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Residents rally to support TePee Pools with petition

by Cindy Glasson

With the possibility of the loss of the TePee Pool looming on the horizon, residents of Hot Springs County have rallied together in an attempt to somehow block the State's demand that the owners of the pool remove the building and its enhancements before the end of the first week in May.

Local action has also taken to social media via Facebook, Twitter and email with pages popping up in support of the TePee Pools.

One page, "Save the Tepee Pools" signed on more than 1,100 members just over the weekend on Facebook.

State's master plan

In 2013, the State Parks and Historical Sites contracted with CHM Government Services to conduct a survey of all the parks within Wyoming's state park system.

The final report was released to the parks division on Nov. 8, 2013, and includes a summary of their trips to Hot Springs State Park and other facilities as well as their analysis of what changes would best suit the area.

The report includes the leasing fees each of the concessionnaires in the state park system provides, based on their gross revenue.

The concessionnaires in Hot Springs State Park provide approximately 60 percent of the total fees paid by the entire state park concessionaires in Wyoming.

The company's observations about Hot Springs State Park and its service providers are found at the beginning of the document and include its suggestions for expansion or renovation of each facility.

The plan is available in pdf format online at <http://wyoparks.state.wy.us/pdf/ConcessionMasterPlan.pdf>.



Atlas Roofing began the tear-off and reroof of the TePee Pools this week. The building's roof was severely damaged by Mother Nature. The new metal roof will be gold in color, similar to the original. Pictured are Cody Glasson, left and Chad Lippincott, near the peak of the dome.

Commissioners approve land use changes for Jadeco, Willsons

by Cindy Glasson

The Hot Springs County Commissioners approved a pair of land use changes during their meeting Tuesday evening, after a recommendation from the Land Use Planning Commission.

County planner Bo Bowman presented an overview of both proposed land use changes.

One was for a small slice of land owned by Jadeco that borders Lane 3, changing the designation from residential to commercial. The second was a proposed change for approximately 10 acres of land north of Thermopolis off Sprowl Road, owned by Howard and Belenda Willson, from agricultural to industrial use.

Jadeco

The change from residential to commercial for the Jadeco property will allow the company to store some equipment on the site, including trailers and vehicles of the electrical business, as well as the possibility of some larger storage containers.

The property has electricity and water on site; however,

Jadeco does not intend to build any structures on the property that would require the use of solid waste disposal.

A driveway access will be cut off Lane 3 which will be surfaced in gravel to prevent weeds and dust and all exterior lighting will be shielded and downcast over the area. Fencing will be constructed on the

property with locking gates.

Neighboring landowner John Zupan expressed his desire that any fencing installed not be connected to his existing fencing as he may want to remove it at a later date. Jadeco agreed their fencing would be free standing from Zupan's.

Jadeco indicated there would probably not be any additional

signage added to the lot, saying instead they would simply change an existing sign to reveal their own company logo. Any additional signage would have to be approved by the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) before installation.

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Hot Springs County Jail: Low vacancy in women's wing

by Drew Foster

Probation and Parole Agent Ron Woodward said his office averages about two probation revocation arrests each week – a figure that's both encouraged law enforcement officials and occasionally strained the local jail.

Female inmates at Hot Springs County Jail call cellblocks C and D home – separate pods that each contain two Spartan cells with bunk beds, a toilet, sink, mirror and desk. The cellblocks hold a total of eight women. Several times in the past two months the jail's female population has exceeded the number of bunks in cellblocks C and D.

According to daily jail rosters, the facility housed nine women between April 4 and April 8. The same situation occurred between March 3 and March

13 when the jail housed nine female inmates on all but one of those days. The number of male inmates has been well below the 24 available bunks in their cellblocks.

Overflow female inmates can be housed in the max block cells – two single-occupancy cells separated from blocks C and D – depending on availability.

Jail Administrator Beth Price, a sergeant with the Hot Springs County Sheriff's Office, said the recent numbers of local female inmates are the highest she's seen during her 20-plus years with the department. She said the increased population occasionally leads to higher tension levels among the female inmates.

"We have a lot of arguments and that

type of thing," she said.

Price partially attributed the higher number of female inmates to the diligent work of Woodward, who became Hot Springs County's probation and parole agent in July. Worland's probation and parole office had previously overseen Hot Springs County. On Tuesday, four of the eight female inmates at Hot Springs County Jail were being held on probation revocation allegations, convictions or holds.

"That's a good thing," Price said of Woodward's efforts.

"I've seen (the female inmate population) grow steadily," Price said. "I've been here 21 years and it used to be that we would have just (a few) females. This is real unusual for us."

