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More than 200 people attended the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet at the fair building Saturday night. Folks feasted on prime rib, beer-boiled shrimp and all-you-can-eat king crab legs.

## Chamber banquet deemed huge success

by J.D. Stetson

Residents and businesses partied down luau-style Saturday at the Thermopolis-Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet at the fair building.

The popular event heralded the start of spring by offering a meal reminiscent year with about 180 compared to 142 in

of warmer weather and allowing people a chance to get out of their winter doldrums, said Executive Director Michelle Lue.

About 204 people attended the event, down slightly from 206 in 2011, Lue said.

The chamber pre-sold more tickets this

2011. Tickets sold at the door were down. "It went awesome," Lue said. "I think everyone enjoyed their time."

The banquet went very smoothly without any problems, Lue said.

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## Commissioners, WYDOT, FAA, GDA discuss airport construction time line

by Cindy Glasson

The Hot Springs County Commissioners held a work session with the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and GDA Engineers Monday to discuss the construction time line for the new Hot Springs County Airport.

According to Dusty Spomer with GDA, some equipment and a survey crew were moved out to the site Monday morning.

the property as there are certain guidelines in the relocation contract that must be followed.

The county has been very clear standards. on what is and isn't eligible for relocation; however, it is going to be a complicated process, so a single point of contact between the four entities was determined in order to ensure all information is distributed properly.

The actual design for the airport

A plan will be formulated on is set to be a "B2" class with flexrelocation of various buildings on ibility within the plan that would allow for an upgrade to a "C2" class in the future. Some items in the plan are already set at "C2"

> The next set of plans, the master design, will be available in May. WYDOT and the FAA agree the design is smart planning, looking ahead on the part of the commissioners and GDA.

> The original vision of the commissioners for the airport was to

have a safe, usable airport - nothing extravagant. That vision is still in place, making sure the design and budget match, including a quarterly review to stay within the funding parameters.

A project status report will be distributed every week by GDA and a monthly meeting with the commissioners will be held at 1 p.m. every first Tuesday of the month. A monthly newsletter on the project's progress will also be available on the Hot Springs County website.

## No outsourcing for food service

by Joe Sova

Hot Springs County School District No. 1 will not be outsourcing its food service program for the 2012-13 school

An item under Old Business for the March 22 regular meeting of the board of trustees to consider approval and advertising for a request for proposal to outsource the program was removed from the agenda. The Wyoming Department of Education determined the option to hire an outside company to manage food service programs was not an option for the 2012-13 school year due to the state time line in preparation for such outsourcing.

In essence, the district's food service program will remain basically "status quo" for at least the 2012-13 school year. Trustees were to consider the option to help alleviate reductions in the budget for the next fiscal year.

Also during the budget discussion, superintendent Dustin Hunt recommended the reduction of .43 FTE (full-time equivalent) in a middle school social studies position, in alignment with the original request from last year. It was also recommended the district discontinue its Gottsche Sports Training contract by not renewing it for

In action by the board, only the teaching position reduction was approved. The sports training contract issue would be addressed at a later date.

Following an 80-minute executive session, trustees unanimously passed a motion to offer 19 initial teaching contracts to employees for the 2012-13 school year as well as 43 continuing teaching contracts. Offers for seven non-teaching contracts were also approved.

Contracts were not offered to three teachers since they will

retire at the end of the 2011-12 school year. They are Dr. John "Jeb" Schenck, Kathy Taylor and Cindy Toth. Jamie Snyder, a new elementary teacher in the district this school year, submitted her resignation; it was approved by the board earlier in the meeting.

Trustees approved the employment of Jere Apland as maintenance and grounds director, effective April 2, and Jerry Bowman as transportation director, effective July 1. Phil Miller, who is retiring at the end of this school year, holds both positions.

Based on board action, high school principal Jason McArthur will assume duties as director of the Special Services/ Alternative Program, effective July 1.

Here are the school district employees who will be offered contracts for the 2012-13 school year, based on action by the board of trustees during the March 22 regular meeting:

**Initial Teaching Contracts** 

Rebecca Bean, Beth Breining, Shauna Cannon, Emma Christoffersen, Staci Curry, Brenna Dooley, Kristin Francisco. Philip Goodell III, Anna Goor, London Jenks, Devan Jones, Holli Klassen, Nichole Koerwitz, Samantha Kokesh, Mary McGillivray, Mallory Nelson, Amy Ready, Catelyn Shue and Travis Winger.

