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Nominees for this year's Homecoming royalty are, left to right, Morgan McCain, Eivind Stromsvag, Austin Rush, Toni Alu, John Cramer, Kylie Fisher, Chris Ryan, Logan Kay and

Holly Dennis. Ryan Pebbles, Dakota Jeffs and Charlee Wagstaff are not pictured. Winners of the royalty race will be presented during halftime at Friday's football game.

Homecoming bonfire tonight

A community bonfire has been added to the list of activities for Homecoming Week.

Sponsored by the football team's parents and the Thermopolis Volunteer Fire Department, the bonfire will be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 p.m. in the corals by the armory.

"We would really like to see everyone in the community come tonight," said football parent Ciley Andreen. "We've had all kinds of donations of wood for the event and this would be a great way for everybody to get into the homecoming spirit."

The group scheduled the bonfire for 8 p.m. so the volleyball players and fans could attend after their games.

It is Senior Night for the volleyball players tonight (Thursday), with the varsity match scheduled for 6 p.m. The freshmen play at 4 p.m. with the junior varsity match starting at 5 p.m. Senior players and their

parents will be introduced before the start of the varsity match.

Friday is Purple and Gold Day at the high school with students and staff dressing in the school colors.

The Homecoming parade will wind its way through downtown at 11 a.m. with long-time vocational teacher Jim Cramer as this year's grand marshal.

Prior to the Homecoming game against Mountain View at 7 p.m., senior members of the football team, cross country and golf teams, along with their parents, will be introduced for their Senior Night.

A special recognition for the Special Olympians will also be held before the game.

At halftime, the Homecoming royalty will be introduced as well as the announcement of the winning class for Spirit Week.

The Homecoming dance will be held at the high school on Saturday from 9 p.m. 'til midnight.

Hospital looks to future with master facilities plan

by J.D. Stetson

Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital has a few more months to go before finishing the third phase of its master facilities plan.

Within the past two years, the hospital has studied what must be done to upgrade its aging facility to accommodate the needs of the community.

Phases one and two of the study being conducted by Denver-based Davis Partnership and Align Health evaluated the 50-year-old hospital as it currently operates and assessed what could be done to improve functionality of the facility to meet today's needs. The consultants talked to various members of the community and stakeholders to determine the community's needs.

The second phase also examined the projected costs related to rehabilitation or construction of a new facility, and determined either option would essentially cost about the same.

The third phase will give the board of trustees practical options for either improving the facility or building an entirely new facility.

At recent meetings of the board, the board discussed some of the issues it will contend with after phase three is complete.

The board met in Basin in August, where it chose to proceed with phase three of the plan. The board also discussed the shelf-life of any options the plan may yield, and it expects two to three years to enact any options presented in phase three and keep costs

in line with the plan.

Now, the board will need to work on securing funding for a project.

Hospital district

One option would be for the hospital to form a district and separate itself from the Hot Springs County Commission. The advantage would be the district would have the ability to levy property taxes on its own and will have a stronger position when or if it seeks money from the state for the project.

The commissioners are currently working to address the districting issue, but have hit some roadblocks along the way.

Commissioner Mike Baker reported to the board at its September meeting the current status of the Northern Arapahoe Tribal Council may delay efforts to form a hospital district. The commissioners want to get the tribes and energy companies on board with the formation of a hospital district before it goes to a county-wide vote.

The hospital is exploring legislative alternatives that would also help other hospitals in the state under similar circumstances as Hot Springs County.

A new facility

Board Chairman Bill Williams further discussed the facilities

plan and the benefits of a new facility during a separate interview.

Williams stated the current facility has reached its projected life expectancy from when it was originally built and the cost to bring it up to current codes would essentially be the same as building a new facility.

The board is waiting for completion of the third phase of the facilities plan, but has worked under the assumption the best option would be to build a new facility.

A new facility can increase the efficiency of providing services by creating a new layout for increased outpatient services, infrastructure for electronic medical records and provide new services currently not available.

A new facility also could attract traveling medical specialists to the community in addition to Thermopolis' established medical facilitators.

Also, a new facility would allow the hospital to keep operations going during an anticipated 18 months to two-year construction period, whereas a remodel would likely interfere and disrupt services, Williams said.

But the board also would need to keep focus on finding funding solutions to build the facility and create the hospital district.

"We'll need total community buy-in from the board and employees, medical staff, elected officials and the community," he said.

