

Area Easter egg hunts, services

by Cindy Glasson
Two Easter Egg hunts are planned in Thermopolis. The first will be at the Thermopolis Rehabilitation and Care Center for children up to 10-years old on Saturday at 10:30 a.m with toys and candies. Children over age 10 may volunteer to help.
The second hunt will be on Easter Sunday, sponsored by the Thermopolis Lions Club in Hot Springs State Park, starting at 2 p.m. for children up to eight years old with prizes for all ages.

Holy Week church services
The schedule of Holy Week church

programs and services through Sunday includes:
Community Federated Church, 244 N. Sixth St. Maundy Thursday Holy Week service, 6 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, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Stations of the Cross, noon and 7 p.m.; Saturday, Easter Vigil,

7 p.m.; Easter Sunday, 11 a.m. with an Easter egg hunt and brunch to follow.
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 8:30p.m.; Good Friday, Day of Fast and Abstinence, Good Friday service, 6p.m., church; Holy Saturday, no Mass at 5 p.m.; Easter Vigil Service & Mass, 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 follows.



Wood cars, young stars

Tom Butler, Shelly Butler, Clark Emmett, Pinager Anderson, Tanner Jensen, Noah Anderson and other crowd members watch one of the Pinewood Derby races Wednesday, March 25 at the The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. For results from the Pinewood Derby, see page A3.

-Zachary White photo

Board debates hospital funding

by Zachary White
The March meeting of the Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital board focused a good majority of it's time on the question of how the hospital and community can create a sustainable hospital for the future.
The need for improvements or a replacement comes from rising concerns that Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital is not meeting the standards for care that it should.
While no action was taken, a committee addressed concerns about where funding would come from to improve on, or replace, the current hospital.
One concern is that making renovations to a single part of the current hospital would shine a red light on all the other parts of the hospital that are in ill repair. And there is some question as to whether repairing the hospital will be more than a band-aid on a bad situation.
On the other hand, a replacement hospital could cost upwards of \$14 million dollars – and there is no guarantee that amount could feasibly be raised.
“We’re kind of looking at the same problem,” board member Heath Overfield said. “We either have to spend a lot of money replacing this hospital, or spend a lot of money upgrading the hospital.”
Two possible money raising routes have been discussed, but neither holds any promise of raising enough money to fund a new hospital or re-outfit the current one.
One route is to create a hospital district in Thermopolis. However, this district could only raise \$3 to \$6 million dollars a year. And approximately \$3 million of that amount would have to go towards paying off the current bills the hospital owes.
The other route is to create a specific purpose tax. That tax would raise an estimated \$1 million and also wouldn’t cover the cost of a new facility.
However, every person in the room Tuesday agreed that something needed to be done to make sure there was a hospital in Thermopolis down the line.
“Without a hospital we can be Gebo, we can be Shoshoni, we can be any place that’s blowing in the wind,” community member Roger Shanor said.
Board chairman Bill Williams explained that although the possible taxes wouldn’t pay for a new hospital by themselves, they would increase the ability for the hospital to take out a loan against themselves – and possibly the amount that could be borrowed.

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Emergency Highway Landing

by Zachary White
Approximately nine miles north of Thermopolis, a single-engine plane safely landed on Highway 20 North Friday after experiencing engine failure.
Both passengers of the plane, pilot George “Tim” Lippincott, 68, and his grandson little Tim Lippincott, 5, made the landing without injury.
The Hot Springs County Sheriff's Office said the two were on their way from Wor-

land to Thermopolis when Lippincott said the engine began to "cut out."
At that point he figured he could make it the rest of the way to the airport without trouble, but when the engine completely stopped running a decision was made to make an emergency landing on the highway.
Lippincott then landed the single-engine 1963 Mooney M20-C on the highway, but after landing saw a vehicle driving to-

ward his plane.
In order to avoid blocking traffic, Lippincott drove the plane off the road into a nearby ditch.
While driving off the road the plane's wings were damaged by lineator posts lining the road.
According to a source in the Sheriff's office, the plane was later retrieved and removed from the highway back to the airport.

Cindy Glasson photo

