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High Mountain takes Ranch Rodeo crown

For the fifth time in nine years, High Mountain Ranch took top honors at the Thermopolis Lions Club Ranch Rodeo held over the weekend at the Hot Springs County Fairgrounds arena.

After surrendering last year's Ranch Rodeo crown to Rafter C, the High Mountain Ranch crew collected wins in the team doctoring, branding and trailer loading events to win its third Ranch Rodeo title since 2011. High Mountain Ranch also won in 2006 and 2007.

High Mountain Ranch team members included CJ Nye, Brad Peil, Dawn Peil and Shiloh Wallingford, as well as local businessperson Colleen Hanson of Red Rock Family Practice. Kathy Carlstrom was the Calcutta winner.

Rafter C finished second and was composed of Mark Brewster, Cayde Cuprak, TC Cuprak and Beau Jackson, as well as local businessperson Jim Joiner of Jim's Lawn Service. Connie Hart was the high bidder for the team

in the Calcutta for second place.

Three Geese Land and Cattle, which won the ribbon roping, milking and cow riding events, finished third. Team members included Travis Brooks, TJ Owsley, Amanda Vass and TY Vass, along with local businessperson Jeff Myers of Myers Clinic. R&C Trucks and Big Horn Redi Mix were the high bidders for the team in the Calcutta.

The Traveling Trophy stayed with High Mountain Ranch after the group won its third title in six years. Retired trophies are on display at Shorty's Liquor.

Brooks of Three Geese Land and Cattle was named Top Cowhand for this year's Ranch Rodeo.

More than a dozen youngsters competed in the mutton bustin'.

According to Trena Moore of the Thermopolis Lions Club, a portion of the money raised during the Calcutta and all the net concession proceeds both days are provided by the club locally for eye care

Travis Brooks of Three Geese Land and Cattle lassos a calf during the ribbon roping event on Saturday at the Hot Springs County Fairgrounds arena during the Thermopolis Lions Club Ranch Rodeo. — Drew Foster photo

'Apple Pies, Family Ties': Horse shows Saturday lead into county fair

The 2014 Hot Springs County Fair is sneaking up fast and this year's "Apple Pies, Family Ties" is sure to be a good one.

If horses are your thing, the Peewee and 4-H and FFA Youth Horse Shows begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 19 at the Hot Springs County Fairgrounds.

Thursday, July 24 features the 4-H Clothing Judging, followed by the Style Revue at the Hot Springs County Museum and Cultural Center. The judging begins at 3 p.m., followed by the Style Revue.

The Wyoming Junior Rodeo Association (WJRA) will have a rodeo Saturday and Sunday, July 26 and 27 at the fairgrounds arena, starting at 10 a.m. both days.

Man's best friend will be strutting

his or her stuff on Monday, July 28 when the Dog Show kicks off at 6 p.m.

Exhibits will open at the fair building at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 29. The public is welcome to visit the exhibits until 8 p.m. Exhibits will continue to be open the remainder of the week from 10 a.m.

Also on Tuesday, starting at 1 p.m., will be the shooting sports at the indoor arena.

Everyone is invited to come cheer on their favorite team when Pig Wrestling starts on Tuesday at 6 p.m. It's guaranteed to be a family night with lots of laughs.

Wednesday brings a full slate of events — starting at 8 a.m. with the Goat Show, followed by the Cat Show at 10 a.m., Rabbit Show at 11 a.m. and

the Poultry Show to follow.

There's a little break before things start up again at 3 p.m. with the Sheep Show, followed by the Over the Hill Showmanship.

Another FFA Alumni-sponsored event, the Over the Hill Showmanship, will test your livestock showmanship skills. Anyone may participate or nominate someone to show for \$5. If your nominee doesn't wish to participate, they must pay \$10 to get out of it. All proceeds will go to the alumni association for scholarships.

The Kiddie Pet Parade/Pocket Pets On the Patio will start at 6:30 p.m. There will be children and adult divisions and everyone is encouraged to dress up with their favorite dog, cat, chicken or other animal.

There will be face painting, carnival games, blow-up bouncers, a dunk tank and more at Family Fun Night on Wednesday, ensuring there is something for everyone to enjoy, starting at 7 p.m.

