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## Bands, choir take top accolades at Music in the Parks

by Cindy Glasson

The Hot Springs County High School Music Department has done it again, bringing home superior ratings and first-place trophies from the Music in the Parks competition last weekend in Arvada, Colo.

Director Dustin Olsen said this is the third year the band and choir have attended the event in Arvada, but it is the first year they have taken the concert band, concert choir, jazz ensemble and show choir to the event.

The show choir, concert band and jazz ensemble all brought home superior ranking and the first-place trophy. The concert choir garnered a third-place tro-

phy, and the concert band also received a first-place trophy as the best high school band in the competition.

Senior Katie Lehman also earned an outstanding jazz soloist medal.

Olsen said over the past three years the groups have finished in the top three every time, bringing home 15 trophies in three years.

Thermopolis took 66 students to the event that had more than 1,000 participants from 60-plus schools throughout the Northwest.

"Each year I am simply amazed at the talent of our music program," Olsen said. "Our students perform at such a high



Sixty-six Hot Springs County High School students were part of the Music in the Parks experience last weekend in Arvada, Colo. The HSCHS show choir, concert band and jazz ensemble all earned superior ratings. Thermopolis

also captured the first-place trophy as the best high school band in the competition. The concert choir took home the third-place trophy. The group shows the four trophies they earned in the elite competition.

level of musicianship that they are continuing to win.

"The support of our school and community are outstanding and I feel blessed to teach such tal-

ented students.

"I have to thank Nancy Williams and Joy McArthur for their countless hours of time with the choirs. Without them, we would

not have been as successful."

Williams works with the choirs as an accompanist and McArthur teaches choreography for the show choir.

Olsen has scheduled a Pops Concert, featuring middle school and high school bands and choirs, for May 21 at 6 p.m. in the school auditorium.

## Gordon informs commission about KYTS radio

by Cindy Glasson

The Hot Springs County Commissioners had a full agenda at their first meeting of the month Tuesday in the county annex.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bill Gordon let the commissioners know that with the loss of KTHE radio as a manned radio station, steps have been taken to ensure Hot Springs County residents can still keep abreast of things in the event of an emergency.

KYTS radio, broadcasting out of Cody, has agreed, through the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to become the channel for local information in the event of an emergency. KYTS, part

of the Big Horn Radio Network, can be found at 105.7 FM and is easily heard throughout the county.

Cable television interrupts will continue to come through the National Weather Service out of Riverton.

In addition, Gordon asked the commissioners to view the communications center's Facebook page on the Internet.

"Thermopolis 911 Communications Center" will provide up-to-the-minute information directly from dispatch in the event of an emergency or other significant communication times.

"The recent lockdown at the school was a perfect example," Gordon said. "We were able to get information out quickly

on our Facebook page and it helped quell some of the rumors and misinformation that was spreading at the time."

### Leveling H Diamond W camp area

Road and Bridge Superintendent Ray Shaffer asked the commissioners' permission to use some of the county equipment to help level an area at the H Diamond W camp west of Grass Creek.

In the past, the camp was used strictly for youth; however, the lease was recently rewritten to allow public use of the camp for weddings, family reunions or other events.

Now the camp will be building cabins at the site and asked for help with

clearing an area so building could begin. There will be just two cabins built now, but plans are to add more as time progresses.

The commissioners gave Shaffer the go-ahead to help with the project and mentioned a cabin is planned in memory of DeLoyd Quarberg. Donations for the memorial cabin may be sent directly to the H Diamond W camp at P.O. Box 609, Worland.

Shaffer then switched hats from road and bridge to the Centennial committee, asking the commissioners for permission to plant a Centennial tree somewhere on county property.

A tree has been donated, but at this

time, Shaffer said he does not know what kind of tree it will be.

Maintenance supervisor Chuck Carver suggested one area where the tree could be planted was behind the library, depending on what species of tree it will be.

"I've always thought that would be a great place for some landscaping," Carver said, suggesting some flowerbeds and a bench to add to the atmosphere.

The commissioners gave Shaffer and Carver the OK for the project, knowing Carver would have a better idea of what kind of space would be needed for a tree as well as what space is available on county property.

