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## Memories of yesteryear



Charlie and Wilma Realing enjoy dancing to a song sung by Patti Highland (formerly Vannoy) and performed by the Rewinders during the All-Class Reunion Saturday at the VFW. Charlie graduated from Hot Springs County High School in 1960. For reunion class photos, see pages 8 and 9. — J.D. Stetson photo

## Commissioners finalize 2011-12 budget Monday

by Cindy Glasson

The Hot Springs County Commissioners finalized the budget for 2011-12 at a special public meeting Monday at noon.

The largest cut in a requested amount was to Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital, who initially asked for \$400,000 for the coming year.

The commissioners cut that amount by 50 percent before restoring another \$100,000 specifically to help fund electronic medical records.

According to commissioner Brad Basse, the state has appropriated \$1 million for critical care hospitals in Wyoming, amounting to approximately \$250,000 each. Basse said that funding might be bumped up again later in the year.

The commissioners agreed if the additional \$100,000 was given to the hospital there would have to be a caveat along with it, stating it was to be used only for the electronic medical records system.

The Thermopolis-Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce placed a budget request on the table for \$10,000. The commissioners sliced that amount in half before determining on Monday there was money available to give the chamber the full \$10,000 request.

### EDC request fulfilled

Harry Hughes and Kendi Graves with the Economic Development Company (EDC) approached the board at the public meeting regarding the company's \$35,000 budget request.

Hughes indicated the Town of Thermopolis had been supplying office space to the company, but

over the last few years has not had money available to provide any funding.

"The \$25,000 we've received from the commissioners the last two years has cut down on our ability to attend conferences or be really aggressive in pursuing businesses," Hughes said.

Basse said he felt the EDC was doing a good job, but apparently the lack of funds was keeping them from effectively getting the word out about opportunities in Thermopolis and Hot Springs County.

The commissioners agreed to an additional \$10,000 in funding this year, bringing the budget request up to the original \$35,000 the company had asked for.

### Money for other projects

A majority of the line items in the budget remained relatively the same with the exception of emergency management, which received an additional \$5,200 over their request.

The commissioners decided to budget \$35,000 for work related to fighting the Bureau of Land Management's Resource Management Plan.

The commissioners also returned the law enforcement depreciation reserve back to its original budget of \$140,000.

County Road and Bridge had requested \$100,000 for additional work at two of the county landfills, but were refused. They did, however, receive \$150,000 for chip seal projects.

Grant monies the county plans to receive this year total \$9,590,317.

Total revenues for the county are predicted at \$223,190,330 for the year.

## Town Council passes final reading of Green River Ordinance update

by J.D. Stetson

The Thermopolis Town Council passed final reading of an update of its Green River Ordinance Tuesday night and set an effective date of Aug. 1.

The ordinance is meant to update the existing ordinance to account for food vendors and to bring the ordinance in compliance with a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

The ordinance applies to peddlers, transient merchants, itinerant merchants, transient and itinerant food vendors, solicitors and canvassers.

The new ordinance establishes a permit system for each category and allows for the town to verify

identities and receive accountable information about each person seeking a permit.

The ordinance describes "peddlers" as people who contact people at their home without invitation or appointment for the purpose of selling goods or services.

Merchants and food vendors are described as a person who engages in a temporary business selling and delivering goods, merchandise or food products within town without an established business property.

Food salespersons at single-day events, with a maximum of three days, shall not be required to obtain a town permit.

The ordinance sets a fee of \$500

for peddlers to obtain a permit, with a fee for \$100 for each additional person, up to five, working for the applicant.

Vendors and merchants will pay a fee of \$300 for a permit, and the fee shall not apply to people selling produce they grow themselves.

While canvassers and solicitors must obtain a permit, there is no fee for the permit.

For residents, the ordinance allows people to display a sign on their property stating, "No Solicitors" which will require peddlers, canvassers and solicitors to stay away. The rule doesn't apply to government or public utility employees performing their duties.

## Horse show kicks off fair

The 2011 Hot Springs County Fair, "Come Rock with the Stock," will be kicking off with the 4-H and FFA Youth Horse Show Saturday, starting at 8 a.m.

Lots of activities are planned during the fair, from a dog show to the Junior Livestock Auction, family fun night and lots of exhibits to peruse in the fair building.

4-H members will have their clothing entries judged at the Museum and Cultural Center, beginning at 3 p.m. Thursday, July 28, followed by the annual style show.

The fair building will be open to the public starting at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2.

All exhibits will be brought to the fair building that day with

judging held between 8:30 a.m. and noon.

Everyone can enjoy the dog show that evening when canines of all shapes and sizes will be strutting their stuff on the lawn at the fairgrounds. The dog show begins at 6 p.m.

The livestock will begin arriving Aug. 3, with weigh-in for the market goats, starting at 7:45 a.m.

Also on tap for the day will be the goat show, cat show, and rabbit and poultry shows, all between 8 a.m. and noon.

The sheep show will begin in the indoor arena at 3 p.m.

Once again, there will be a family fun night Aug. 3, open to the public, starting at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 4 brings the

swine show at 8 a.m. and the beef show that evening at 6 p.m., both in the indoor arena.

The final day of the fair, Friday, Aug. 5, will be full with round-robin showings starting at 10 a.m.

The pre-sale buyers' dinner will be held in the picnic area of the multi-purpose building at 6 p.m., followed by the Purple Ribbon Bake Sale and Junior Livestock Auction at 7 p.m.

## Wind in my sails



Russell Gibbel gives a great puff of wind to push along his vessel during the Cub Scout Sailboat Regatta held by Pack 53. Each scout was allowed three puffs to push their boat down a water-filled stretch of gutter toward

the finish line. Looking on and waiting his turn is fellow Cub Scout Michael Jacobsen. The regatta is the third in a series of projects the scouts do to develop mechanical skills and good sportsmanship. —Cindy Glasson photo

## Thermopolis woman drowns in Sinks Canyon

by Christina George  
Lander Journal

A Thermopolis woman died in the Sinks Canyon area south of Lander over the weekend, according to officials, who said her death was the result of drowning.

According to the Fremont County Coroner's Office, 37-year-old Michelle Moon was pronounced dead at the scene shortly after 3 p.m. Saturday after she fell into the Middle Fork of the Popo Agie River.

County Coroner Ed McAuslan ruled the fatality as accidental and listed asphyxia due to drowning as the cause of death.

The sheriff's office received a call at 3:10 p.m. Saturday concerning a woman in a red swimming suit who was witnessed falling into the river and could not be located. The reporting party said it had been five minutes since they had seen Moon fall.

Emergency crews located and recovered the body shortly after

arriving at the scene.

"I was not there, but according to the report, we helped with the search, locating the body and retrieval," Lander Fire Department Administrator Nick Hudson said Monday.

Also on scene were members of Fremont County Search and Rescue, Lander Rural Fire Department and Fremont County EMS.

According to the sheriff's report, Moon fell into the river at the Popo Agie Campground, near the swinging bridge that is used to access nature trails on the other side of the river.

"She fell in the area of the bridge; however, the bridge did not play any type of role in this incident," sheriff's detective Sgt. Ryan Lee said. "She was located downstream. I am not sure of the distance, but it was a ways."

Lee said both the sheriff's and coroner's offices are handling the incident, and no other information was available at press time.