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From left, valedictorians Tanner Abbott, Brianna Hill and Jennifer Cramer, and salutatorian Laurel Leonhardt addressed fellow members of the Class of 2013 during Sunday's Hot Springs County High School Commencement Exercises. — Joe Sova photo

## 2013 Commencement salutes 47 graduates

by Joe Sova

Innovation is the name of the game in the high-tech society in which we live and the honor students who were in the spotlight during Hot Springs County High School Class of 2013 Commencement Exercises exhibited their own version when they addressed those attending the graduation ceremony Sunday in the high school gymnasium.

Valedictorians Tanner Abbott, Jennifer Cramer and Brianna Hill, and salutatorian Laurel Leonhardt took turns speaking about their “1001 tips for high school graduates, or things we learned in high school.”

Sunday's ceremony began with the 47 members of the Class of 2013 marching into the gym while Dustin Olsen directed the high school-middle school band

in playing “Pomp and Circumstance.” The high school choir then sang the National Anthem.

An emotional class president Desi Rangel addressed the graduates and audience, and she introduced the valedictorians and salutatorian. Guest speaker and high school teacher Eric Kay then addressed the graduates (*see story and photo on page 4*).

The high school choir sang “Already Home,” under the direction of Olsen.

Four members of the Hot Springs County School District No. 1 Board of Trustees were in attendance, including vice chairman Joe Martinez, Dr. Travis Bomengen, Tom Sullivan and Melissa Johnson. Superintendent Dustin Hunt and high school principal Travis Anderson were also on the stage for the ceremony, along with for-

mer trustee Karen Leyba. Board chair Liz Mahoney, clerk Clay Van Antwerp and trustee Hub Whitt were unable to attend.

Martinez presented diplomas to the graduates, assisted by Anderson. Kay gave each of the graduates a carnation as they exited the stage.

To close the ceremony, the high school-middle school band played the recessional.

Abbott opened the honor students' address by saying, “We've been told that nobody ever remembers a valedictorian address.” “Or salutatorian address,” Leonhardt said. Cramer said, “So we decided to make it more interesting. We wanted to ‘rap’ our speech, but we are not musically inclined.”

“This caused us to reconsider.

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## Tie vote leads to non-passage of arrest ordinance

by J.D. Stetson

The Thermopolis Town Council had a tie vote for third reading of an amended arrest powers ordinance during Tuesday night's meeting.

Councilmen Mark Nelson and Mike Mortimore voted against passing the ordinance, and Councilman LeRoy Hayes and Mayor Bill Malloy voted in favor of the ordinance. Councilman Tony Larson was not in attendance.

The tie vote meant the ordinance did

not pass. Mortimore motioned to table the ordinance and reconsider third reading at a future meeting. The motion failed because it was not seconded.

Leading up to the vote, Town Attorney Mike Messenger presented the ordinance for third reading and also presented recommended changes removing language concerning drunken driving and driving under the influence of a controlled substance, unlawful operation of a motor vehicle by a youthful driver

with detectable alcohol concentration and reckless driving.

Mortimore motioned to accept the changes to the ordinance, which received a second. Mortimore and Hayes voted to make the changes and Nelson voted against the changes.

Hayes motioned to pass the ordinance and Mortimore seconded in order to discuss the issue.

Hayes asked Nelson why he voted against the changes, which were rec-

ommended based on research Nelson had performed and taken to the town attorney.

Nelson stated he took the ordinance to seven different local attorneys, and each attorney agreed it was unconstitutional to place an individual in jail and not give them a right to a jury trial.

“If they sit in jail – any jail time – they deserve a jury trial,” Nelson said.

Nelson said each of the crimes under the ordinance have corresponding state

statutes that give officers authority to arrest the individual.

Currently under town code, the Municipal Court can only impose fines for misdemeanor offenses and not incarceration. Years ago, the town chose to remove incarceration as a sentence because of the expense of public defenders and jury trials.

