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Vicki Herrin, left, and Peggy Bacca show the Heritage Set, a pair of Browning rifles that sold for \$4,200 at the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation banquet and auction.

## RMEF banquet, auction nets \$66,000

by Joe Sovo

Largely due to the Big Horn Basin Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) and other chapters in the state, Wyoming moved into No. 1 in the United States in money earned for wildlife and habitat conservation in 2011.

The RMEF is off to a strong start in 2012 with the state's 19 chapters raising money for conservation with auctions during their annual banquets.

Saturday night's Big Horn Basin Chapter of the RMEF banquet and auction at the Hot Springs County Fair Building in Thermopolis raised a net amount of about \$66,000, according to Jill Tonn, the RMEF regional director. The event raised \$23,800 on games and raffles during the evening; \$27,000 from the live auction; and \$5,000 from the silent auction. Another \$12,000 came in via donations. Despite having smaller attendance, the banquet and auction surpassed the 2011 event by more than \$15,000, according to Tonn.

"It was quite an awesome event. It was incredible," she said. "Volunteers from all over the state came to help

us." Those volunteers came from seven chapters, including the new Star Valley chapter in Alpine. "We were very, very excited."

Two live auction items fared very well Saturday. The Wyoming Progressive Knife was sold for a high bid of \$4,500. The bid winner's name goes into a drawing, with a 1-in-20 chance to winning a gun to commemorate Wyoming one-millionth acre of land conserved. A Browning BLR and a Browning BL .22, called the Heritage Set, went for \$4,200.

"There was a lot of energy in that room, for sure," Tonn said.

This year's event eclipsed last year's mark even though there was not a commissioner's tag up for bid.

"That's the most sponsor and life members we've ever sold, too," Tonn said. "I couldn't be prouder of the support we got from the community."

Wyoming had been second in the U.S. behind California in money earned for wildlife and habitat conservation for the previous five years, despite having the smallest population of any state in the

union. Before 2006, Wyoming ranked second behind only Montana.

"We have a really good core of working volunteers. We've really gelled. We call it 'Team Wyoming,'" Tonn said of the statewide effort to raise conservation funds. "It boggles their (chapters in other states) mind we have such a tight-knit group."

"I'm tickled to have the support of the people of Wyoming and what they do for wildlife. We have more money to spend for wildlife and habitat than last year."

In September 2011, the RMEF reached a major milestone with its 6-millionth acre of land conserved. That milestone was reached with the conservation of Devil's Canyon on the west side of the Bighorn Mountains in Wyoming. Legislation by then Sen. Craig Thomas opened 20,000 acres through the Trust for Public Lands.

Tonn indicated some of the proceeds from chapter events go to support 4-H shooting sports. "We want to keep our youth involved in the outdoors. We want to keep our hunting heritage alive," she said.

## Council passes first read on alcohol server training

by J.D. Stetson

The Thermopolis Town Council approved the first reading of an ordinance creating an incentive for liquor license holders to have themselves and their employees complete TIPS (Training for Intervention Procedures) or else face a fine if the employee breaks town codes regarding the sale of alcohol to minors.

The revised draft of the ordinance allows the town to charge the owner or holder of a liquor license if their employee is ticketed and found guilty of breaking town codes relating to the sale of alcohol to minors – if the owner had not provided the employee with TIPS or other state-sanctioned server training within four months of the date the employee

was hired.

The charge against the owner would be punishable by a minimum fine of \$700 and a maximum fine of \$750. However, the ordinance allows the minimum fine to be lowered to \$150 if the owner provides training to the employee within 12 months of the date of the employee's original infraction. It also allows the minimum fine to be reduced to \$150 if the owner arranges training for all employees, agents and the owner within three months of the employee's infraction.

The ordinance also applies to town catering permits and any employees or volunteers serving alcohol at a specific event.

It also sets new guidelines for punishment toward employees

found guilty of selling alcohol to minors. The ordinance sets the minimum fine at \$300 and the maximum fine at \$750. The Municipal Court can reduce the minimum fine to \$150 if the employee arranges and completes server training within three months of the date of the infraction.

The revised ordinance also includes a section addressing multiple offenses within a one-year period. The section states the owner, license holder or permit holder that accrues multiple offenses within a 12-month period after the renewal of a license may be subject to suspension or denial of renewal of their license or permit.

