parent-child relationship between yourself and the minor child, M.M. Bond. You are required to appear at the hearing in this matter for TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS. You are further notified that failure to make answer to the Court in this matter within thirty (30) days of the last date of this publication, will result in judgment by default being entered against you and your rights to

said minor child being forever terminated.

Terry Cornella  
Clerk of District Court

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No. 6278

### INVITATION TO BID

Installation of Network Cabling

Hot Springs County Courthouse and Joint Law Enforcement

The Board of Commissioners of Hot Springs County is seeking bids for the installation of network cabling. Bids must be received in the Office of the Hot Springs County Clerk no later than 3:00 PM on Tuesday June 21, 2011. Submissions received after this date and time, for whatever reason, will not be considered. Any questions regarding this Invitation to Bid should be directed to:

Hans Odde, Hot Springs County Clerk  
415 Arapahoe  
Thermopolis, WY 82443  
Phone: 307-864-3515  
Fax: 307-864-3333  
E-Mail: hanso@hscounty.com

Contractors are encouraged to inspect the site prior to submitting a bid. Please contact the County Clerk to schedule an appointment. Plans for the project may be obtained from the County Clerk for a \$50 deposit refundable upon return of the plans in good condition.

Bids submitted in response to this solicitation will be opened in the regular meeting of the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners at 4:00 PM on Tuesday June 21, 2011. Interested parties are welcome to observe the bid opening and decisions to award may be made at the time of opening however Hot Springs County reserves the right to review or reject any or all bids and waive any formalities.

Hans Odde  
Hot Springs County Clerk

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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town of Thermopolis will hold a public hearing for the adoption of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at the Council Chambers in Town Hall. Copies of the proposed budget may be obtained at the Town Hall, 420 Broadway Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming.

### PROPOSED FY 2011-2012 BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS

|  |      |                                   |
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| <u>Revenues:</u>                               |      |                                   |
| General Fund                                   |      | \$2,945,499*                      |
| Enterprise Fund                                |      | \$4,363,952**                     |
| Enterprise Fund – Depr. Reserve (Cash & Loans) |      | \$2,004,685                       |
| Insurance Trust Fund                           |      | \$ 718,545***                     |
| Nicholson & Other Trust Fund                   |      | \$ 5,000****                      |
| Revolving Loan Fund                            |      | \$ 1,200                          |
| Special Assessment Fund                        |      | \$ 8,250                          |
| * Includes \$658,739 cash carryover.           | ***  | Includes \$54,045 cash carryover. |
| ** Includes \$1,758,852 grant monies.          | **** | Includes \$ 4,450 cash carryover. |
| <u>Expenditures:</u>                           |      |                                   |
| General Fund                                   |      | \$2,945,499*                      |
| Enterprise Fund – 100% Depreciation            |      | \$2,192,030                       |
| Enterprise Fund – Capital Outlay               |      | \$3,734,074                       |
| Insurance Trust Fund                           |      | \$ 718,545                        |
| Nicholson Trust Fund                           |      | \$ 5,000                          |
| Revolving Loan Fund                            |      | \$ 500                            |
| Special Assessment Fund                        |      | \$ 5,876                          |
| *Includes a cash reserve of \$100,000.         |      |                                   |

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