Another packed day of activities for all on Thursday includes the Swine Show, beginning at 8 a.m. in the arena, with the Over the Hill Showmanship to follow.

Sponsored by the FFA Alumni, the Ag Olympics will feature teams participating in tractor pulling, straw stacking, wheelbarrow pole bending and round bale push. Anyone interested in having a five-person team in the contest needs to sign up with FFA Advisor Britton Van Heule. The event begins at 2 p.m. There is a Chili Cook-off slated for 5

p.m. on Thursday in the multi-purpose building. Bring your best chili recipe or just come down and vote for your favorite.

The Beef Show will begin at 6 p.m. with Over the Hill Showmanship to follow.

The final day of the fair will be on Friday, Aug. 1, starting with round robins in the multi-purpose building at 10 a.m.

The Parade of Champions will feature all fair participants riding fire trucks through downtown Thermopolis at 1 p.m. Friday.

Friday night is also the Judges' Choice Bake Sale and Junior Livestock Auction. The presale buyers' dinner will start serving at 6 p.m. with the sale to follow at 7 p.m.

State Parks meeting at museum

Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources Director Milward Simpson has scheduled another public meeting pertaining to the Hot Springs State Park Master Plan today (Thursday) at 6 p.m. at the Hot Springs County Museum and Cultural Center.

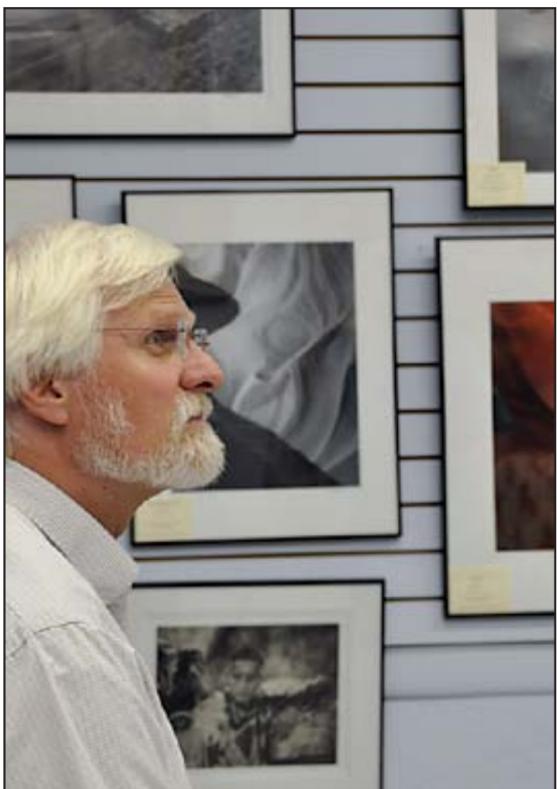
Simpson said in a news release that the "healing waters" aspect of the state park would be discussed.

This is the third of the monthly visits Simpson committed to making to engage local citizens regarding Hot Springs State Park. In addition, state park Superintendent Kevin Skates and State Parks, Historic Sites and Trails Administrator Domenic Bravo will be in attendance.

Cheryl Shero, executive director of Gottsche Rehabilitation and Wellness Center, is scheduled to speak and other professionals have been invited to talk about the unique characteristics of these waters. "They've asked me to give testimony and values of the healing waters," Shero said last Friday, "and to share what I know and how we use (the mineral waters) in the medical field."

Members of the public also are encouraged to share their own

Schenck photos



Local photographer Jeb Schenck was the featured artist at Flying Eagle Gallery last week during the Second Friday ArtStroll downtown. Schenck recently returned from Patagonia and was displaying his photography from the region. — Drew Foster photo

Reunion this weekend

Members of graduating classes from Hot Springs County High School, coming from near and far, will converge on Thermopolis this weekend for the annual All-Class Reunion.

Featured classes this year end in 4 or 9, such as 1954 or 1989.

Registration will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 19 at the V.F.W. At that time, attend-

ees will pick up their tickets for Sunday's all-class picnic.

Most of the classes will be having individual mixers on Friday evening, July 18.

