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## Summit for the Cure Saturday

by Joe Sovo

Breast cancer is a private disease, so to speak, but it's not a situation you have to deal with alone.

Susan G. Komen for the Cure will present a daylong event Saturday at Days Inn titled Summit for the Cure. The conference is designed to educate participants on the basics of breast health and the prevention of breast cancer.

Registration for the Summit begins at 8:30 a.m. The conference starts at 9 a.m. and concludes around 4:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend.

Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital (HSCMH) and the Thermopolis-Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce are the major sponsors of the Summit.

Debbie Hammonds of Worland will be master of ceremonies. She is a Wyoming Legislature representative and the producer of Wyoming Voices on Wyoming Public Television (PBS).

Linda Hausner, HSCMH marketing director and diabetes educator, said Hammonds is challenging women to share the information they absorb with other women. She calls it the "focus on No. 5."

"Her (Hammonds') challenge is to take what you learned today and share it with five women," Hausner said. "It's a sisterhood thing, taking care of each other. We all have people we are concerned about."

Summit for the Cure is funded by the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Hausner said a grant from the foundation provided vouchers for underserved and/or uninsured women who are at high risk for breast cancer to get a free mammogram.

"No woman should go unscreened," Hausner said. "We want to support and make sure we have a good conference for these high-risk women, so they can find out the facts and be proactive in their health consideration."

### Thermopolis chosen to host

Thermopolis was chosen for the site for the Summit based on data collected in the 2009 SGK WY Community Profile. It identified Hot Springs County as an area of concern due to a high rate of breast cancer coupled with relatively low income.

"We want to break down those barriers to getting proper health care. It is certainly a need in our community," Hausner said.

"We have some very inspirational people coming," she said, including Lois Olmstead, a breast cancer survivor and inspirational speaker. "They will be sharing and encouraging women with their own personal story. We want it to be informative and a celebration."

"We want to help with knowledge and those who are going through it (breast cancer) that they are not alone," said Michelle Lue, interim executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, with family members a key part of the support group. "It puts local faces for others to know. They can know someone who has gone through it."

"They can have a new sense of responsibility about the disease and what they can do to help," she said, and encourages participants to make a commitment for a mammography.

Denise Padilla and Carolyn Johnson will speak about the Wyoming Department of Health's Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. Dr. Aaronda Mayo of Medicine Bow Natural Health will share natural approaches to breast cancer prevention.

A highlight Saturday morning is the viewing of the highly acclaimed HSCMH Pink Glove dance video.

### Survivors' and medical panels

There will be a survivors'

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### Future Bobcat cheerleaders



A pair of future Bobcat cheerleaders, Makayla Moore, left, and Syndi McArthur, show their spirit while riding in a wagon as part of the Children's Resource Center entry in Friday's Homecoming parade. — Joe Sovo photo

## Gravel pit found 'out of compliance'

McGarvin-Moberly  
using 15.4 acres  
rather than just 10  
on Pearce property

by Cindy Glasson

A gravel pit north of Thermopolis being mined by McGarvin-Moberly Construction has been found to be out of compliance, according to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

The pit, being mined on property owned by Russ and Lisa Pearce, was found out of compliance after an inspection conducted by the DEQ on Sept. 28.

During the inspection, the DEQ found the disturbed area measured 15.4 total acres, 5.4 more acres than the limited mining operation permit allowing just 10 total acres of mining activity.

The additional acres are also in violation of the land use change of 10 acres from agricultural to industrial granted by the Hot Springs County Commissioners earlier this year.

According to the DEQ, Wyoming Statutes provides that "any person who violates

any provision of the Environmental Quality Act or any rule, standard, permit, license or variance adopted hereunder is liable to a penalty of \$10,000 for each day of violation, which penalty may be recovered in a civil action brought by the Attorney General in the name of the People of the State of Wyoming."

McGarvin-Moberly currently carries a \$10,000 surety bond on the pit, adequate for 10 acres by DEQ standards.

However, because of the additional acreage that is disturbed, DEQ is requiring an additional \$6,000 bond.

### Alleged water in gravel pit

During Tuesday's meeting of the county commissioners, local resident Steve Boyer asked to speak to the commissioners regarding the DEQ report and other issues he feels are of concern to himself and his neighbors in the area.

Boyer produced photos for the commissioners that allegedly show standing water in the gravel pit.

"These photos were taken last Thursday," Boyer said. "I'm seeing standing water in the pit. They've been trying to cover it with backfill, but I want to know, are they in my well water?"

