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## Hall of Fame banquet Saturday

Five individuals or couples who have made a significant impact in Hot Springs County will be part of the third class to enter the Hot Springs County Hall of Fame during a banquet and investiture ceremony Saturday evening at Days Inn.

Every two years, five inductees enter the HSC Hall of Fame during a banquet and ceremony.

Class of 2014 inductees are William H. and Carrie Gottsche, Father Nicholas Endres, Eddie Todorovich, G.M. "Gyp" "Cookie" Hayek, and Arnold and Jessie Duhig. All are now deceased and will be inducted posthumously.

The evening begins with a mixer from 5 to 6 p.m. The dinner hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by the induction ceremony at 7 p.m.

The buffet-style dinner includes a choice of baron of beef or fried chicken, and potato, salad, rolls, cheese-cake and beverage. There will also be a cash bar.

Tickets for the banquet are \$30 each and are at the Independent Record office or from Hall of Fame committee members. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

Relatives of the inductees or representatives of their families have been invited to attend the banquet and induction ceremony. Previous inductees into the HSC Hall of Fame or their family members are also invited.

William and Carrie Gottsche were longtime prominent ranchers at Rock Springs. Their daughter Marguerite was afflicted with polio and some relief from her condition came with visits to the mineral water at Hot Springs State Park. She died at age 14. William Gottsche died in 1939, leaving his estate to his widow. When Carrie died in 1944, her will indicated the bulk of her wealth would finance the William H. and Carrie Gottsche Foundation for Polio.

Ten years after her death, the foundation was established—facilitating the construction of nonprofit Gottsche Rehabilitation Center. The facility has brought relief to victims of many health-related problems.

Endres was the first pastor at St. Francis Catholic Church; the Catholic priest ministered in Thermopolis from 1906 to 1933. He was instrumental in the construction of the first Catholic church in Thermopolis in 1909 as well as many other churches in the Big Horn Basin. Endres left nearly \$80,000 in stocks, bonds and cash in his estate to the Hot Springs County Carnegie Library when he died in 1962. The monies were used to help build the present Hot Springs County Library.

Todorovich was a Hot Springs County sheriff for 28 years—elected seven straight times. He served as president of the Governor's Crime Commission and the Wyoming Peace Officers Association, honored as Peace Officer of the Year during his storied career.

Hayek was a teacher, coach and administrator in the Hot Springs County School District for 45 years. It was as a vocational instructor that his lifelong impact on students, and parents, was most felt. The G.M. Hayek Vocational Building on Springview Street was dedicated in 1979 to honor Hayek's memory.

Arnold and Jessie Duhig partnered in publishing the Thermopolis newspaper, beginning just before Hot Springs officially became a county in 1913. While Arnold was editor and publisher and served in other capacities, Jessie wrote a popular "Musings" column for many years.

HSC Hall of Fame committee members are John Lumley (921-9141), Dick Hall (864-5552), Barb Vietti (921-1551), Dorothy Milek (864-3890), Tom Sullivan, Sr. and Joe Sova (864-2328).



With help from her husband Michael, Jacky Wright shows some of the contents of the Hot Springs County Centennial Time Capsule during Saturday's sealing reception.

## HSC Centennial Time Capsule sealed during culminating event

We don't know what the future will bring, especially 100 years down the road. However, we are giving people in our community an idea of what it was like living in 2013 and 2014 with the contents of the Hot Springs County Centennial Time Capsule.

A Time Capsule Sealing Reception was held last Saturday at the Hot Springs County Museum and Cultural Center—in conjunction with a Hot Springs County Historical Society meeting.

Former Gov. Dave Freudenthal, a county native, was the keynote speaker. He attended the reception with his wife, U.S. District Court Judge Nancy Freudenthal. They currently reside in Cheyenne.

HSC Historical Society President Barb Vietti opened the 90-minute program, which featured readings of the histories of a number of Hot Springs County families, taking us from the pioneer and homesteading days in the early 1900s to today.

