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Nelson no longer local police chief

Mark Nelson is no longer police chief for the Thermopolis Police Department.

After the Thermopolis Town Council exited a 20-minute executive session to discuss personnel issues during its meeting Tuesday night, Mayor Bill Malloy confirmed Nelson is no longer with the department, but stated Nelson had not been fired. No action by the council was taken after the meeting.

Both Malloy and Mayor's Assistant Fred Crosby did not release any further details regarding Nelson because of state law barring the town from releasing

information classified as a personnel issue.

Currently, Police Sgt. Mike Chimenti is serving as acting police chief, Crosby said.

Crosby stated it is too early to speculate on how long the process will take to find and hire a new police chief. He said the town is going to wait and see how things turn out.

In an interview with Nelson, he stated the only information given to him by the town was he was told he was now on leave and that he did not have a job with the Town of Thermopolis anymore.

Fish for Kids' Sake family fun



Four-year-old Dean Bihl gets just a little help with his Spider-Man rod and reel from his dad John during Fish for Kids' Sake on Saturday while fishing from the boat dock in Hot Springs State Park. Dean was one of the youth winners in the event. See page 10 for Fish for Kids' Sake results. — Joe Sova photo

Hospital looks to help Hospice with services

by J.D. Stetson

The Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees recently discussed other ways for the hospital to assist Hot Springs Hospice other than providing a room for the non-profit group to assist patients and families with end-of-life care.

In December, members of Hospice approached the board in order to get a conversation going that would lead to a partnership between the hospital and Hospice. The members sought for

the hospital to provide a room Hospice members could furnish and develop to assist with the patient's and their family's physical and emotional needs.

At the trustees' May 29 meeting, Hospital CEO Robin Roling explained the hospital would not be able to bill Medicare or private insurance for a Hospice room because the Hospice group is not Medicare certified.

Without the ability to bill Medicare or insurance, the price

See Hospice on page 11

Commissioners approve designation of Lane 3 as an official county road

by Cindy Glasson

The Hot Springs County Commissioners approved designating Lane 3 as an official county road, received an update on the status of the new airport and participated in a lengthy report from the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) on the latest State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) at their meeting Tuesday.

Lane 3

A public hearing was set for 11:45 a.m. Tuesday for final discussion on designating Lane 3 south of Thermopolis as a county road.

The Lane 3 project will eventually loop Lane 3 and Lane 7 together, creating growth potential in the area that includes both industrial and residential potential. In addition, having access to utility infrastructure heightens the chances the area could eventually be annexed into the Town of Thermopolis.

Construction has been ongoing in the

area for several weeks, with road widening, seeding and straightening of the lane.

The commissioners unanimously approved the designation of Lane 3 as an official county road.

Airport update

GDA Engineers from Cody gave the commissioners an update on the progress with the new airport site west of town.

While the land received approval from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and WYDOT for the full environmental assessment, GDA told the commissioners supplemental environmental assessments are being done, including a visit from the state archaeologist, the state historic preservation office and a review of fish, wildlife and plants that is scheduled for this week.

Once those assessments are completed they will be turned over to the FAA for its review.

Until that time, GDA intends to proceed with caution when it comes to the final

design of the airport and its runways. The first two phases of the project rely heavily on the supplemental assessments, and while GDA expects no issues to arise, they do want to make sure everything passes completely before getting too far along in the design process.

The hope is to begin earth work starting some time in August.

STIP

Shelby Carlson, WYDOT engineer for District 5, presented the latest information to the commissioners regarding construction funding and projects slated for the area during the coming season.

Two projects are slated for Wyoming 120 west of Thermopolis in the coming weeks.

One is reconstruction, widening and an overlay on the road from mile marker .94 to 4.21. The estimated costs for the reconstruction will be \$6,771,879.

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Welcome to Summer

The weatherman says conditions should be perfect for the 5th Annual Welcome to Summer barbecue on Friday in Hot Springs State Park, sponsored by Red Rock Family Practice.

The doctors and staff from the Thermopolis and Worland offices will be serving up free barbecued beef and pork sandwiches with all the fixings, starting at 5 p.m.

Fancy yourself as the next Cake Boss?