Much of the discussion with the public

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## Commissioners award bid on Phase III of airport project

by Cindy Glasson

Contingent upon approval by the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) Aeronautical Division and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Hot Springs County Commissioners awarded the bid on the third phase of the airport project during their meeting Tuesday evening.

Seven bids were received by the commissioners which had been preapproved by GDA Engineers, the engineering firm overseeing

the airport project for the county.

At first glance, the apparent low bidder was Scarsella Brothers, Inc. with a bid of \$6,499,057.

Upon delving into the bid and all the schedules and attachments, it was discovered that Scarsella Brothers had some errors in its bid package that could have been detrimental financially.

The bid showed one item priced 13,000 percent higher than any of the other six bidders, an item that would have been completed

near the very start of the schedule – possibly within the first few days, amounting to more than \$600,000.

The concern expressed by GDA and the commissioners was that “front loading” the bid in this manner would allow Scarsella Brothers to back out of the rest of the project after billing for the initial monies. That would amount to a breach of contract, but the cost of rebidding Phase III would be detrimental to the county, adding more to the cost of the entire project.

GDA urged the commissioners not to award the bid to Scarsella Brothers based on other items that were priced well below other bidders while putting the larger item at the front of the schedule.

“There are huge costs to rebidding the project,” said Dusty Spomer with GDA. “We've looked at them (Scarsella Brothers) and the second lowest bidder very closely, and while there are differences between the two, on face value they are identical.

“We vetted both companies in

the exact same way.”

The second lowest bidder, Paul Reed Construction and Supply, turned in a bid of \$6,784,990.

While GDA suggested the commissioners award the bid to Paul Reed, the go-ahead must still go through WYDOT and FAA.

The commissioners first moved to reject the bid by Scarsella Brothers on the basis of an unbalanced bid that is reasonable to believe would not be the lowest cost to the public.

That motion was approved.

The commissioners then moved to award the bid to Paul Reed, on approval of receipt of grants from the state and FAA as well as matching public funds along with approval from the DOT and the FAA.

That motion was also approved.

Commission chair Brad Basse did not vote on either of the motions as his company, Jadeco, Inc., had filed bids with all of the contractors for electrical work as a sub-contractor.

## Smith sale increases average prices

Thermopolis hosted a “pretty good” spring horse sale Saturday during the 30th annual WYO Spring Quarter Horse Ranch Sale.

The annual auction brought buyers from 24 states across the nation to town in order to view and bid on animals cultivated by Bill and Carole Smith, Todd and Lorie Fike, Jack and Becky Wipplinger and Dr. H.B. “Woody” Bartlett.

The average price for 56 geldings was \$14,482, much higher than the average price last spring of \$12,000. The top 11 geldings averaged \$29,227 and the top 23 averaged \$22,467, Carole said.

Fourteen yearlings averaged \$1,457, four 2-year-olds averaged \$2,475 and two 3-year-olds averaged \$3,350.

The top selling horse was Power Spark 8711, a 9-year-old bay roan gelding, which sold for \$37,000 to a buyer in Alabama. Two other hors-

es sold for \$36,000, a gray gelding named Toms Skipper Scudder and a bay gelding named Cee My Whiskey.

The volume buyer this year came from Texas, and the organizers also handled phone bids from 25 different people. About 10-12 horses were bought using phone bids, Carole said.

Carole said the annual spring and fall sales continue to garner interest, and the ranch has considered Internet bids in the past. However, she said the personal contact between the buyers and the sellers would be lost over the Internet, and it's always been beneficial to have contact in order to match each buyer with their horse.

Buyers will get their next chance to purchase a gelding from WYO Quarter Horse Ranch during the ranch's annual fall sale Sept. 14 at the Hot Springs County Fairgrounds.



Lynn Smith shows Wyo Sunny Buck, a bay roan gelding, during the performance preview as a prelude to the WYO Spring Quarter Horse Ranch Sale Saturday at the fairgrounds.