To commemorate a "banner" year, members of the 1974 basketball team — along with coaches and families of players, statisticians and cheerleaders — will be holding a reunion Saturday, July 19. The team re-

union will start at 11 a.m. in the commons area at Hot Springs County High School and will run through 3 p.m.

Saturday evening classes will have dinner and cocktails at various locations, with the free dance to follow at the V.F.W. starting at 9 p.m.

The traditional all-class picnic will be held at noon Sunday in Hot Springs State Park.

Class and Contact	Friday Night	Saturday Night
1949 Bob James	Pioneer Home 6:30 p.m.	Denny Jones Ranch 5:30 p.m.
1954 Marge Slack 712-251-4144	520 Washakie 6 p.m.	Lil' Wrangler 6 p.m.
1959 Carl Tumbaugh 864-2612	VFW 6 p.m.	VFW Cocktails: 4 p.m. Dinner: 5 p.m.
1964 Cheri Salberg 864-2560	213 S. 2nd 6:30 p.m.	Shorty's Liquor Patio 6 p.m.
1969 Gary O'Brien 921-9198	272 Sessions Lane 6 p.m.	Stones Throw Cocktails: 5 p.m. Dinner: 6 p.m.
1974 Veva Blakesley 864-2253	353 Bonneville St. 7 p.m. <small>(Rides available by calling Barb Rice at 921-8540)</small>	Hot Springs State Park Boat Ramp, Lower Terraces 7 p.m.
1984 Connie Hoffman 864-3592	Candy Jack Park 6:30 p.m.	Las Fuentes 6:30 p.m.
1994 Misha McCleery 921-4374	Hot Springs State Park Washakie Shelter 6 p.m.	Days Inn 6 p.m.
2004 Dan Bleak 921-9218	Boysen Lake Swimming Hole 5:30 p.m.	Big Horn Federal Convention Room 6:30 p.m.

Joint Education Committee now accepting comments on webpage

The Wyoming Legislature's Joint Education Committee has launched a webpage dedicated to providing citizens with a public comment tool related to the committee's ongoing study of the governance and administration of public education in Wyoming. A link titled "Education Governance Study" is now prominently displayed on the Legislature's homepage at www.wyoleg.gov.

The webpage provides an outlet for citizens to participate in this undertaking by completing a short survey, as well as the option to submit a public comment to the committee on this issue. Survey responses and comments should be submitted by Aug. 15 to ensure that they are included in the

final report that will be considered by the committee later this year.

At the conclusion of the 2014 Budget Session, the legislature's Management Council directed the Joint Education Committee to review the state's administration of public education in Wyoming during this year's interim period. As part of this process, the Joint Education Committee has been utilizing the professional services of Cross & Joftus to identify and frame the necessary steps to develop a more effective allocation of state-level responsibilities supporting the delivery of a high-quality public education system in Wyoming.

In addition to soliciting public comment,

Cross & Joftus will be conducting a series of discussions with business and civic stakeholders throughout the state through mid-August and the results of these discussions will also be included in the final report.

Cross & Joftus will then submit their conclusions to the committee and brief members on the report's findings and will provide subsequent recommendations by late November. Opportunities for public comment during the committee's consideration of the report will also be provided.

For more information about this process, citizens may contact the Legislative Service Office at 307-777-7881 or visit the legislature's website at www.wyoleg.gov.

Mead unveils energy strategy website

Gov. Matt Mead unveiled a new website Monday that highlights Wyoming's energy strategy. It is a resource for people interested in energy, the environment and the economy and also tracks progress on the energy strategy.

Mead released "Leading the Charge: Wyoming's Action Plan for Energy, Environment, and Economy" last year and implementation began right away. The strategy contains a series of initiatives, which Wyoming state agencies have undertaken ever since.

"Energy and the environment are critical to the people of Wyoming and this strategy aims at striking a balance for our economic

prosperity and quality of life," Mead said. "We have been busy with the initiatives that the public identified for the energy strategy and now people have another way to get updates and give feedback on these efforts."

The website energy.wyo.gov has an overview of the energy strategy and progress updates on each initiative. "As we start new efforts like the water strategy, developing an Integrated Test Center, and exploring an industrial project to add value to natural resources, this website will be an important tool for all involved," Mead said.