The annual event also features a bake-off with the best baked goods the community has to offer, the always popular watermelon eating contest, a sand dig for children 10 and under, a blow-up obstacle course and

bouncy house for the kids and the highly competitive tug-o-war.

A DJ will be playing all the summer music you could want during the four-hour event.

Forms for the bake-off and team tug-o-war may be picked up at Red Rock Family Practice before the event, or just bring your goodies Friday evening. Tug-o-war teams may register Friday evening as well.

Everyone who attends the party will receive a raffle ticket and a chance to win one of the many prizes that will be given away. The grand prize this year is a complete set of camping gear, including a large tent, cooler, sleeping bags, lanterns and chairs.

Weigh-in and tagging at fairgrounds



Remington Ferree herds swine at the weigh-in and tagging Sunday at the fairgrounds. There for background support are, left to right, Mary Ryan, Charlie Ferree and Charlie's granddaughter, Bailey Ferree. —Donna Pennoyer photo

Luehne files for HD28 seat

by Cindy Glasson

The race for House District 28 has added another local candidate on the Republican ticket, local business owner Roland Luehne.

A 1982 graduate from Hot Springs County High School, Luehne attended Casper College, Laramie County Community College and the University of Wyoming, graduating in 1989 with a degree in economics.

"I've always wanted to get into the political arena," Luehne said Tuesday. "I want to serve my community."

A devoted family man, Luehne has spent the last 18 years raising his daughter as well as running various business interests with his family, including the Star Plunge, Super 8 and Wolf Creek in Wind River Canyon.

"With the sale of Wolf Creek and Taylor's graduation, I've got all the time I need now to serve," he said.

His many business ventures and time spent on the Thermopolis-Hot Springs County Economic Development Company board should serve him well.

"I've seen how small businesses are struggling," he said. "We need to let private business be private business and keep all the red tape and bureaucracy out of it."

Education, services for senior citizens and a stable economy are the three major areas of interest for Luehne.



Roland Luehne

Filing period closes

Friday, June 1 marked the end of the filing period for the primary election in August. According to the Candidate Certification Report provided by the Hot Springs County Clerk's office, the following names will appear on the ballot Aug. 21.

Precinct committee men and women — Precinct 1-1, Jerry D. Williams, Nathan Winters and Ellen M. Galyan; Precinct 1-2, Charles Curley, Michael J. Wright, Joyce Kelley and Robin Kruse; and Precinct 3-3, Phyllis Baker, Marianne Gular, Belenda Willson, Mike Baker, Mike Gular and Howard T. Willson.

County Commission chair Brad W. Basse will be running for re-election. Both Mark and Mike Mortimore are on the primary ballot, running for the office of county coroner.

Two incumbents on the East Thermopolis Town Council will be running for re-election, Jack Kuiper and Merle W. Moore.

Locals Carl Leyba, Nathan Winters, Connie Skates and Roland Luehne will be on the ballot for House District 28 along with Meeteetse area resident Echo Renner.

"I want to do everything I can for education, both for the young people and for the older citizens, too," he said.

The economics of both the state and the district he could potentially represent is also a major concern.

See Luehne on page 9

Hospice

of the room and the services the hospital provides to the patient would be out-of-pocket for the patient. She stated the hospital is bound by its rules to act in a fiscally responsible fashion, which would require the hospital to do all it can to recoup the cost to the hospital.

The cost of the room and services to the patient could become unaffordable for the patient in a very short amount of time.

Roling did not recommend providing the room, but did recommend the hospital seek to aid Hospice in other ways, such as offering additional social services and helping

to provide information about the program.

"It's important to understand that Hospice is not necessarily a place, but it is a philosophy," Roling said.

Roling commended the passionate and highly trained group of people who are working to enhance and develop the Hospice philosophy in Thermopolis, but stated the hospital has rules and regulations established by lawmakers and the industry. With Medicare, the rules lean toward medical necessity versus end-of-life comfort care.

By offering social services or assisting with contracts for counseling, the hospital

can assist the Hospice philosophy by aiding in the areas where the Hospice volunteers strive to assist the families, Roling said.

The hospital can also provide information about Hospice or other materials involving end-of-life care to patients in their hospital packets.