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## Hensley land use change tabled by commissioners

by Cindy Glasson

After an hour-and-a-half public hearing, the Hot Springs County Commissioners tabled a decision on a proposed land use change for Cody and Lindsay Hensley during Tuesday's meeting.

The couple had requested a land use change from agricultural to commercial/industrial on land they own west of Thermopolis during a Land Use Planning Commission (LUP) meeting last month.

After the initial public hearing with the LUP, the board passed the decision on to the commissioners without a recommendation.

As the hearing began with the commissioners, all three agreed it needed to be made clear they did not feel the LUP had fulfilled its duties in regard to this particular land use change request.

In their initial request, the Hensleys had wanted to use a portion of their land for a salvage yard and another section as a feed business and recycling center. Hensley asked the commissioners to disregard the salvage yard portion of the request as he and his wife had decided against the salvage yard.

Various residents in the area spoke against the proposal, citing water contamination concerns, loss of visual beauty in the area and concerns that the proposal was out of sync with state statutes.

Hensley assured the commissioners he was doing everything possible to mitigate the visual aspects, such as moving items off the property and moving others behind buildings to get them out of

sight, and indicated he will be building an addition to his current shop over the summer to get more of the items inside.

In order to grant or deny a land use change request, the commissioners must go through a thorough checklist of items, giving each item a numerical value either on the plus or negative side.

The items are then calculated and a request with a positive result is generally granted the change while a negative value will create a denial of the request.

The commissioners tabled making a decision on the land use change in order to go through all the evidence provided to them, both verbally and written.

A decision will be rendered at the commissioners' May 1 meeting.

### Energy efficiency contract signed

The Hot Springs County Commissioners conducted interviews with two companies Tuesday afternoon, both of which have previously presented plans to save the county on its energy costs.

A representative from the Wyoming Energy Conservation Improvement Program (WYECIP) also attended the meetings to help the commissioners with the decision process as well as consult with them on items within each proposal that may be eligible for some kind of financing.

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## H.O.P.E. Agency recognizes Sexual Assault Awareness Month

by J.D. Stetson

The H.O.P.E. Agency continues its mission to provide resources and raise awareness of sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking in Hot Springs County by participating in Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Gov. Matt Mead signed a proclamation April 12 recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

According to information the H.O.P.E. Agency provided in a spring newsletter, sexual assault has many different iterations including incest, rape, molestation, attempted rape, sexual harassment, unwanted touch, verbal degradation or any other type of sexual intrusion.

About 44 percent of all victims of sexual assault are under age 18, while 80 percent of victims are under age 30. Each year there are about 207,800 sexual assaults reported with 54 percent of all sexual assaults going unreported. Two thirds of all assaults are committed by someone the victim knew.

Sexual assaults can include emotional abuse such as put downs, objectifying body parts, pressure to consent, or using threats against children or pets in order to gain consent. Some survivors also feel other types of advances or touches are also intrusive.

The agency wants victims to know that

regardless of the circumstances of an assault, such as intoxication or the place of the assault, it is not the victim's fault if they did not want any sexual contact.

Anyone who believes they are a victim of a sexual assault can contact the H.O.P.E. Agency at 864-4673.

### Project Clothesline

Starting Monday, the agency will participate in Project Clothesline, a visual display involving a clothesline of T-shirts

decorated in remembrance of the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault as well as other issues against women.

Each shirt is personalized by a survivor, or person representing a victim, in remembrance of their personal experiences. The program started in Cape Cod, Mass., in 1990 and has been a yearly occurrence across the world to bring awareness of the issues to communities.

The goals of the clothesline are to bear witness to the survivors, to help the healing process, to educate and raise awareness and to provide a network of support, encouragement and information for communities.

The agency will host the clothesline in

Thermopolis starting Monday and it will be on display through April 27. The clothesline will also be portrayed April 30 at the H.O.P.E. Agency, 426 Big Horn St.

Anyone interested in decorating a shirt in remembrance or as a symbol for a victim may pick up or decorate the shirt at the H.O.P.E. Agency, or they can take the shirt home to decorate. All shirts should be turned in to the agency by Monday in order for it to be featured in the display.

### Denim Day

The agency also is encouraging people around town to participate in Denim Day on Wednesday. Denim Day has been observed since 1999 in protest of destructive attitudes about sexual violence.