The Integrated Test Center is an idea Mead supports. He asked for and received \$15 mil-

lion from the legislature to construct a testing facility that would house researchers looking at new commercial uses of CO2. The facility would be located at a Wyoming coal-fired power plant. The governor announced Monday that Black Hills Power and Basin Electric have expressed interest in learning more about hosting the Test Center.

"I appreciate that these two companies will explore the possibility of hosting the Integrated Test Center," Mead said. "The research that would happen there has great potential to help the coal industry while also reducing emissions. I am pleased that we are still moving forward."

Meeting

stories and experiences during the meeting.

Persons with questions may contact Hot Springs State Park

headquarters at 864-2176.

Any groups or members of the public who wish to meet with Simpson during today's visit

or during visits in subsequent months are asked to contact his office at 307-777-7496.

Information from the June

public meeting is available by contacting Wyoming State Parks, Historic Sites and Trails at 307-777-6323.

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Horse show practice



Layne Myers gets some tips from Ross Rhodes as part of the 4-H Horsemanship program in Hot Springs County. The horse show will be Saturday at 8 a.m. at the fairgrounds. -- Cindy Glasson photo

Public notices

HOT SPRINGS COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public hearing will be held at the Thermopolis Fire Department, 400 S. 14th Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming on July 22, 2014 and July 29, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. on the proposed budget for the Hot Springs County Rural Fire District, for the 2014-2015 fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, when and where anyone may appear and be heard on said budget summary of which follows:

ADMINISTRATION	\$ 40,650.00
OPERATION	\$ 308,300.00
INDIRECT COSTS	\$ 67,129.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 212,249.49
EMERGENCY	\$ 33,400.00
DEPRECIATION	\$ 20,000.00

TOTAL \$ 681,728.49

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Notice of Hearing

Hot Springs Conservation District Budget

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing of the proposed budget for the Hot Springs Conservation District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, which is now being considered by the Hot Springs Conservation District Board of Supervisors will be held at the Big Horn Federal Community Room at 643 Broadway, Thermopolis, WY on the 22nd day of July at 6:00 PM, at which time any and all such persons interested may appear and be heard regarding such budget.

A Summary of the Proposed Budget follows:

Proposed FY 14-15	
Expenditures:	
Administration	\$ 35,495.00
Operation / Grants / Programs	\$ 102,580.00
Indirect Costs	\$ 16,865.00
Expenditure Totals	\$ 154,940.00
Revenue:	
Tree Sales / Programs	\$ 4,635.00
County	\$ 38,000.00
State	\$ 8,824.00
Grants	\$ 101,530.00
Revenue Totals	\$ 152,989.00

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SALARY PUBLICATION

Hot Springs County paid the following salaries for the month of June 2014. 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 that the employee may have earned. This is published in compliance with Wyoming Statute §18-3-516: John P. Lumley, Commissioner - \$1,283.95/ Mike Baker, Commissioner - \$1,283.95/ Brad W. Basse, Commissioner - \$1,283.95/ Nina Webber, County Clerk - \$5,053.86/ 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 - \$5,053.86/ Deputy County Treasurer - \$3,138.11/ Assistant Deputy - \$2,600.00/ Assistant Deputy - \$2,600.00/ Shelley M. Deromedi, County Assessor - \$5,053.86/ Deputy County Assessor - \$3,138.00/ 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 - \$5,053.86/ Deputy Clerk of District Court - \$3,138.11/ Louis Falgoust, County Sheriff - \$5,190.45/ 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 - \$2,750.00/ 1 Crime Prevention Officer- \$3,350.00/ 1 Secretary - \$2,750.00/ David Schlager, Road and Bridge Foreman - \$3,625.00/ 1 Lead Men - \$3,145.00/ 3 Equipment Operators @ \$3,102.50/ Jerry D. Williams, County Attorney - \$6,966.13/ 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/ 1 Custodian - \$2,667.12/ 1 Custodian - \$2,064.96/ County Health Officer, Howard Willson - \$1,300.00/ Public Health Secretary - \$3,183.33/ Extension Office Secretary - \$2,545.20/ Tracey Kinnaman, Library Director - \$3,331.66/ Children's Librarian/ILL - \$2,266.67/ Adult Services Librarian/ILL - \$1,891.66/ Mark Mortimore, County Coroner - \$1,047.20/ 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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No. 7287