After the discussion, the board chose not to provide a room at this time; however, the trustees expressed their continued desire to work with Hospice through a board liaison and authorized Roling to continue working toward hospital-assisted social services for the organization.



At left, Helen Ready serves pie and ice cream to Helen Ronco during the Hot Springs County Museum open house.

Commissioners

In addition, there will be reclamation of the area at milepost 25.82 at a cost of \$56,474.

There will be a leveling, overlay and chip seal project on U.S. 20 south of Thermopolis from mile marker 128.32 to 130.89. Cost of the project is estimated at \$1,481,540.

In the Kirby area, WYDOT is planning high-

way signage and landscaping at a cost of about \$30,000.

Some slide abatement work has already been done in Wind River Canyon, and Carlson said WYDOT is still keeping an eye on the walls, discussing what else may need to be done to protect drivers and the roadway from rock slides.

Carlson also said there will be some work starting either this fall or next spring in the canyon to help preserve certain areas where the support is slipping from behind the guardrails. The work will include adding retaining walls in some areas.

Safety is a big issue for WYDOT, and after

many years of discussion, Carlson said the decision has finally been made to add webcams in Wind River Canyon. No date has been set for their installation, but once in place, citizens will be able to see the weather and road conditions within the canyon by visiting WYDOT's road condition website.

Public notices

STATE OF WYOMING)
) IN THE DISTRICT COURT
) ss. FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF HOT SPRINGS)

RONALD G. LUTHER AND)
SANDRA E. LUTHER,)
Husband and Wife)
)
and)
)
THOMAS H. JEUNEHOMME AND)
PATRICE E. JEUNEHOMME,)
Husband and Wife)
)
Plaintiffs) Docket No. C12-27
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vs.)
)
MIKKI J. MARTINEZ AND)
JOHN MARTINEZ)
)
and)
)
THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND ALL)
OTHER PERSONS, KNOWN OR)
UNKNOWN)
)
Defendants)

PUBLICATION SUMMONS

To: The General Public, and All Other Persons, Known and Unknown

You are hereby notified that Ronald G. Luther and Sandra E. Luther, husband and wife, and Thomas H. Jeunehomme and Patrice E. Jeunehomme, husband and wife, have filed in the District Court of Hot Springs County, Wyoming, at Thermopolis, Civil Action No. C12-27, a Complaint the object and prayer of which is to recover and quiet title against you and in the Plaintiff's name to the following described property:

A parcel of land in Lot 1 of Section 24 Township 43 North, Range 95 West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Hot Springs County, Wyoming; being a strip of land adjacent to Haskin Street within Artois; to wit:

Beginning at the center quarter corner (southwest corner of said Lot 1) of said Section 24; thence S 89°53'41" E, along the south line of said Lot 1, a distance of 30 feet to a point on the east right-of-way line of County Road 3, also known as Red Lane, the true point of beginning and southwest corner of the parcel herein set forth:

Thence continuing S. 89°53'41" E, a distance of 650 feet to Corner No. 5 (the northeast corner) of said Artois; thence continuing S 89°53'41" E, a distance of 40 feet to the southeast corner of this parcel; thence N 0°18'59" E, a distance of 28 feet; thence N 89°53'41" W, a distance of 260 feet; thence S 0°18'59" W, a distance of 4 feet; thence N 89°53'41" W, a distance of 430 feet; thence S 0°19'11" W, a distance of 24 feet to the true point of beginning; containing 0.404 acre.

and for further equitable relief, and you are notified that you are required to answer said Complaint on or before the 6th day of July, 2012, and that Judgement by default may be rendered against you if you fail to appear.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at Thermopolis, Wyoming, this 16 day of May, 2012, at Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming.

/s/ _____
Terri Cornella
Clerk of District Court

/s/ _____
Rose Deseyn
Deputy Clerk

Pub. May 24, 31, June 7 and 14, 2012 No. 6536

Notice of Final Payment to Contractor
State of Wyoming, State Parks, Historic Sites & Trails
Hot Springs State Park Bath House Re-roof Project

Notice is hereby given that the State of Wyoming - Wyoming State Parks, Historic Sites & Trails has accepted the work as complete, according to the plans and specifications and rules set forth in the contract between the State of Wyoming - Wyoming State Parks, Historic Sites & Trails and Redd Roofing for the Hot Springs State Park Bath House Re-roof Project.