The Centennial Singers, directed by tireless

Ellen Mortimore, performed several entertaining songs. Rep. Nathan Winters of Thermopolis, a dynamic vocalist, sang in the choir and was the soloist for the choir finale, "Footsteps of the Faithful."

Drawings were held for a buffalo hide and skull and packages of buffalo burgers.

Jacky Wright, a member of the HSC Centennial Committee, read from a list of more than 100 items tucked inside the time capsule. "We tried to capture our community today," she said, "and give people an idea of what it was like in our (centennial) year."

Inside the capsule were such items as letters of congratulations from Sen. Mike Enzi and Rep. Cynthia Lummis, a copy of what Sen. John Barrasso wrote into the Congressional Record about the county centennial, bank rates, newspapers, 2013 fair ribbons, school activity schedules, writings from school children about living

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## Views differ on MRAP vehicle

by Cindy Glasson

The Hot Springs County Commissioners heard a report from Sheriff Lou Falgoust on the acquisition of a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) military vehicle recently obtained by Hot Springs, Washakie and Big Horn counties at their meeting Jan. 7.

The surplus military vehicle is one of 165 such MRAPs distributed in 2013 by the Pentagon through the 1033 Program. The program originated in 1997 as part of the National Defense Authorization Act, allowing the military to donate surplus equipment—everything from blankets to armored vehicles—to police and sheriff's departments across

the country.

Falgoust said he was contacted by Washakie County Sheriff Steve Rakness several months ago, asking if he would be interested in a joint ownership if the MRAP were to become available. In December, Rakness called Falgoust to let him know the vehicle was on its way to Wyoming.

Commission vice chair Brad Basse expressed concern with the acquisition, questioning why the commissioners had not been apprised of the situation, what the projected maintenance costs would be, what it could possibly be used for and what kind of image having a military vehicle like the MRAP portrayed to the citizens

of the county.

"I think this is a case of the government run amok," Basse said. "It's a black eye on the county and I want to go on record that I had nothing to do with this and don't want anything to do with it."

"I hope we never need it," Falgoust said, and went on to cite at least one instance when commissioner John Lumley was sheriff that the MRAP would have been extremely useful.

The MRAP will be part of a three-county tactical team and is currently housed in Washakie County.

Since it is an armored, former

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## KTHE, KDNO radio stations purchased by Edwards Group

by Cindy Glasson

Music, news and local sports via radio are once again on the horizon for Thermopolis and Hot Springs County with the recent purchase of radio stations KTHE AM and KDNO FM.

The Edwards Group from South Carolina recently purchased the two stations along with two stations in Riverton—KRTZ and KQWY—as well as a translator.

KTHE and KDNO, previously under the banner of Carjim, LLC, have been off

the air for some time now, leaving local listeners in the lurch.

According to new owner Jerry Edwards, engineers for the company have been up to Copper Mountain to examine the transmitter and do repairs.

What is holding things up right now is all the legal paperwork involved with the sale and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

The FCC requires relicensing of stations every few years and since the two have been off the air for so long, Edwards

has to get things up and running for 10 days and then go off-line again in order to prove everything works. During that 10-day period, Edwards said there would be a little music and station identifications at the top of every hour, but nothing else, on the air.

After that 10 days, it takes approximately 120 days for the license to be ready for transfer from Carjim, LLC to the Edwards Group—putting the official "on air" date some time in late June or July.

No decisions have been made as to

the musical format for either the AM or FM station, but Edwards plans on being in town some time in March to talk with residents as to what kind of music they'd most like to listen.

"Everything will be one-hundred percent local," Edwards said. "We have wanted to add these stations for many years and we're very excited that it has finally happened. Thermopolis deserves a radio station."

Because of equipment problems in the past, neither station has broadcast

at full power—100,000 watts—for quite some time.

