

TCT responds to Campbells motion

by Mark Dykes
Last Wednesday, the Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc. (TCT) filed a response to a motion to disqualify counsel and a motion to dismiss filed by Joe and Barbara Campbell. The motion filed by the Campbells is the latest request for action in a case that began in December of 2015, after the couple filed a suit against the company claiming board members, as well as the purchaser of TCT, robbed owners of the TCT co-operative of the value of their ownership after the co-op was sold. In May of this year, TCT filed its own complaint in U.S. Cheyenne District Court, alleging Joe Campbell, a former TCT board member,

maintained control of a company-issued laptop he was required to return. The complaint goes on to allege Campbell took advantage of trade secrets on the laptop, shared the information with others and caused fiduciary damage to TCT, and that he violated the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. The Campbells responded in June to TCT's complaint with the motion to disqualify counsel and dismiss. In that motion, as well as a support memorandum, the Campbells state they obtained legal advice from Chris Edwards, who was in the law firm of Burg, Simpson, Eldredge, Hersh & Jardine, P.C. when the advice was provided. That same firm is rep-

resenting TCT. The memo also states the complaint from TCT against the Campbells is defective, as it never states what trade secrets are at issue and fails to state and claim action taken by the Campbells was taken as interstate commerce. Without this, there is failure to invoke federal jurisdiction. The memo further states the TCT complaint fails to invoke protection under the Defend Trade Secrets Act which became effective on May 12, 2016, as any of the alleged disclosure of trade secrets — assuming the complaint

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photo by Mark Dykes

Pick up the spare

James Whitt takes a turn on the oversized bowling alley Friday on the lawn of the Hot Springs County Library. The game was one of several set up for kids in the summer reading program sponsored by the library.

Upcoming solar eclipse brings up parking problems, road closure

by Cindy Glasson
A couple of issues regarding the upcoming solar eclipse in August were discussed with the commissioners at last week's meeting. Chuck Carver, maintenance director, is concerned about people using the courthouse parking lot to park their campers over the weekend and not moving them out by Monday morning. Normally, it might not be an issue, however, there is a jury trial scheduled for that morning and Carver is concerned those reporting for jury duty will not have anywhere

to park if the lot is filled with visitors. Carver said he could take orange cones to block the area off for the weekend. Road and Bridge director, Dave Schlager also has a concern about the eclipse and the condition of Buffalo Creek Road. Schlager suggested a closure of the road during that time, at least to thru traffic, as all the rain we've had this spring has softened the area. Although the slides have been repaired, he's concerned visitors might try to use the route as an alternate way to Casper to avoid the construction in Wind

River Canyon. Interestingly enough, all the rain we had also had an effect on the Hot Springs County Airport, according to FBO Nate Messenger. He had some fishermen fly in who didn't stay long after getting to the river and seeing how high it was. While numbers were down a bit for the month of June, Messenger said he feels the height of the river may have stopped other fishermen that normally fly in from coming.

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Budget cuts force consolidation of Prevention Management offices

by Mark Dykes
As of July 1, services provided through the Hot Springs County office of the Prevention Management Organization (PMO) of Wyoming are now handled through the Washakie County office, which covers both counties. The consolidation of services comes as a result of a \$2.1 million reduction to the Wyoming Department of Health's 2017-18 budget for substance abuse and suicide prevention. The Department of Health complied

with this reduction, mandated by the Wyoming Legislature, by reducing the community prevention services contract with the PMO by 47 percent. This means the expected funding for the 2017-18 fiscal year has dropped from \$4.5 million to about \$2.4 million. The consolidation of offices also comes with a change in staff, as Becky Mortimore is no longer the community prevention specialist. Taking her place is Lila Jolley. Mortimore has been in the

prevention field 14 years — 10 years with tobacco prevention, and the past four have seen the addition of prevention regarding alcohol, other drugs and suicide. Mortimore said the merger of the offices means Jolley will have to provide services to both counties; essentially, there will be a half-time person where there was a full-time. As to changes in the services PMO provides here, Mortimore said Jolley plans to continue the suicide prevention coalition.

The meetings are from noon to 1 p.m. the first Monday of the month, though Mortimore noted lunch will no longer be served at them. There are also meetings the second Wednesday of each month from noon until 1 p.m. addressing abuse prevention for alcohol, tobacco and opioids — such as prescription drugs and heroin — which Jolley intends to keep. Mortimore noted lunch will still be served at the Wednesday meetings.

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All class reunion hits town

This weekend marks one of the most popular weekends of the summer, All Class Reunion. Registration for classes will be at the Hot Springs County Museum and Cultural Center from 1 – 3 p.m. on Saturday. Each of the classes attending will have a representative there and that will be the time tickets for Sunday's picnic will be distributed. The V.F.W. will be the place to be on Saturday night for the dance, which starts at 9 p.m. Sunday's picnic will be at the Kiwanis shelter starting at noon. Everyone is welcome to come to the picnic, but you must have pre-purchased a ticket to eat lunch. Individual classes will be holding events on Friday night and their dinners on Saturday evening.

- 1947 – Saturday – dinner at Stones Throw, 5:30 p.m.
- 1952 – Friday – contact Ellen Dodge for details 864-3833
- Saturday – dinner at Shorty's, 6 p.m.
- 1957 – Friday – Candy Jack Park, 6 – 10 pm.
- Saturday – Happy Hour, 6 p.m., dinner, 7 p.m. at V.F.W.
- 1967 – Friday – BYOB, Smoking Waters Shelter, dinner, bring an appetizer or dessert
- Saturday – Happy Hour, 5:30 p.m., dinner, 6 p.m., Stones Throw
- 1972 – Friday – BYOB, Colleen and Tom Anderson home, 801 Spraul Rd., 6 p.m.
- Saturday – dinner at Kirby Bar and Grill, 6 p.m.
- 1977 – Friday – picnic at Carolyn and Mike Conner's home, 302 Hwy. 20 N., 6 p.m.
- Saturday – dinner at Days Inn, 6 p.m.
- 1982 – Friday – BBQ at lower Kiwanis Shelter, 6 p.m.
- Saturday – dinner at Stones Throw, 6 p.m.
- 1987 – Friday – BYOB Jackman's home, 245 Jackman Rd., 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday – lower terraces, BYOB, 6 p.m.

Other classes may be holding additional events but they they did not go through the reunion committee.