Boyer is also concerned about his property values as well as those of his neighbors, and wants to know where the gravel is actually going.

## Commissioners to make Holden offer on airport property

The Hot Springs County Commissioners held an executive session following their regular meeting on Tuesday to discuss land acquisition for the new airport.

After closing the executive session, the commissioners voted to draft a letter to landowner Joe Holden, presenting their final offer to purchase his property.

Out of respect for Holden, the commissioners made the announcement with an intentional lack of specificity, allowing the landowner time to review the offer before divulging its contents.

"I wouldn't have a problem with it if they were building a road," he said. "They told us it was for one road, then they added some other little projects to it, and now we've got a pile out there."

"When the wind was blowing the other day, I couldn't even see my neighbor's house."

Boyer asked the commissioners to follow through with the situation, afraid allowing

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## Norsworthy named Ag Citizen of the Year



Billie Jo Norsworthy, left, accepts the 2011 Hot Springs County Agriculture Citizen of the Year award from FFA Alumni Harvest Moon Ball committee president Jamie Vosberg. Also pictured are Norsworthy's husband Jason and their daughter, Emme.

by Joe Sovo

Billie Jo Norsworthy was honored as the 2011 Hot Springs County Agriculture Citizen of the Year during the FFA Alumni Harvest Moon Ball on Saturday evening at the fair building in Thermopolis.

The Century Farm/Ranch Award was presented to the Nielsen, Longwell and Harvey families during the awards ceremony, which followed a dinner.

Verne Lofink, one of the nominees for Ag Citizen of the Year, received the Honorary FFA Member award from the FFA alumni.

The other nominees for Ag Citizen of the Year were Joe Campbell, Jim Wilson and Ray Shaffer. Thermopolis FFA Advisor Britton Van Heule and committee member Cassie Owsley outlined accomplishments of the nominees.

According to the Harvest Moon Ball committee, Norsworthy – with help from her husband, Jason, and other family members – began raising sheep for her own fiber use.

Within a few years, the operation had expanded into a thriving wool business, Lucy's Sheep Camp, located north of Thermopolis.

They ship products all over the United States, and Billie Jo was featured last fall on RFD TV and is well known for her

accomplishments. The committee wrote, "This new and exciting agriculture enthusiast shows there is hope for the next generation in agriculture. Her innovative ideas have set her apart from others and she has an extremely bright future."

"It's an honor," Norsworthy said of receiving the award, "especially because of who was nominated along with me." Wilson, one of the other four nominees, is Billie Jo's father.

### Working wool as a hobby

Billie Jo said working with wool started as a hobby and with pasture available, it became a business about five years ago on their 80 acres of land.

The Norsworthys also lease acreage from her grandparents, Willard and Maycle Wilson, just up the highway from the Norsworthy place. The operation revolves around about 250 head of sheep – Rambouillet, Teeswater and Wensleydale breeds.

"We crossbred to get the best traits from each breed," she explained and stressed the fact that Lucy's Sheep Camp is a "team effort."

The sheep are sheared once or twice a year, depending on market demand, and the wool market is "really good" at this time.

"It's slowly growing," Billie Jo said of Lucy's Sheep Camp. "I have sales reps for three states." They are Colorado, Montana and Utah. She has seven or eight stores in Wyoming that carry the company's yarns, felts and roving. Billie Jo explained that roving is cleaned and carded wool.

### Century Farm/Ranch Award

Members of the Nielsen, Longwell and Harvey families attended the Harvest Moon Ball and accepted their respective Century Farm/Ranch Awards. Before the awards were presented, local historian and keynote speaker Dorothy Milek outlined their family history. She has been involved in FFA and agriculture since her early years and showed her FFA "sweet-heart" jacket from the early 1950s.

The Nielsen/Longwell history dates back to 1893, when Jens Peter and Kristensa Nielsen came to Old Town Thermopolis. The Longwells are descendants of the Niensens. There are six generations of the Longwell family place that have homesteaded on Owl Creek at Lucerne.

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.



# Summit

panel during the Summit, consisting of seven women who have personally dealt with breast cancer and are alive to share their experiences. They are Bobbi Barrasso, Sandy Pedersen, Vickie Baum, Angela Lucas, Shannon Walker, Soledad Mendoza and Bernadette Oberly. Baum and Lucas are a mother and daughter who will

provide a “Story of Hope” ear-lier in the conference. Attendees will have an opportunity to provide questions anonymously for a medical panel. Mid-afternoon Saturday, a style show will be featured. Participants will model clothing from Washakie Wear and accessories from Hazel-n-Pearl’s.