Awards highlight Harvest Moon Ball Saturday

by Joe Sovo

Presentations of the first-ever Hot Springs County Centurian Farm/Ranch Award and 2011 Ag Citizen of the Year Award will be the highlights of the FFA Alumni Harvest Moon Ball on Saturday at the Hot Springs County Fair Building.

The Harvest Moon Ball begins at 6 p.m. with a meal of country-style roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, provided by Ragg Taggs Catering.

After the meal, the Centurian Farm/Ranch and Ag Citizen of the Year awards will be presented. Following the ceremony, there will be dance music provided by The Rewinders.

The Centurian Farm/Ranch Award will be presented to the Nielsen, Longwell and Harvey families. Their history dates back to 1893, when Jens Peter and Kristensa Nielsen came to Old Town Thermopolis. The Longwells are descendants of the Nielsens. There are six generations of the Longwell family place that have homesteaded on Owl Creek at Lucerne.

"The changes that family has seen are phenomenal," said Thermopolis FFA Advisor Britton Van Heule.

Isaac Newt Harvey arrived in the Owl Creek/Lucerne Valley in 1904 and homesteaded there. His grandson, Ken, and his family still farm and live on the same property.

"It's phenomenal to keep property in your family that long," Van Heule said. "There are pressures to sell and make money and move on. It's pretty unique to see a family hold on to something for that long."

"We're trying to publicize it so people can see the outstanding accomplishments of our community members," he said of the Centurian Award recipients.

Van Heule said nominations for the Ag Citizen of the Year have been finalized. Those nominees are well-known and respected residents

of the county – Joe Campbell, Jim Wilson, Billie Jo Norsworthy, Ray Shaffer and Verne Lofink. The winner will be announced right after the Centurian Award is presented by the Thermopolis FFA alumni.

"It's a great opportunity to recognize someone in our community," Van Heule said of the Ag Citizen of the Year Award, noting that agriculture is right behind only oil and gas in prominent industries in Hot Springs County. "It's a pretty prestigious award for an ambitious ag leader in our community."

Only 200 tickets to the Harvest Moon Ball will be sold, but tickets are still available in advance or at the door the date of the event.

Here is a trace of the Harvey, Nielsen and Longwell family histories in Hot Springs County (information provided by Breez Longwell and local historian Dorothy Milek):

Nielsen, Longwell family history

Six generations and 114 years make the Longwell family place on Owl Creek at Lucerne one of the oldest in the county.

Jens P. Nielsen, of Denmark, a pioneer blacksmith, brought his wife, Kristensa, son Hans and three daughters to the old town of Thermopolis in 1895. When Thermopolis was moved to its present site in 1897, the family acquired the land on which the old town was located where Owl Creek flows into the Big Horn River.

The old blacksmith shop still stands on the family place. Hand-forged horseshoes, old harnesses and blacksmith tools still line the walls of the original blacksmith shop.

On Jan. 1, 1913, Hans Nielsen married Carrie Andreen. Hans lived his entire life on the family place at Lucerne. He and his wife Carrie raised four children – Alma, Edith, Ruth and Lester. Hans also served two terms as Hot Springs County commissioner, an office that his son-in-law Don Longwell and grandson Darwin

Longwell would also hold in later years.

In 1956, Don and Edith Nielsen Longwell became third-generation owners when they purchased the family place. Named the Most Progressive HSC Farm Family in 1960, they were irrigating 100 acres of hay, 70 acres of oats and barley and 100 acres of pasture. That year, they harvested 340 tons of alfalfa and 4,200 barrels of grain. They also had a farm flock of sheep with 400 head of ewes with a 137½-percent lamb crop.

In 1960, Don and Edith's son Darwin had the grand champion ewe at HSC Fair, first place fat lamb and the Grand Champion farm flock. A family tradition of showing quality livestock at county and state fairs can be seen in generations of photos.

Darwin and his wife, Spring Ready Lon-

gwell, became the fourth generation to own and operate the place in 1980. Continuing the cattle feedlot operation started by his parents, Darwin also ran cow/calf pairs until 1996. In 1996, Darwin and Spring sold the bulk of the livestock to start an RV park, Country Campin'. In an effort to diversify from a traditional farm/ranch operation, much of the property was subdivided and the focus became a full-service RV Park with 30 full hook-ups.

