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Lady Gaga girls



McKenna Bomengen, above, and four other Thermopolis young ladies dressed like Lady Gaga while performing her song "Born This Way" during halftime of the varsity boys' basketball game Saturday night in the high school gym. The other performers in the act were Dani Jo Pebbles, Tahja Hunt, Olivia Weyer and Dazlynn Hunt.

Stars of Tomorrow Show set Tuesday

Hot Springs County residents will once again be entertained by our youth at the 50th Annual Kiwanis Stars of Tomorrow Talent Show on Tuesday evening. The show is sponsored and coordinated by the Kiwanis Club of Thermopolis.

Singers, dancers and musicians will be performing at the school auditorium, beginning at 7 p.m. Local Kiwanis President Lea Schoenewald serves as the master of ceremonies.

There are several age divisions for the show. Scheduled to perform are four acts in the kindergarten through second grade division; eight in third through fifth grade; five in sixth through eighth grade; and two in the senior division.

Event organizer T.J. Schoe-

newald said the purpose of the two-hour show is to allow an opportunity for students to share their talents and to raise funds for Kiwanis College Scholarships for Hot Springs County High School seniors. All net proceeds will be earmarked for the scholarship fund.

Scheduled acts: Grades K-2 – Dazlynn Hunt; Sydney Shaffer; Hayden Mayne; and Hallie Martinez. Grades 3-5 – Madelyn Stam; Kathryn Burrows; Dazlynn Hunt, Tahja Hunt, Dani Jo Pebbles and Olivia Weyer; Akeyla Franklin, Bryanna Neese and Joseph Neese; McKenna Bomengen; Pebbles; Weyer; and Bomengen and Tahja Hunt. Grades 6-8 – Josi Thurgood; Hannah Weyer; Sydnee Griffin; and Jade Houchin

and Kristina Elaine Nading. Senior – Torrie Colter; and Maggie Paris.

Some of the performers have been working with district music teacher Mary McGillivray, and district band and chorus director Dustin Olsen.

Monetary awards are given in the senior division with \$200 for first place, \$100 for second place and \$50 to the third-place winner. The first- and second-place winners in the senior division advance to the Division 10 Show on March 31 in Powell. The first-place winner at the Division 10 Show qualifies for the Kiwanis Rocky Mountain District Show on April 22 in Fort Collins, Colo.

Everyone is invited to attend the free talent show.

18-year-old charged with felony delivery of meth

by J.D. Stetson

Fifth Judicial Circuit Court Judge Thomas Harrington has bound Danielle Bird, 18, over to District Court on two charges of delivery of methamphetamine and two charges of conspiracy to deliver methamphetamine.

All of the charges are felonies and carry a maximum penalty each of up to 20 years in prison, a fine up to \$25,000 or both a fine and prison time.

The charges stem from a Hot Springs County Sheriff's Office investigation that started Jan. 3 at Hot Springs County High School. Faculty noticed a peculiar odor emanating from a 17-year-old girl, referred to as "HH" in court documents, and called the school resource officer to investigate.

At first, the student said the smell emanated from her jacket, which she said belonged to Bird. After questioning and a search of the student's vehicle, the student produced a small bag of marijuana and a small amount of methamphetamine she had kept hidden on her person, according to court documents.

The 17-year-old then stated she had another "baggie" of marijuana, a pipe and a grinder used to prepare the drug for smoking at her home. The stu-

dent was ticketed for possession of methamphetamine and a search was conducted at her home.

The deputy's investigation of where the student obtained the methamphetamine led to the discovery of a history of alleged drug use between Bird and the student.

The student said she obtained the methamphetamine from a person referred to in court documents as "KS," who lives at a residence four miles north of town. The student alleged Bird was the "go-between" between the student and KS, according to court documents.

Originally, the student said Bird allegedly obtained methamphetamine from a Worland resident, but allegedly started obtaining it from KS in November when the Worland resident was arrested and jailed, according to court documents.

