

Story and photo by Gary Bégin
Wyoming U.S. Senator Mike Enzi was in Thermopolis last Friday talking to an intimate group of about 15 people at Hot Springs State Park. Enzi specifically blamed Nevada Sen. Harry Reid, the Senate Majority Leader, for blocking Republican sponsored amendments to scores of bills introduced by the GOP.

The affable accountant, one of only two in the Senate, and the only one on the Senate Finance Committee, said he has been fighting issues like the Affordable Care Act,

a.k.a. Obama Care, since 2010 and is chagrined at the fact the Senate has 45 first term senators who are still learning the ropes and “don’t know how things work.”

Enzi told the friendly and casual group, lured to the park by the Enzi campaign’s ice cream social, that at one time there were 750 amendments passed for various bills, but this year only a couple dozen made it through.

He expressed optimism about Republicans

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Falgoust, Webber, Mortimore claim win in primary

Several races were hotly contested in Thermopolis and Hot Springs County, including the run for Mayor, Sheriff and Treasurer.

Incumbent Sheriff Lou Falgoust had a tight competition with Tom Christensen, taking the race with a comfortable 222 votes.

An upset occurred in the Treasurer’s office with a landslide win by Julie Mortimore over incumbent Isabelle Willson, 1,269 to 331.

Nina Webber retained her position as Hot Springs County Clerk, beating out her opponent, Mark Nelson, by nearly double the votes.

Unofficial primary election results for Thermopolis and Hot Springs County have been reported after yesterday’s trip to the polls.

Those who will move forward to the general election in November include:

Hot Springs County –
Sheriff – Lou Falgoust
County Clerk – Nina Webber
County Treasurer – Julie Mortimore
County Commissioner – Tom Ryan, John Lumley

Town of Thermopolis –
Mayor – William H. Malloy
Town Council (4 year) – Tony Larson, Connie Skates
Town Council (2 year) – Dusty Lewis

Town of E. Thermopolis –
Mayor – David Peake
Town Council – Sybil Hannah, Dolores Bush

Town of Kirby –
Mayor – Ross Rhodes
Town Council – Don Larson, Dale Bulman

State House of Representatives, HD 28 – Nathan Winters

Polls were open across the State of Wyoming as well, with the following making their way to the general election:

Governor – Matt Mead, Pete Gosar
Secretary of State – Ed Murray
State Auditor – Cynthia Cloud
Superintendent of Public Instruction – Jillian Balow, Mike Ceballos
State Treasurer - Mark Gordon
U.S. Senate – Mike Enzi, Charlie Hardy
U.S. House of Representatives – Cynthia Lummis, Richard Grayson

Also on the primary ballot on Tuesday were those running for precinct committeeman and committeewoman from the four county precincts:

Precinct 1-1 – Chuck Carver, Jerry Williams, Ellen Galyan
Precinct 1-2 – Michael Wright, Joseph Casciato, Toni Casciato, Robin Kruse
Precinct 2-4 – Wyatt Agar, Theresa Brown
Precinct 3-3 – Jim Collins, Mike Baker, Carrie Galovich, Phyllis Baker

See page A7 for a break down of voting totals.



Fire displaces families

A fire destroyed a garage, house and a shed in the 200 block of Clark Street in East Thermopolis early Wednesday morning, Aug. 13 around 1 a.m. According to Thermopolis Fire Chief Dale Andreen all three structures were a complete loss. A fire investigator from

Laramie was summoned to the scene. The results of that investigation are still pending as of this report. Three families were displaced, but local charities, friends and family provided temporary living quarters, food and comfort.

-Photo courtesy of Pat Cornwell

Chamber Board discusses future of 3-on-3

The board for the Thermopolis-Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce met last week to discuss the future of 3-on-3 basketball and the restart of the Rediscover Local tours this fall.

The start of summer has been heralded by the 3-on-3 basketball tournament for many years, but recently, has not been much of a money maker for the chamber.

Local hotels and businesses have benefitted from the event, however, and the chamber is looking at ways to continue the tournament,

perhaps using other resources to help fund it.

They have approached the recreation board about helping with the event and are also checking with the booster club to see if they have any interest in being part of the tournament.

There has been discussion regarding holding the tournament on our own, without the use of a professional company, but one of the things holding the chamber back is the cost of insurance for the com-

plicated event.

