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Hayes, Nelson elected to council

While President Barack Obama was re-elected in Tuesday's 2012 General Election, there were a number of close races for seats in Hot Springs County. There will be a recount Thursday, according to County Clerk Hans Odde, to verify the voting for school board and Kirby Town Council seats.

LeRoy Hayes and Mark Nelson were elected to the two open seats on the Thermopolis Town Council while incumbents Allan Braaten and Dick Hall fell short in their re-election bids. Hayes had 896 votes; Nelson, 679; Braaten, 490; and Hall, 442.

Republican Nathan Winters was elected to the Wyoming House District 28 seat. Winters received 3,288 votes unofficially

while Democrat Connie Skates garnered 1,100 votes.

Sen. Gerald Geis (R-Worland) was unopposed for Senate District 20. He received a total of 7,591 votes.

Incumbents Dr. Travis Bomengen (1,653 votes) and Clay Van Antwerp (1,575) were re-elected to the Hot Springs County School District No. 1 Board of Trustees along with newcomer Melissa Johnson (1,421). Incumbent Joe Martinez received 1,116 votes and challenger Daniel Pebbles had 1,114, unofficially. Britnee Nelson finished sixth with 719 votes.

The three candidates running for Kirby Town Council – Ross Rhodes, Raymond L.

Nettles and Jessica Slagle – finished in a dead heat for two seats, each collecting 15 votes.

Odde said the local canvassing board would sort out the school board and Kirby Town Council issues when it meets at 9 a.m. today (Thursday). As for the Kirby council, if the 15-each voting is certified, the two candidates elected would be determined by "lot," or a blind drawing – according to Wyoming State Statute.

Hot Springs County voters supported the 4 percent lodging tax on Tuesday's ballot by a 1,754-673 margin (69 percent voting for the proposition). The tax is usually on the General Election ballot every four years.

	Thermop Dist. 1	Thermop Dist. 2	East Dist. 3	West Dist. 4	TOTAL
U.S. President					
Romney (R)	579	503	675	137	1894
Obama (D)	189	172	141	21	523
Johnson (L)	24	18	18	3	63
Goode (Constit)	5	5	5	0	15
U.S. Senator					
Barraso (R)	645	569	720	144	2078
Chestnut (D)	135	101	102	16	354
Otto (Country)	20	23	20	2	65
U.S. Representative					
Lummis (R)	584	511	650	133	1878
Henrichsen (D)	144	118	113	20	395
Brubaker (L)	32	30	30	5	97
Cummings (Constit)	8	13	18	1	40
Wills (Country)	13	13	16	1	43
State Senator					
Geis (R)	680	604	738	142	2164
State Representative					
Winters (R)	508	467	591	123	1689
Skates (D)	284	212	241	32	769
Commissioner					
Basse (R)	611	560	621	100	1892
Coroner					
Mark Mortimore (R)	640	580	692	139	2051
Councilperson - Town of Thermopolis					
Braaten	278	212	-	-	490
Hall	227	215	-	-	442
Hayes	475	421	-	-	896
Nelson	370	309	-	-	679
Councilperson - Town of East Thermopolis					
Kuiper	-	-	79	-	79
Moore	-	-	74	-	74
Councilperson - Town of Kirby					
Nettles	-	-	15	-	15
Rhodes	-	-	15	-	15
Slagle	-	-	15	-	15
HSC School Board Trustees					
Bomengen	544	447	581	81	1653
Johnson	471	350	516	84	1421
Martinez	376	315	358	67	1116
Nelson	227	186	253	53	719
Pebbles	327	320	394	73	1114
Van Antwerp	502	408	563	102	1575
HSC Conservation District Director Rural					
Overton	621	552	672	117	1962
HSC Conservation District Director Urban					
Axtell	687	601	741	138	2167
HSC Cemetery District Director (four-year term)					
DeVries	536	462	565	90	1653
Love	508	454	546	99	1607
Watkins	520	422	622	100	1664
HSC Cemetery Dist. Director (unexpired two-year term)					
Starnes	673	565	693	127	2058
HSC Rural Fire Protection District Director					
Anderson	-	-	592	131	723
Constitutional Amendment A					
For	582	528	675	133	1918
Against	183	135	139	24	481
Constitutional Amendment B					
For	710	619	764	147	2240
Against	70	54	60	12	196
Constitutional Amendment C					
For	418	376	450	75	1319
Against	316	269	330	74	989
Proposition 1 - 4% sales tax on lodging services					
For	586	467	593	108	1754
Against	193	209	224	47	673

Pennoyer honored as Ag Citizen of the Year

by J.D. Stetson
The Thermopolis FFA Alumni Association honored area rancher Arnold Pennoyer as the 2012 Ag Citizen of the Year Saturday night at the Harvest Moon Ball at the Hot Springs County Fair Building.