The annual event started after an Italian High Court overturned a rape conviction because the victim wore tight denim pants. The court ruled the victim must have helped the assailant remove the pants.

People around the world wear denim on the day as part of a campaign to help raise awareness of misconceptions concerning sexual assault.

"Every year in America, every two and a half minutes someone is sexually assaulted. We ask our community to help us to increase awareness and healing by wearing denim on Wednesday, April 25," according to an agency press release.

### Walk of Fame



Donning an umbrella on a rainy evening, Cody Shinost escorts Katie Ryan across the red carpet during the Grand March preceding the Prom on Saturday night.

— Joe Sovo photo



Council

**Owner's point of view**  
During the discussion Tuesday night, Thermopolis Liquors and Thermopolis Café owner Marty Oravec discussed his position on the proposed ordinance as an owner who operates two businesses in town with liquor licenses. Oravec said he feels TIPS training is very worthwhile and he is happy to pay for his employees to get the training and has taken the course himself. However, he said he is not convinced holding the owner accountable for the actions of an employee is the right direction of the council because the employees' actions are in some cases and times out of the owner's control. Oravec admitted that an employee at Thermopolis Liquors had recently failed the latest compliance check performed by the Thermopolis Police Department, but he also said things have changed and that the bar has stepped up its responsibility to card customers — even some customers who are age 40. "We were caught in the sting, so we are not taking any chances," Oravec said. The bar owners already have

liability insurance premiums, which are subject to criteria set by the state with regard to serving visibly intoxicated individuals from a drive-thru window and the sale to minors, Oravec said. Also, many of the bars have high rates of turnover with their employees and it may not be feasible to have all of the employees trained because of the turnover rates. Oravec added that his businesses have a policy in place to allow an employee to keep their job if they accidentally sell to a minor once, but they will no longer work for him if it happens a second time. **Further discussion** Mayor's Assistant Fred Crosby asked Oravec what he would do with a business that has not passed a single compliance check if he were in the same shoes as the town. Oravec said he was not sure what should be done, but added his thoughts regarding turnover at bars and restaurants. He suggested the town let the bars police themselves and work with the police department to

prevent any issues caused when younger crowds come to the area. "It could be more of a partnership and things could be handled more internally," Oravec said. Police Sgt. Pat Cornwell added some background regarding the latest compliance checks. He said four out of 10 bars and restaurants within town failed the checks in November. Councilman Dick Hall said he thinks the current situation needs to be addressed because he thinks there is little to no liability on the part of the owner when an employee breaks the law and that all of the current punishment is directed toward the server. He said the town needs to address the situation in order to gain the attention of the owners who do not care if their employees follow the law because they themselves do not face any penalty. He added that maybe the law should follow a sloped structure to minimize the affect of the law on owners like Oravec who already provide training. The council will vote on second reading of the ordinance at the next regular meeting May 1, which begins at 7 p.m.

Commissioners

While WYECIP cannot make a recommendation for one company or the other, they did have some things for the commissioners to consider with Ennovate and Trane. "It really comes down to how you feel about the people you'll be working with," said John Canfield, WYECIP consultant. "Both have brought you information they use as a marketing tool, but you have to have a sense of reality. "What they present may or

may not be applicable to your needs and you have to look at the differences between the two." Canfield said both companies are equally qualified and both are recognized by WYECIP, something that is important in thinking about any kind of energy savings proposal in Wyoming. A couple of items Canfield pointed out to the commissioners were that Trane had actually made the connection between themselves, WYECIP and the

county, contacting WYECIP on its own. Trane is also a nationally active company, and Canfield reminded the commissioners that Trane had introduced rebates that may be available to the county whereas Ennovate had not. During their regular Tuesday meeting, the commissioners voted to sign a contract with Trane, contingent upon a reference check with its previous customers.



*Prom king and queen*  
John Gibson and Rayann Lofink were crowned 2012 Prom king and queen at the conclusion of the Grand March on Saturday night at the school auditorium. The royalty also included Colter Brown, Cody Shinost, Maggie Paris and Taylor Schwalbe.  
— Joe Sovva photo

Public notices

STATE OF WYOMING )  
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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
THERMOPOLIS WYOMING  
April 3, 2012

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Courthouse.