Bird and the student allegedly smoked methamphetamine with KS at his home sometime over the Thanksgiving holiday. After that, KS would allegedly provide Bird with methamphetamine and she would allegedly share it with the student, according to court documents.

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Town discusses alcohol compliance after renewing several liquor licenses

by J.D. Stetson

The Thermopolis Town Council renewed all of the town liquor licenses during a meeting Tuesday night.

The licenses include all retail liquor licenses, restaurant liquor licenses and limited liquor licenses in the town limits.

The retail liquor license holders include Mac's Bar and Lounge, Thermopolis Café, Don's IGA, Grand Cru Enterprises, Maverik, Safari Club Lounge, Thermopolis Liquors/Beer Barn and Loonie's Bin.

Restaurants include Pizza Hut and Las Fuentes. Limited retail establishments include the Eagles Club and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mayor's Assistant Fred Crosby reported he had received a few complaints with regard to noise at Mac's Bar and Lounge, but otherwise there were no other complaints during the discussion.

After the unanimous vote to renew the licenses, Prevention Specialist Jane Norskog presented

information on the Training Intervention Procedures (TIPS) program to the council.

The TIPS program in Hot Springs County holds four training classes a year for alcoholic beverage servers to learn about potential liabilities and ways to safely serve to patrons. The class is for servers, management and owners, and 90 percent of Hot Springs County's alcohol serving businesses have participated in the class.

Norskog reported Hot Springs County now has 70 TIPS-trained servers in the county, which is comparable to higher populated cities such as Casper and Cheyenne. She reported other counties have had less success with their TIPS program and have less TIPS-trained servers in their counties.

Norskog also discussed compliance checks and the recent history involving five liquor license businesses failing the most recent checks.

She reported three out of the five were TIPS-trained servers

and two of the businesses cited have never participated in the program. She also said at least one of the businesses cited has never passed a compliance check.

Norskog presented several examples of what other communities are doing to address the same issue.

Town Attorney Mike Messenger asked for copies of the research in order to present the council with an ordinance in which the town will address the businesses that fail the checks, but would not affect businesses that have complied with the TIPS training and have passed the checks.

In a later interview, Messenger elaborated the proposed ordinance may provide a financial incentive in the form of lowering or suspending fines toward employees, management or owners who fail the checks, but then attend TIPS training. However, the town would impose the maximum \$750 fine if the employee or the owner does not attend

House considering variety of bills

by Joe Sovo

Child care, wolf management, redistricting, special use tax and the Real ID Act have been issues of conversation during the first six days of the 61st Wyoming Legislature Budget Session in Cheyenne.

Rep. Lorraine Quarberg (R-Thermopolis, HD28) said the number of bills in the State House that have gotten past the introduction stage is quite low compared to the 2010 budget session. Of the 135 bills introduced, 53 of them "went away," having died in the House. She said there were only 82 bills left to consider. Comparatively, Quarberg said only 12 of the 108 Senate files introduced were not considered for further action.

"We were pretty hard on ourselves," she said.

After months of preparation, redistricting legislation has moved through the House and has gone to committee in the Senate. The revamping of House District 28 went through unchanged. Changes in HD28, which includes all of Hot Springs County, features the addition of Meetetse, Shoshoni and Lysite voting districts.



Senate District 20 has also changed its boundaries; it still encompasses HD27 and HD28.

Legislation during the budget session being considered would make a significant change in child care regulations, according to Quarberg. The bill would allow a child care provider to have up to five children in the daycare – without being licensed with the State of Wyoming. The current law allows only a maximum of two children without having a license.

The House bill went to the Committee of the Whole (CoW) on Tuesday.

"This bill is controversial," Quarberg said and is getting opposition from currently licensed child care providers, whom the representative says are "very active and participating in the process." The bill received 41 "aye" votes in the House, needing 40 (two-thirds of the majority) to move it to committee.