Sponsors and participants are: Dr. David and Kathi Cook, Baum and Lucas; Wyoming Whiskey, Moser and Shannon Fulfer; Red Rock Family Practice, Cassie and Hayley Melin; Bank of Thermopolis, Mendoza; Thermopolis Cowboy Rendezvous-Tough Enough to Wear Pink, Oberly and Louise Odde; HSCMH nursing staff, Marcia

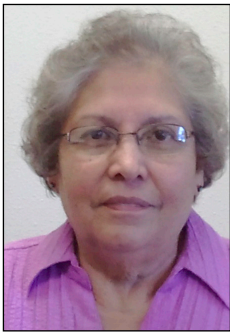
Nelson; Wyoming Dinosaur Center, Violet Goodline; Gottsche Rehabilitation and Wellness Center, Vicki Nichols; and Days Inn, Taylor Fulfer. Glenda Ramsey will provide music during the style show. For further information about Summit for the Cure, contact Hausner at 864-3310 or Lue at 864-3192.



Angela Lucas



Vickie Baum



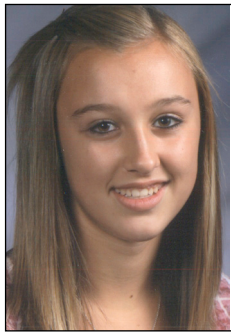
Bernadette Oberly



Violet Goodline



Soledad Mendoza



Taylor Fulfer



Participating in the style show during the Susan G. Komen Summit for the Cure on Saturday at Days Inn are, front row from left, Melva Moser, Hayley Melin, Vicki Nichols and Linda Hausner; back row, Makayla Fulfer, Shannon Fulfer, Cassie Melin, Donna Nally, Marcia Nelson, Barbara Rice, Shannon Walker, Michelle Lue and Louise Odde.

# Pearce

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McGarvin-Moberly to remain out of DEQ compliance could have a trickle-down effect, not just in Hot Springs County, but in other counties as well. Commissioner Brad Basse assured Boyer when the commissioners found out about the compliance issue, letters were exchanged with the various parties. “We plan to take care of this within the law and within our regulations,” Basse said. “We take this very seriously.” County Attorney Jerry Williams indicated a cease and desist order had already been written, but not enacted. “If anyone has any information about the pit that is not included in the DEQ report, they need to document it and bring it either to my office or the sheriff’s office,” Williams said. “While I will not make comment on an issue that could possibly lead to litigation, I am disappointed that the commissioners did everything they could to ensure everything was done fairly, just to have this kind of issue come up.”



Rep. Lorraine Quarberg (R-Thermopolis) explains the preliminary redistricting plan that would allow a representative from Hot Springs County to remain in the Legislature.

# Redistricting plan outlined at meeting

by Joe Sov  
Rep. Lorraine Quarberg (R-Thermopolis) hosted two public meetings to talk about legislative redistricting last Thursday at the county annex. She represents House District 28, which currently includes all of Hot Springs County, south Big Horn County and south-east Park County. The Legislature’s Joint Interim Committee is charged with coming up with a redistricting plan and submitting it to the Legislature at the February 2012 budget session. New district boundaries will be used in the November 2012 elections. Since Hot Springs County is one of only two counties to lose population since the 2000 census, it must add enough population in House District 28 to get within the 5-percent lower deviation of

the 9,394 people required for each voting district. The proposed redistricting for HD28 features the addition of two Fremont County election districts, the towns of Shoshoni and Lysite. That would add about 700 people and the remainder of what the district needs would come from the Meeteetse town and “below town” voting districts. The Hyattville district, and possibly part of the Manderson district would also be added to HD28. “The best option is to take House District 28 down into Fremont County,” Quarberg said. It’s a logical scenario since Fremont County must reduce population in the district to stay within the plus-5 percent deviation. She feels it’s important to continue to have the HD28 representative to come from Hot Springs County.