### 3-on-3 action



Vinnie Castle and Lane Schmidt play on opposing teams during a game Saturday during the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. One Thermop team took a championship during the tournament. See page 6 for details. — J.D. Stetson photo

## Second reading of arrest ordinance OK'd

by J.D. Stetson

The Thermopolis Town Council passed on second reading a proposed ordinance detailing arrest powers for Thermopolis police officers.

The council passed second reading of the ordinance in its entirety with a vote of three in favor and one against.

Council member Mark Nelson voted against the ordinance and council members LeRoy Hayes, Mike Mortimore and Tony Larson voted in the affirmative.

The council directed Town Attorney Mike Messenger to make changes to the ordinance in preparation for third reading, removing all language pertaining to drunken driving and driving under the influence of a controlled substance.

The directive was based on Messenger's recommendation to remove the language based on case and state law requiring the right to a jury trial on first offense drunken driving and driving under the influence of a controlled substance. Messenger explained the higher courts have deemed the right to a jury trial is warranted for the first offense because any subsequent offenses of the same crime could see expansion of penalties.

The ordinance would still detail officers' authority under town code to make arrests in cases of unlawful operation of a motor vehicle by a youthful driver with a detectable al-

cohol concentration, reckless driving, breach of peace, assault and battery, fighting, public intoxication, resisting arrest, conspiracy, imitating a town officer, theft of town property, annoying amplification of the human voice, trespassing and violating any town ordinance charging a misdemeanor in which the offending party poses a threat to himself or others.

The ordinance also details arrest powers pursuant to a warrant from the Municipal Court judge for contempt of court, failing to pay fines, failure to appear at a court hearing or refusal to follow an order of the judge.

The ordinance reiterates current town codes negating the right to a jury trial for the listed offenses.

Language in the ordinance also allows the discretion of an officer to release the individual instead of making an arrest if the officer determines there is not a threat of bodily injury or violence and the person can be turned over to a spouse, parent or other responsible adult.

It also allows jailers to release the individual once they are sober and no longer pose a threat to themselves or others.

### Vagueness of ordinance

Discussion during the meeting from members of the public pertained to vagueness of the ordinance and the potential abuse of the ordinance by future officers.

"The ordinance is too vague and gives too much leeway to the arresting officers," said Dan Moriarity.

Ernest Cummings also questioned Messenger and the council regarding the potential for rights violations based on his past experience and the need for the ordinance because officers can already make arrests under state law.

Messenger explained the reasons behind the ordinance to promote town officers to enforce town codes in order to boost the use of the Municipal Court. He said many of the tickets currently written for Municipal Court regarding crimes other than traffic tickets have involved alcohol or animal violations. He also added the ordinance dictates officers' discretion to make an arrest only if it is absolutely necessary.

Moriarity also made a point that the council shouldn't wait to make changes in the ordinance until the third reading because the public would only get one chance to see the changed proposed ordinance.

Larson proposed the council hold a public hearing at its next meeting to gain public input and table the third reading until a subsequent meeting in order to give the public more time to view the changed document.

The council will likely make a decision on whether to table the ordinance or pass it on third reading at its next meeting May 21.

## Learning Center moves to vo-tech building

by Joe Sovia

Relocation of the Hot Springs County School District No. 1 Learning Center has been on the mind of administrators for quite some time. The move has finally come to fruition as the alternative school is now inside the vo-tech building, just south of the administration building, which houses the school auditorium.

The relocation project was completed after some shuffling in the vo-tech building. The Learning Center is in the large room formerly used by Britton Van Heule as the agriculture classroom. Van Heule said he is pleased with his classroom being relocated in the same building, closer to

the high school building, and it means more convenience for his students.

After the new LC classroom was spruced up, desks and computer equipment was moved from the former alternative school in the RE/MAX building on South Sixth Street last week. District Technology Director Rick Engelbrecht and Technology Specialists Steve Radabaugh and Curtis Hamer handled the computer transition process.