Edwards has an agreement with engineers from Central Wyoming College to do repairs and equipment upgrades and is confident full power will be achieved for both stations when everything is said and done.

The Edwards Group also owns KVOW and KTAK in Riverton, bringing their ownership up to 16 radio stations and 12 print titles in South Carolina, Wyoming and Michigan.

## Hoop shooter



Ty Peterson launches a free throw during the Elks Hoop Shoot held Saturday. A photo of the trophy winners is on page 5 of this issue. — Joe Sova photo

## Chamber's annual banquet set for March 22

by Cindy Glasson

The Thermopolis-Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce set the date for its annual Chamber Banquet at its meeting Jan. 9.

Although not all of the details have been ironed out yet for the popular event, the board decided to change things up a bit—changing the theme from a Hawaiian luau to a more formal affair, calling for semi-formal or business attire for the evening.

The 2013 Business of the Year and 2013 Citizen of the Year will both be named at the March 22 event.

The board discussed the possibility of renting out the front office at the Chamber of Commerce building as it had been approached by Joe Martinez with the Department of Agriculture.

Chamber director Meri Ann Rush said it had been some time since Martinez asked about the possibility of renting the space, but wondered if the board would be amenable to renting the of-

fice out to another business or individual if the question should come up again.

With one dissenting vote, the board agreed to rent out the space to Martinez if he still needs it and would consider other businesses on a case-by-case basis. The board also suggested a six-month lease would be preferable.

### 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

The 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament committee met recently, and Rush said they have officially signed up two sponsors that have not sponsored the event in the past. Sponsorships for the annual event are still available and information, including the necessary paperwork, may be picked up at the Chamber office.

Rush also told the board online registration for teams is now up and running. Online registration for the 3-on-3 tour-

## Rediscover Local Bus Tour postponed

namment, set for May 3-4, may be done at [www.active.com/thermopolis-wy/basketball/basketball-tournaments/thermopolis-3-on-3-tournament-2014](http://www.active.com/thermopolis-wy/basketball/basketball-tournaments/thermopolis-3-on-3-tournament-2014).

Rush also reported on the goings on with the Retail Committee, saying a new idea had been brought to the table—a BINGO game that would get people into the local businesses. The game may be started this spring in order to kick off tourist season a little early.

In addition, a flyer is being created that describes the top 10 reasons to shop locally.

The next meeting for the Retail Committee will be Friday,

Feb. 7 at Storyteller Books & Espresso.

### Bus Tour reset for Feb. 22

Rush announced Tuesday morning that the Chamber's first Rediscover Local Bus Tour scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 18 has been postponed due to mechanical difficulties with the bus to be used for the event.

The Bus Tour has been rescheduled for Saturday, Feb. 22 and will tour a number of Chamber businesses on the south side of Thermopolis. The bus will leave the Chamber office at 10 a.m. on that date. There is no charge for the tour.

# MRAP

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Hot Springs, Washakie and Big Horn counties have joint use of an MRAP vehicle.

military vehicle, the MRAP can withstand a variety of live fire ammunition, including 50-caliber rounds. In an area where high powered rifles are the norm, these vehicles can be used to protect officers from active shooters, remove wounded officers or citizens from live fire areas or transport 6-10 officers into an area where there is a chance of being shot at by a suspect.

Basse said he hasn't seen anything positive written about the acquisition, citing comments written regarding an article that appeared in December in the Casper Star-Tribune, letters to the editor of the Tribune and comments posted to Facebook.

"I hope it never happens," Falgoust said, "but we're not immune to it. These situations happen in small communities, too."

"We can't predict what will happen. We cannot predict human behavior."

### MRAP used in Boise

In November, the Boise, Idaho, sheriff's department used its MRAP to serve a warrant on a suspect. There was evidence the suspect had explosives in his home.

Officers found 100 pounds of bomb-making materials in the suspect's home and the MRAP was used to shield officers and civilians from a possible explosion.