FFA Alumni president Phil Scheel announced the winner after short introductions of the nominees, which included Pennoyer, Bill Daniels, Ray Shaffer and Bruce Thurgood.

Pennoyer has been involved in agriculture his whole life and was raised on his family's ranch in the Owl Creek Mountains.

He was the first youth in the county to receive the American Farmer Award and spent 12 years in 4-H and six years in FFA. Pennoyer served on the Hot Springs County Conservation District Board for 28 years, and he has also served on the Weed and Pest Board for 29 years and the Hot Springs County Fair

Board for 25 years. He has been a member of the Big Horn Basin Cattle Feeder Association for 20 years.

Keynote speech

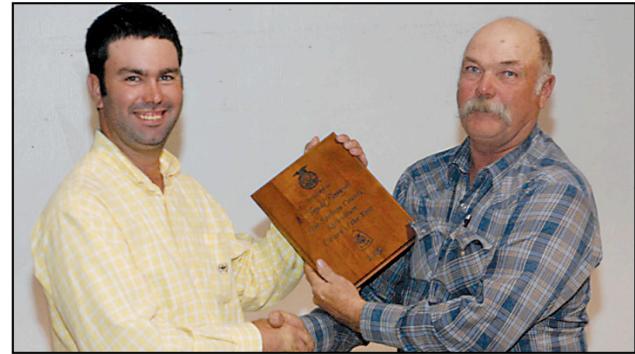
Nominee Shaffer gave the keynote speech during the evening, which focused on various agricultural thoughts and some of the political problems relating to agriculture that give him "heartburn."

"We're here to celebrate agriculture tonight," Shaffer opened.

He thanked and commended the McCumber and Axtell families, who were in the audience to receive the Century Farm/Ranch Awards and then moved into his discussion on political topics and the state of the industry.

He talked about federal rules and regulations that stymie business and political infighting between the parties resulting in gridlock.

"Tonight I have 'heartburn'



Thermopolis FFA Alumni Association president Phil Scheel presents the 2012 Ag Citizen of the Year award to Arnold Pennoyer during the Harvest Moon Ball Saturday at the Hot Springs County Fair Building. — J.D. Stetson photo

and it wasn't from the food," he said.

Shaffer spoke on several of the same topics brought forth by the Presidential election including the lack of action on a federal farm bill and the politi-

cal posturing that is punishing the agriculture industry.

He encouraged every able-bodied person to go out and vote in the election.

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Veterans Day program Friday, ceremony Sunday

Two events will be held this week to commemorate Veterans Day, which is officially celebrated Sunday, Nov. 11.

The Thermopolis Middle School Student Council will host a Veterans Day program at 9 a.m. Friday at the school auditorium.

On Sunday, a Veterans Day ceremony will be held in front of the Thermopolis VFW Club, beginning at 11 a.m. The ceremony is held on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month each year. A Veterans Day dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at the VFW, and all veterans and their families are invited to attend.

"Everybody in the community should stop and thank our veterans," said Ken Harvey, one of the organizers of the ceremony and dinner.

TMS Student Council hosts program

The Veterans Day program sponsored by the TMS Student Council will feature guest speaker Col. Scott M. Fox, vice commander of the Twentieth Air Force of the U.S. Air Force Global Strike Command, headquartered at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne. He will

show a video clip titled, "Freedom Is Not Free." Maj. Jaydee Burns is scheduled to accompany Fox.

According to TMS Student Council advisor Kathie Richardson, the program will begin with Boy Scouts providing a flag ceremony. Following that will be the singing of "This Land Is Your Land" by TMS fifth graders, directed by Mary McGillivray. Student council members will recite Red Skelton's dissertation of the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance. Dustin Olsen will direct a performance by the TMS honors choir and other music will also be provided.

Veterans and their spouses will be the special guests during the program.

"This is dedicated to them for serving our country and giving us the freedoms we have," Richardson said of the veterans.