"We wanted to bring it back on campus," high school principal Travis Anderson said of the LC, and he said a new "educational paradigm" is being adopted. It's referred to as the RISC performance-

based model. RISC is the acronym for "Re-inventing Schools Coalition." Richard DeLorenzo, author of the book titled "Delivering the Promise," is the RISC founder. He is known for his "grassroots" approach to the advancement of educational systems.

The RISC model has been in use on a limited basis for about 20 years, but hasn't been implemented "large scale."

DeLorenzo will be in the Hot Springs school district May 30 and 31 to work with educators on the RISC model. He'll be here because Hot Springs is the first school district in Wyoming to use the model.

"He's an amazing educator and

expert," Anderson said. "He'll help us focus our efforts so we can hit the ground running in August."

According to Anderson, the operation of the LC will not be affected the last three weeks of the school year. He said the "big change" would happen beginning with the start of the 2013-14 school year.

Anderson spoke about how the RISC model would be used.

"We're moving students toward proficiency, through projects, essays, presentations, etc.," Anderson said. "Students will have a say in how they're being

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assessed...The (RISC) model does a lot to empower learning.”

Anderson and some of the high school teachers visited the Bridger Alternative Program in Bozeman, Mont., earlier this school year. It's a performance-based model in its second year.

A “huge change” from the “old” LC to the new one – according to Anderson – is that programming was delivered online, but now teachers are used to teach students utilizing the LC.

“We want to have it more for an academic focus. We want the students to have a better chance for success,” Anderson said. He explained that from four to five different teachers work with students in the LC on a daily basis.

The principal said the “excavation” to prepare for the LC model change has been completed and now it's time to build the new

RISC model.

A significant change in the LC for the 2013-14 school year compared to 2012-13 is that the number of high school students who will utilize the alternative school should grow from the current seven students at the LC to from 20 to 30 spending part of their school day there.

Anderson explained that this year, all seven students spend all their school hours at the LC. Next year, he does not anticipate any students being exclusively at the alternative school, but only part of their school day – depending on their individual needs.

How are students who will be spending part of their day at the LC to be identified? That will be via intervention teams of teachers.

Will the RISC model at the LC improve the district's graduation rate?

“That's a huge piece of it,” Anderson said. “We want to make learning relevant for them (at-risk students), empowering them to have their own decisions—in some way to direct their own education.”

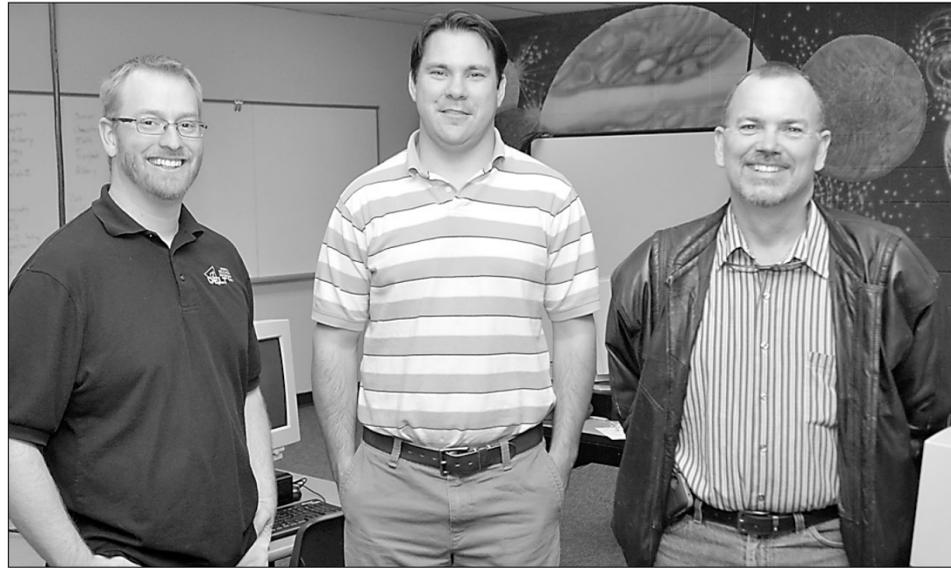
The principal said the district still has the curriculum it wants to deliver – to all students.

Anderson said the administration has the support of the district board of trustees in using the RISC model.