In order to answer Basse's question about the upkeep of the MRAP, a conference call was made to Rakness that included Rich Fernandez, SWAT Team commander for the Big Horn Basin.

According to Rakness, they have no projection on what maintenance costs would be, oil changes and tires, but said there are people on the SWAT Team that have worked on the MRAP, so "it should be minimal."

All maintenance costs would be split among the three counties.

"What is a life worth?" Rakness asked. "A deputy's life, a school child's life?"

Rakness went on to tell the commissioners the MRAP is strictly for defensive purposes. There are no guns attached to it as all are removed by the military before being placed in the surplus fleet.

Rakness also told the commissioners about an incident involving an assault rifle in Washakie County last year in which the MRAP would have been useful.

"In 1996, in Big Horn County on Mother's Day we had an incident," Rakness said. "A subject fired hundreds of rounds at officers. We would have been able to end the situation differently that day if we'd had this vehicle."

"It's not something we want to use. It's here as a last resort."

"We are here to protect our community," Falgoust said. "We're not here to usurp the government. We can't all have the equipment we need in every county so we have to work together, pool our resources."

Commission chair Mike Baker said he still was not convinced, but did say Rakness had been helpful in answering some of the questions the commissioners had.

"We live in a time of people not trusting their government," Baker said, "and this puts a blemish on local government. It's just not 'Wyoming-ish', you know?"

Baker also asked Rakness what kind of reaction he had received from the Washakie County Commissioners when they learned of the acquisition, to which Rakness said the reaction had been positive.

# Public notices

### 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:

Hospital Board, Unexpired five (5) year term ending June 30, 2017 One Member

Residents of Hot Springs County interested in applying to serve on a Board or Committee shall submit a County Board Application Form (available on the County website [www.hscounty.com](http://www.hscounty.com) - Clerk's page, or at the County Clerk's Office) to the Hot Springs County Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. January 17, 2014. Applications will be considered and appointments made at the Hot Springs County Commissioners Meeting January 21, 2014 at 4:05 p.m.

Hans Odde  
Hot Springs County Clerk

Pub. January 2, 9, and 16, 2014 No. 7117

### FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note ("note") and real estate mortgage ("mortgage"). The mortgage dated August 28, 2008, was executed and delivered by Daniel W. Bravenec & Sheri A. Bravenec, husband and wife ("mortgagor") to Tom Shanor & Ellen Shanor, husband & wife ("mortgagee"), as security for the note of the same date, and said mortgage was recorded on August 29, 2008, at reception no. 0479955 in book 132, pages 494-497 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio register of deeds in and for Hot Springs County, Wyoming, State of Wyoming, and WHEREAS, the mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of said default, the mortgagee declares to have become operative and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof nor has any such suit or proceeding been instituted and the same discontinued; and WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premise at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication and the amount due upon the mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$426,409.66 which consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$369,501.22 plus interest accrued to the date of the foreclosure sale in the amount of \$54,422.86 plus real estate taxes of \$515.58, publication costs of \$1,970, plus attorney fees and other costs including accrued interest incurred after the foreclosure sale date; WHEREAS, the property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale and any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid; NOWHEREFORE, the mortgagee will have the mortgage foreclosed as provided by law by causing the foreclosed property to be sold at public venue by the sheriff in and for Hot Springs County to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 a.m. on the front door of the Hot Springs County Courthouse, 415 Arapahoe, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443 on January 28, 2014. The real property to be foreclosed is described as follows:

The South half of the Southeast Quarter (S½SE¼), Section 21, and the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW¼SW¼), Section 22, Township 44 North, Range 94 West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Hot Springs County, Wyoming,

LESS AND EXCEPT THEREFROM all that portion of the SW ¼SW ¼ of said Section 22 which lies East of the East boundary of East River Road/Cowboy Mine Road, Hot Springs County, Wyoming, and also