In 2005, Darwin passed away and his daughters and sons-in-law, Breez and Troy Daniels, and Shantel and Lynn Sheehan took the reins. The RV park closed in 2008 while Shantel turned her attention back to raising horses and Breez's family has begun a small cow/calf operation with

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Members of the Longwell family stand in front of an old building on the Longwell property north of Thermopolis. From left, Breez Longwell-Daniels, Troy Dan-

iels, Spring Daniels, Strite Daniels, Shan Sheehan and Lynn Sheehan. Not pictured, SashAnn Daniels and Steth Daniels.

— J.D. Stetson photo

Awards

a focus on the club calf industry.

The sixth generation is now stepping up. Breez and Troy’s children, Steth, SashAnn and Strite Daniels, have started a new business, Legacy Livestock, and are in the process of returning the family place to its roots in quality livestock production.

The Longwell place at Lucerne is really about generations of family. The pride of the place is the children of each generation, their accomplishments, community service and love of Hot Springs County.

Harvey family history

Isaac Newt Harvey must have inherited a skill of husbandry for the land from his English forefathers. He turned the sagebrush and cactus just above the mouth of Owl Creek into productive acreage up both the Big Horn River and Owl Creek. That skill was passed on to his children and some of his grandchildren.

FFA Alumni Harvest Moon Ball
Saturday, 6 p.m. – HSC Fair Building
Tickets: \$12 advance, \$15 at door
Tickets available at Storyteller, Central Bank & Trust, Bank of Thermopolis, White Horse Country Store and Hot Springs County Museum and Cultural Center
Contacts: Britton Van Heule (864-6501), Jamie Vosberg (921-8054) or Ross Rhodes (480-0925)

Today, Newt’s homestead and other land rests in the hands of his grandson Ken Harvey. A second grandson, Don, has retired from his job in Sheridan and has built a home on Harvey land where he delights in raising a beautiful garden.

Newt was born and educated in Missouri and moved to Montana in 1897 when he was 21 years old. His next move was a permanent one. He arrived in the Owl Creek/Lucerne Valley in 1904 and homesteaded there.

By 1909, he had established a working farm. In the meantime, a young lady had arrived in Hot Springs County with her uncle, George Comstock. Miss Eve/Eva Harvey had come to teach school. She taught the fall session at Sunnyside and met Newt, then taught the winter 1908-09 term at Lucerne School.

On April 4, 1909, she and Newt were married in a little log cabin on what was the Wilson place, later the Wakeley farm at the end of today’s Wakeley Road.

Albert “Babe” Harvey was the firstborn of their family of six. He would become a highly respected water well locator and driller.

The next two children, Alfred “Bud” and their sister Frances, followed in Isaac’s footsteps. A long-time bachelor and excellent farmer, Bud married Ruth Wakeley and farmed both her place and Newt and Eve’s place, which he inherited. After the death of Ruth, Bud married Blanche McCumber Walker, who had a farm just below the Lucerne schoolhouse. He, in turn, turned the Wakeley farm over to his stepson, Ruth’s boy.

Frances had married Frank Webb and they purchased the Earl Johnson place just above Newt’s homestead. There they raised fine crops and Frances was in the chicken business.

A second daughter to Newt and Eve was Ethel, who married minister Harold Albert Thompson. They lived in several states, finally returning to Thermopolis where he died. She married Robert Hughes. They had followed in the footsteps of her parents, who were devout supporters of the old Lucerne Church while it existed. Eve taught Sunday School for many years.

Clyde Walter “Swede” was born in 1918 and he, too, followed tradition by farming across today’s highway from the Webbs. He married Wilma English.

Rounding out the family was Robert “Bob” Harvey, whose beautiful fields were across from the old Sunnyside School attended by many families in the area. He married Olga Runstad and their son, Ken, as stated, has the original Harvey homestead, plus he had gone into partnership with his uncle Bud and runs those combined places.

Community service has always played a big part in the lives of the Harvey families. From church duties to helping design pumping plants, from support for FFA and 4-H, from raising high-grade cattle to sugar beets, from school boards to golf boards, the Harveys have played an integral part in the development of Hot Springs County for 107 years.



Jennifer Harvey and her daughter Mesa, Ken Harvey and Vivian Butchart sit atop a tractor on the Harvey Family Ranch north of Thermopolis on East Sunnyside Lane.