Friday's program will conclude when the Boy Scouts retire the colors. Richardson said the TMS Student Council also sponsors other events, such as school dances, and is involved in TMS concessions operation.

'Reading On the Rooftop' Monday

by Joe Sova
If you happen to be driving through the Thermopolis Middle School parking lot between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday, or past TMS on 14th Street, you might see Hot Springs County School District Superintendent Dustin Hunt and TMS Principal Breez Daniels on top of the building – reading books.

Hunt has challenged the other members of the school district's administrative team, as well as members of the board of trustees, to join him for the first-ever Reading On the Rooftop in Thermopolis on Monday. It's an event to celebrate National Young Readers Week, which is Nov. 12-16 across America. Daniels has accepted the challenge and Hunt expects other school district personnel to join them "on high" Monday.

According to Hunt, TMS students chose their top 20 books from a list of publications. Local participants in Reading On the Rooftop will be reading many of those 20 books.

Hunt said there is also a new and used book drive underway to collect books in support of the

district's participation in the SPARK a FIRE reading program. Students and parents are asked to bring in books to contribute to the cause. Books collected will be given to families that do not have books for their children at home.

At the completion of Reading On the Rooftop, students and other community members can vote for their "favorite reader."

"Then students will try to stump readers with questions about books," Hunt said, referring to the books the school personnel will be reading Monday. "It's going to be an exciting thing."

"It's a good way to celebrate," Hunt said of the observation of National Young Readers Week.

The superintendent indicated the support shown SPARK a FIRE by Gov. Matt Mead and First Lady Carol Mead. The governor's Letter to the Editor is published on page 4 of this issue of the Independent Record.

"This is not going to be a 'one-and-done' program. We want to continue to work," Hunt said of SPARK a FIRE. "We can't reach the goals of our district without partnering with our community."

4-H Achievement Night

Harley Rhodes presents the Matt Blakesley Memorial Award to Barbara Jean Kissel during 4-H Achievement Night. The complete listing of awards during the program are on page 10.
— Donna Pennoyer photo

Bjorhus new golf course manager

by Joe Sova
Donnie Bjorhus has accepted the position of golf course manager at the Legion Town and Country Club (LTCC). He has been serving as Hot Springs County Recreation District director for the last 7-1/2 years and his resignation from that position was accepted by the recreation board during a special meeting Tuesday evening at the armory.

Recreation Board Chairman Mark Hamilton said there would be a search in order to fill the position. It was not determined

when Bjorhus would be leaving his current position.

Bjorhus said Tuesday evening he interviewed for the golf course manager position in mid-September. Later in the month, he was offered and accepted the position.

The LTCC golf board began advertising for the position when it was determined golf pro Mike McManis would not be returning for the 2013 golf season.

Bjorhus will be hiring a greens-keeper and the position will be advertised within a couple of weeks.

McCumber, Axtell families accept Century Farm/Ranch Awards

Two families that have been farming and ranching in Hot Springs County for more than 100 years were honored by receiving Century Farm/Ranch Awards during the FFA Alumni Harvest Moon Ball on Saturday evening at the Hot Springs County Fair Building. The event was sponsored by the Thermopolis FFA Alumni Association.

Here is biographical information about the McCumber family. The Axtell family will be featured in next week's Independent Record.

McCumber family

The Emery McCumber family moved from Missouri to Kansas in the 1870s with their four children, Charles, Stanley, Ella and Dora.

Kansas proved to be difficult farming country so the family continued west, eventually settling in 1896 on Owl Creek, six miles west of Thermopolis. The homestead was granted in 1906.

The McCumber homestead initially produced vegetables, hay and grain, utilizing the Martin ditch from Mud Creek.

When their health began to weaken, Emery and his wife, Mary, moved to California; Stanley followed years later. Charles remained on the homestead, started raising horses and eventually added cows, pigs and sheep, as well as produced vegetables. Charles was active in irrigation projects (such as the Martin ditch) and was a cofounder of the county Farm Bureau.

Charles, at the age of 34, married a local school teacher, Carrie Steward. Charles had met Carrie in Arlington Heights, Ill., at the Steward Ranch where he would purchase horses.

Charles convinced Carrie to come to Wyoming to be a teacher at the Belleview school. Three months after her arrival, they married. They had seven children: Ruth, Faye, Lois, Blanche, Emma and twins, Dare and Clare.