**Non-Teaching Contracts** Sierra Barber, Janet Chimenti, Jenny Davis, Davis S. Duncan, Amy Mason, Cody McLean and Lonnie Music **Continuing Teaching Contracts** 

Bryan Bailey, Kimberly Carswell, Jennifer Chamberlain, Sharon Cordingly, James Cramer, Breez Daniels, Donna Daniels, Toby Emery, Ronda Freel, Jennifer Graham, Lisa Herold, Kent Hessenthaler, Sonja Holm, Bret Hoover, Kara Hulse, Heidi Hunt, Kara Janes, Carol Johnson, Jocelyn Jurovich, Eric Kay, Aimee Kay, Pamela Kerr, Jody Kummerfeld, Catherine Lash, James C. Lash, Debra Law, Matt Mason, Madonna McIntosh, Mary Myers, James Newby, Dustin Olsen, Thomas A. Olsen, Brenda Peterman, Lisa G. Pierce, Parke Price, Kathie Richardson, Bill Ricketts, Sarah Spring, Charles Syverson, Kay Uffelman, Britton VanHeule, Kathleen Vicklund and Jennifer Weber.

## New leadership roles presented at hospital

by J.D. Stetson

Change has come to the Hot Springs County Hospital Board

At its meeting Tuesday night, the board welcomed new member Heath Overfield and heard from several new people in leadership positions at the hospital.

Overfield stated after the meeting he thought it went "fantastic." He said he was motivated to join the board because he was looking for an opportunity to serve the public.

He added others in the community also thought his expertise may be helpful as the board moves toward either renovation or

building a new facility. The key person of the night was Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Robin Roling, who started the meeting with a presentation of the hospital's mission, vision and values to provide quality health care to the citizens of Hot Springs Coun-

> ty while also acting with fiscal responsibility. Roling broke those values down into five 'pillars" of the hospital and provided key steps for the hospital to work on in order to live up to its mission and improve upon.

Robin Roling Throughout the evening and in future meetings, individuals charged with overseeing each pillar will have the opportunity to provide status and direction for their respective area.

They include: Quality, overseen by Quality, Compliance and Risk Director Bryan Evensen; Customer Service, overseen by Customer Service Director TJ Schoenewald; Financials, overseen by Chief Financial Officer Shelly Larson; People, overseen by Human Resources Director Patti Jeunehomme; and Growth, overseen by Roling.

During the presentation, Roling gave summaries of each pillar, which were previously discussed and identified during the board's retreat at the beginning of the month and through research Roling had performed since starting the first week of March. Items discussed during the meeting included the hospitals re-

sponse to quality assurance, reducing the time it takes to send out bills for medical services, electronic medical records, staff morale and recruitment of a radiologist and new orthopaedic surgeon. Roling informed the board of Dr. David A. Cook's retirement

scheduled for June.

Dads and Daylight



Steve Medvigy and his sons Carson, left, and Tanner mons Friday morning during a Lights On "Dads and enjoy breakfast in the Ralph Witters Elementary com- Daylight" event.

– Joe Sova photo

## Chamber

MCs Joe Doak and Donna Nally provided entertainment throughout the evening and helped sell various raffle items.

In order to keep the event from running too long, the chamber decided to live-raffle only one item from each donating business, while other items were pre-raffled.

The live auction featured 16 centerpieces that were auctioned off by Clay Gibbons. A tally of the night's earnings from the auction, raffle and ticket sales was not available in time for publication.

The event ended about 9:30 p.m. allowing for plenty of time for people to enjoy their food, participate in the raffle and auction and see the awards presentation.

#### Citizen of the Year

The Citizen of the Year is the chamber's annual award to a person nominated by chamber members and voted on by the board and past presidents.



Dale Andreen was honored as Citizen of the Year.

The chamber chose to honor Dale Andreen, who serves the community as assistant fire chief and training officer for the Thermopolis Volunteer Fire Department.

He has served with the fire department for 15 years, but his roots extend to his family's involvement with the department while growing up in Thermopolis.

"He currently serves as assistant chief and training officer, devoting endless hours to ensure the safety of his fellow firefighters so they can all be better servants to our community," according to a written speech read during the award presentation.

Andreen also has various other volunteer roots in the community, serving as an EMT and on the Christmas, Hot Spot Car Rally and the Gift of the Waters committees.

Andreen and his wife, Ciley, have four children. He follows and attends various school activities and sports and has inspired various people in the community.

#### Businesses of the Year

Instead of just honoring one Business of the Year for 2012, the chamber chose to give the award to both A&W Lanes and CAPTEL.

The chamber decides the recipients of the Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year by ballot of the chamber board and the chamber's past presidents.

Both A&W and CAPTEL tied in the vote. The chamber's executive board of officers looked at the tie and decided both businesses were deserving of the award, Lue said.

It isn't the first time the award has been split between multiple businesses. In 1998, the chamber honored both the Southside Texaco and Outlaw Trail Ride and in 2001, the chamber honored three businesses owned by Jeanie Waltz, Lue said.

The chamber first honored

Glenn and Tina Witt, owners of A&W. The business has been a part of Thermopolis since the late 1950s and early 1960s.