For now, until they have received some kind of answer from the rec board or the booster club, the chamber board is tabling its decision until Sept.

Insurance is one of the costs that have gone up for the chamber.

Their current policy covers insurance for the monthly meet and greets, but does not cover individual events such as the demolition derby or parades.

For the recent demo derby, in-

surance cost the chamber \$400. The cost of insuring four parades for the upcoming fiscal year will be \$725. Those costs come out of the proceeds of each event.

Chamber director, MeriAnn Rush, is talking with other Chamber of Commerce directors to see what they are doing with rising insurance costs and looking into the possibility of a group insurance plan with other chambers across the state.

A new Rediscover Local bus tour is scheduled for Saturday, Sept.

20 that will explore businesses on South Sixth Street, from the stoplight to McDonalds.

The bus will meet folks at the chamber office at 10 a.m. to begin the tour that will highlight all the businesses along the strip with stops at five or six featured businesses.

Everyone who takes the tour will receive a complimentary convention bag. Please reserve your seat on the bus by contacting the chamber office at 864-3192.



Rotary Club Turtle Trek fundraiser set to go

The Rotary Club of Thermopolis is hosting the 9th Annual Great American Turbo Turtle Trek, Saturday, Aug. 23 at 1 p.m. in the Hot Springs State Park cooling ponds.

This fun event has more than 20 great prizes and winners need not be present to win, although cheering for your turtle is highly

encouraged!

Fantastic prizes include gift certificates, barbecue grills, a radio controlled Porsche and a dinosaur fossil dig. Great top prizes include a Mossberg rifle, big screen television and a weekend stay with dinner at the Super 8, but the grand prize is \$1,000 in cash.

Tickets are \$10 and can be

purchased at many area merchants. Proceeds will benefit the Rotary Club projects for the upcoming year.

Remember – you need not be present to win, but buyers are encouraged to come, join the fun and cheer for your turtle. For more information call Sheree Scheel, 460-0392.

Enzi

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winning control of the Senate and if that happens, he'll be elevated to a possible co-chairmanship on the Senate Finance Committee. Speaking on high finances, Capitol-style, Enzi told the appreciative audience "I know where the money is buried and how to get it."

He said a "change in leadership is a good possibility after this election" saying it will help more bills get passed.

Enzi mentioned to the gathering that "the U.S. is still the safest place to put money" for foreign investors and touched on a variety of other topics during his one hour stay including getting more money from the Feds for PILT (payment in lieu of taxes, a plan that gives money to counties for untaxed federal land within that county).

Regarding the immigration fiasco currently in the news, focused on thousands of illegal aliens, many of them children, Enzi told the Thermopolis IR exclusively that when the issue first came to light, the Obama administration should have immediately sent the children back home by airplane and that would have sent a strong and clear message to those in Central America not to keep coming.

He said that now, Obama wants \$3.2 billion and has all kinds of other programs attached to his funding request.

Regarding the crisis in the Middle East, Enzi said, also exclusively to this newspaper, that he is a staunch friend of Israel and feels President Obama is not strident enough in showing America's support for the "only Democracy in the region."

When told that Sen. John Barrasso expressed many of the same opinions on the Middle East and immigration, Enzi said it was because the two of them talk regularly and "liked each other".

He peppered his casual chat with the locals, joined by a few out of towners, reminiscing about his parents starting the first trailer park in Thermopolis and getting his first library card here too. He said he remembers attending the first Blessing of the Waters Pageant and giving tours to tourists as a youngster.

Enzi easily defeated his GOP rivals with a whopping 80 percent margin and faces Democrat Charlie Hardy in the November general election. Hardy is considered a long shot, so Enzi is most likely headed for another six-year term in the Senate, according to most political pundits.

Wyoming bridge 170 replacement begins

Wyoming 170 bridge replacement project begins northwest of Thermopolis

Replacement of the last wood timber bridge on the Wyoming highway system started this week on Wyoming 170 northwest of Thermopolis.

Construction of a one-way detour on the east side of the old Owl Creek bridge began on the \$1.272 million project in Hot

Springs County.

"Once the detour is built, the contractor is scheduled to begin removing the old timber bridge," according to Kaia Tharp, Wyoming Department of Transportation resident engineer in Thermopolis. "The new bridge will be built in the same location as the old bridge."