Present were Commissioners Brad Basse, John Lumley and Mike Baker. Also present were County Clerk Hans Odde, County Attorney Jerry D. Williams and Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners Penny Herdt. Chairman Brad Basse led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda**  
John Lumley made a motion to approve the agenda with the following deletion:  
DELETE: Other Business 2. Lane 3 IRP Draw Down Request #20  
Mike Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**  
Mike Baker made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on March 6 and 20, and the special meeting on March 9, 2012 as presented. John Lumley seconded. Motion carried.

**Approve Bills**  
The following bills were submitted for approval:

BILLS – MARCH, 2012  
WORLAND CLEANERS & SUPPLY 71.80 / HANSON'S FIRE EQUIPMENT 512.15 / CASPER STAR TRIBUNE 119.52 / HOT SPRINGS VETERINARY CLINIC 204.00 / HASCO INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY 42.84 / SIRCHIE FINGERPRINT LABORATORY 79.61 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY WEED & PEST 1,941.17 / DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 10,407.22 / D & D MACHINE, INC. 19.37 / CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT 888,000.00 / AFLAC (ACCOUNT #HW652) 798.65 / STATE OF WYOMING - A&I 59.40 / ALLEGIANCE BENEFIT PLAN MANGT, INC. 109,534.82 / ANITA WEISBECK 67.16 / ATLANTIC TACTICAL 208.88 / BRESNAN COMMUNICATIONS 55.20 / BARTON STAM 55.31 / BIG HORN WATER 154.50 / BIG HORN REDI-MIX 59,000.00 / BLAIR'S SUPER MARKET 390.80 / BROKERS NATIONAL LIFE 498.60 / BULLBERRY SYSTEMS, INC. 600.00 / CHARLES I. CARVER 15.59 / RED ROCK FAMILY PRACTICE 182.00 / THERMOPOLIS HARDWARE 530.05 / COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INS. 148.60 / COLLECTION PROFESSIONALS 9.80 / VERIZON WIRELESS 44.69 / VERIZON WIRELESS 39.66 / VERIZON WIRELESS 61.12 / VERIZON WIRELESS 270.03 / VERIZON WIRELESS 51.15 / CROWLEY AIR SERVICE, LLC 5,194.04 / DANIEL S. WEBBER 144.30 / DEBRA A. GERHARTER 10.00 / DIGITAL ALLY 5,000.00 / DON'S IGA 54.92 / DON'S IGA 212.25 / ECONO SIGNS LLC 2,712.04 / THE ELECTION CENTER 150.00 / ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES 4,502.00 / FASTENERS INC. 109.99 / FINISHING TOUCHES 66.00 / FLEETPRIDE 993.87 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 37,024.67 / FOOD SERVICES OF AMERICA 2,326.97 / MORTIMORE FUNERAL HOME 420.00 / GDA ENGINEERS 23,109.39 / GOTTSCHKE THERAPY REHAB WELLNESS 330.00 / GREENLINE EQUIPMENT, LLC 50.61 / MOUNTAIN WEST BUSINESS SOLUTIONS 59.43 / MOUNTAIN WEST BUSINESS SOLUTIONS 190.30 / HANS ODDE 621.34 / HI COUNTRY PRINTING 100.00 / HEARTLAND CONSTRUCTION GROUP 130.00 / HOLIDAY INN OF CODY 201.49 / HOT SPRINGS ARMORY REGIONAL 5,000.00 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY HEALTH INS ACCT 59,746.13 / HOT SPRINGS CO. SCHOOL DIST #1 5,264.51 / INDEPENDENT RECORD 235.48 / INDOFF INC. 172.75 / JENNIFER CHENEY 406.58 / JERRY D. WILLIAMS 115.79 / JILL JACOBSON 1,575.00 / JOHN P. LUMLEY 378.48 / JUDITH HARVEY 5.92 / JULIA'S RENTAL SALES & SERVICE INC. 265.00 / LARIAT INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS 128,097.00 / LEXIS NEXIS 92.00 / MARY A. GORDON 268.62 / MARIEMCDUGALL 20.04 / MEADOW GOLD DAIRY 191.57 / HOT SPRINGS CO. MEM. HOSPITAL 1,228.60 / HOT SPRINGS COUNSELING SERV. 294.00 / MESSENGER & OVERFIELD 1,058.73 / MHL SYSTEMS 4,146.24 / NIELSEN OIL CO., INC. 520.00 / ONE STOP

