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## State Park opens Legend Rock center

by J.D. Stetson

Hot Springs State Park had a large crowd at Legend Rock Petroglyph Site Thursday evening during an open house to celebrate and dedicate the opening of an interpretive center.

The gathering was reminiscent of another gathering at the site that took place on Sept. 7, 1975. At that time, members of the Wyoming State Historical Society dedicated the site into the National Register of Historic Places at the behest of community members Etta Payne and Ruth Clare Johnson, said Dorothy Milek, who attended the recent ceremony.

The ceremony was a chance for residents and visitors to show their pride in the historical landmark and to reinforce the partnership between the various government agencies that have played a part in managing the site.

The ceremony also was an opportunity for members of the Eastern Shoshone Tribe to express their hopes for continued protection and preservation of the spiritual landmark. Speaking on behalf of the tribe was elder Star Weed, tribal historic preservation officer Wilfred Ferris and Diane Mitchell.

All three expressed their concerns about the protection of the site and Weed provided some historical context to it with relation to the treaty that established the reservation.

They joined U.S. Sen. John

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## Turtle Trek retrievers



Rotary president Shyla Buckner gets a little help from Wyatt Wright during the Turbo Turtle Trek in Hot Springs State Park on Saturday. The trek was moved from the Big Horn River to the cooling ponds in the park due to high water levels. —Cindy Glasson photo

## Enrollment up a bit to start school year

by Joe Sovia

When the first day of the 2011-12 school year was completed last Thursday, Hot Springs County School District No. 1 showed a net increase of nine students compared to the start of 2010-11.

Considering students in kindergarten going into first grade, from first grade to second, etc., nearly all the grades showed an increase in average daily membership, also known as ADM. To begin the second day of school last Friday, there were 677 students enrolled in grades kindergarten through 12. That compares to 668 a year ago.

However, numbers will change after the initial 10-day "drop" period is complete, during which students leave the Hot Springs district or move in.

"We've had some move-ins and move-outs," Hunt said. "We've seen changes every year. It's one of the more challenging things to plan for."

It is important for a school district to at

least maintain its ADM compared to last year, since funding from the state is based on student numbers. The Hot Springs district receives more than \$15,000 per student for the 2011-12 school year.

"We're relatively close to where we've been," said first-year Superintendent Dustin Hunt, who is the lead administrator to begin the new alternative calendar. It features a four-and-a-half day school week. "We've seen some bulges."

ADM in grades kindergarten, second, fourth, fifth, seventh, eighth and 11th are up compared to the start of school last year. There is a drop in numbers in the other six grades, with ADM in third grade down 21 students – due to the relatively small number of students in second grade in 2010-11. By the end of next week, those numbers could change.

Hunt said the district wants to be well prepared, with the right amount of staff. "As a small school district, you have to be creative," he said.

### Substitute teacher issue

With the alternative calendar underway, Hunt doesn't expect it to have a significant impact on the need for substitute teachers as much as years down the road.

"We are making a conscious effort to keep the regular classroom teachers in front of the kids," Hunt said. "We want to use those half days (on Fridays) to our advantage."

He said district administrators will continue to study

the curriculum to make sure to utilize classroom time to best of the district's ability.

The focus is on student contact with teachers from a learning perspective. Hunt calls it, "how we should be doing business."

"What's an acceptable time for students to be out of class Monday through Thursday?" Hunt said. He indicated the district would make a conscious effort not to schedule new extracurricular events that would cut into student-teacher contacts.

Hunt does not feel the change in classroom hours with the alternative calendar will have an adverse effect on students, teachers or staff. "We'll use activities to break up the day," he said, speaking primarily of elementary school students. Hunt indicated there would be more concentrated class time for middle school and high school students with the alternative calendar.

Fridays will be the key for the Lights On Afterschool Program, according to Hunt, with that day of the week added to the plan. At Ralph Witters Elementary, kindergarten- through second-grade students will be in Lights On at the school commons while third and fourth graders are in the vocational building on the other side of the playground.