LESS AND EXCEPT THEREFROM a tract of land situate in the SE¼SE¼ of said Section 21 and in the SW ¼SW¼ of said Section 22, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the corner common to said Sections 21 and 22 and Section 27 and 28, the record BLM monument; thence S 89°48'45" W, based on solar observations, along the line common to said Sections 21 and 28, a distance of 1,298.00 feet to a rebar with aluminum cap stamped "LS 519"; thence N 01°18' 15" W, parallel with the line common to said Sections 21 and 22, a distance of 689.21 feet; thence S 88°30'40" E, a distance of 1,299.30 feet to a point on aforementioned line common to said Sections 21 and 22 and from which point the aforementioned section corner bears S 01°18' 15" E, 651.19 feet distant; thence continuing S 88°30'40" E, a distance of 444.08 feet to a point on the center line of County Road Number 23 (also known as Lower East River Road and Cowboy Mine Road); thence S 02°07'25" W along last mentioned line, a distance of 646.76 feet to a point intended to lie on the line common to said Sections 22 and 27; thence N 89°02'00" W, intended to be along last mentioned section line, a distance of 405.21 feet to the point of beginning, and also

LESS AND EXCEPT THEREFROM a parcel of land situate in the SW ¼ SE ¼ and SE ¼ SE ¼ of said Section 21, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the quarter corner common to said Section 21 and Section 28, marked by the record BLM monument as reported by that certain State of Wyoming Corner Record bearing cross-index number "R-11, 44-94" dated April 14, 2007 on file at the office of the Hot Springs County Clerk and Ex-Officio Register of Deeds, the Southwest corner of the parcel herein set forth; thence N 89°48'45" E along the line common to said Sections 21 and 28, a distance of 1,344.19 feet to the reset Southwest corner of the third exception set forth in that certain Special Warranty Deed recorded in Book 88 of Microfilm at page 954 through 956 on the 5th day of March, 2001, reception number 436795, at said office, marked by a rebar with aluminum cap set by LS 519 in 2007 and from which the corner common to Sections 21, 22, 27 and 28 of said township, marked by the record BLM monument, as reported by that certain State of Wyoming Corner Record report "R-13, 44-94", dated April 14, 2007, bears N 89°48'45" E, 1,298.00 feet distant; thence from said corner N 01°18'15" W, a distance of 689.21 feet to the Northwest corner of said exception, marked by the original rebar with aluminum cap set in 1983; thence continuing N 01°18'15" W, a distance of 277.79 feet (967.0 feet, total) to the Northeast corner of this parcel marked by a rebar with aluminum cap set by LS 519 in 2007; thence N 89°13'45" W, a distance of 1,328.9 feet to the Northwest corner of this parcel, intended to lie on the North-South center line of said Section 21 (West line of said SW ¼ SE ¼), also marked by a rebar with aluminum cap set by LS 519 in 2007; thence S 00°23' E along last mentioned line, a distance of 989.0 feet to the point of beginning.

Having a physical address of 1199 Cowboy Mine Road, Thermopolis,

Wyoming 82443, together with all improvements thereon situate and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto.

In the event that a representative for the mortgagees is not present at the sale, the sale will be postponed until a later date.

Tom & Ellen Shanor, Mortgagees  
By: Mark E. Macy  
Macy Law Office, P.C.  
217 W. 18th Street  
Cheyenne, WY 82001  
Telephone: (307) 632-4100

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### NOTICE OF SALE

There is a 1996 Jeep Grand Cherokee, Black, VIN#1J46Z58Y5TC173781 that will be sold at Sheriff's public auction on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse on January 28, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. This sale is to satisfy a lien against John Stacey for storage and/or repair on the above listed vehicle by River Storage in the amount of \$3,500.00 and all reasonable sale expenses.