REPAIR & 140.93 / O'REILLY AUTO PARTS 15.98 / O'REILLY AUTO PARTS 173.84 / THE OFFICE SHOP, INC 205.74 / OWL LUMBER INC. 81.26 / OWL CREEK WATER DISTRICT 2,724.00 / ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER 4,527.34 / PAMIDA 280.95 / PERFORMANCE AUTO & GLASS 118.66 / PERFORMANCE AUTO & GLASS 103.70 / PERFORMANCE AUTO & GLASS 123.80 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 150.00 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 1,900.00 / PLAINSMAN PRINTING & SUPPLY 315.71 / POSTMASTER 1,159.80 / PRAIRIE PELLA WYOMING, LLC 354.09 / QUARTERMASTER, INC. 32.98 / CENTURY LINK 651.18 / CENTURY LINK 7.09 / RAGG TAGGS 250.00 / RAYMOND E. SHAFFER 78.49 / GORRELL & HOPKINSON, P.C. 120.00 / RT COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 4,107.84 / SANTANA KEENER 144.30 / J.A. SEXAUER INC. 671.43 / SHOSHONE OFFICE SUPPLY 310.23 / SIMPSON, KEPLER & EDWARDS, LLC 4,532.50 / SPIRIT MASTER FUNDING III, LLC 1,738.43 / HOT SPRINGS CO SENIOR CITIZENS INC 24,973.67 / THE STANDARD INS. CO. 1,407.96 / STEHLIN PLUMBING & CONTRACTING 369.00 / TACO JOHNS 87.81 / TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP. 371.18 / TEEPEE POOLS 280.00 / THOMAS L. BENNETT, M.D. 3,440.00 / TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS 1,076.57 / TRAVELING COMPUTERS, INC. 6,491.99 / WYOMING DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 168.96 / TRI COUNTY TELEPHONE ASSOC. INC 668.58 / TRIPLE R WELDING, INC 1,846.36 / NORCO, INC. 73.46 / VERIZON WIRELESS 34.34 / VERIZON WIRELESS 34.62 / VICKLUND PHARMACY 465.85 / VISA - CARD ONE 517.18 / VISA - CARD TWO 2,274.79 / VISA - CARD THREE 756.59 / VISA - CARD FOUR 743.63 / VISA - CARD FIVE 53.48 / VISA 43.00 / VISA 439.34 / WYOMING COUNTY ASSESSOR'S ASSOC. 60.48 / WYOMING CO COMMISSIONERS ASSOC 300.00 / WYOMING COUNTY & PROSECUTING 200.00 / WCS TELECOM 289.35 / WEST PAYMENT CENTER 121.10 / WHITE HORSE FEED & SEED LLC 131.97 / WIND RIVER QUARRY 1,960.00 / EMPLOYMENT TAX DIVISION 2,413.35 / WYOMING.COM 20.00 / WYOMING DIVISION OF 154.00 / ORCHARD TRUST COMPANY 5,254.26 / WY DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL 800.00 / WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE 646.56 / WYOMING GEOSPATIAL ORGANIZATION 20.00 / WYOMING GAS 3,803.05 / WYONET INC. 113.95 / WYO RETIREMENT SYSTEM 22,744.47 / 036-NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS. 272.00 / WYOMING STATIONERY 827.06 / WY-TEST 81.50  
Payroll for March, 2012 - \$166,676.39.

**Jurovich Recognition**  
Ron Jurovich has resigned from the Hospital Board. The Commissioners presented Mr. Jurovich with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of his twenty years of hard work and service to the county as a member of the Hospital Board.

**Maintenance Monthly Report**  
Maintenance Foreman Chuck Carver discussed the next steps in the proposed WYECIP energy project. The signed contract has been received from the WYECIP office. The feasibility studies received from Ennovate and Trane will be forwarded to WYECIP consultant John Canfield for his review and comments. Interviews will be scheduled with the two Energy Service Companies and a contractor will be selected. The Commissioners agreed that this needs to happen soon if consensus money is to be considered as part of the financing for the project. Staff will coordinate with Mr. Canfield and representatives of the two ESCO's to move the project forward. Spring lawn preparation is underway and ahead of schedule. The surplus property silent auction went very well — many items were sold. Some larger items were held back for sale at a planned consignment auction to be held sometime in June or July. Mr. Carver reported that there have been a lot of personal space heaters being used within the courthouse offices, creating tripping hazards and fire hazards. He anticipates this problem going away as spring approaches and the heat pump replacement project is completed.