The above-mentioned contractor is entitled to final settlement. Therefore, on the 4th day of July, 2012, being the (41st) day after the first date of advertisement, the State of Wyoming - Wyoming State Parks, Historic Sites & Trails will pay the above-mentioned contractor the full amount due under said contract, provided all punch list and project close-out requirements have been met.

Pub. May 24, 31 and June 7, 2012 No. 6569

STATE OF WYOMING)
) IN THE DISTRICT COURT
) ss. FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF HOT SPRINGS)
)
HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF) FILED
) MAY 23, 2012
LESLIE M. MASON,)
) Probate No. P12-5
)
deceased.)

NOTICE OF PROBATE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF
LESLIE M. MASON, DECEASED

You are hereby notified that on the 7th day of May, 2012, the Last Will and Testament of said decedent was admitted to probate by the District Court, Fifth Judicial District, Probate No. P12-5, Hot Springs County, Wyoming, and that Janice L. Miller was appointed personal representative. Any action to set aside the Will shall be filed in said Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or thereafter be forever barred.

NOTICE is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or to his estate are requested to make immediate payment to The Estate of Leslie M. Mason, c/o Jill Jacobson, Attorney at Law, 333 Arapahoe, Thermopolis, WY 82443.

Creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate are requested to file them in duplicate with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of said court, on or before three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, and if such claims are not so filed, unless otherwise allowed or paid, they will be forever barred.

DATED: May 23, 2012

Janice L. Miller, Personal Representative

By: /s/ _____
Jill Jacobson, Attorney for
the Estate of Leslie M. Mason, deceased.

Pub. May 31, June 7 and 14, 2012 No. 6571

STATE OF WYOMING)
) IN THE DISTRICT COURT
) ss. FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF HOT SPRINGS)
)
Civil Action No. 7978

IN THE MATTER OF THE KIRBY) FILED
) MAY 23, 2012
DITCH IRRIGATION DISTRICT)

ORDER FOR HEARING

The Commissioners of the Kirby Ditch Irrigation District having filed with the Clerk of District Court of Hot Springs County, Wyoming, their Petition For Authority To Execute Documents And Incur Indebtedness And Report For The Proposed Budget For The Year 2012 for said District requesting approval to contract for a loan in the amount of \$136,800.00, and therein itemizing money to be raised by assessment against lands compromising said District, and in the total amount of \$50,821.60 and by assessment of \$75.00 per acre for the first acre of each member and \$14.92 per acre for every acre thereafter against 3,196.88 acres of land and for the purpose of paying indebtedness, to operate and maintain the facilities of the District, to meet and pay expenses heretofore and to be incurred, pay miscellaneous expenses, and to meet possible delinquencies, and

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the 18th day of June, 2012, at the hour of 8:00 a.m., in the Courtroom of the above-entitled Court at Thermopolis, Wyoming, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, is hereby fixed as the time and place for an examination of said Petition, and for the hearing of any objections thereto to authorize the signing of loan instruments, and for fixing and determining the actual amount to be raised by assessment against lands within said District for the Year 2012, and

IT IS FURTHERMORE ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published at least twice in the Thermopolis Independent Record prior to said Hearing.

DATED this 23rd day of May, 2012.

/s/ _____
Jill Jacobson
District Court Commissioner

Pub. May 31 and June 7, 2012 No. 6570

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR NEW RESTAURANT LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of May 2012, Super Toadies, LLC dba Wind River Canyon Grill filed an application in the office of the Clerk of the County of Hot Springs for a new Restaurant License for the following described place and premises to wit: a 24'x 24' cabin (building), Lot 7 Section 15, Township 6 North, Range 6 East, WRM and protests, if there be, against the issuance of such license will be heard at the hour of 4:00 p.m. on the 19th day of June 2012. The Hearing will be in the Public Meeting Room in the Hot Springs County Governmental Annex Building, 117 N 4th.