Carrie sadly died in 1918 of influenza. Charles was left to raise his young children. The twins were only 11 months old.

Farm life required a great deal of labor and sacrifice, especially since Charles did not acquire a



Members of the McCumber family are pictured above. The McCumbers are one of two families who received the Century Farm/Ranch Award during the Harvest Moon Ball.

tractor until the early 1950s. As a result, Dare and Clare took several years to complete high school. Dare attended school for two years while Clare worked the farm and then they would change roles. Electricity didn't come until 1947 and running water was finally instituted in 1955.

Charles' children went their separate ways, except Dare, who returned from service in World

War II in 1945.

Dare purchased a gas station in town and helped Charles with the farm. Dare eventually coaxed Mayva Flejoe, a young French lady whom he'd met in New Caledonia during the war, to move to the United States. Upon her arrival in 1947, they married. Dare and May had three children, Doreen, Linda and Don.

In 1955, they sold the station

and purchased the old Morningside schoolhouse, moved it down to the farm and converted it into a home. The family raised cattle, sheep and chickens, and there was always a garden to tend to and cows to milk.

Dareen went to business school in Denver and now resides in Indiana. Linda married Gary Brost and resides in Riverton. May lived in the Morningside schoolhouse until this past year. She now lives at Wyoming Pioneer Home.

In 1974, Don married Arlea Grant. Don worked in the oil fields and he and his wife also helped Dare and May on the farm.

Don and Arlea purchased land from Dare in 1978 to build a home and raised three children, Melissa, and twins, Cort and Colter. In 1983, Don and Arlea purchased fifty percent of the farm from Dare and May, and upon Dare's passing in 1995, they purchased the remaining portion from May and Don's sisters.

Don and Arlea continue to raise cattle and hay, when irrigation water is available. Unfortunately,

with the lack of water the farm is not able to support a family. Don and Arlea, along with their three children, run McCumber Well Service, an oil and gas well servicing company.

All three children live either on or near the farm, helping with haying, fencing, irrigating or running a few head of livestock. Melissa and her husband, Joey, have three children, Hardy, Hadley, and Hayden.

Cort and his wife, Kati, also have three children, Eli, Porter, and Maile.

Colter and his wife, Linda, have two children, Owen and Mac.

The sixth generation is still able to enjoy farm activities such as branding, but will never experience the joys, or rather mundane routine, of milking a cow because Don will not allow one on the place. Those of you who have had milk cows will truly understand his position.

Home is where the heart is and each child feels very connected to the farm. It is the hope that each generation will continue to enjoy what the McCumber farm can offer.

Pennoyer

Shaffer also brought some "lightheartedness" to the speech by comparing the number of doctors in the country, about 700,000, and the number of gun owners in the nation, about 80 million. He stated the number of accidental deaths under doctors, about 120,000 people, which he said was about .17 deaths per

doctor, far exceed the number of deaths under gun owners, 1,500, which equates to .0000188 deaths per gun owner.

Concern with drought

Shaffer covered the drought and what it means to the future of agriculture in the county.

He said the county is in a his-

torical cycle of drought and they need to be prepared for the next season. Based on the best guess of the experts, there is a 50/50 chance of getting moisture during the winter.

Shaffer said the people need to work to find new tools and ways to manage the drought, including revisiting the technology of

weather modification, which he also called "cloud seeding."

He said the state legislature is currently working to gather information about cloud seeding and studies have been underway for years to develop computer models.

The final topic focused on "sustainability," the goal to keep an

operation viable through adaptation of political, social and environmental change.

He once again referred to the Century Award winners, citing them as the best examples of sustainability in agriculture.

He encouraged the community to keep supporting the advent of agriculture education to

the young generations through programs such as vocational agriculture in the schools, FFA and 4-H. He ended the presentation by stressing the role of agriculture providing food to the world and left off with a humorous tale of how God created man and how several animals played a part in how man lives his life.

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Public notices

McMurry Ready Mix Company

REQUESTING DBE/MBE QUOTATIONS

McMurry Ready Mix Company is soliciting quotes from qualified DBE businesses for the

HOT SPRINGS COUNTY AIRPORT-RELOCATION PROJECT-PHASE II -EARTHWORK AND DRAINAGE

The bid date is **Wednesday November 14th at 10:00 AM** (Please submit quotes by COB 11/12/12.)