## VFW to host Memorial Day ceremonies

The Hot Springs County Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 2281, has planned a series of services to commemorate service men and women, past and present, for the Memorial Day holiday

on Monday.

The day's activities will begin at 11 a.m. with a service at Monument Hill Cemetery.

At 11:30 a.m., a service will be held at Riverside Cemetery,

followed by an additional observance at the Park Street Bridge at noon.

The public is invited to attend and join the observance of the national holiday.

## Early deadline for May 30 issue

The Independent Record office will be closed on Monday, May 27 in recognition of Memorial Day. The deadline for

classified, display and legal advertising in the May 30 issue is noon Friday, May 24. The office will be open until 5 p.m.

on that day.

The deadline for editorial/news content for the May 30 issue is noon Tuesday, May 28.



# Graduation

We have decided that, instead of thanking you all for everything, (and we are grateful, really), we are going to list 1001 tips for high school graduates, or in other words, things we learned in high school,” Leonhardt said. “We hope that you will remember at least one of them. Without further ado, 1001 tips, which we hope doesn’t interrupt your naps.”

Here are those tips offered by the valedictorians and salutatorian, starting with Hill and followed by Abbott, Cramer and Leonhardt, in that order:

1. All you need is 20 seconds of insane courage...and I promise something amazing will happen.
2. Bad things do happen to good people.
3. Math is hard. So is life!
4. Life isn't complicated. You ALWAYS have a choice. No, not figuratively speaking. Literally. You ALWAYS have a choice. The most important choice in any situation you have is to stay calm, be grateful, and CHOOSE HAPPINESS, over self-pity, anger, jealousy and other useless emotions.
8. Be so happy that when others look at you they become happy, too.
17. The expert in anything was once a beginner.
18. YOLO – Yams Oranges Lemons and Octopi, that is...
121. Silence is golden, ducttape is silver.
22. Promote what you love instead of bashing what you hate.
23. Don't stop believing.
37. Go the extramile, it's never crowded.
25. Thinking is hard...but not thinking is even harder.
27. Happiness is found when you stop comparing yourself to other people.
32. The only thing you wash with white clothes, is white clothes!
35. An arrow can only be shot by pulling it backward. So when life is dragging you back with difficulties, it means that it's going to launch you into something great. So just focus, and keep aiming.

897. Only two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former.
38. Always believe in yourself, even when others don't.
40. Stay cool, stay calm, don't quit.
41. Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the ark, professionals built the Titanic.
43. Don't think of yourself as an ugly person...think of yourself as a beautiful monkey.
37. Never look back...If Cinderella looked back she would've never become a princess.
45. Be your best, despite the odds.
50. With God, all things are possible.
57. Girls can play football, too! 3-peat!
59. The power to shine is in every one of us.
60. If you chose not to decide you still have made a choice.
63. If you give eggs to a bunch of high schoolers, you better expect something or someone to be egged.
70. Never give up on yourself or others.
230. Hakuna Matata.
77. Every underdog has his day...Prove it to yourself, nobody else.
80. Hope is the only thing stronger than fear.
81. If you can't convince them, confuse them.
86. CTRL+ALT+DELETE anything in your life that doesn't serve you any longer or doesn't make you happy.
95. A day without sunshine is, you know, night...
99. Why try to fit in when you were born to stand out?
103. Do or do not, there is no try.
107. Stopping in the middle of the hallway is like not going when the light turns green...people will hate you!
109. We are who we choose to be.
37. Don't be a cotton headed ninny muggins!
115. Knowledge is power...but with great power comes great responsibility.
116. Forget 'normal' – it's boring, and who decides what normal is anyway?
117. Live like Larry.