"It's still going to be a work in progress," Hunt said of the four-and-a-half day school week. "We're going to have to make it fit. We'll do the best we can protecting those Monday through Thursday (class) times."

## Early deadline for Sept. 8 issue of IR

The Independent Record office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5 in recognition of Labor Day. The deadline for classified, display and legal advertising in the Sept. 8 issue is 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2.

The deadline for editorial/news content for the Sept. 8 issue is noon Tuesday, Sept. 6.

## Last day of summer vacation



Thirteen-year-olds Louie Castle and Ben Eaton have their last hurrah of the summer on Aug. 24, the day before school started. The boys decided to spend an hour

floating the Big Horn River between the Eighth Street bridge and the boat ramp at Hot Springs State Park. — J.D. Stetson photo

## County entrants shine at State Fair in Douglas

SashAnn Daniels led the way for Thermopolis FFA participants at the 2011 Wyoming State Fair in Douglas, taking FFA Beef Showmanship honors. Daniels also placed first in the Maine-Anjou Steer Show and she was the FFA Round Robin champion.

Teryn Jackman placed second in the Shorthorn Steer Show at the State Fair. She also participated in the Youth Market Beef class. Harley Rhodes placed third in his class with his Speckled-faced Market Lamb. He also participated in Sheep. Shae Starkey placed fifth in her class in the Maine-Anjou Heifer Show.

Starkey earned first-place honors in AG IV while Jennifer Cramer was first in AG II. Jay Wells placed second in AG III. Wells, the FFA historian, took photos during the State Fair.

Thermopolis FFA finished third overall in Agronomy with \$285 in premium money, according to FFA Advisor Britton Van Heule. Team members were Rhodes, Kristin Daniels, Katie Ferree, Jenn Cramer, John Cramer, Birch Jones,

Lain Thorpe, Garret Detterer and Wells.

"Our members did really well competing at the state level," Van Heule said. "It is lots of fun to see the kids' hard work pay off."

In 4-H competition, Jessie Pennoyer participated in Sheep Showmanship; Strite Daniels in Breeding Beef Showmanship; and Haylee Hoffman in Horse Showmanship.

Harley Rhodes placed fifth in the Whiteface Market Lamb class and he also participated in Pen of Five Sheep and showed in the Blackface Market Lamb class. Other participants in youth livestock shows at the State Fair: Pennoyer, Sheep Champion of Champions, Pen of Five Sheep and Blackface Market Lamb; Strite Daniels, Breeding Beef; and Liz Rhodes, Blackface Market Lamb.

Rachel Sipe modeled her fabric and fashion project at the State Fair and earned a blue ribbon.

Hot Springs County participants entered more than 100

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# Center

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Barrasso, State Parks and Cultural Resources Commission member Carolyn M. Buff and State Parks, Bureau of Land Management archeologist Michael Bies and State Parks, Historic Sites and Trails division administrator Domenic Bravo. Each spoke at the event about the cultural significance of the site, and their goal to keep it protected and available to the public.

The new interpretive center features several displays explaining the historical, cultural and rarity of sites like Legend Rock.

Some of the displays are interactive while most of the displays feature art depicting the petroglyphs, and facts about the site and other sites in Wyoming.

The center will be open from May to September while a vol-

unteer site host is able to maintain and open the facility, said Hot Springs State Park Superintendent Kevin Skates.

For now, the park will still require people to get a key from either the Hot Springs County Museum and Cultural Center, the Washakie County Museum or from the park headquarters in order to visit the site, regardless of whether a host is at the site or not, Skates said.



Wilfred Ferris, Dorothy Milek and Barb Vietti peruse the inside of an interpretive center at Legend Rock Petroglyph Site during a ceremony Aug. 25. The new center features displays and art focusing on the historical and cultural significant of the rock art at the site.

# Senior center offers meals

The Hot Springs County Senior Citizens Center has shelf-stable emergency meals for seniors and their spouses.

Each meal will include chicken salad, Rye-Krisp crackers, sunflower seeds, apple juice, mixed fruit and powdered milk.