Public notices

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE	
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Wyoming Statutes, Annotated, Sections 34-4-104 and 34-4-105 (2011), that a certain mortgage dated April 18, 2008, which was executed and delivered by Annette Arey, a single person, to First Interstate Bank, and recorded in the County Clerk's Office, Hot Springs County, Wyoming, on April 21, 2008, in Book 130 at Page 360 as Instrument No. 477720, and was assigned to Wyoming Community Development Authority on August 14, 2008, and the Assignment was recorded in the County Clerk's Office, Hot Springs County, Wyoming, on August 19, 2008, in Book 132 at Page 314 as Instrument No. 479764, will be foreclosed by a sale to the highest bidder at a public auction of the premises described pursuant to a power of sale contained in the mortgage.	
The premises that are described in the mortgage are as follows:	
Lots 17 and 18 and the West 12 ½ feet of Lot 19, Block 5, Original Townsite to the Town of Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming, less and except therefrom the East 1 foot of the South 110 feet of said Lot 19.	
The mortgage contains an address of 726 Warren Street, Thermopolis WY 82443.	
The above sale will be conducted by the Sheriff or the Sheriff's Deputy at the front door of the courthouse in Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming, at 11:00 a.m. on October 25, 2011. Annette Arey has defaulted in the terms of the note and mortgage and the undersigned claims \$104,960.48 principal and interest due on the mortgage, plus per diem interest of \$16.71 on the unpaid balance to the date of sale, plus reasonable attorney's fees and expenses of sale.	
The property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale and any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid.	
DATED this 19th day of September, 2011.	
BY: Wyoming Community Development Authority, Mortgagee	
James R. Bell MURANE & BOSTWICK, LLC 201 North Wolcott Casper WY 82601 307-234-9345 / Fax: 307-237-5110 Attorney for Mortgagee	
Pub. September 22, 29, October 6 and 13, 2011	No. 6375
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS	
The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session October 4, 2011 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Bill Malloy and Council members Tony Larson, Al Braaten and Tom Linnan. Also present were Assistant to the Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Fred Crosby, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Public Works Director Ernie Slagle, Police Chief Mark Nelson, Town Engineer Heath Overfield and Town Attorney Mike Messenger. Council member Dick Hall was absent.	
AGENDA: Following a prayer led by Malloy, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A motion was made by Linnan, seconded by Braaten and carried to approve the agenda with the deletion of item five – Citizen & Employee Recognition.	
MINUTES: A motion was made by Braaten, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the minutes from the Council meetings on September 6 and 20, 2011.	
BILLS: A motion was made by Linnan, seconded by Braaten and carried to approve the General, Enterprise and Special Fund bills for September 2011. Larson abstained on the approval of the bill to his business.	
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: SHORTY'S LIQUOR – CATERING PERMIT – FARM BUREAU DINNER: A motion was made by Linnan, seconded by Larson and carried to approve a catering permit for Shorty's Liquor. The permit is for the Farm Bureau dinner on October 8, 2011 from 3 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the Fairgrounds.	
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: KEVIN SKATES – STATE PARK: Skates noted he had been in contact with numerous officials from BNSF and WYDOT in reference to the railroad underpass on Park Street. He noted the road under the underpass is in bad shape and the structure is unsightly. The road is in the State Park and will be addressed by the State. A meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2011 in Thermopolis to discuss the underpass structure with BNSF officials. A motion was made by Linnan, seconded by Larson for the Town to provide a letter of support for improvements to the underpass and for the Town to be represented at the meeting.	