# Public notices

TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR 2012 PICKUP TRUCK		
The Town of Thermopolis requests sealed bids for two new 2012 pickup truck’s FOB Thermopolis, Wyoming. One vehicle will be a 2 wheel drive ¾ ton unit and the other vehicle will be a 1 ton 2 wheel drive unit. Bid specifications for each individual Pickup Truck may be obtained at Town Hall or by calling 307 864-9285. Submit sealed bids to the Mayor’s Office, Attn: Pickup Bid, 420 Broadway, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443. Sealed bids will be accepted until 3 p.m. Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late or faxed bids will not be accepted. Please mark envelope(s) “Pickup Bid – ¾ Ton Pickup”, or “Pickup Bid – 1 Ton Pickup”. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids.		
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STATE OF WYOMING	)	OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF
	)	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF HOT SPRINGS	)	THERMOPOLIS WYOMING
October 4, 2011		

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Room at the Government Annex  
  
Present were Commissioners John P. Lumley, Brad Basse and Mike Baker. Also present were County Attorney Jerry Williams, County Clerk Hans Odde, and Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners Penny Herdt. Chairman John P. Lumley led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Approval of Agenda

Mike Baker moved to approve the agenda with the following changes:  
DELETE: Bill Gordon Emergency Management Monthly Report  
ADD: Correspondence Woodrow West – Airport Issues  
Brad Basse seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Approval of Minutes

Brad Basse made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2011, meeting as presented. Mike Baker seconded the motion. Discussion: Commissioner Basse noted for the record that there was no second meeting in September due to the WACO conference. Motion carried.

### Approve Bills

The following bills were submitted for approval:

### BILLS – SEPTEMBER, 2011

HOT SPRINGS VETERINARY CLINIC 279.00 / HASCO INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY 49.02 / WYOMING LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY 185.00 / DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 3,527.00 / D & D MACHINE, INC. 1,520.78 / RAMS HEAD FINANCIAL SERVICES 100.00 / TEE’S PLUS 36.00 / WYOMING TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOC. 95.00 / SPAN PUBLISHING, INC. 144.00 / AFLAC (ACCOUNT #HW652) 839.35 / STATE OF WYOMING - A&I 57.54 / ALLEGIANCE BENEFIT PLAN MANGT, INC. 28,087.21 / ANITA WEISBECK 53.28 / H.O.P.E AGENCY & CRISIS LINE 1,500.00 / ATLAS OFFICE PRODUCTS, INC. 245.03 / BRESNAN COMMUNICATIONS 55.20 / AUTO & RV SPECIALTIES INC. 65.00 / BARTON STAM 131.53 / BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC. 431.89 / BIG HORN WATER 87.25 / BIG HORN ENERGY 277.20 / BLAIR’S SUPER MARKET 809.41 / PITNEY BOWES 261.76 / PITNEY BOWES 288.54 / BRAD W. BASSE 780.71 / BROKERS NATIONAL LIFE 498.60 / BRUCE N. “BO” BOWMAN 24.88 / CAROL KETTETT 14.68 / CNA SURETY 100.00 / THERMOPOLIS HARDWARE 722.32 / COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INS. 148.60 / COMMUNITY HOME HEALTH SERVICES 1,250.00 / VERIZON WIRELESS 70.36 / VERIZON WIRELESS 39.33 / VERIZON WIRELESS 56.74 / VERIZON WIRELESS 226.15 / VERIZON WIRELESS 50.82 / TERE-SA K. CORNELLA 255.86 / CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCING, INC. 75.00 / CROWLEY AIR SERVICE, LLC 4,724.89 / DOMHOFF POTTERY 50.00 / DON’S IGA 28.44 / DONNA LITSY 68.44 / ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES 2,503.00 / EXPRESS POLICE SUPPLY, INC 100.96 / SHELL FLEET PLUS PROCESSING CENTER 97.61 / FLEETPRIDE 264.23 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 37,856.65 / FOOD SERVICES