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### SALARY PUBLICATION

Hot Springs County paid the following salaries for the month of December 2013. The names, position and gross monthly salaries are stated for each elected official, chief administrator official, and department head. All other full time positions are shown as position only and gross monthly salaries, not including any fringe benefits, such as health insurance costs, life insurance benefits and pension plans. The salaries and wages do not include any overtime the employee may have earned. This is published in compliance with Wyoming Statute §18-3-516: John P. Lumley, Commissioner - \$1,246.56/ Mike Baker, Commissioner - \$1, 246.56/ Brad W. Basse, Commissioner - \$1, 246.56/ Hans Odde, County Clerk - \$4,906.66/ Chief Deputy County Clerk - \$3,138.11/ Deputy County Clerk - \$2,667.12/ Deputy County Clerk - \$2,667.12/Commissioners Secretary-Abstractor - \$2,667.12/ Isabelle Willson, County Treasurer - \$4, 906.66/ Deputy County Treasurer - \$3,138.11/ Motor Vehicle - \$2,600.00/ Motor Vehicle - \$2,600.00/ Shelley M. Deromedi, County Assessor - \$4, 906.66/ Deputy County Assessor - \$3,138.11/ Property Tax Appraisal Supervisor - \$3,138.11/ Property Tax Appraiser - \$2,667.12/ Property Tax Appraiser - \$2,667.12/ Terri Cornella, Clerk of District Court - \$4, 906.66/ Deputy Clerk of District Court - \$3,138.11/ Louis Falgoust, County Sheriff - \$5,039.28/ 1 Patrol Lieutenant - \$3,797.50/ 1 Patrol Sergeant - \$3,400.00 / 1 Patrol Deputy - \$3,015.00/ 1 Patrol Deputy - \$3,015.00/ 1 Detention Sergeant - \$3,597.50/ 1 Detention Deputy - \$3,015.00/ 1 Detention Deputy - \$3,015.00/ 1 Detention Deputy - \$2,805.00/ 1 Detention Deputy - \$2,750.00/ 1 Detention Deputy - \$1,350.72/ 1 Crime Prevention Officer- \$3,350.00/ 1 Secretary - \$2,750.00/ Dave Schlager, Road and Bridge Foreman - \$3,625.00/ 1 Lead Man - \$3,256.00/ 3 Equipment Operators @ \$3,212.00/ Jerry D. Williams, County Attorney - \$6,763.24/ 1 Deputy County Attorney - \$5,516.67/ Crime Victim Advocate-Office Manager - \$3,442.79/ Secretary - \$2,896.83/ Charles I. Carver, Head Custodian - \$3,037.37/ 2 Custodians - \$2,667.12/ County Health Officer, Howard Willson - \$1,300.00/ Public Health Secretary - \$3,183.33/ Extension Office Secretary - \$2,666.40/ Tracy Kinnaman, Library Director - \$3,316.66/ Children's Librarian/ILL - \$2,266.67/ Adult Services Librarian/ILL - \$1,891.66/ Mark Mortimore, County Coroner - \$1,016.70/ Deputy County Coroner - \$300.00/ County Planner - \$3,516.67/ Emergency Management Coordinator, William Gordon - \$1,500.00/ Youth Alternatives Director, Thomas Rossler - \$2,050.00.

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### COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session January 7, 2014 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Bill Malloy and Council members Tony Larson, Mike Mortimore, Mark Nelson and Dusty Lewis. Also present were Assistant to the Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Fred Crosby, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Public Works Director Ernie Slagle, Police Chief Mike Chimenti, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett and Town Attorney Mike Messenger.

**AGENDA:** Following a prayer led by Mayor Malloy and the Pledge of Allegiance, a motion was made by Larson, seconded by Nelson and carried to approve the agenda as written.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Lewis, seconded by Mortimore and carried to approve the minutes from the Council meetings on December 3 and 17, 2013.

**BILLS:** A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the General, Enterprise and Special Fund bills for December 2013. Mortimore and Larson abstained on the payments to their companies.