**Road and Bridge Monthly Report**  
Road & Bridge Supervisor Ray Shaffer reported that the road naming/renumbering project is progressing. The north section of the county has been completed and now the south and east areas are being addressed. Mr. Shaffer provided the Commissioners with maps showing the areas where

roads need to be named/re-named and/or fire numbers adjusted. After reviewing the maps, Mike Baker moved to authorize the Road & Bridge and Assessor's departments to move forward with road naming and numbering changes in the south and east areas of the county as proposed. (See attached maps 1, 2, & 3) John Lumley seconded the motion. Discussion: Mr. Shaffer will notify the landowners in the affected areas. County resident Tom Anderson asked that affected landowners be reminded of the need to update their voter registration records as a result of any changes to their addresses. Motion carried. Mr. Shaffer will bring the final road names in for approval after input has been received from the landowners. **Lane 3** – Mr. Shaffer reported that signs have been purchased for the rural section of Lane 3 and will be installed after the reclamation seeding has been done. The Commissioners discussed the timing of designating Lane 3 as a county road. The County Attorney will investigate the process and report back to the Commissioners. The Commissioners agreed that Lane 3 should be designated as a County Road prior to opening the newly constructed rural section to travel. **Signage** – Road & Bridge employees have spent a lot of time lately posting new road name and number signs. Fifty new signs have been provided by the State as part of the new L-TAP reflectivity standards program. County bridge approaches have also been re-marked to bring them into compliance with safety codes. Mr. Shaffer reported that placing American flag stickers on the new signs seems to be helping deter vandalism so far. **Other** – Spring blading of county roads continues. A price has been locked in for oil to be used in the chipping projects this summer. Discussion ensued regarding bidding requirements for procurement contracts for projects using CRF money. Mr. Shaffer will investigate procurement procedures in other Wyoming counties to ensure that all procurement rules are followed for county road projects. The guardrail on East River road needs replaced. Mr. Shaffer reported that there is 90/10 grant money available from WYDOT for this project, but engineering will be required and, as it is a reimbursement grant, the money will come out of the county's pocket first and then be reimbursed by the state. He hopes to get this project started this fall. The county will lease a trackhoe for a month starting in the middle of April. The \$3,000 credit remaining from last year's lease will offset some of this year's lease cost. L-TAP has scheduled a gravel roads workshop here in Hot Springs County on May 23 & 24. There will be one day of classroom training on building gravel roads and one day of hands-on training using mag chloride on about one mile of county road.

**County Planner Monthly Report**  
Planner Bo Bowman reported that septic season has begun. The NRPC has been meeting monthly. They are currently focusing on regulatory protection for the hot springs geothermal resources. The rewrite of the Land Use Plan is progressing. The Land Use Planning Board continues to meet regularly. There are two land use change requests coming to the Commissioners from the LUPB – Cody Hensley's on April 17th, and one for a subdivision in the Wakely area in May. Mr. Bowman notified the Commissioners that he has just received a letter of resignation from the LUPB due to time constraints from Tom Anderson. The Commissioners will address this resignation at their April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. In response to questioning from the Commissioners, Mr. Bowman indicated that he will provide training in board procedures and other information to all incoming board members.

**Lane 3 Update**  
Engineering Associates representative Heath Overfield reported that the completed contract documents have been received from the contractor. As soon as the certificate of insurance and certificate of Workman's Comp have been received, the paperwork will be submitted to the Commissioners so that the Notice to Proceed can be issued. Mr. Overfield indicated that he had received a call from a landowner on Lane 3 inquiring whether the newly-completed rural section had been built to design specifications. A quick survey was done which showed the road to be up to five feet narrower than designed, apparently due to lack of shoulder construction. Mr. Overfield will continue to investigate the reasons for this and will report back to the Commissioners.

**Public Hearing – Denton Subdivision Plat Amendment**  
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Hot Springs County Recreation District

# Girls Softball

Registration is April 20-May 4


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