

HSC Board positions available

by Cindy Glasson
There are several openings available on Hot Springs County boards that will need to be filled as soon as possible.
One opening is available on the fair board, an unexpired term that ends in 2018.
Two openings are available on the predatory animal control board. One is a three-year term for a sportsman

member, the other is a three year at-large term.
The sportsmen and hunter representatives must be bona fide residents of the district, not engaged in raising sheep, goats or cattle and must hold or have held a resident fishing or hunting license in Wyoming.
Two members are also needed for the weed and pest board, both

of which will be four-year terms.
There is also an opening on the library board for an unexpired term ending in 2017.
Most boards meet just once each month so filling one of the open positions doesn't take a lot of time, but is very important to how different entities within Hot Springs County are managed.
Anyone interested in any of the

open positions is encouraged to consider filling out an application as anyone may apply.
If you are interested in applying for any of these appointed positions, please pick up an application at the county clerk's office or online at hscounty.com.
Applications must be turned in to the clerk's office no later than 5 p.m., Jan. 30.



A little inspection

Tanner Myers inspects a rifle that was up for auction during the Men's Outdoorsmen Banquet, which was held at the Risen Son Baptist Church Saturday. -Zachary White photo

Bachelor Auction to benefit HS Hospice

A silent Bachelor Auction will be held in Thermopolis on Saturday, Jan. 17.
Ladies this is your chance to place your bid on a variety of gentlemen ready to provide a night on the town with all proceeds to benefit Hot Springs Hospice Foundation.
The event will be held at the VFW beginning at 6 p.m. with the introduction of bachelors. A silent auction for the gentlemen will follow, running until 8 p.m.
Each bachelor will come with a date experience donated by local merchants. Participating bachelors include: Chase Mead, Brandon Vilos, Aaron Munger, Roy Robinson and Tim Arthur, Riley Sikes and John Ivie.
Couples are welcome. There will be date packages auctioned off they can bid on.
There is still time to sign-up as a bachelor for this event. Contact Hope Gedes at 864-5541 or stop by Messenger and Overfield at 116 N. 5th St.

Future of Hot Springs State Park



by Zachary White
The Hot Springs State Park Master Plan Steering Committee met for the first time Monday to discuss the purpose of a master plan for the state park, and to discuss issues and opportunities that the park has.
The purpose of the meeting was to start talking about what the future for the state park should be. Approximately 20 local business owners and residents make up the committee.
The master plan for the state park should take around 15 months to complete. Having started work in Sept 2014, the master plan should be completed by the end of 2015.
There is a need for a new master plan because of multiple reasons, one of which is the fact that the last master plan is more than 30 years old – having been finished in 1984.
Among the biggest concerns during the meeting was a need to improve parking in Hot Springs State Park.
Dan Moriarity, of TeePee Pools, said in some cases a single RV or Camper could cause a huge parking problem in the park.
The group also discussed improving the signage on the roads outside of town so more tourists passing through town know that the state

park is nearby and assessable to them. Committee members agreed unanimously that currently there are few signs that lead people to the park, and fewer still that are very specific.
Another possible change that could be in store for the park would be an additional entrance. There has not been any specific location chosen yet.
The master plan may also include improvements to the current entryway to the park, along with other improvements within the park.
Community activist Amanda Moeller said one of the biggest comments she hears from park visitors is that nothing has changed in the park in 30 years. However, she added that those comments have been both positive and negative.
While the park's master plan is still in the early stages of conception, the community as a whole has been asked to share their thoughts and opinions on what they would like to see the master plan look like during an upcoming community workshop.
A Community Open House will be held on Jan. 26 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Fire Hall at 400 South 14th St.
The next meeting of the steering committee will be Feb. 12.