

# Shinost trial set to begin Monday

The trial for Jay Cody Shinost, who was charged with felony aggravated homicide and felony DUI that caused serious injury, is scheduled to begin in Fifth Judicial District Court in Washakie County on Monday.

He was arrested on the charges Nov. 3, 2014, in Hot Springs County.

The charges stem from the May 14, 2014, vehicle crash on Black Mountain Road that claimed the life of Madison Price and seriously injured Delanie Price and Dylan Balstad. Delanie and Dylan were transported by helicopter to Wyoming Medical Center in

Casper. Delanie was moved to the Children's Hospital in Denver, Colo. where she would receive more advanced care and physical therapy. After a long stay in Colorado, she is now home with her family.

A six-month investigation into the crash determined Shinost owned and was allegedly driving the Ford Mustang when it crashed on Wyoming Highway 172 about 15 miles north of Thermopolis around 9:50 p.m. Wyoming 172 is also known as Black Mountain Road.

None of the occupants – who were all from

Thermopolis – were wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash and two were totally ejected from the vehicle during the rollover. Alcohol use and speed were believed to be contributing factors during the initial investigation.

The trial was moved from Hot Springs County because of the sensitive nature of the accident and to ensure Shinost receives a fair trial. Jurors will be selected from the Washakie County jury pool.

Hot Springs County Attorney Jerry Williams will prosecute the case. He was not available for comment at press time.



photo by Chandler Smith

## This is the one!

Justina Hensley helps her son, Patrick, pick a duck from the pool during the 4-H carnival as a smiling audience looks on. The carnival, held at Thermopolis Middle School Sunday, raised money for 4-H programs in the community and provided hours of fun for local families.

# Independent Record staff brings home 11 awards from convention

The Thermopolis Independent Record brought home a whopping 11 Pacemaker awards for small weeklies from the Wyoming Press Association winter convention held Jan. 21-23 in Casper.

The IR staff won first place overall for Best Use of Photographs. This award recognizes publications that practice and promote high-quality photojournalism by providing the best methods of display for their photographs.

Zachary White received first place in the General News Photocategory for his photo "Pine-wood Derby Finish," which is shown on the front page of the April 2, 2015, edition to the right. Judges comments were not available but in this category photos are judged on their timeliness and newsworthiness.

Donna Pennoyer earned first place in the Small Ad category for her chamber banquet ad "Great Days of Gatsby." The judges said "Appropriate use of era-specific fonts and design elements. The arrow at the top helps point out the ad on the page and draws your eye to it. Great ad!"

It was a sweep for Dennis Nierzwicki in the Institutional Ad category winning first with an ad about reading adventures at Hot Springs County School District entitled

"Around the World in 8 Hours" and second for his "EMS Week" ad. Judges comments on the first place finish include "Fun ad, draws the eye and contains a great message." Judges comments on the EMS ad were "Great example of timely, targeted advertising with a message."

Nierzwicki received second place in the Information Graphic category with his chart "School Enrollment." Judges said "Clean chart communicates data quickly and concisely."

Nierzwicki brought home two honorable mentions; one in the Merchandise Ad category with a "TNT Auto Service" ad and another in the House Ad category for his "Hey Humans" ad. Judges comments on the TNT ad include "Great tagline. I really like that photos of the owner were taken and incorporated into the ad and the services they sell." The house ad included a picture of a kitten calling out to humans and judges said "Playful promotion. Immediately grabs your attention and takes you right to the message."

Cindy Glasson brought home a second place in Spot News for her story "Rain causes mud slides in WRC." Judges said "After a short and concise lead the reporter uses quotes, pictures and other descriptions to enhance the story. Working

under a pressure deadline, she explains abbreviations and goes into much detail in describing the mudslide, its danger and its close entrapment of a bulldozer operator."

Glasson earned honorable mention in the General News category for her story "School Board hears about collaboration." Judges comments include "This well written concise story is one of the best I have ever read on testing standards in American schools." Glasson also received honorable mention in the News-Feature category for her story "Woman's birthday wish comes true." Judges said "Sometimes a great news feature is fun and simple. Glasson's report on Winnie Guerdon, who simply wanted to ride a water slide, serves as a perfect example of this. Add a great photo of the 90-year-old woman getting her birthday wish, and this report deserves an honorable mention."

"It takes a whole community to produce a newspaper," said Independent Record editor and publisher Lara Love. "These honors do not just reflect on the commitment of the IR staff to provide a quality newspaper but also on the citizens making a difference in our community."

Involved readers, subscribers, advertisers and others contribute to the success of a community newspaper.



## 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, 1000 S. Main St., on Sunday, April 5, at 10:30 a.m. with free admission. The second will be at the Hot Springs County Fairgrounds, starting at 9 a.m. for children up to eight years old, with prizes for all ages.

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## Board debates hospital funding

by Zachary White  
The March meeting of the Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital board focused on a good inquiry of it's time on the question of how the hospital can best serve the community. The board discussed the current hospital and the need for a new hospital. The board also discussed the need for a new hospital. The board also discussed the need for a new hospital.

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## Wood cars, young stars

Tom Butler, Shelly Butler, Clark Egan, Tanner Jensen, Noah Anderson and other crowd members watch one of the Pine-wood Derby races Wednesday, March 25 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. For results from the Pine-wood Derby, see page A5.

## Emergency Highway Landing

by Zachary White  
Approximately nine miles north of Thermopolis, a single-engine plane safely landed on Highway 26 North Friday afternoon. The plane was a Cessna 441, and it was on its way to a local airport. The plane was on its way to a local airport.