CC&G, Inc., of Lander is the prime contractor on the Wyo-

ming 170 bridge replacement project. The Wyoming Transportation Commission awarded the project bid to CC&G, Inc., in February.

The contractor's schedule calls for pouring the concrete bridge deck about mid-August, asphalt paving of the roadway on each side of the bridge in mid-September and completion of the project by the end of September.

Local members attend state Easter Star session

Members of Vesper Chapter No. 19 attended the Grand Chapter Session of Eastern Star, held in Casper, Aug. 13-16.

Tom Smith was installed as Worthy Grand Patron of Wyoming for the 2014-15 year. He was escorted by his sister Bobbi Stewart, Past Grand Matron of Nevada.

His brother Charles Smith, escorted by his wife Kim, was installed as Grand Warden.

Also attending the session were Margaret Mecca, Past Grand Matron who served as Installing Grand Conductress.

Other officers attending were Dennis Wilson, Linda Free, Leona Elliot and Betty Jane Dunbar.

Other attending members included Sean Smith, Jim Mecca, Evelyn Sutherland and Don Bordenkircher, Past Grand Patron of Nevada, a friend of the Smith family.

Smith and Stewart will also serve as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Vesper Chapter for the ensuing year.

Among donations of Wyo-

ming Grand Chapter Charities this year were more than \$10,000 to Camp Courage, a Wyoming retreat for children with cancer and their families, \$25,000 was given from the Scholarship Fund to Wyoming students who will be entering college.

The traditional kick-off celebration for Smith, the Worthy

Grand Matron, Cindy Sheaffer of Casper, and their officers, will be hosted by the Thermopolis Chapter on Saturday, Sept. 6.

The official visit meeting will be held at the Masonic Lodge at 1 p.m. with the banquet in the evening at the fairgrounds building.

Members from across the state as well as out of state will



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Proposed Amendment to the Wyoming Constitution to be voted on at the General Election Nov. 4, 2014

Underlined words would be added to existing law.

Constitutional Amendment A

The adoption of this amendment would allow the governor to appoint nonresidents of the state to serve as University of Wyoming trustees. Not more than twenty percent (20%) of the appointed trustees may be nonresidents of the state. The governor would not be required to appoint any non-resident as a trustee. All appointments to the board of trustees are with the advice and consent of the Wyoming Senate.

Article 7, Section 17. Government of university.

The legislature shall provide by law for the management of the university, its lands and other property by a board of trustees, consisting of not less than seven members, to be appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate, and the president of the university, and the superintendent of public instruction, as members ex officio, as such having the right to speak, but not to vote. The duties and powers of the trustees shall be prescribed by law. Not more than twenty percent (20%) of the appointed trustees may be nonresidents of the state, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 6, Section 15 of this Constitution.

Elks Club fundraiser



Mike Conner of the Elks Club stands with Jason Ciz next to Kacy Conner's demolition derby car that featured the cancer ribbon. Ciz won \$821 in the Elks Club 50/50 raffle. He donated half of his winnings back to the Elks Club to distribute with the other funds raised. The money will be distributed anonymously to those in need.

-Lara Love photo

Public notices

NOTICE OF FINAL PAYMENT

The Chairman of the Cottonwood/Grass Creek Watershed Improvement District, acting as agent for the Cottonwood/Grass Creek Watershed Improvement District, has accepted all work as complete according to the Project Agreement set forth in the written Agreement between the Dee Hillberry - Coal Mine Spring Development, Dee Hillberry - Kester Coulee South Pipeline Project, Dee Hillberry - Kester Coulee North Pipeline Project and the Cottonwood/Grass Creek Watershed Improvement District dated the 14th day of March, 2014 for the Coal Mine Spring Development, Kester Coulee South Pipeline Project and Kester Coulee North Pipeline Project. Dee Hillbury, Contractor, is entitled to final payment therefore, and on the 1st day of October, 2014, the 41st day after the first publication of this notice final payment of the full amount due under the Agreement will be made. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as relieving the Contractor and the Sureties on its bond from any claim or claims for the work or labor done or materials or supplies furnished in the execution of the Agreement. All persons having claims for labor and materials furnished the Contractor shall present a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid on account of the same to the District prior to the day specified for final payment. Failure on the part of the claimant to file each statement will relieve the District from any and all liability on such claim.

Owner: Cottonwood/Grass Creek Watershed Improvement District

By: /s/ _____
James Butterfield, Chairman

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