



Seventeen file for five hospital district seats

by Cindy Glasson
Seventeen candidates have tossed their hats in the ring to fill just five positions for the Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital District Directors, to be elected upon district formation approval in the general election .
Two positions are open to fill four-year terms.
Those candidates include Bill Williams, Dean Stone, Joseph Casciato, Bradyn Harvey, David Koerwitz, Josh Conrad, Allan Braaten and Jim Wilson.
Three positions are open for two-year terms. Candidates listed for the November bal-

lot for those positions are Bengé Brown, Paul Gaovich, Dan Herdt, Harvey Seidel, Heath Overfield, Joshua Brown, Tom Olsen, Breez Longwell Daniels and Jean Skelton.
According to Hot Springs County Clerk Nina Webber, a late filing period for Hospital 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 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.
Also on the general election ballot in November will be the Specific Purpose Tax Imposition Ballot Initiative and the Formation of a Hospital District and Board of Directors Ballot Initiative.
A public meeting was held in June to allow residents to voice support and concerns regarding the two issues prior to the Hot Springs County Commissioners voting to add both to the ballot.
The general election will be held Tuesday, November 8.

County fire ban lifted

by Cindy Glasson
County Commissioner Brad Basse attended the Wyoming Airport Operators Association meeting in Cheyenne last weekend, accepting an award on behalf of Hot Springs County.
The Aviation Achievement award was given to the commissioners for the hard work and dedication they put in over the years to ensure the county had an airport not just for the present time, but for the future as well.
With cooler evening temperatures, residents will be happy to know Hot Springs County Fire Warden Dion Robbins recommended to the commissioners that the fire ban in the county be lifted.
Robbins said due to increasing humidity and fuel moisture, along with the cooler temperatures, there was no reason to continue with the ban.
The Shoshone National Forest, BLM and neighboring counties are all lifting their fire bans as well.
The commissioners approved a contract with Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and the Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) in the amount of \$20,000 for the year.
The entities provide these funds to assure services to high-risk children.
In other business, the commissioners approved a utility license agreement for Doug and Cindy Wallingford, allowing them to bring electricity to a portion of their land near the Skelton Road and Cowboy Mine Road Intersection.
They also approved a renewal of a liquor license for Stones Throw Restaurant.



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Lines tight

Scouts rappel down from the water tower during the Boy Scout/Cub Scout Jamboree Saturday. The activity was one of several stations during the event that brought hundreds of boys and their families to Thermopolis.

Council approves second reading of landfill ordinance

By Mark Dykes
Tuesday evening, the Thermopolis Town Council approved the second reading of an ordinance regarding fees for construction and demolition trash and the disposal of tires. Prior to approving the second reading, the resolution was amended to include language stating an appropriate permit must be paid for in advance. The fee schedule was also revised, to \$3 for car tires, \$5 for truck, \$10 for semi and \$15 for tractor.
Mayor Mike Mortimore also brought up the point of including in the resolution the penalty for those found dumping tires elsewhere, such as in dumpsters or ditches, and language was added to the ordinance stating no tires shall be dumped in dumpsters or left abandoned.
It was indicated that those caught leaving tires outside dumpsters or other locations could be subject to littering charges and penalties.
In other action, Council approved a catering permit for Debra Lackey and Shorty's Liquor, for the Pheasants Forever Banquet event October 29 from 4 p.m.-12 a.m. at the fair building.
Also approved was a change regarding the dispensing room at One Eyed Buffalo, which is going from a 10-foot by 12-foot room to 10-foot by 22-foot. According to a provided layout plan of the One Eyed Buffalo, the front of the dispensing room has a wall structure that goes from floor to ceiling. A post and half wall railing separate the hallway and dispensing room.
A request from the H.O.P.E. Agency was approved, to allow the organization to attach purple ribbons to the black lampposts in

recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. Council was also invited by H.O.P.E. Agency to a fundraiser the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 12.
A pay estimate, certificate of substantial completion and change order with regard to the recent chip seal project were approved. Town Engineer Anthony Barnett noted the project has been completed, with a final pay estimate of \$68,375.03.
Though there was an increase of \$3,375.86 on the change order, Mayor Mortimore noted the project still came in substantially under budget.
Barnett also presented regarding the million-gallon water tank painting bid, explaining the time has passed for the initially-approved bidder, M&M Tank Coating Company, to get under contract with the Town, and there has been no communication from them in the past couple weeks. Council approved rescinding the award from M&M, and going with the second lowest bid, \$218,208.50 from Wyoming Power Wash.
A third topic addressed by Barnett and approved by Council is the resolution supporting a Wyoming Water Development Commission (WWDC) grant request for replacement transmission lines. This includes lines near the water treatment plant, along Riverside Drive, East Park Street, South Seventh, South Fifth, South Fourth and Warren.
Mayor Mortimore noted approval of the resolution is just to get the ball rolling, acknowledging there are other options in coming months.
Police Chief Steve Shay spoke to amending a resolution that would allow for a per diem reimbursement of police officer meals taken

outside of town, when their duty unexpectedly calls them away.
Shay explained there are times when officers, who generally try to eat at home, might be called away to render services outside of town, and then they are expected to "pony up" for meals that are much more costly.
Shay further noted the need for officers to provide service outside Thermopolis is only a few times per year. A resolution concerning the matter is expected at the next Council meeting.
Shay also expressed concern about open burning. "We have a town ordinance that basically says we can't have open fires in town," Shay said, "except with a permit by the fire chief."
However, he noted, that ordinance was written in 1980, at a time before the Rural Fire District, when the fire department was a little bit more than an extension of the town.
Shay said the issue came about due to people abusing the resolution, creating large fires but not tending to them. He suggested adding a modification that allows for responsible open burning.
Director of Public Works Ernie Slagle brought forth a concern regarding the transmission on a track loader at the landfill, and requested \$40,000 to have it sent out to be torn down, fixed and put back together. A motion to approve the request failed, however, over concerns about items such as cost, other parts of the loader possibly breaking down and whether repair was necessary as the landfill permit is scheduled to expire in a couple years.
The subject will be addressed again at the next meeting.

Oktoberfest hits downtown Saturday

Main Street Thermopolis will be putting on Oktoberfest in downtown Thermopolis 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24.
Shorty's Liquor will provide 16 different beers along with two kegs — one with Bud Light, one with Coors Light. The microbrews will come from Ten Sleep, Red Lodge and possibly other locations. Shorty's will provide wristbands with the help of Becky Mortimore who will check IDs. The price of a mug will be \$10, filled with beer. Each beer after will be \$4.
Wyoming Whiskey will also be there, providing a sample of the whiskey. They will not be selling additional shots, and it will be one sample per person.
Five food vendors and eight non-food vendors will be set up throughout the event as well.
Music will begin setting up at 11 a.m. with several local and regional bands and musicians. Hot Springs State Park will be donating chairs to make sure there is seating for everyone.
A Kid's Korner will be part of the event with bouncy houses and possibly a mural that kids and parents can color.
At the Main Street Thermopolis booth, they will be preselling Christmas ornaments, have a 50/50 raffle and sell T-shirts for the event.
There will also be a Corn-Hole Tournament with the first place prize donated by S2Design and the second place prize will be Brewbucks. It will cost \$20 per person to compete. Beer Pong will take place 5 p.m.
President of the Pioneer Association Ray Shaffer will also be giving historic tours at scheduled times throughout the event.
The Hot Springs County Senior Center will be offering courtesy rides from 2 or 3 p.m. until 9:30.