

# Thermopolis hosts Judiciary Committee meeting

by Mark Dykes

A meeting of the Wyoming Joint Judiciary Committee will be held April 20 and 21 at the Days Inn. Following the formal presentations each day, there will be time for public comment, and the committee will break each day for lunch from 12-1:30 p.m.

The joint committee will meet three or four times during the interim, which is from now until November, at different locations around the state.

House District 28 Representative Nathan Winters said last year the interim committee worked very hard on criminal justice reform, which was “a large topic with many moving

parts.” This past year as they presented a good, but complicated piece of legislation, he said, and there were a number of issues brought back up.

“We’re going to be coming back,” Winters said, “during this interim. We’ve taken elements to work on, ones that we believe we can get a consensus as to how to move forward.”

This first meeting, Winters further noted, is where they will receive information from the agencies and parties involved.

The meeting begins at 8:15 a.m. Thursday, April 20, with discussion regarding stalking penalties, domestic violence, sexual assaults, restraining orders and family violence. Among

the speakers will be Brett Johnson with the Natrona County District Attorney’s Office and Tara Muir with the Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

Winters explained a bill was brought this year regarding matters such as restraining orders, domestic violence and sexual assaults, but the bill did not contemplate certain situations, so it was decided to address them in the interim.

At 9:30 a.m., discussion will switch to review of probation and parole effectiveness,

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## Bunny bonus

Amy Ready's Moms and Tots class had a secret visitor Tuesday morning who left behind some bright eggs. Apollo Jenks reaches down to pick one up while Tucker Sayler has his eye on a blue one.

## Main Street to clean up old building

Last week, members of the Main Street Thermopolis organization took a tour of the former Fair Deal Furniture building and two adjoining storefronts to evaluate what can be done to bring them back to life.

Linda Kiisk, an architect with the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office, along with Linda Klinck, program manager of Wyoming Mainstreet, walked through the structures with them to give their professional opinion on the building itself and give them something of a priority list as to where to start.

Most obviously, when entering the building, cleaning it out is going to be top priority. There is years of dust and dirt covering everything and a lot of “junk” was left behind when the store closed, including old paint, building materials and more.

The building itself is sound and the original wood floors are intact. Main Street members noted the floor is solid and doesn’t squeak or give like so many older wood floors do.

There is some water damage in the building, however, where holes in the roof have allowed water and snow to come through over the years. A small fire along the west wall has also left some smoke damage and charring of the surrounding area, but should be fixable.

Some ventured into the dark basement to find the boiler room and plenty of shelving along the natural stone walls. Here they discovered the floor above them had ample support, as the pillars were large and undamaged from the years underground.

Moving into the two smaller storefronts they found more water damage than in the main building and evidence of people having broken into the buildings to party. Graffiti was painted on the walls and burned matchbooks were found everywhere.

One of the storefronts had been an apartment at one time. A stove remained in the tiny kitchen and other items belonging to a household were discovered as well.

The outside of the buildings are struc-

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# FFA members bring home state awards

by Cindy Glasson

Hot Springs County High School’s FFA program recently attended their State event in Cheyenne.

One of the highlights of the trip was the “booth contest” which the team won through a combination of excellent presentation and a little help from hand-held technology.

FFA member Jeffrey VanAntwerp created a Wyoming trivia quiz with an interactive program that was then plugged into a TV in the booth. Those passing by could access the program via their smart phones and play along. Strite Daniels, Keegan Robbins and Chandler Maddock also explained how Wyoming agriculture impacts not only the nation but the world.

By winning, the team now gets to take their booth to the National FFA competition in Indianapolis in October.

Another highlight was Jessie Pennoyer winning the Gold Proficiency Award for Beef Production Entrepreneurship. By winning on the state level, Pennoyer will move on to the Regional event with the possibility of going to the National competition as well. She will

receive \$250 from National FFA with the possibility of more award monies if she is selected as the National FFA Region 1 representative.

Other events included the sales competition with Maggie Jones scoring 95 individually and 48 on the written exam. Chandler Maddock scored 68 with a 56 on the written, Kaitlyn Schmuck scored 110 and 44 on the written and Keegan Robbins scored 134 with 64 on the written exam.

This gave the team 719 total points in sales, ranking them at number 20.

In Environmental and Natural Resources, the team of Riley Shaffer, Blake Williams, Jason Clouse and Jeffery VanAntwerp scored a total of 840 points, placing them 16th out of 30.

The meats team of Keegan Robbins, Eric Bleak and Shaffer scored 1276.5 points to put them 13th of 30 teams.

Individually, Robbins scored 480 points; Bleak, 406.5 and Shaffer, 390.

The Quizbowl was another good event for the team, ranking 16th of 30 overall.

Williams recorded 90 points; Bleak, 82; Shaffer, 72 and Clouse, 72 for a total of 316.

The Livestock team included Pennoyer,

Strite Daniels, Dreama Thorpe and Barbara Kissel. They ended their State run in 27th place out of 40 teams.

In the beef competition, Daniels scored 276; Pennoyer, 252; Thorpe, 251 and Kissel, 241.

For sheep/goat, Kissel scored 167; Pennoyer, 144; Daniels, 140 and Thorpe, 126.

In swine it was Pennoyer with 189; Kissel, 189; Daniels, 155 and Thorpe, 131.

With female selection, Daniels brought 143 points; Pennoyer, 143; Kissel, 130 and Thorpe, 96.

Individually, overall, Kissel was ranked at 72, Pennoyer at 84, Daniels at 107 and Thorpe at 140.



Jessie Pennoyer earned the Gold Proficiency Award for Beef Production Entrepreneurship.

## Holy Week area church services

The schedule of area Holy Week church programs and services today (Thursday) through Sunday includes:

Community Federated Church, 244 N. Sixth St. Maundy Thursday Holy Week service, 7 p.m.; Easter Sunday, Easter services, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. 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. Sunday, Resurrection Service, 10:30 a.m.

Risen Son Southern Baptist Church, 342 Amoret-ti. Easter Sunday, Sunrise service, 6:30 a.m. at 215 Ramsey Lane; breakfast at the church, 8:30 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.; Good Friday, Day of Fast and Abstinence, Confession noon-1 p.m., Good Friday service, 6 p.m.; Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass, 8 p.m., church; Confession 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Easter Sunday Mass, 9 a.m., followed by an Easter egg hunt.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 288 U.S. Highway 20 South. Holy Thursday Divine service, 7 p.m.; Good Friday Tenebrae service, 7 p.m.; Holy Saturday service, 4 p.m.; Easter Sunrise service at Hot Springs State Park, 6:30 a.m.; Easter Sunday, breakfast, 8 a.m.; Easter worship, 9 a.m.