The overwhelming cause of probation

or parole violations, Woodward said, are drug and alcohol violations.

"I think if you total up the other violations they would still be second to drugs and alcohol," he said.

And the top culprit for failed drug tests?

"For this county right now, in my opinion, I'd have to go with meth," Woodward said. "Marijuana is a close second... The use of alcoholic beverages is right up there with meth."

Hot Springs County Jail used to house overflow inmates from the Washakie County Jail. In the past couple years, it's been the other way around. Price said the local jail has had to send female inmates to Washakie County "two or three times a year" in recent years. As of late, however, Price said

that has not been an option, noting that Washakie County Jail's women's wing has been at or near capacity as well.

Sgt. Erich Berryman of the Washakie County Sheriff's Office said last week that his county's jail could accept one or two female inmates from Hot Springs County – depending on the inmate's length of stay.

"I believe I could deal with that," Berryman said. "But it would depend on the situation at hand." He echoed Price's statement that Washakie County Jail has recently been at or near its capacity for female inmates.

Berryman said there was no formal agreement between the two agencies to "trade out" inmates, but said jails and sheriff's offices often negotiate temporary transfers between one another.

ArtStroll spotlight



Artist Travis Hart of Green River carves a deer out of a petroleum-based clay during the Second Friday ArtStroll downtown last week. Hart's work was on display at Needleful Things.

– Drew Foster photo

Egg hunts slated for Easter weekend

Two Easter egg hunts will be featured Easter weekend in Thermopolis. The first event will be at Thermopolis Rehabilitation and Care Center and the other is hosted by the Thermopolis Lions Club.

Thermopolis Rehabilitation and Care Center will host its third annual Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, April 19, the day before Easter. The egg hunt will be inside the TRCC building and begins at 10:30 a.m. The egg hunt is for children ages 10 and under.

Children will be searching for toy- and candy-filled eggs with prizes inside during the hunt. Refreshments and desserts will be served.

Lions Club egg hunt

The annual Thermopolis Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt will be held this Sunday, April 20 in Hot Springs State Park. The race for eggs begins at 2 p.m. in the grassy area near Days Inn and Best Western Plus Plaza Hotel. Youngsters through age 8

are invited to participate. Age groups will be divided into separate areas of the park. The divisions are age 2 and under, 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8.

Prizes will be available for all age groups.

Thermopolis Lions Club member Connie Hart is the Easter Egg Hunt coordinator.

Holy Week church service schedule

The schedule of area Holy Week church programs and services today (Thursday) through Sunday includes:

Community Federated Church, 244 N. Sixth St. Maundy Thursday Holy Week service, 7 p.m.; Easter Sunday, Easter services, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with choir, and 6:32 p.m. First Baptist Church, 310 S. Sixth St. Easter Sunday breakfast, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Easter service with choir celebration, 11 a.m.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 642 Arapahoe. Maundy Thursday service, Holy Eucharist, foot washing, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Stations of the Cross, noon and 7 p.m.; Saturday, Easter Vigil, Holy Eucharist, 7 p.m.; Easter Sunday, Holy Eucharist, 11 a.m.

Living Waters Assembly of God, 318 N. Eighth St. Resurrection Service, 10:30 a.m., child care provided.

Risen Son Southern Baptist Church, 342 Amoretti. Easter Sunday, Sunrise service, 6:30 a.m. at 215 Ramsey Lane; breakfast at the

church, 8 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Easter service, 10:45 a.m.; no evening service.

St. Francis Catholic Church, Eighth and Arapahoe. Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6 p.m., church; Eucharistic Adoration, 7 p.m.-midnight, St. Nicholas chapel; Sacrament of Penance (Confession) received until 8:30 p.m.; Good Friday, Day of Fast and Abstinence, Good Friday service, 6 p.m., church; Holy Saturday, no mass at 5 p.m.; Easter Vigil service, 8 p.m., church; Easter Sunday, Easter Sunday Mass, 9 a.m., church.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 288 U.S. Highway 20 South. Maundy Thursday Divine service, 7 p.m.; Good Friday Tenebrae service, 7 p.m.; Easter Sunday, breakfast, 8 a.m.; Easter worship, 9 a.m.

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 129 Mountain View. Easter Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m., breakfast following.

HS County: A hardline approach

by Drew Foster

A five-sided object is a pentagon. An eight-sided object, an octagon. But what about a 39-sided object? That, of course, would be Hot Springs County.

This county and its many sides was the presentation topic Saturday during the Hot Springs County Historical Society's monthly meeting at the Museum and Cultural Center. Phil Roberts of the University of Wyoming presented his theories and understandings of Hot Springs County's many-sided boundaries.