P.O. Box 2488 Casper, WY 82602 or via fax (307) 235-9093

Contact: John Ramage or Scotty Osman at 307-473-9581 or via e-mail estimating@mrnc.com

with any question or concerns in regards to this project.

paid advertising

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No. 6699

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that Hot Springs County (hereafter referred to as the "Sponsor" or "Owner"), will receive sealed bids for the Hot Springs County Airport Relocation Project, Phase II - Earthwork and Drainage, A.I.P. No. 03-56-0043-02, State Project No. THP-11C at the new Hot Springs County Airport.

The project involves:

Bid Schedule 1: Construction of 300,000 CY Unclassified Excavation, 16,500 feet of ditch grading, subgrade preparation, 832 feet of 24 inch Reinforced Concrete Pipe, 335 feet of 30 inch Reinforced Concrete Pipe, 5 Manholes, top soil stripping, top soil stockpiling, topsoil placing, erosion control, seeding, and mulching.

Bid Schedule 2: Construction of approximately 13,000 to 14,000 Feet of 1.5 inch Direct Bury Waterline.

The bids must be prepared on forms supplied by the Owner and filed with Hot Springs County Clerk, 415 Arapahoe, Thermopolis, WY 82443 with the envelope clearly marked with the name of the bid no later than 10:00 am on November 14, 2012. Hand delivered bids will be accepted ONLY on the date of the bid opening. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the presence of the bidders and their representatives at 10:15 am on November 14, 2012 at the Commissioners Chambers in County Annex Building located at 117 North 4th Street, Thermopolis, WY 82443.

The Bidder (proposer) must supply all the information required by the bid or proposal forms and specifications.

No bids will be received after the specified hour and date. Bids that are not prepared and filed in accordance with proposal requirements and conditions of the specifications, may be rejected.

All bids must be accompanied either by a certified check, payable to Hot Springs County in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, or by a Bid Bond in a like amount and executed by an approved surety company. The check or bond will be retained by the Owner as liquidated damages if the successful bidder refuses or fails to enter into contract and performance bond in accord with his bid within fifteen (15) days after date of notification of award.

Minimum wage rates as established by the Secretary of Labor are applicable to the work performed on this project.

The Contract Documents, consisting of this Project Manual and the Plan Set, may be examined or obtained in person at the office of: GDA Engineers, 1508 Stampede Avenue, Cody, WY 82414, at the Office of the Hot Springs County Clerk, 415 Arapahoe, Thermopolis, WY 82443, or by calling (307) 587-3411 to request contract documents be shipped. **Contract Documents may be obtained for a non-refundable reproduction charge of \$120.00.** Interested parties may register and view the plans and specifications at www.gdaengineers.com. Online contract documents are for use by subcontractors and suppliers in preparing quotations to prime bidders. **All prime bidders must purchase a hard copy of the Project Manual and the Plan Set.**

Bids may not be withdrawn after the time fixed for submitting them. The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities in the bids and reject any and all bids.

The proposed contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, to the equal opportunity clause and the Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications including the goals and timetables for minority and female participation.

The Bidder shall make good faith efforts, as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, Regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, to subcontract 1.07 percent of the dollar value of Bid Schedule 1 to small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals (DBE's). In the event that the Bidder for this solicitation qualifies as a DBE, the contract goal shall be deemed to have been met.

A Certification of Non-segregated Facilities must be submitted prior to the award of the proposed contract, including any subcontracts in excess of \$10,000.00.

All bidders are advised to examine the site to become familiar with all site conditions. The project will be shown to interested Bidders at 2:00 pm local time, on November 1, 2012, at the Commissioners Chambers in County Annex Building located at 117 North 4th Street, Thermopolis, WY 82443. A project site tour will be conducted after the pre-bid meeting.

BY ORDER OF HOT SPRINGS COUNTY

/s/ _____
Hans Odde
County Clerk

Pub. October 18, 25, November 1 and 8, 2012

No. 6689

STATE OF WYOMING)
) ss. IN THE DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF HOT SPRINGS) FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Civil Action No. C12-55

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
) FILED
CHANGE OF NAME FOR) OCT 19 2012
JUSTIN HUNTER BARRETTE)

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JUSTIN HUNTER BARRETTE has filed a Petition with the above-named Court for the purposes of changing his name to JUSTIN HUNTER O'CONNOR. You are hereby notified that any objection to said Petition must be filed with the Clerk of the above District Court on or before December 7, 2012. If any objections are made, the Court shall set the matter for hearing.