**ACCEPTANCE OF CLERK/TREASURER FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE:** A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Mortimore and carried to accept the financial disclosure presented by Clerk/Treasurer, Tracey Van Heule, pursuant to W.S. 6-5-118(a).

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** None.

**TOWN ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT:** Barnett noted the 7th street water main replacement project had progressed through Park Street. Discussion ensued on the various depths of frost in the street and traffic to and from the airport.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** Chief Chimenti presented the December reports and noted that New Year's Eve was quiet and that Bill Gordon had resigned.

Public Works Director Slagle presented December reports for Streets and Alleys, Water, Wastewater, Sanitation and Landfill departments. Codes Administrative Assistant Crosby noted building was slow.

**TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER:** Messenger noted he had received a letter from the Department of the Interior informing the Town of the request to transfer 7,000 acres from the Triangle H Ranch to the Federal Government to hold in trust for the Northern Arapahoe Tribe.

**ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: INSURANCE CONSULTANT CONTRACT:** Crosby presented the yearly contract for insurance consulting services for the council's approval. The contract is with Covenant Insurance Group (Brad Johnson) in the amount of \$4,500. Crosby noted during renewal negotiations that Johnson was able to save the Town \$10,000 on the renewal. Mortimore made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the contract as presented.

**HUB INSURANCE PROPERTY INSURANCE RENEWAL:** Crosby pre-

sented two renewal proposals. Euclid's renewal was \$30,388 and Travelers was \$30,531. Crosby noted the Travelers policy had greater limits for flood coverage and debris removal. Mortimore made a motion, seconded by Larson to approve the bid from Travelers. Discussion ensued on the coverage provided by the Travelers quote. Motion carried.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL: OTHER:** Malloy noted he has attended the Chamber meetings since LeRoy Hayes passed and asked if anyone else would like to attend. Nelson noted his schedule had changed, so he should be able to attend the EDC meetings. Malloy will attend in Nelson's absence. Malloy noted the W.A.M. convention is in Cheyenne, February 26-28, 2014. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m. The next council meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2014 at 7 p.m.

