



Home-based repair service receives a 'do pass'

by Cindy Glasson

The Hot Springs County Land Use Planning Commission met last week to consider a request for a permit for a home-based business, Ty's Truck and Trailer Repair.

Tyler and Chelesa Heimann requested the permit for a business doing onsite repair of heavy-duty trucks and trailers as well as a mobile, 24-hour response service for off-site service calls. The property is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Webb Road and Hwy. 20 North, about 5.4 miles north of town.

The Heimanns would like to have the business on site of their personal residence, with

the repair service inside an existing shop and a carport they are currently enclosing. The only indication of the business would be a sign located near the highway.

The proposal, according to County Planner Bo Bowman, is a 'fast track' permit that does not change the land use category.

If the home-based business is granted the permit, it may continue to be operated by future residents as the permit runs with the land.

There are currently 8-10 residences within a quarter mile of the property, a majority of which are running irrigated hayfields and pastures with plenty of room between them and the Heimann's property. None of the sur-

rounding property owners indicated a problem with the business after receiving letters from the county planner.

With businesses in the midst of residential or ag properties, there is always a concern about increased traffic in the area. However, Bowman expects the impact to be negligible with this business.

After a short discussion, the planning commission forwarded the request to the county commissioners with a 'do pass' recommendation with the following conditions of approval:

There shall be no additional outdoor light-

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photo by Mark Dykes

Show some moves

As things were too close to call at the Mangeant male beauty pageant at Hot Springs County High School, senior Logan Meier and junior Jeffery VanAntwerp had a dance-off to determine the winner, which was ultimately the junior class.

Plans for Legion building

by Cindy Glasson

Last week the Hot Springs County Commissioners approved the transfer of a liquor license from Stones Throw Restaurant back to the Legion Town and Country Club, dba Thermopolis Golf Course.

Since then, lots of folks in town have wondered what the plan is for the building. According to Jason Ciz, chairman of the golf course board, the tentative plan at this time is to move the current pro shop into the restaurant area and continue to sell beer and liquor out of the bar area.

In addition, they are looking at moving the pro shop out of the restaurant during the winter months to give the community one more place to rent for Christmas parties and other gatherings, but they have no plans to lease the building for another restaurant.

The current pro shop will be used for storage and if another restaurant opportunity were to come along, the pro shop could be moved back to its original building.

Dockery, Brown inducted into Cowboy Hall of Fame

by Mark Dykes

Over the weekend, two Thermopolis residents were inducted into the Wyoming Cowboy Hall of Fame during a ceremony in Laramie.

Carl Obe Dockery was born on Owl Creek in 1936 and raised there by parents Clifford and Edna. During his childhood, he said, much of time was spent going places with horses, except for the quarter-mile trip to school, which he walked. The family ranch had 15-20 mares at the time, as well as some saddle horses. The main trip they took was going up the creek to pick buffalo berries.

Sitting in a chair at his home, Dockery pointed out a picture of his father sitting on Jerry, the horse Carl learned to ride on. Among the other prominent décor of the home are several animal mounts, both from Dockery and other family members.

In 1959, he married Carol Ireland, and from that marriage they had four children – Pam, born in 1960; Claudette, born in 1962; Billee, born in 1966; and Thad, born in 1975. When he first got married, Carl worked on a drilling rig for about three months but when they moved he chose to stay because he didn't want that type of life.

Being brought up on a ranch helped Dockery decide what he wanted to do with his life. "It's what my dad done," he said. In 1968, while working for Landis Weber, he bought the ranch where he currently lives, out on Mud Creek Road, from Mack Bryson. Prior to that, he worked on various ranches in the area. After he was done with school, instead of going on to college or trade school he worked the Arapahoe Ranch with his dad, caking cows with pack horses.

Before settling on Mud Creek, Dockery would also work for the Pitchfork, with George Woods on the Nowood, for the Sprats at the Lost Cabin, at the Antler Ranch in Montana and for Kennedy

and Brown over by Sheridan. He also trailed cows for 33 weeks, up the north fork of Owl Creek into the mountains. As to the appeal of the ranch life, Dockery said it was working and handling cows that

ranching business, Dockery said, "To thine own self be true." In other words, "don't deceive yourself."

Dockery also belongs to the Farm Bureau, as well as the Hot Springs County Historical Society and the Pioneer Association. When the local Kiwanis chapter started here, though he was not the head he helped get it going.

Further, he helped get the local Natural Resources Planning Committee (NRPC) going as well. "That was a pretty big undertaking," he said, "getting all those rules." He is also a member of the Church of Christ – Thermopolis and used to ride in the local rodeos, his first one in 1954.

As for being inducted into the Wyoming Cowboy Hall of Fame, ever reserved Dockery said, "There's a lot more people more eligible than me."

Ernest Nathan "Nate" Brown, who passed away in 2016 and was honored posthumously, was born in Lander on May 11, 1921, the son of Eunice Williams and Ernest Nathan Brown. His father was also born in Lander. Brown's parents had two children, including his sister Linda Mae Brown. His earliest memories were of Crow Creek at the foot of Black Mountain in Fremont County, where his family started out on the Shoshone Reservation. Due mainly to their Chief, Washakie, who was a diplomat before his time, the Shoshone Tribe of Indians never fought the white man. In the early 1900s, they opened the portion of their reservation North of the Wind River to homestead by the white man and leased them grazing from the tribe. His parents bought one of the homesteads and started from there.

In the 1930s, the Bureau of Indian Affairs changed the picture. The Council determined that land should not be leased to non-Indian families. They appraised land owned by white men, paid them for their land and said they could no longer lease grazing on the reservation. At



Carl Obe Dockery and his wife Carol show off Carl's certificate of induction to the Wyoming Cowboy Hall of Fame.

drew him into it. These days, Dockery isn't so active on his ranchland, as it's been leased. He noted his son Thad and Mike Baker bought the cattle. To those youngsters who are looking at getting into the

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