“They seem very excited. They're encouraged by the fact the program has had success,” he said. “They have that continued dedication to excellence.”

Anderson believes the new-wave LC is a good fit for the district.

“It's an extension of the high school,” Anderson said. “It's part of who we are. It will better meet the needs of our students.”



From left, Steve Radabaugh, Curtis Hamer and Rick Engelbrecht stand in the Learning Center, which is now located in the vo-tech building. Hamer is the new technology specialist, replacing Radabaugh, who is leaving the district. Engelbrecht is the technology director.

## Prevention Coalition moves ahead with Texting Tipline

by J.D. Stetson

The Hot Springs County Prevention Coalition gave authorization to Community Prevention Professional Becky Mortimore to proceed with re-implementing the anonymous Texting Tipline.

Mortimore said the cost of the service is \$1,788 a year plus a one-time \$399 setup fee.

Since the previous meeting, Mortimore said she contacted Thermopolis Dispatch and the Hot Springs County Sheriff's Office concerning the tipline.

During the tipline's previous operation, the tipline received only one text. The text was in regard to a person who may have been attempting to commit suicide. Mortimore said the outcome of the situation resulted in the person receiving the help they needed.

The coalition directed Mortimore to check with other prevention personnel around the state with regard to success rates of other texting tiplines. They also gave Mortimore the go-ahead to proceed with the tipline because the money for the tipline will need to be spent before the end of June.

The HSC coalition can afford to pay the costs of the tipline from its prevention budget because the coalition does not pay rent on the Prevention Office located at Gottsche Rehabilitation and Wellness Center.

The implementation of the tipline falls within guidelines established by the state with regard to evidence-based practice, and it is a tool that could help prevent abuse of alcohol, tobacco, drugs and suicide.

Sheriff Lou Falgoust provided his

thoughts regarding the tool the previous system provided, and suggested the coalition proceed on a trial basis.

“It's nice for it to be there for them (the public) to use, and if we have the funding we might as well try it,” Falgoust said.

The tipline is an anonymous source allowing for children, teenagers and adults to provide information to law enforcement.

### Prescription drugs

Mortimore reported to the coalition that the state is working to secure funding to provide counties in the state with lock boxes for the public to dispose of unused prescription medications.

So far, eight or nine of the largest counties in the state are set to receive Take it Back Prescription lock boxes

and the other counties may receive boxes if funding can be secured.

Mortimore said the need for a place for community members to dispose of prescription medications is warranted in Hot Springs County and said the coalition may purchase a lock box within its current funding level if the state is unable to provide a lock box.

The coalition discussed some of the logistics regarding who would empty the lock boxes and decided further information from the state may be needed.

Some possible suggestions for the location of the lock box were the lobby of the Law Enforcement Center or in the lobby next to Hot Springs County Circuit Court—between the courthouse and the Law Enforcement Center.

The coalition also approved a draft letter to health care providers and phy-

sicians seeking feedback on prescription drug abuse within the county as well as the elderly population.

### Suicide prevention

Mortimore informed the coalition of a rescheduled Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper training certification course in Casper that will take place May 30. Hot Springs County Prevention plans to send one person to the course for certification.

The next Suicide Prevention Coalition meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday in the basement of Common Ground.

Some of the agenda items include upcoming trainings, prevention sharing ideas regarding advertising and suicide prevention promotion.

# Public notices

## PUBLIC NOTICE DISPOSITION OF HOT SPRINGS COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY

Hot Springs County will hold a public auction for the disposition of a parcel of land located at 143 Lane 3. The auction is for the lot only and any improvements or metal garage on the lot at this time will be relocated within two weeks after the end of the auction. There is a water line to the parcel and sewer is available through the South Thermopolis Water & Sewer Dist. Hot Springs County reserves the right to reject any bid that does not meet a predetermined minimum amount. Payment by good funds shall be remitted on the day of the auction. The auction will be held on May 21, 2013 at 3:00 pm in the meeting room of the Government Annex Building 117 N. 4th. The auction will be conducted by the Vice Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and any instruction or rules set forth on the day of the auction shall be final. A public viewing of the property with County Officials will be held on May 17, 2013 from 3:00 – 4:00 pm.