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: CHERYL & DAN ROWE – ALLEYSPEED BUMP: The Rowe's expressed concern about the traffic, the speed of the traffic, dust, mud and ice in the alley between Amoretti and Clark and between 5th and 6th Street. They noted young people appear to be using the alley for quick access to Maverik. Discussion ensued on speed limits, ordinances, speed bumps, drainage and the alleys intended use as a utility easement for the Town. Malloy noted the Town would install a speed bump in the alley.	
EDC UPDATE: Executive Director Kendi Graves noted she had attended a recent conference where it was suggested area towns work together to market a region. She also noted the EDC along with the Wind River Development Fund would be sponsoring several business classes.	
TOWN ENGINEER: Overfield noted the tank project is on schedule and Ron Vanderpool had transitioned from working for Engineering Associates to contracting with the City of Worland to provide building code services.	
DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Chief Nelson presented the September reports.	
Public Works Director Slagle presented September reports for Streets and Alleys, Water, Wastewater, Sanitation and Landfill departments.	
Codes Administrative Assistant Crosby presented the Codes Administration and Building reports.	
TOWN ATTORNEY: Messenger noted he was working with the attorneys from Bresnan (Cablevision) on the franchise agreement.	
ADMINISTRATION: Crosby noted he and Messenger were working on a water contract with the Owl Creek water district, which will be presented at a future meeting.	
MAYOR AND COUNCIL: Malloy noted a work session with the Legion Golf Board would be held on October 18, 2011 at 6 p.m. He suggested inviting a representative from the County, Recreation District and School District to the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. The next council meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.	
BILLS: 71 Construction, Hot mix, \$2,092.50; Allegiance, Ins, \$60,100.00; AWA, Dues, \$295.00; Atlantic Tactical, Supplies, \$720.94; Atlas, Supplies, \$40.47; Big Horn Federal, Depreciation, \$41,610.00; Big Horn Water, Service, \$24.50; Indoff, Printer & supplies, \$744.63; Caselle, Service, \$847.00; Mike Chimenti, Travel, \$19.00; Thermopolis Hardware, Supplies, \$432.17; Verizon, Service, \$216.18; Mike Mortimore, Hardware Maintenance, \$300.00; Fred Crosby, Vacuum, \$200.00; CR Locksmith, Parts, \$38.00; Dept. of Employment, Insurance, \$3,963.31; DPC, Chlorine, \$1,083.98; Energy Lab, Service, \$72.00; Engineering Associates, Service, \$9,725.64; Galls, Supplies, \$741.08; Greiner Ford, Parts, \$398.96; HSC, Tax Collection, \$29.13; HS Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955.00; ICMA, Retirement, \$50.00; Independent Record, Ad, \$552.14; Indepth Profiles, Service, \$15.00; Jill Jacobson, Contract, \$825.00; Jadeco, Service, \$1,260.94; Kinsco, Supplies, \$359.94; Local Government Liab., Settlement, \$1,000.00; Laird Sanitation, Service, \$50.00; Laramie Co Circuit Court, Garnishment, \$298.45; Machinery Power & Equip., Parts, \$539.05; McClintock, Fuel, \$4,604.97; WCS Telecom, Service, \$126.43; Messenger & Jurovich, Service, \$4,864.78; Greg Nelson, Reimb CDL, \$60.00; Norco, Parts, \$117.79; HSBC Business Solutions, Supplies, \$382.22; NW Pipe Fittings, Parts, \$4,771.16; O'Reilly Auto, Parts, \$2,020.91; Orchard Trust, Retirement, \$450.00; Owl Lumber, Supplies, \$379.00; Rocky Mtn Power, Service, \$21,210.75; Pamida, Supplies, \$175.95; Pitney Bowes, Service, \$201.00; RT, Service, \$822.58; Bonnie Smith, Contract Labor, \$550.00; Visa, Travel, \$83.16; Alfred Vallee, Service, \$221.75; Vision Service, Insurance, \$313.09; Thermopolis PD, Petty Cash, \$64.78; Thermopolis Sinclair, Diesel, \$4,793.27; Tony's TLC, Service, \$6,000.00; Thermopolis General, Accounting & Collection, \$11,500.00; Town Office, Petty Cash, \$17.50; Thermopolis Enterprise, Intergov Water, \$5,382.27; T of T Flex, Ins, \$425.00; Tractor and Equipment, Repairs, \$6,486.23; Postmaster, Postage, \$597.88; UNUM, Ins., \$115.64; American Welding, Rental, \$20.46; Carquest, Supplies, \$272.51; WW Grainger, Parts, \$768.61; Waste Systems, Parts, \$400.39; Waterworks, Supplies, \$121.83; Wilson Bros., Pay Estimate #5 – Water Tanks, \$390,374.42; WY Assn of Chiefs, Dues, \$150.00; Wyoming Crushing, Asphalt, \$17,000.00; Wyssmann Psych, Employment Physical, \$700.00; WY-Test, Drug Screen, \$106.50; Wyoming.Com, Service, \$67.50; Wyo. Gas, Service, \$235.42; Wyoming Retirement, Retirement, \$15,709.52; NCPERS, Life Ins., \$352.00; Zupan Electric, Service, \$2,144.64; Payroll, \$78,822.12; Payroll Taxes, \$24,151.25.	
ATTEST:	
Tracey Van Heule, Town Clerk/Treasurer	William H. Malloy, Mayor