121. Exercise gives you endorphins. Endorphins make you happy.
123. The sides may have changed, but the fact that I am right has not.
129. Friends are the most important ingredient in the recipe of life.
17. One does not simply walk into Mordor.
135. Judging a person doesn't define who they are, it defines who you are.
138. I am who I am today because of the choices I made yesterday.
144. Stop waiting for things to happen. Just go and make them happen.
145. We all die. The goal isn't to live forever, the goal is to create something that will.
150. Everybody's crazy...some are just a bit crazier than others.
37. I found myself in the land of milk and honey, too bad I'm lactose intolerant and allergic to honey.
167. You can't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back at what life threw at you.
170. Enjoy the little things in life, for one day you'll look back and realize they were the big things.
171. Where there is no struggle, there is no strength.
172. When all else fails...procrastinate.
186. Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain.
198. The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.
199. Every test in our life makes us better or better, every problem comes to break us or make us. The choice is ours whether we become victim or victor.
218. The people who are crazy enough to think that they can change the world are the ones who do.
235. Brush your teeth!
247. The difference between school and life? In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson.
250. Be a Fruit Loop in a world full of Cheerios.
260. Don't compare yourself with any-



**Hannah Swick, left, and Sheridan Roling share an embrace after Sunday’s graduation ceremony. Look for more graduation photos on the IR Facebook page.**  
– Joe Sovo photo

- one in this world...if you do so you are insulting yourself.
269. Always wear sunscreen.
277. The only person you should try to be better than is the person you were yesterday.
278. Math... Mental abuse towards humans.
279. The most exciting phrase to hear in science, the one that heralds new discoveries, is not "Eureka!" but "That's funny..."
319. Stars can't shine without darkness.
325. Don't take life too seriously...no-body gets out alive.
37. All my life I thought air was free...until I bought a bag of chips.
363. Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow.'
380. There isn't another word for the-saurus...
400. It takes considerable knowledge just to realize the extent of your own ignorance.
441. If you pretend to concentrate in class, maybe the teacher won't ask you a question.

442. All men are equal before fish.
462. If at first you don't succeed, find out if the loser gets anything.
474. You will learn something everyday if you pay attention.
489. Good friends don't let you do stupid things...alone.
541. Brilliant people do not make mistakes, but mistakes make people brilliant.
549. Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it most never use it.
601. The word 'studying' was made up of two words, originally 'students dying.'
633. Instead of thinking outside the box,

# Council

revolved around why the council needed the ordinance. Several reasons were discussed, but the main reason for the ordinance is to give officers guidance, Messenger said. Messenger added that another valid reason for the ordinance is to encourage and increase usage of the Municipal Court. Currently, fines assessed in Hot Springs County Circuit Court are designated to schools. Under Municipal Court, the fines go back to the town. Messenger said the money would help, but was not the sole reason for the ordinance. Various residents provided their opinions on the matter of arresting people and not giving them a right to a jury trial.

Paul Galovich, a local business owner, first explained potential damages passed on to employers if an employee is arrested on town ordinance and won't be released until later. He also said the issue of arrest powers should not be about money, but about constitutional rights – specifically the right to a trial by jury. Messenger explained that under the status quo, a business owner still faces damages from an employee being arrested under state charges, but the damages could be worse because of potential jail and probation sentences. Messenger also explained the Wyoming Supreme Court has determined through case law the

right to a jury trial is necessary for most charges only if the subject faces a potential jail sentence. It does not address jail time between the arrest and sentencing. In cases of drunken driving, case law indicates defendants have a right to trial by jury on the first offense because of potential enhancement of charges on subsequent offenses, which is why the council chose to omit the language pertaining to those charges in the third reading. Matt Galovich also spoke on the constitutional right to a jury trial and also said the police department's role is not as a revenue generating force, but the principle of the department is to protect the

citizens of Thermopolis. Paul Galovich also worried the ordinance could lead to “sloppy work” from police officers, because they won't need to “dot their I's and cross their T's” in preparation for a jury trial. After all of the comments and items were debated, ultimately the ordinance failed to pass the council.

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