Hans Odde, Hot Springs County Clerk

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Hot Springs County School District #1

## LEGAL NOTICE

## INVITATION TO BID

The Board of Trustees of Hot Springs County School District No. 1 will accept sealed bids for the sale of the following vehicle:

2002 Bluebird All American Rear Engine Transit Bus 48 Passenger with blown engine

Item located at Perry's Truck Repair in Riverton, sold as is/where is. Sealed bids will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. Monday, May 13, 2013 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be considered at the Board of Trustees meeting on May 16, 2013 at 7:00 p. m. in the Board Room of the Auditorium Building, 415 Springview, Thermopolis, WY 82443.

Successful bidder(s) must take possession of the purchased item between May 17 and May 21, 2013. Payment will be expected upon possession. The district may dispose of vehicles not taken by the possession deadline.

Hot Springs County School District No. 1 reserves the right to reject any and all bids. We reserve the right to waive any irregularities in the bids or bidding procedures.

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## WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## LEGAL NOTICE

## INVITATION TO BID

The Wyoming Department of Transportation will receive sealed bids in the Office of the Procurement Services Manager, 5300 Bishop Blvd., Building No. 6189, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82009-3340, until 11:00 A.M., May 30, 2013, at which time they will be publicly opened and read for **FURNISHING JANITORIAL MAINTENANCE AT THE WALTMAN REST AREA**. A MANDATORY Pre-Bid inspection will be held at 11:00 A.M., Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at the Waltman Rest Area located at Milepost 53.7 on U.S. 20 east of Shoshoni, Wyoming. Only bids received on Wyoming Department of Transportation bid forms will be considered. Bid forms and further information may be obtained, without charge, by going to <http://www.publicpurchase.com>, logging in and clicking on Bid No. 13-238DA. You must be registered with Public Purchase to log in and view bids. If you are not registered, click on the “free registration” button and follow the registration instructions. The registration process takes up to 24 hours, so signing up right away is recommended.

BY:

HANS F. HEHR, CPPB  
PROCUREMENT SERVICES MANAGER

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STATE OF WYOMING )  
) ss. IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
) FILED  
) MAY 2 2013  
COUNTY OF HOT SPRINGS ) FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME )  
CHANGE OF MATTHEW E. BILGER ) CIVIL ACTION NO. C13-28

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Amanda N. Bilger has filed a Petition with the above-named Court for the purpose of changing his/her name to Matthew Emery Blakesley.  
DATED May 2, 2013.

BY: Terri Cornella  
by Rose DeSeyn, Deputy

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No. 6831

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the State Engineer in accordance with Wyoming Statute § 41-4-505 to receive comments and evidence prior to the granting or denying of the water right application for the Jane #1 Reservoir. The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2013 in the Big Horn Federal Savings Bank meeting room, 643 Broadway Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming, beginning at 10:00 A.M. The State Engineer requests that anyone requiring auxiliary aids for disabilities contact the State Engineer's Office in advance by calling the Surface Water Division in Cheyenne at 777-6475 (mailing address - Herschler Building 4E, Cheyenne, WY 82002).

This hearing involves one (1) application submitted to the State Engineer which encompasses the following:

TF 34 3/067; Jane #1 Reservoir; held by G. John Jeffs and Jane E. West; priority date of June 20, 2007; located in Lot 2, Section 10, T. 8N, R., 4E, W.R.M.; for the storage of 0.22 acre-feet of alluvial flow from Owl Creek for fish propagation and stock uses.

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No. 6832

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Thermopolis Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in Town Hall, to consider the variance request of Daryl Petty to Town Code Sec 15-213, Table IV, to allow construction of a handicap ramp at 621 Clark St., in the HBD. For further information please contact Codes Admin. 864-5373.

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## REQUEST FOR BID NO. 0326-W

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for providing VEHICLE GLASS REPLACEMENT AND REPAIRS will be accepted until 2 p.m., May 20, 2013 by the Department of Administration and Information, Procurement Section, 700 West 21st Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Only bids submitted on State of Wyoming forms will be considered. Interested parties should phone (307) 777-6707 to obtain official proposal documents.

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