OF AMERICA 2,782.24 / GDA ENGINEERS 29,789.50 / GOTTSCHKE THERAPY REHAB WELLNESS 320.00 / GREENLINE EQUIPMENT, LLC 141.72 / MOUNTAIN WEST BUSINESS SOLUTIONS 18.15 / HANS ODDE 257.93 / HI COUNTRY PRINTING 209.00 / HOLLAND & HART LLP 10,000.00 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY HEALTH INS ACCT 56,698.77 / HOT SPRINGS CO. SCHOOL DIST #1 13,294.30 / HUMAN RESOURCE COUNCIL 10.00 / INDEPENDENT RECORD 1,991.29 / INDOFF INC. 1,078.45 / INTEGRA INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES 93.16 / JACK’S TRUCK & EQUIPMENT 61.03 / JENNIFER CHENEY 136.72 / JERRY D. WILLIAMS 347.53 / JILL JACOBSON 925.00 / JOHN P. LUMLEY 274.72 / JULIE MORTIMORE 325.75 / JULIA’S RENTAL SALES & SERVICE INC. 682.50 / LEXIS NEXIS 92.00 / MARCIA E. BEAN 205.35 / MBA OF WYOMING 235.54 / MEADOW GOLD DAIRY 259.80 / MEL’S OK TIRE STORE, INC. 852.16 / HOT SPRINGS CO. MEM. HOSPITAL 2,572.50 / HOT SPRINGS COUNSELING SERV. 8,375.33 / HOT SPRINGS COUNSELING SERVICE 300.00 / MESSENGER & JUROVICH, P.C. 1,038.20 / MICHAEL R. BAKER 518.49 / MIKE GULAR 1,171.70 / MOORE MEDICAL, LLC 37.04 / NACCTFO TREASURER 60.00 / NIELSEN OIL CO., INC. 1,046.40 / ONE STOP REPAIR & 140.88 / O’REILLY AUTO PARTS 11.99 / O’REILLY AUTO PARTS 33.63 / THE OFFICE SHOP, INC 225.79 / OWL LUMBER INC. 140.18 / OWSLEY CONSTRUCTION INC. 1,200.00 / ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER 4,923.16 / PAMIDA 118.65 / DANIEL J. PEBBLES 25.00 / PERFORMANCE AUTO & GLASS 285.83 / PERFORMANCE AUTO & GLASS 930.84 / PENNY T. HERDT 258.21 / PHYLLIS B. LEWIS 18.53 / PIZZA HUT 78.99 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 945.00 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 1,705.00 / POSTMASTER 615.00 / PRINT ZONE 18.00 / PYROTECHS 120.00 / QUARBERG APPRAISAL SERVICE 2,568.75 / CENTURY LINK 650.52 / CENTURY LINK 5.81 / RANAE BALDES 61.05 / RAYMOND E. SHAFFER 71.06 / RICHARD C. BRILL, JR. 20.00 / GORRELL & HOPKINSON, P.C. 1,300.73 / RIVERTON TIRE & OIL CO., INC. 1,300.96 / RT COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 2,374.35 / SANOFI PASTEUR, INC. 7,240.60 / SHELL-LEY DEROMEDI 608.32 / SHOSHONE OFFICE SUPPLY 148.60 / SHURIE SCHEEL 106.57 / SIMPSON, KEPLER & EDWARDS, LLC 7,407.40 / SNOW KING RESORT 4,192.99 / SPRINGHILL SUITES 154.00 / THE STANDARD INS. CO. 1,390.94 / STEHLIN PLUMBING & CONTRACTING 763.00 / T&JPROPANE 51.25 / TEEPEE POOLS 318.00 / THOMAS L. BENNETT, M.D. 1,720.00 / TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS 33,705.72 / TRAVELING COMPUTERS, INC. 16,767.44 / WYOMING DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 5,473.00 / TRI COUNTY TELEPHONE ASSOC, INC 334.29 / VERIZON WIRELESS 34.31 / VERIZON WIRELESS 34.29 / VICKLUND PHARMACY 946.15 / VICKI M. NICHOLS 399.60 / VISA - CARD ONE 82.98 / VISA - CARD TWO 228.43 / VISA - CARD THREE 363.99 / VISA - CARD FOUR 121.71 / VISA - CARD SIX 76.20 / VISA - CARD SEVEN 94.55 / VISA (CARD EIGHT) 209.95 / VISA 1,091.65 / VISA 12.41 / VISA 75.72 / W.A.R.M. PROPERTY INS. POOL 240.00 / WCS TELECOM 314.67 / WESTERN EMULSIONS 233,148.11 / WEST PAYMENT CENTER 107.00 / WHITE HORSE FEED & SEED LLC 43.99 / EMPLOYMENT TAX DIVISION 2,488.11 / WYOMING.COM 20.00 / ORCHARD TRUST COMPANY 4,969.26 / WYOMING GAS 484.99 / WYONET INC. 113.95 / WYO RETIREMENT SYSTEM 22,157.06 / 036-NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS. 256.00 / ZUPAN ELECTRIC, INC. 197.89  
Payroll for September, 2011 - \$166,025.13