HB117, sponsored by Quarberg, failed introduction in the house – falling eight votes short in the introduction process, a surprise to the representa-

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4-H wool workshop



Rachel Sipe uses a felting needle during the Fiber Arts Workshop Saturday morning at Lucy's Sheep Camp. 4-H club members are encouraged to enter their projects in the Hot Springs County Fair in August.

— Joe Sovo photo

Meth

The student stated the two girls would allegedly smoke methamphetamine in the Buffalo Pasture at Hot Springs State Park or at Bird's home in the 600 block of Shoshoni Street, according to court documents.

The student said she allegedly gave Bird \$140 on Dec. 31 in order for Bird to buy a gram of methamphetamine from KS. The next day, Bird allegedly delivered the methamphetamine to the student, according to court documents.

Deputies performed a search of Bird's home Jan. 10, where they discovered numerous pipes and other paraphernalia associated with use of a controlled substance, according to court documents.

An interview with Bird concluded she had allegedly been using methamphetamine for about one year, she had allegedly obtained the drugs from a

Worland resident named Lance McLure in court documents, but then started allegedly obtaining methamphetamine from KS after the prior source went to jail, according to court documents.

Bird said she had allegedly given the student \$140 to KS on Dec. 31, but he had to go to Lovell to obtain more methamphetamine. Bird stated that on Jan. 1, KS's wife allegedly picked her up at Bird's home and took Bird to KS's home on East Sunnyside Lane, where KS allegedly gave Bird the methamphetamine, according to court documents.

She admitted to allegedly delivering the methamphetamine to the student on Jan. 1 and also on several other prior occasions, according to court documents.

Bird will have an arraignment in District Court, a date for which has not yet been scheduled.

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House

ive. The bill, had it become law, would have repealed the federal Real ID Act and amended Wyoming's motor vehicle statutes to remove provisions added in 2009. HB117 would have put a halt on the driver's license renewal process, which now requires additional forms of identification, such as a birth certificate or passport.

In other legislative news from the House:

- HB30 has been referred to the Judiciary Committee. It would prohibit a person 18 years of age or older who is required to register as a sex offender from residing within 1,000 feet of the property on which a child care facility is located. A registered offender whose residence was established prior to July 1, 2012, or prior to the date the child care facility was established at that location would be exempt.
- HB47, which dealt with school finance, failed introduction in the House by 10 votes. The bill would have mandated the use of the hedonic wage index (HWI) in computing the regional cost adjustment in the education block grant model rather than using a formula to determine the use

of HWI or the Wyoming cost-of-living index (WCLI).

- SF41, pertaining to wolf management, went to General File in the Senate earlier this week and appears to have strong support, according to Quarberg. Description of the legislation: "An act relating to game and fish; providing for designation of wolves in specified areas and within specified dates as trophy game animals; providing for management for a specified number of breeding pairs and individual gray wolves; repealing commission authority to enlarge or diminish areas where wolves are managed as trophy game animals; repealing governor's authority to change areas where wolves are managed as trophy game animals; limiting commission authority to establish areas where wolves designated as trophy game animals may be taken as predatory animals..."
- Quarberg said a bill pertaining to special purpose taxes went on General File in the House on Monday. In the bill, if \$1 million were raised through such a tax, then the tax would be removed. It has been amended to allow funding of specific projects, such

as highway repair and maintenance. Such a tax could then be used for funding the looping of Lane 3 and Lane 7 in Hot Springs County. "I think it's a good change," Quarberg said. "It has a beginning and ending amount and people get to vote on it (the tax)." Currently, a special use tax cannot be used for roadways, according to Quarberg.

- Senate File 45 is "well on its way" through the Senate, according to Quarberg, and passed the CoW on Monday. She and Sen. Gerald Geis (R-Worland, SD20) worked to prepare the bill, which would allow a licensed distiller, such as Wyoming Whiskey of Kirby, to dispense free-of-charge on-site spirit samples not to exceed 1.5 ounces of their manufactured product and no more than two samples per consumer per day. "It would have a really good impact on Kirby," Quarberg said,

Whiskey distribution, ag bills move forward

by Karla Pomeroy
Basin Republican Rustler

The bill to allow distribution of whiskey and other distilled spirits is moving through the Senate with ease, Sen. Gerald Geis reported Monday.

