

# Concerns raised about tire dumping

by Mark Dykes

Tuesday evening, the Thermopolis Town Council approved the first reading of a town ordinance that creates subparagraphs to Town Code Section 14-610, concerning fees for construction and demolition trash and for disposal of tires. The definitions come as the result of discussion over the past month concerning the dumping of extreme amounts of such materials.

Prior to the board approving the first reading, Tom Sullivan voiced his concerns. Sullivan stressed he believes the ordinance is a great idea, and noted Thermopolis is

probably the last community in the state to not charge for tire dumping. He has called around the Big Horn Basin area and found what businesses are charging for tire disposal. He noted he has started charging, so they are prepared when the ordinance takes effect. The amount he charges will be dependent on what Council approves.

Council amended the ordinance to include a fee schedule of \$5 for car tires, \$8 for truck, \$15 for semi and \$20 for tractor. However, the ordinance has only passed the first reading and must go through two more before final approval.

Sullivan is concerned about what happens when tires are simply dumped at a business, in a dumpster or in a ditch. "Who pays for that," he asked, adding it was not fair to businesses or individuals to have to pay for the disposal of tires dumped at their doorsteps.

Though options were discussed as far as shredding or recycling tires, those services also come with additional costs. For instance, travel and how small of pieces the tires are cut into. Mayor Mike Mortimore noted those costs would pass down to everyone in the community, but they are a cost of

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## Filling the boots

Thermopolis Volunteer Fire Department Secretary Ryan Georgius accepts a donation during the Fill the Boot campaign Monday. Chief Mark Collins said this year was about the second best, with \$4,418 raised for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

# Commissioners table decision on Fantaskey Subdivision in Kirby

by April S. Kelley

Hot Springs County Planner Bo Bowman presented a plat for the Fantaskey Subdivision, located within one mile of Kirby, before the County Commissioners on Tuesday.

The Fantaskey Subdivision asked for the approval of a preliminary subdivision plat dividing 35.2 acres into two lots of approximately 16.4 acres and 18.8 acres as well as a land use change to reclassify the property as residential, Bowman said. The land for the subdivision is owned by Mathew P. and Gina M. Fantaskey.

Bowman said the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the proposal subject with five conditions of approval. 1) The preliminary plat shall expire one year after the date of approval. The final plat for the subdivision shall be submitted for the County's review and approval prior to that expiration. 2) A weed management plan shall be submitted for the review and approval of staff. 3) A notation shall be placed on the final plat stating that any future septic system on either lot must be permitted through the Hot Springs County Planning Office. 4) The access drive shall be surfaced in gravel or a similar all-weather material and a Maintenance Agreement shall be executed for all users of the drive. 5) The final subdivision plat shall contain a notation stating that the owners of Lots 1 and 2 are obligated to participate in a Maintenance Agreement with the other users of South Bryan Road (also known as Old Highway 20), providing for the shared maintenance

and repair of that road, should such an agreement become necessary.

County Attorney Jerry Williams said there needs to be a second document filed along with the memo-

with legal access to the lots. Vice Chairman Tom Ryan agreed with the board and said he thinks a public right-of-way should be filed as Williams suggested.

Lumley said they want to table it for a month until they get more information. Bowman then asked if it could be sooner. Lumley agreed to table it until the Sept. 20 meeting.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bill Gordon presented the board with a memorandum of understanding the purpose of which is to provide an agreement between Hot Springs County and the Hot Springs County Fire District. This will include the installation and housing of computer equipment maintained and owned by Hot Springs County and will provide a safe and secure off-site backup location for county data. It will also include access to and use of pre-designated areas of the Firehall for County Offices to access their computer records and carry on business should it be necessary for one or more of them to vacate their offices elsewhere. The MOU was approved by the board.

Gordon also spoke about the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant. He said the grant pays for 50 percent of the budget, and is matched by the county. The board approved the 50 percent match in the amount of \$23,475.

## Filing open for hospital district directors

by April S. Kelley

Hot Springs County Clerk Nina Webber said the filing period for Hospital District Directors is now through Sept. 15.

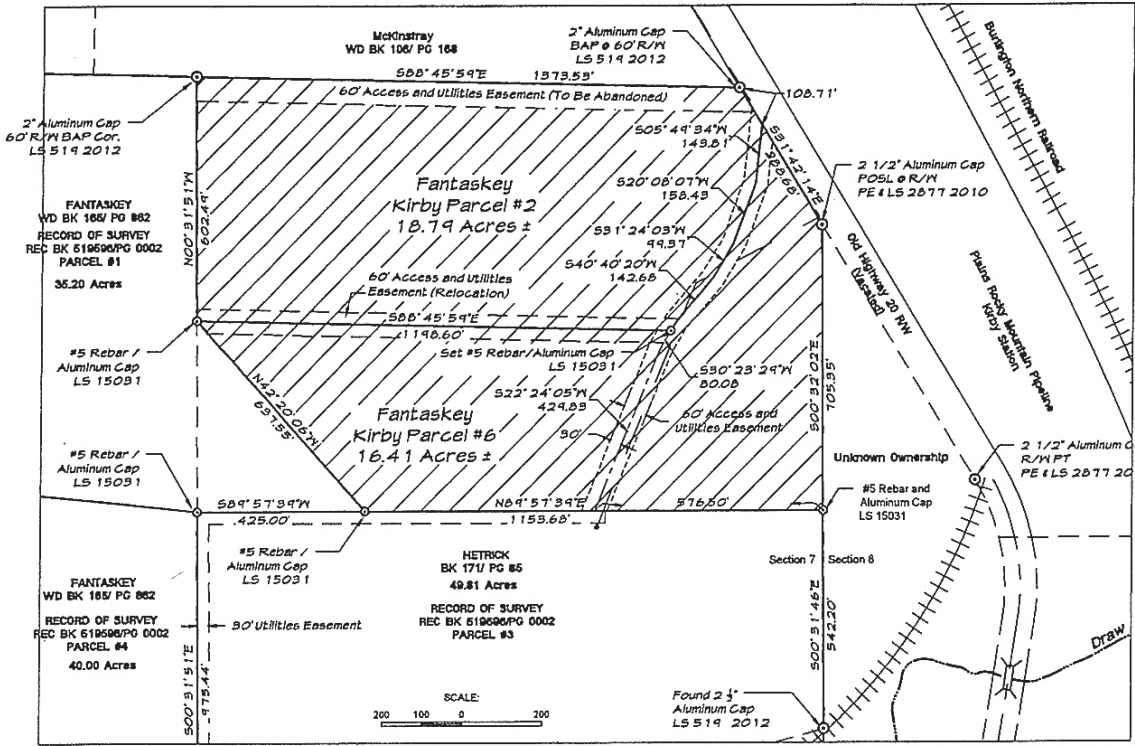
District Directors offices shall be elected upon formation of the Hot Springs County Hospital District. If the formation fails, the director elections will be null and void.

There will be three directors selected to serve two-year terms and two to serve four-year terms.

Webber said a late filing period for District Directors will be held from Sept. 30 to Oct. 11. However, anyone who files during the second filing period will not appear on the general election ballot on Nov. 8 and there will be no notice given to absentee voters about the candidacy for District Director since ballots must be printed prior to this late filing period.

Applications for election may be obtained at the Hot Springs County Clerk's Office during normal business hours.

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random for the subdivision, because it will affect the rights of land outside the subdivision.

Chairman John Lumley said there was a level of discomfort with the current documents as presented. Commissioner Brad Basse said he was concerned