Each recipient will receive a box of six meals, which will be good until May, 2012.

There will be no specific suggested donation for these meals; however, as always, any donations are always appreciated as it helps to provide more services for the Senior Center.

Distribution is currently ongoing and will continue until the meals are gone. If you have not received yours, please contact the center.

If you normally receive home delivered meals, the center will deliver them. All others may come to the center for pick-up.



Jessie Pennoyer took overall grand champion honors in Photography at the Wyoming State Fair. She was intermediate grand champion in Leathercraft and intermediate reserve champion in Visual Arts.

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indoor exhibits at the State Fair and a majority of them brought home multiple ribbons.

Here are the ribbon winners (multiple ribbons in parentheses):

Victoria Anderson – Veterinary Science, purple; Visual Arts, red.

Zach Anderson – Photography, blue (3).

Audrey Axtell – Leathercraft, red. Spencer Axtell – Leathercraft, red. Katie Burrows – Food and Nutrition, blue.

Jennifer Cramer – Food and Nutrition, purple (2), blue. Leathercraft, purple, reserve champion-senior.

Alanna Freel – Photography, purple.

Jeremy Gibbel – Food and Nutrition, purple (2), blue. Rabbit, red. Rifle, blue.

Russell Gibbel – Entomology, red. Food and Nutrition, blue. Rifle, red. Self-determined (worms), purple. Self-determined (bird watching), red.

Sydnee Griffin – Gardening, blue. Haylee Hoffman – Cake Decorating, blue. Food and Nutrition, purple, blue (3).

Teryn Jackman – Veterinary Science, purple.

Barbara Kissel – Photography, purple (2).

Dakota Leonhardt – Leathercraft, purple, grand champion-junior, blue, red. Rifle, blue.

Daniel Leonhardt – Rifle, blue. Darren Leonhardt – Cake Decorating, purple, second place-junior.

David Leonhardt – Self-determined (knife making), purple, grand champion-senior.

Laurel Leonhardt – Cake Decorating, purple, reserve champion-senior. Citizenship, purple. Fabric and Fashion, purple.

Jessica Lutz – Food and Nutrition, purple (2), reserve champion-senior, red. Gardening, purple (2), blue (2). Horticulture, purple. Pocket Pet, blue, first place-senior. Rabbit, purple, first place-senior. Vegetable Judging, purple, first place-senior. Wildlife, blue.

Jessie Pennoyer – Food and Nutrition, purple. Leathercraft, purple (3), grand champion-intermediate, reserve champion-intermediate. Photography, purple (4), overall

grand champion, first place-intermediate, blue (2). Visual Arts, purple, reserve champion-intermediate, blue.

Liz Rhodes – Food and Nutrition, blue (2).

Harley Rhodes – Citizenship, purple. Leathercraft, red. Range Management, purple, second place-senior. Recreation, blue. Youth Leadership, purple.

Mary Ryan – Food and Nutrition, blue (2).

Selena Simmons – Food and Nutrition, blue. Photography, blue, red. Caleb Sipe – Rifle, purple, first place-senior. Shotgun, red.

Joshua Sipe – Knitting, blue. Nathan Sipe – Rifle, red.

Rachel Sipe – Fabric and Fashion, purple.

Dreama Thorpe – Photography, red (3).

Cassidy VanKirk – Food and Nutrition, blue, red.

Thayne Vialpando – Robotics, red.

Tyne Vialpando – Archery, red.

Jules Ward – Leathercraft, purple, first place-intermediate.

Melissa Ward – Leathercraft, blue.

# Public notices

IN THE DISTRICT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF WASHAKIE, STATE OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE )  
OF ) Probate No. P11-16  
HARVEY CHAPMAN SNIDOW )

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR ADMINISTRATION OF FOREIGN PROBATE PROCEEDINGS

To Whom It May Concern:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed with this Court wherein the Petitioner seeks and intends to have certain probate proceedings conducted in the Dallas County for the State of Texas, Probate Court Number 3, in the Estate of Harvey Chapman Snidow, Deceased, who became deceased on or about October 25, 2007, admitted in this Court as a probate of said estate by this Court.