Geis (R-Worland, SD20) said the bill, Senate File 45, passed out of committee with no problems and was scheduled to come before the Committee of the Whole (first reading) Monday afternoon. (The bill passed CofW and was up for second reading Tuesday.)

Geis said he pulled back one of the bills he was sponsoring, SF20, because of some concerns from some livestock organizations. The bill would have made it a criminal misdemeanor for any livestock owner to knowingly and willfully sell diseased livestock.

"They want to look at it further," Geis said, but noted that it is uncertain if the Joint Agricultural Committee will take up the issue in the interim.

One ag committee bill has flown through the Senate. SF19 was passed on third reading Monday. The bill would establish voting rights for predator management district meetings and amend time limits for issuing predator animal control fee refunds.

Senate File 18, which seeks \$500,000 for reimbursement for livestock lost to brucellosis and tuberculosis, is in the Appropriations Committee "to see if they can find the money for it," Geis said.

Numerous bills failed introduction or failed to receive introduction by Friday's deadline, Geis said. He said he was not disappointed in any that were not introduced. "If they're good

bills, they'll be able to bring them back another session. If they're not, then it's good they weren't introduced," he said.

He also reported that the Ag Committee had a full slate of bills to work on Tuesday night after the regular session. Included among the six bills is SF64 on criminal trespass, which specifies when knowledge of private property is presumed. The bill states, a person is presumed to know that he is not authorized to enter on the land or premises of another if the person travels off of a public road and directly enters on private rural land without the permission of the owner or person in charge of the land. This subsection does not apply if a person travels directly to a residence or other structure and immediately leaves the land or premises if permission to remain is not granted." The full bill can be viewed online at <http://legisweb.state.wy.us>.

Geis said the first week of the 20-to-23-day budget session went well. "Things are moving fast," he added.

He said work was to begin on the budget Tuesday with Wednesday the Senate likely voting on first reading. Second reading would be slated for Thursday and the Senate would have until Monday to mull over changes before third reading on Monday.

Thursday is the last day for

bills to be reported out of their "committee of origin."

In other legislative news:


- SF25 regarding amendments to the public records law to include electronic correspondence was amended and passed on first reading. Wyoming Press Association Executive Director Jim Angell said the WPA is unhappy with the amendment by Sen. Bruce Burns, which would remove from public view any "pre-decisional documents" (opinions, recommendations, etc. contributing to a decision by a public official or body) and any correspondence sent to less than a quorum of a public body.
- Angell said on the WPA Facebook page, "The harm it would do to public access to documents far outweighs the benefits the compromise bill we presented would have provided."
- SF 27 regarding amendments to the public meetings law is still on General File.
- Approved on third reading last week are bills that include county commissioners' authority to remove appointed board members; ethanol tax credit, which repeals the gasoline tax credit provided to producers of ethanol; extending the sunset date for the Youth Challenge Program; and death penalty method of lethal injection, which amends protocol for the injection.

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Tuesday, February 28, 2012
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I. Approval of Agenda
II. Approve Consent Agenda
A. Approval of January 31, 2012 Minutes
B. Operations Report
C. Financial Report
III. Reports
A. County Commissioners - John Lumley
B. Medical Staff - Dr. Cook, COS
C. Master Facilities Plan & Hospital District Update - Gary Kendrick
D. HealthTech Billing Project/RAC/ASi - Shelly Larson
E. Quality Improvement - Bryan Evensen
F. Customer Service - TJ Schoenewald
G. Finance Committee - Brian Green
IV. Old Business
A. Pathology Contract - Gary Kendrick
B. Board of Trustees Strategic Planning - Gary Kendrick
V. New Business
A. PTO Policy - Gary Kendrick
VI. Miscellaneous
A. HealthTech Annual Trustee and Physician Conference
VII. Executive Session
VIII. Adjournment



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