### Maintenance Monthly Report

Maintenance Supervisor Chuck Carver reported that the front end which controls the Library’s HVAC system will be obsolete as of December 1, with replacement parts no longer being manufactured. Mr. Carver suggested that, when the Town is working on the Arapahoe street project next spring, a line should be installed under the street to connect the Library’s system to the newly-installed front end controller at the Courthouse. He will keep in touch with the Town’s engineer regarding this project.  
Mr. Carver has checked with the Town regarding the sidewalk project for the new parking lot, and has been informed that the County will not be required to install all of the sidewalks at this time as the parking lot does not constitute new building construction. Mr. Carver suggests the installation of sidewalk on just the east side of the parking lot at this time. The Commissioners asked that Mr. Carver provide a Request for Proposals for their approval at the October 18th meeting.  
Most of the step sealing and repair is completed on the front of the courthouse. Library and Courthouse foundation sealing has been completed. Foundation sealing at the Museum and Old School building will

be completed next spring.  
The Planner’s office has been moved to the fourth floor and an employee lounge has been established in the former custodian’s office in the basement. There has been an ongoing problem with the back door to the squad room in the law enforcement center. The weight of the door is too much for the latch, which has been replaced twice, so Mr. Carver plans to replace the latch with a mag-lock similar to those used elsewhere in the courthouse. The door swing on the south door to the Public Health area will be reversed as soon as the paperwork is complete.  
  
**Utility License Agreement – Bighorn River Ranch**  
Road & Bridge Supervisor Ray Shaffer reviewed the Utility License Agreement Application from Bighorn River Ranch for a water line to be trenched five feet deep under East River Road. He will supervise this operation to ensure that all backfill and compaction is completed correctly. Mike Baker moved to approve the Utility License Agreement between Bighorn River Ranch and Hot Springs County for work on East River Road. Brad Basse seconded the motion. Discussion: There appears to be some confusion regarding fee payment for this application. As the road is being crossed, a fee of \$100.00 is required, which has not been received at this time. Commissioner Baker amended the motion to make approval contingent upon receiving the required fee. The second concurred. Motion carried.  
  
**Utility License Agreement – RT Communications**  
Ray Shaffer reviewed the Utility License Agreement Application from RT Communications to install a new telephone service drop to 460 Lane 12 on County Road 35E (Rimrock Drive). All work will be done outside the roadway, so no fee is required. Brad Basse moved approval of the Utility License Agreement between RT Communications and Hot Springs County for work on C.R. 35E. Mike Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.  
  
**Johnstone Road**  
Correspondence has been received from the family of Robert Johnstone regarding the naming of the road to their property north of town. No action was taken at this time as the new county road policy has not been approved yet. The Commissioners asked that a letter be sent to the Johnstone family notifying them that no action is being taken at this time.

### Road and Bridge Monthly Report

Road & Bridge Supervisor Ray Shaffer reported he is still waiting on the BLM to finish their paperwork to enlarge the Wagonhound Pit. Mr. Shaffer will follow up on this. Rip-rap rock has been stockpiled at the County Pit for future use. Material has been hauled from the Brown pit to cover a pipe on Grass Creek Road. Road & Bridge employees have returned to their Fall/Winter schedule of 8-hour days, 5 days per week.  
The new county-wide fuel system is mostly complete and is in use. Mr. Shaffer will meet with Phil Miller to determine who is responsible for the final finish work so that the project can be completed. A new yard light needs to be installed as soon as possible in the fueling area, which will be the county’s responsibility.  
Nick Dowdy has been hired to replace Tete Weston and is working out well. The chipping project has been completed, with 18 miles of road being chipped. Mr. Shaffer reported that the new oil used has given a very satisfactory result. About five miles of fog seal has been placed on Sand Draw and Lower Cottonwood roads to protect the new overlay there. Fall seeding has been completed where needed on the right-of-ways. The grader patching on Skelton Road has been completed. Fall blading has begun, but rain is needed to effectively complete that project.  
Mr. Shaffer relayed to the Commissioners that the federally-mandated implementation date regarding sign reflectivity has been scrapped, with the new rules requiring compliance with reflectivity standards as the signs are replaced when needed.  
Lane 3 – Scrapers will be contracted for work on the rural section. A walk-through with contractor representatives will be conducted October 8th prior to staking out the project. Currently Road & Bridge is waiting on a Storm Water Pollution Permit from DEQ. The water permit for dust control and compaction has been received from the State Engineer’s office. WACERS Certification is now required for persons overseeing road projects involving federal money, so Ray Shaffer, Hans Odde and probably one other person will attend certification training in Buffalo on October 25th.  
New legislation has set the maximum speed limit on county roads at