You are further notified that said Petition has been set for hearing before this Court at 11:30 o'clock a.m. on the 21st day of September, 2011, at the Washakie County Courthouse, Worland, Wyoming, and unless objection is made to this Court on or before said time and date, this Court will enter an Order admitting certified copies of said proceedings to record in this Court, pursuant to W.S. § 2-11-201.

/s/ James A. Michel, Jr. WSB#6-3419  
Messenger & Jurovich, P.C.  
P.O. Box 550  
Thermopolis, WY 82443  
(307)864-5596

Pub. August 18, 25 and September 1, 2011 No. 6356

NOTICE OF FINAL PAYMENT

Pursuant to Section 16-6-116 of the Wyoming Statutes, latest revision,

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Thermopolis had been advised that the work on the THERMOPOLIS LANDFILL CELL EXCAVATION - 2011 has been completed according to the plans and specifications and rules set forth in the Contract between the Town of Thermopolis and 71 Construction, the Contractor, and said Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore. All persons, firms or corporations who have any claims for work done or equipment/materials furnished on said work are hereby notified that final payment will be made to said Contractor in accordance with the terms of the Contract after the 41st day (October 5, 2011) following the first publication of this Notice. This Notice does not relieve the Contractor and the sureties on their bond from any claims for work or labor done or materials or supplies furnished in the execution of the Contract.

/s/ Town of Thermopolis

Pub. August 25, September 1 and 8, 2011 No. 6363

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of August 2011, Violet M. VanBuskirk dba Flying Dutchman filed an application in the office of the Clerk of the County of Hot Springs for renewal of a County Retail Liquor Permit for the following described place and premises to wit: a 14'X 60' Room on the west side of a building in a portion of lot 1, section 11, T44N, R95W PM and protests, if there be, against the issuance of such license will be heard at the hour of 11:15 a.m. on the 6th day of September 2011. The Hearing will be in the Meeting Room of the Governmental Annex Building 117 North 4th.

Hans Odde  
Hot Springs County Clerk

Pub. August 11, 18, 25 and September 1, 2011 No. 6355

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

GK Construction, LLC hereby gives notice of the following:

• A Preliminary Plat for a subdivision of approximately 35.0 acres into

one lot of approximately 20.5 acres and one remainder parcel of 14.5 acres;

• A land Use Change to reclassify approximately 20.5 acres from Agriculture to Industrial, to allow the maintenance and storage of vehicles and fuel in support of mining operations.

The subject property is located in the southwest ¼ of Section 34 of Township 44 North, Range 94 West, and fronts on the northeast corner of the intersection of Black Mountain Road (State Hwy. 172) and Cowboy Mine Road, approximately 2.0 miles east of Highway 20. The eastern portion of the property is proposed for the Industrial use, to be accessed from Black Mountain Road.

A public hearing on this matter will be held before the Hot Springs County Board of County Commissioners at 11:45 a.m. on September 6, 2011, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the County Annex Building. Anyone requiring additional information should call the County Planning Office at 864-2961. Those unable to attend are invited to comment in writing to: *County Planning, 415 Arapahoe St., Thermopolis, WY 82443*, or by e-mail at *hscplanner@hscounty.com*.

Pub. September 1, 2011 No. 6362

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of August 2011, Krista Lynn Raymond, LLC dba Stones Throw Restaurant filed an application in the office of the Clerk of the County of Hot Springs for renewal of a County Retail Liquor Permit for the following described place and premises to wit: a 13'X 40' Room in the north end of a building in the NW1/4, SW1/4, section 25, T43N, R95W PM and protests, if there be, against the issuance of such license will be heard at the hour of 11:15 a.m. on the 6th day of September 2011. The Hearing will be in the Meeting Room of the Governmental Annex Building 117 North 4th.

Hans Odde  
Hot Springs County Clerk

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