**BILLS:** Atlas, Supplies, \$47.92; Big Horn Federal, Depreciation, \$52,320.00; Big Horn Water, Service, \$24.50; Railroad Management, Lease, \$692.52; Indoff, Supplies, \$1,110.88; One Call of Wyoming, Locates, \$8.25; Caselle, Service, \$296.00; Thermopolis Hardware, Supplies, \$644.27; Verizon, Service, \$166.62; Mike Mortimore, Service, \$300.00; Blairs, Supplies, \$34.99; Fred Crosby, Mileage, \$241.82; CR Locksmith, Service, \$82.00; Wyoming Dept. of Workforce, Insurance, \$4,671.62; Dept. of Transportation, Service, \$2.00; Energy Lab, Service, \$96.00; Engineering Assoc, Service, \$8,981.00; Fastenal, Parts, \$282.32; Fed Ex, Freight, \$102.41; Gall's, Uniforms, \$854.00; HSCSD #1, Fuel, \$6,240.84; HSC Treasurer, Tax Collection, \$188.84; HS County, JLE expenses, \$8,173.36; HSC CPR Chapter, CPR, \$70.00; High Plains Power, Service, \$86.60; HS Memorial, Service, \$66.60; HS Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955.00; Independent Record, Ad, \$390.59; Insurance Trust Fund, Insurance, \$48,300.00; International Ins., Service, \$16,729.67; International Code Council, Dues, \$125.00; Jill Jacobson, Contract, \$825.00; Jadeco, Service, \$3,132.85; Kimball Midwest, Parts, \$343.47; Stan Kraushaar, CDL, \$140.00; Laird Sanitation, Service, \$50.00; LaMax, Pay Est #3, \$99,769.15; Login/IACP Net, Dues, \$250.00; WCS Telecom, Service, \$55.16; Messenger & Overfield, Service, \$4,808.00; Scott Miller Construction, Service, \$3,803.62; Motorola, Mobile Radio, \$3,876.63; Murdoch Oil, Diesel Fuel, \$2,835.00; Norco, CO2, \$9,301.00; Vicki Nichols, Service, \$30.00; O'Reilly Auto, Parts, \$369.15; Great West Trust, Retirement, \$450.00; Priority Dispatch, EMD Certification, \$395.00; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, \$24,304.10; Meri Ann Rush, Supplies, \$157.54; Pavement Maintenance, Service, \$35,700.00; Pocket Press, Traffic updates, \$78.42; RT, Service, \$540.90; Radar Shop, Service, \$444.00; Bonnie Smith, Contract Labor, \$550.00; IGA, Supplies, \$70.52; Visa, Travel, \$1,144.62; Don Rood, Reimbursement, \$39.36; Alfred Vallee, Service, \$149.00; Shopko, Printer, \$182.94; Tumbleweed Propane, Propane, \$48.42; Tegeler & Assoc., Bond, \$50.00; CNA Surety, Bond, \$50.00; Thermopolis PD, Petty cash, \$9.42; Tony's TLC, Contract, \$6,000.00; Thermopolis General, Acct'g, Collection and Labor, \$17,099.00; Thermopolis Office, Petty Cash, \$40.42; Thermopolis Enterprise, Intergovernmental Water, \$473.20; T of T Flex, Ins, \$830.00; Tractor and Equipment, Parts, \$1,467.66; Postmaster, Postage, \$686.91; USA Blue Book, Switch, \$94.62; Unum, Insurance, \$119.53; American Welding, Supplies, \$23.40; Carquest, Supplies, \$296.46; Waterworks, Parts, \$2,547.21; Lariat, Part, \$599.81; Wind River Processing, Deer Processed, \$1,840.00; Wyoming.com, Service, \$62.50; WY Gas, Service, \$2,579.92; WY Retirement, Retirement, \$16,387.34; 881-NCPERS, Insurance, \$304.00; Wyoming Rural Water, Dues, \$375.00; Zupan Electric, Service, \$8,221.73; Dave Schlager, Parts, \$57.88; Cody Overhead Door, Service, \$629.50; Chief Washakie EMS, CPR , \$320.00; Payroll, \$76,770.82; Payroll Taxes, \$32,509.79.

ATTEST:  
Tracey Van Heule, Town Clerk/Treasurer William H. Malloy, Mayor  
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STATE OF WYOMING )  
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COUNTY OF HOT SPRINGS ) THERMOPOLIS, WYOMING  
 ) December 23, 2013

The Hot Springs Board of County Commissioners met in special session on Monday, December 23, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Government Annex.

Present were Commissioners Brad Basse, John Lumley and Mike Baker. Also present was County Clerk Hans Odde and Administrative Assistant Penny Herdt. Chairman Basse led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda**  
Mike Baker moved to approve the agenda. John Lumley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Consider Brown Gravel Pit Purchase**  
After consideration of the Commissioners' offer to purchase the gravel pit located on their property, Nate and Maecile Brown presented a counter-offer to sell the county their property for \$70,000.00 with a change to the time limit for removing their retained gravel from two years to three years. John Lumley moved to accept the counter-offer with the only change being the time for the retained gravel removal extended to three years. Mike Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion ensued regarding the title commitment received from County Title. The Commissioners authorized Clerk Odde to go back to County Title and obtain a complete title insurance policy for an additional charge. This policy is not required prior to closing as the title commitment is in hand. Clerk Odde presented the Warranty Deed and Payment Voucher for signature by the Commissioners and the Browns. The signatures were affixed to the documents and the deed will be recorded in the Clerk's Office.

**Adjourn**  
There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Lumley moved to adjourn. Chairman Basse declared the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.  
ATTEST:  
Brad Basse, Chairman Hans Odde, Clerk to the Board  
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The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners met in regular ses

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