DATED this 19th day of October, 2012.

/s/ _____
Jerry D. Williams
Williams Law Office
339 Arapahoe
Thermopolis, WY 82443

Pub. October 25, November 1, 8 and 15, 2012

No. 6695

NOTICE OF INTENDED AMENDMENT OF RULES OF PRACTICE GOVERNING HEARINGS AND CONTESTED CASES BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE AND HEARINGS REQUIRED TO BE HELD BEFORE THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of Hot Springs County School District No. One, State of Wyoming, does intend to amend rules and regulations governing hearings and contested cases before the Board of Trustees and hearings required to be held before the Office of Administrative Hearings. The new rules will supersede all other rules previously filed relating to contests and hearings and will be adopted as authorized by the Wyoming Administrative Procedures Act, W.S. §16-3-101 - 16-3-115, and will comply with recent legislative changes pertaining to rules governing determination of eligibility for free and reduced price school lunch, breakfast and milk programs.

All interested persons may present their views on the intended adoption of the rules and regulations and may submit any data, views or comments they have, orally or in writing, at the board meeting of the Board of Trustees of Hot Springs County School District No. One, to be held at 7 o'clock p.m. on the 12th day of November, 2012. The location of this meeting is the Board Room located at 415 Springview, Thermopolis, Wyoming. A copy of the proposed rules and regulations to be adopted is available for inspection at the office of the Superintendent of Schools within the District.

Persons desiring to submit further comments or information may submit such information orally or in writing to the board at any time within

45 days after the meeting set forth herein. The board may take action on final adoption any time after 45 days from the date of the meeting set forth herein.

The proposed rule change meets minimum substantive state statutory requirements.

DATED this 1st day of November, 2012.

Clay Van Antwerp
Clerk, Board of Trustees
Hot Springs County School District No. One,
State of Wyoming

Pub. November 8, 2012

No. 6701

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Owl Creek Water District will receive sealed bids until 2:00 P.M., local time, 12/11/12 at the Hot Springs County Annex Building at 117 North 4th Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming, for MATERIALS, LABOR, SERVICES, TRANSPORTATION & COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF OWL CREEK WATER SUPPLY. The Engineer's opinion of probable construction costs ranges from \$3,500,000 to \$4,000,000. All bids publicly opened and read aloud - date and time stated above. Mail or deliver to Owl Creek Water District. Owl Creek Water District will take no responsibility for delivery of bids through mail. Complete digital copies of the bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com. Submitting Contractors will be required to register with the website to download the bidding documents for \$20 by inputting Quest project # 2332190 on the website's Project search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. Optional paper copies of bidding documents are available at: Engineering Associates, 902 13th St., P.O. Box 1900, Cody, WY 82414 for \$100 non-refundable. The Owl Creek Water District reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive any informalities if deemed in the best interest of the Owner. No bid may be considered unless accompanied by the required bid bond guarantee of 5% of the total bid amount which amount shall be forfeited if the bidder is awarded the Contract and fails to enter into a Contract with the Owner. Contractor shall be required to provide performance and payment bonds each in the amount of 100% of the Contract price before beginning work. Pre-bid meeting held at 10:00 A.M. local time, on 11/28/12 at the Hot Springs County Annex Building at 117 North 4th Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming.

Qualified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) are encouraged to submit bids on this project. Contractors that use a subcontractor(s)/supplier(s) are required to make a good faith effort at soliciting DBE subcontractor/supplier participation. Bidders shall submit the required DBE Good Faith Effort Documentation form and other related forms with their bids. Pursuant to W.S. 16-6-106, "preference is hereby given to materials, supplies, agricultural products, equipment, machinery and provisions produced, manufactured or grown in Wyoming, or supplied by a resident of the state, quality being equal to articles offered by the competitors outside of the state".

Dated this 5th day of November, 2012.

Owl Creek Water District
/s/ owner

Pub. November 8, 15 and 22, 2012

No. 6702

ATTENTION HOT SPRINGS COUNTY TAX PAYERS!

The first half of the 2012 property tax is due by November 10, 2012 if you are paying the first half. However, you have until December 31, 2012 if you elect to pay the total in one payment.

Questions call 307-864-3616, or stop by the Hot Springs County Treasurer's Office at the Court House, 415 Arapahoe St. Mickeyjean Ford • Hot Springs County Treasurer