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It was bought by the Witt family in 1979, and was operated by Phil and Mary Lou Witt.

Glenn and his sister Michelle grew up in the restaurant and bowling center and Glenn eventually took over proprietorship in 2008.

The chamber's second Business of the Year is the integrated marketing and political communications company CAPTEL because of its support of community events such as the Thermopolis PRCA Rendezvous Rodeo, the Bobcat Booster Club, Big Horn Basin Football Camp, Hot Springs County Junior Livestock Auction, the Outlaw Trail Ride, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, National Rifle Association events and Chamber of Commerce events.

The firm employs 18 individuals in Thermopolis and 100 total company employees at its three full-service telecommunications centers.

The business opened its regional office on Broadway Street in 2005. It was recruited to Thermopolis through a competitive statewide process through the Thermopolis-Hot Springs County Economic Development Company.

The business also raises political action committee funds for physician associations, collects membership development, grassroots advocacy and conference registration programs for national and state professional associations and raises funds for environmental, performing arts and cultural organizations.

Phil Smith is the founder and CEO of CAPTEL, and Heather Goffena is the director of the western regional office.



Tina and Glenn Witt accept the Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year award from Chamber President Donna Nally during Saturday night's banquet at the fair building.



Phil Smith, founder and CEO of CAPTEL, says a few words of thanks after receiving the Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year award. Accompanying Smith is Heather Goffena, director of the western regional office.

— Cindy Glasson photos

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# Visiting Physicians APRIL SCHEDULE

Washakie Medical Center Physician Outreach Clinic 1106 Big Horn Ave. Worland, WY 307-347-8801

For more information and appointments, call the numbers listed below. Dates are subject to change.

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DATE	PROVIDER	SPECIALTY	PHONE NUMBER
APR. 2	C. Lowther	Dermatologist	307-587-7000
APR. 3	V. Miller	General Surgeon	307-347-8115
APR. 9	B. Gulde	Prosthetics/Orthotics	800-707-4678
APR. 10	V. Miller	General Surgeon	307-347-8115
APR. 10	WY Cardiopul.	Cardiology	800-445-3501
APR. 10	S. Emery	Orthopedic	866-330-1952
APR. 11	C. Schreiber	Urologist	800-648-6274
APR. 12	P. Byorth	Ear Nose Throat	800-332-7156
APR. 12	J. Sweet	Allergist	406-238-2501
APR. 13	A1C Clinic	Diabetes	307-347-8801
APR. 16	P. Tallman	Dermatologist	866-988-3376
APR. 17	V. Miller	General Surgeon	307-347-8115
APR. 18	D. Chavez	Urologist	800-648-6274
APR. 18	A. Rashkow	Cardiology	307-578-2980
APR. 19	C. Lowther	Dermatologist	307-587-7000
APR. 20	Diabetic Edu.	Diabetes	307-347-8801
APR. 23	D. Myers	Gynecologist	866-587-1155
APR. 24	V. Miller	General Surgeon	307-347-8115
APR. 24	WY Cardiopul.	Cardiology	800-445-3501
APR. 24	S. Emery	Orthopedic	866-330-1952
APR. 25	R. Hollis	Neurosurgeon	307-266-2222
APR. 25	A. Hussieno	Pulmonologist	307-577-0477
APR. 25	C. Cotant	Nephrologist	307-237-5047
APR. 26	M. Copeland	Neurosurgeon	866-822-1530



## **Public Notices**

#### PUBLIC NOTICE TO BIDDERS $\,$

The Town of Thermopolis requests sealed bids for one new 2012 4 door sport utility 4WD or AWD vehicle to be used as a Police patrol vehicle, FOB Thermopolis Wyoming. The Town of Thermopolis also has a 2001 Toyota Sequoia limited 4 wheel drive that will be a trade in for the above mentioned SUV. Bid submission documents and complete specifications of the new vehicle as well as the trade in vehicle may be obtained at the Thermopolis Town Hall, or by calling 307 864-9285. Trade in may also be viewed at the Town Hall. Submit sealed bids to Mayor's Office at 420 Broadway, P.O. Box 603, Thermopolis, WY 82443. Sealed bids will be accepted until 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, 2012, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late bids will not be accepted. Please mark envelope "Police SUV Bid". The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Pub. March 15, 22 and 29, 2012 No. 6482

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

David and Cindy Denton hereby give notice of their request for approval from Hot Springs County to replat Tracts 2 and 3 of the Denton Subdivision, transferring approximately 7.7 acres from Tract 2 to Tract 3. No new lots or building sites would result from this proposal.

The subject property consists of Tracts 2 and 3 of the Denton Subdivision, fronting on the southwest side of Buffalo Creek Road, approximately 3.5 miles south of the Town of Thermopolis. It also fronts on the northwest side of the Big Horn River, and contains two residences addressed as 378A and 378B Buffalo Creek Rd.