OWL CREEK WATER DISTRICT PO BOX 662 THERMOPOLIS WY 82443-0662

OWL CREEK WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Directors of the Owl Creek Water District ("District") hereby gives notice that on Tuesday, the 5th day of August, 2014, at 11:45 a.m., a public hearing will be held with the Board of County Commissioners of Hot Springs County on the question of inclusion of real property in Hot Springs County into the District without election. The hearing will be held in the Hot Springs County Commissioner's meeting room in the Hot Springs County Annex at 117 North 4th Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming. The owners of the various properties have filed Petitions to have the designated properties included into the District. Petitions are available for review from the Owl Creek Water District. All interested persons may appear and be heard.

Questions can be addressed to the Owl Creek Water District, PO Box 662, Thermopolis, WY 82443 or by calling Cody Schatz at Engineering Associates, at 307-587-4911.

Rees Jackman, Secretary

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No. 7286

Town of Kirby LEGAL NOTICE INDIVIDUAL LIQUOR LICENSE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Walter Delbert Bruckner filed an application for a new Individual Liquor License in the Town of Kirby Clerk's Office for the following described area: Lot 13-16 of Block 8, 120 E Main Kirby, Wyoming. Dispensing area is room 30' x 60' on east side of building.

Protests, if any, against the renewal of this license will be heard at 7 p.m. on Monday August 11th, 2014 - Council Members, Town of Kirby Town Hall located at 114 N Bryan Kirby, Wyoming.

Jacquelyn Ernest - Clerk/Treasurer

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No. 7269

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Thermopolis, Wyoming will receive sealed bids until 2:00 P.M., local time, August 4, 2014 at the Thermopolis Town Hall, at 420 Broadway, Thermopolis, Wyoming, for MATERIALS, LABOR, SERVICES, TRANSPORTATION & COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS 2014 CHIP SEAL PROJECT. The Engineer's opinion of probable construction costs ranges from \$80,000 to \$120,000. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud - date and time stated above. Mail or deliver to Town of Thermopolis, P.O. Box 603, 420 Broadway, Thermopolis, WY 82443. The Town of Thermopolis will take no responsibility for delivery of bids through mail. Complete digital copies of the bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com and at www.eaengineers.com under PROJECTS OUT TO BID. Submitting Contractors will be required to register with the website to download the bidding

documents for \$20 by inputting Quest project #3436173 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, 429 Broadway, Thermopolis, WY 82443 for \$100, non-refundable. The Town of Thermopolis 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 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 Owners. A pre-bid meeting will be held at 2:00 P.M. local time, on July 28, 2014 at the Town Hall, 420 Broadway, Thermopolis, Wyoming.

Dated this 17th day of July, 2014.

/s/ Town of Thermopolis

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No. 7288

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE KIRBY) FILED
) JUL 14 2014
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 Report and Proposed Budget for the Year 2014 for said District, and therein itemizing money to be raised by assessment against lands comprising said District, and in the total amount of \$47,441.80 and by assessment of \$75.00 for the first acre of each landowner and \$9.00 per acre against the remaining 3,150.68 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 28th day of July, 2014, at the hour of 8:30 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 Report and Proposed Budget, and for the hearing of any objections thereto, and for fixing and determining the actual amount to be raised by assessment against lands within said District for the Year 2014, 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 14 day of July, 2014.

/s/ District Court Commissioner

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No. 7291

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Thermopolis Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in Town Hall, to consider the variance request of Dave Ramsey to Town Code Sec 15-213, Table IV, to allow placement of a modular home at 314 South 3rd St., in the GRD. For further information please contact Codes Admin. 864-5373.

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No. 7289

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Thermopolis Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in Town Hall, to consider the variance request of HOPE Inc. to Town Code Sec 15-213, Table IV, to allow placement of an office building at 426 Big Horn St., in the GRD. For further information please contact Codes Admin. 864-5373.

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