Hans Odde
Hot Springs County Clerk

Pub. May 24, 31, June 7 and 14, 2012 No. 6566

PUBLIC NOTICE

Hot Springs County School District #1

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

The Board of Trustees of Hot Springs County School District No. 1 will accept sealed bids for the sale of the following vehicle:

1991 Chevrolet/ward 16 passenger school bus

Items may be inspected at 704 Springview, Thermopolis, WY. Sealed bids will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. Monday, June 18, 2012 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be considered at the Board of Trustees meeting on June 21, 2012 at 7:00 p. m. in the Board Room of the Auditorium Building, 415 Springview, Thermopolis, WY 82443.

Successful bidder(s) must take possession of the purchased item between June 22 and June 29, 2012. Payment will be expected upon possession. The district may dispose of vehicles not taken by the possession deadline.

Hot Springs County School District No. 1 reserves the right to reject any and all bids. We reserve the right to waive any irregularities in the bids or bidding procedures.

Pub. May 31 and June 7, 2012 No. 6572

PUBLIC NOTICE

Jr. and Amanda Bilger, 309 Red Cloud Lane, Buffalo, WY 82834. The contents of your unit will be sold if the total due of \$663.15 is not received by June 21, 2012.

Shoshoni Storage
P.O. Box 579
Dubois, WY 82513

Pub. June 7, 14 and 21, 2012 No. 6577

NOTICE OF FINAL PAYMENT

Notice is hereby given that the

Owner: Hot Springs County Cemetery District

Has been advised that the work on

PROJECT: Riverside Cemetery: Pump Replacement

Is substantially complete according to the plans, specifications and rules set forth in the contract between the Owner and the Contractor, and that the Contractor, Viper Underground, Inc., is entitled to final settlement therefore.

All persons, firms or corporations who have claims for work done or material furnished on such work are hereby notified that final payment will be made to said Contractor.

Payment will be made on the 41st day after publication of this Notice. The Owner will pay the Contractor the full amount due under said contract after July 17, 2012.

DATED THIS, THE 29TH DAY OF MAY 2012.

FOR THE OWNER:

Hot Springs County Cemetery District

Pub. June 7, 14 and 21, 2012 No. 6578

Notice

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners is asking Hot Springs County Residents to apply to serve on the following Hot Springs County Board:

Land Use Planning Board, unexpired three (3) year term One Member
Term expires April 30, 2013

Residents of Hot Springs County interested in applying to serve on a Board should submit their letter of interest and County Board Questionnaire (available on the County website www.hscounty.com or at the County Clerk's Office) to the Hot Springs County Clerks Office no later than 5:00 p.m. June 15, 2012. Applications will be considered and appointments made at the Hot Springs County Commissioners Meeting June 19, 2012 at 4:05 p.m.

Hans Odde
Hot Springs County Clerk

Pub. May 24, 31 and June 7, 2012 No. 6535

Invitation to Bid

Northwest Wyoming Board of Cooperative Service is seeking bids for janitorial services at 250 East Arapahoe. List of job duties may be obtained at NW BOCES. Contractor must be insured and pass background check.

Bids are due and will be opened June 25, 2012 at 1:30 p.m., bids can be sent to P.O. Box 112, Thermopolis, WY 82443, marked "janitorial bid". The bid will be awarded June 27, 2012 at the regular scheduled board meeting. Winning bidder will be notified on June 28, 2012. NW BOCES board of directors retains the right to reject any or all bids. References may be sought. To do a walk thru of the facility, please contact Tony Larson at 307-864-2171 ext. 17.

Pub. June 7 and 14, 2012 No. 6580

Invitation to Bid

Northwest Wyoming Board of Cooperative Service is seeking bids for the Demolition of a building located at 345 Broadway. Contractor must be insured.

Bids are due and will be opened June 25, 2012 at 2 p.m., bids can be sent to P.O. Box 112, Thermopolis, WY 82443, marked "demolition bid". The bid will be awarded June 27, 2012 at the regular scheduled board meeting. Winning bidder will be notified on June 28, 2012. NW BOCES board of directors retains the right to reject any or all bids. References may be sought. To do a walk thru of the facility, please contact Tony Larson at 307-864-2171 ext. 17.

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