A public hearing on this matter will be held before the Hot Springs County Board of County Commissioners at 11:30 a.m. on April 3, 2012, 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. March 29, 2012 No. 6491

### COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session March 20, 2012 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Bill Malloy; Council members Tony Larson, Al Braaten, Dick Hall 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.

<u>AGENDA</u>: Following a prayer led by Mayor Malloy and the Pledge of Allegiance, a motion was made by Hall, seconded by Braaten and carried to approve the agenda with the deletion of 8A Cablevision Franchise Agreement under Town Attorney.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Linnan made a motion, seconded by Lar-

son and carried to approve the financial statement for February 2012. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: SHORTY'S LIQUOR CATERING PER-

MIT: A motion was made by Braaten, seconded by Larson and carried to approve Shorty's catering permit for the Republican Party Dinner at the Fairgrounds on March 30, 2012 from 4 p.m. to midnight.

TOWN ENGINEER: HEATH OVERFIELD: Overfield noted Wilson

Brothers had begun work on the tank project and the 30-day period to complete the project would officially begin on March 21, 2012. Overfield also noted telemetry specialists would begin work on tank levels and the tank manufacturer presented an award to the Town.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER: Messenger noted the Cablevision attorney is reviewing the proposed franchise agreement and the

Lucerne water district attorney is reviewing the proposed water agreement. Messenger gave the Mayor and Council an ordinance to review on TIPS training for liquor license holders.

ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: Crosby noted the Arapahoe water

main replacement project had begun in front of the Post Office. Additional discussion ensued on water shut offs and traffic signage.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL: Malloy scheduled a department head meet-

MAYOR AND COUNCIL: Malloy scheduled a department head meeting on March 29, 2012 at 9 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m. The next Council meeting is April 3, 2012 at 7 p.m.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

William H. Malloy, Mayor

Pub. March 29, 2012

No. 6493

### Public Notice

There will be a public hearing on Monday, April 9th, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. at Town Hall to review the Home Occupation of Beverley Adams to operate a Dog Walking Business at 926 Arapahoe Street, in the LDR. For further information please contact Codes Admin. 864-5373.

Pub. March 29, 2012

No. 6492

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of March, 2012 (one) Krista L. Raymond LLC., dba Front Porch Deli filed an application for a Restaurant Liquor License in the office of the Clerk of the Town of Thermopolis for the following described place and premises, to-wit: 10' x 10' room in the SE corner of building, located in Lots 15-16, Block 22, Original Townsite, Town of Thermopolis; and protests, if there be any, against the issuance of such renewal will be heard at the hour of 7:00 p.m. on the 1st day of May, 2012, in the Town Hall Council Chambers located at 420 Broadway, Thermopolis, Wyoming.

Tracey Van Heule Town of Thermopolis Clerk/Treasurer

Pub. March 29, April 5, 12 and 19, 2012

No. 6490

#### HOT SPRINGS COUNTY NOTICE TO APPROPRIATORS OF WATER

Public notice is hereby given that the following listed water users have completed the requirements of proof of appropriation and beneficial use of ground water for the following wells approved by the State Engineer. Pursuant to Section 41-4-511, Wyoming Statutes, 1977, the above listed proofs of appropriation will be held open for public inspection from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. during April 16 through April 20, 2012, at the following location(s): 1. State Engineer's Office, Herschler Building, Cheyenne, Wyoming. 2. Office of the Division Superintendent, 715 East Roosevelt, Riverton, Wyoming. As allowed by Section 41-4-312, any person claiming a water right interest in the same sources of supply to which the below advertised proofs refer may inform the Water Division Superintendent of his desire to contest the rights of the person or persons seeking adjudication. The statement of contest shall be presented within fifteen days after the closing of the public inspection and shall state with reasonable certainty the grounds of the contest. The statement must be verified by the sworn affidavit of the contestant, his agent or attorney. If no contest is initiated, the advertised proofs will be submitted to the State Board of Control for consideration during its meeting beginning on May 7, 2012, with the Division Superintendent's recommendation that certificates of appropriation be issued.

LOREN SMITH, SUPERINTENDENT, WATER DIVISION THREE

U.W. PERMIT/	PRIORITY DATE	CLAIMANT	NAME OF WELL	WELL LOCATION		AMOUNT	GAL.		
WELL REGIS./ OR STATEMENT OF CLAIM				Sec.	Twp.	Range	OF ACREAGE	PER MINUTE	USE
Permit No. U.W. 179582	Jan. 3, 2007	Birgir & Deborah Mishurda; SBOLC	Enl. Buster #2	9	41N	91W	0 ac.	0 gpm.	Misc.

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