Roberts said Hot Springs County's lines were dictated along the northeast border by assessed valuation considerations and railroad tracks and along the south border by mountain ranges.

"Some of what I've found is based on politics and some of it is based on economics and some of it is based on a feud between

two politicians," Roberts told a crowd of several dozen attendees.

Those two politicians were Francis E. Warren and Joseph M. Carey, both past governors and U.S. senators.

In the early 20th century, much of what is now Hot Springs County was part of Big Horn County, a large swath of land encompassing modern-day Park, Big Horn, Hot Springs and Washakie counties. Some of Hot Springs County also was in Fremont County.

Roberts said that in 1910, Carey, who was running for governor and would eventually be elected, proposed creating additional counties. Hot Springs and Washakie counties initially would have been one, but Roberts said Worland founder and promoter C.F. Robertson foresaw a fight between Thermopolis and Worland as to which town would be the county seat. Therefore, it was proposed that two counties

be created instead of one.

That's when the hard-cornered lines were etched on the map.

Robert's supposition, he told the group, was that a straight line dividing the counties would leave Washakie with too little assessed valuation, and a diagonal line dividing the counties would have driven surveyors mad. So, a compromise was struck. To increase Washakie County's assessed valuation, surveyors mapped the hard-angled lines to allow for a larger portion of the railroad to sit in that county.

"The upshot of not having that one county that would have been called Hot Springs or Washakie was that we got both," Roberts said.

The next meeting of the Historical Society of Hot Springs County is May 10. The presentation topic should be "Hot Springs County and the Aging Brain – Implications and Strategies."



Phil Roberts of the University of Wyoming discussed Hot Springs County's many-sided boundaries during the Hot Springs County Historical Society's meeting Saturday at the Museum and Cultural Center.
— Drew Foster photo

Commissioners

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Commission chair Mike Baker and commissioner John Lumley approved the land use change with commissioner Brad Basse abstaining from voting as he is the owner of Jadeco.

Willson gravel pit

The request for a change from residential to industrial by the Willsons was a bit more contentious than the Jadeco request as there were more concerns from surrounding residents about noise and truck traffic, and the possibility of obstruction of irrigation water should an accident happen involving one of the culverts that carries the water under the road.

As the road in question is also connected to various livestock areas, neighbors wanted to be sure the gates would be maintained and closed to keep stock from escaping.

Dust and noise from the possible mining operation and the speed of traffic going up and down the road was also a concern as there are small children in the area.

Willson addressed each of his neighbor's concerns, agreeing with them and assuring them all of the issues would be addressed as needed.

The commissioners unanimously approved the land use change with the following conditions: 1. A weed management plan must be in place; 2. Solid waste removal will be done on a regular basis in a covered vehicle or trailer and taken to an approved landfill. Measures

will be taken to prevent blowing trash; 3. Prior to the start of any commercial mining operations, agreements shall be reached with the Lucerne Pumping Plant Company and Owl Creek Irriga-

tion District concerning improvement to the two irrigation ditch crossings on Sprowl Road; and 4. All necessary state and federal permits shall be obtained prior to the operation of the facility.



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Discussion Topics:

- Spring Runoff Report & Bull Lake Update - USBR
- SEO activities and issues in the basin
- Little Wind Storage Study & Big Wind Storage Study – WWDO, Harry LaBonde
- Wyoming's Water Strategy – Nephi Cole

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SCHOOL MENU

What's For Lunch?

MONDAY
Quesadilla, Lettuce Salad,
Refried Beans, Apples

TUESDAY
Tater Tot Casserole, Rolls,
Peas, Pineapple

WEDNESDAY
Pork Rib Sandwich, Potato
Chips, Cottage Cheese,
Celery Sticks, Peaches

THURSDAY
Cheesy Beefy Nachos, Tortilla
Chips, Lettuce Salad, Grapes

FRIDAY
Polish Sausage, Baked Beans,
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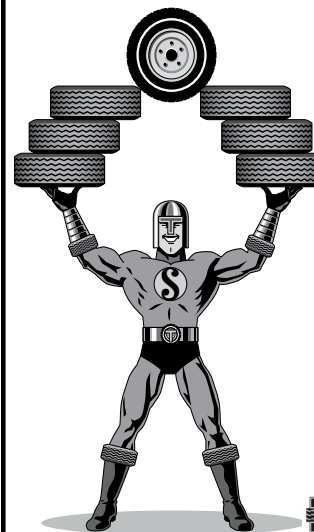
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