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## Auction brings in \$134,662.75

by Lara Love

The final figures are in for the 2014 Hot Springs County Junior Livestock Auction and Judge's Choice Bake Sale in the Multi-Purpose Building at the fairgrounds. Market animals and baked goods were sold, donations and additional money were collected and the total amount tallied was \$134,662.75. Seventy-two animals and baked goods were sold during the auction.

The following results were provided by the Hot Springs County Fair, and unless specified, the results do not include add-ons or donations.

The total amount collected at the sale is just shy of last year's total of \$135,935.25.

### Market Beef

Buyers had 14 opportunities to buy beef at the auction, with the highest-selling beef being Strite Daniels' Grand Champion, which sold for \$5,572 at \$4 a pound to McCumber Well Service. Daniels' steer was also the highest per pound beef sold.

The Reserve Champion, raised by Jules Ward, sold for \$4,368 at \$3.50 a pound to Red Rock Family Practice.

Overall, the beef sale accounted for \$52,259.25, including add-ons and donations.

### Market lambs

The auction had 17 market lambs with the highest selling sheep, owned by Emme Norsworthy, going for \$2,002 at a whopping \$13 a pound to Bank of Thermopolis. Norsworthy's sheep was also the highest per pound sheep sold.

The Grand Champion sheep raised by Hardy Johnson sold for \$7.50 a pound for \$1,039.50 to Wind River Processing.

The Reserve Champion sheep shown by Hadley Johnson sold for \$8.25 a pound for \$994 to Thurgood Hay Grinders.

Overall, the market lamb sale netted \$20,074, including add-ons and donations.

### Market swine

In the market swine auction, the top-selling swine was shown by McKenna Bomengen, selling at \$13 a pound for \$3,302 to Liz & Kevin Mahoney. Bomengen's pig was also the top per pound pig.

The Grand Champion swine raised by Hadley Johnson sold at \$7.50 per pound for \$1,995 to Daniel's Construction.

Hardy Johnson's Reserve Champion pig sold for \$7 a pound for \$1,911 to McCumber Well Service.

The total amount garnered from the market swine auction was \$52,095 including add-ons and donations.

### Market goats

In the market goat auction, the top-selling goat was the Grand Champion shown by Lexi Overfield at \$12 a pound for \$888 to Tumbleweed Propane. Overfield's goat was also the top per pound pig.

Rylee Douglas showed the Reserve Champion pig sold at \$5 a pound for \$305 to Merit Energy Co.

Including add-ons and donations, the total amount raised from the market goat auction was \$1,233.

### Bake sale

The annual Judges' Choice Bake Sale featured 11 items, which yielded a total of \$6,065.

Haylee Hoffman had the highest selling basket, which sold for \$1,000 to Kevin Smith. Conoco Phillips did an add on for \$250 and Big Horn Coop did a \$20 add on. All proceeds from Hoffman's basket were donated to the Price family.

The second highest was a basket made by Sadina Hart, which sold for \$660 to McCumber Well Service.

Seven records listed as miscellaneous donations during the auction netted an additional \$2,936.50.

## Concert in the park



Johnny Sketch and the Dirty Notes played to a packed crowd, rockin', rollin' and dancing the night away at the pavilion in Hot

Springs State Park last week. The group was part of the summer series of concerts presented by the Greater Learning Foundation.

## Action packed Demolition Derby Saturday

The Thermopolis-Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce Demolition Derby will take place Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Hot Springs County Fairgrounds.

The grand prize will be \$2,000 for first place. Other prizes are \$1,000 for second, \$700 for fourth, \$300 for fifth, \$200 for sixth and \$100 for seventh.

The top two places in each heat will also win \$75, including the losers' heat.

The event also features the popular Herbie Derby – with men's and women's heats. Winners for first earn \$500, second \$400 and third \$300.

A truck derby will be held for the second year and will provide the same payouts for winners

as the Herbie Derby.

Drivers will need to fill out a registration form and pick up rules and regulations from the chamber office, 220 Park St. The entry fee is \$30.

Spectators can purchase advance tickets for \$10 for adults, \$4 for children ages 5-12 and for seniors. Ticket prices at the door will be \$12 for adults, \$5

for children and seniors.

Tickets are available at Car-Quest, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Storyteller, Black Bear Café, Needful Things, Finishing Touches, Reese & Ray's IGA, HSC Senior Citizen Center and at the chamber.

For more information, contact the chamber at 864-3192 or visit [www.thermopolis.com](http://www.thermopolis.com).

## Fly In at the Hot Springs County Airport

Young and old alike are invited to the Hot Springs County Airport this Saturday, Aug. 16 for the annual Fly In and Pancake Breakfast.

Hosted by JT Aviation, the event begins

with breakfast from 7 – 9 a.m.

After breakfast, get the kids signed up for a flight with the Young Eagles from 8 – 8:30 a.m. with flights starting at 8:30 a.m. and scheduled to go until 10:30 a.m.

GDA Engineers representative Hans Odde, will be on hand to answer any questions regarding the new Hot Springs County Airport.

Proceeds benefit Lander EAA Chapter #1020

## Testing the voting machines



County Clerk Nina Webber performs the mandated checks on all of the voting machines in preparation for the upcoming Primary Election on August 19. See the special election section in this paper for all the information on candidates as well as a sample ballot.

– Cindy Glasson photo

## Tempers flare at town council meeting over lots for storage

by Gary Bégin

Kim Jones, owner of Stuff-It Storage, and her attorney Jerry Williams, were both at the Thermopolis Town Council meeting Tuesday night, August 5, but Williams did all the talking – and then some.

Town Attorney Mike Messenger and Williams, who is also the county attorney, ended up having a heated exchange over the size and access rights to a proposed land swap wherein Stuff-It could place their storage buildings in order to launch their company.

At one point Williams told Messenger his comments were “bull---” and then repeated that remark, much to the surprise of some councilmen. He was referring to the offer he said he had on Friday, Aug. 1 that gave him a map with certain dimensions leading him to believe he had a “deal.”

“I guess we don't have a deal,” he bluntly told councilmen. “This is the first time I have seen this map and the lots will not work for the size of buildings we need to put on them.”

Messenger responded that the maps given to Williams on Aug. 1 “were subject to survey” and they were never meant to be an actual offer of fact.

Williams' daughter Kim said

nothing, but when the heated exchange was over the Jones family and he exited quickly. Williams returned alone later, but it was at the end of the meeting. He was then told, after the adjournment, that a spray paint mock-up would be done on the proposed property to physically show him that a building could indeed fit on the proposed lots the town is offering Jones in exchange for the originally purchased land so as to avoid interfering with an existing sewer line.

Jones did say she had three buildings measuring 30 feet by 100, 120 and 150 feet respectively that she had planned for the proposed sites. Mayor's Assistant Fred Crosby said, “The sewer has the right to be where it is and stay where it is. It serves hundreds of people,” in response to a threat by Williams to sue the town and force removal of the sewer from the original site.

Messenger told Williams at one point that it would be “criminal if you interfere with a public utility” and that he was sure the state attorney general would side with the town and decline to prosecute.

Williams said he “guesses the courts will figure that out.” Later on Councilman Mike Mortimore said, “we will win in

court, but the people who will suffer are the taxpayers” also noting that thousands of dollars worth of expenses have already been spent trying to mollify the Jones v Town affair.

Both Messenger and Williams said they were accommodating the other side in the dispute. The issue of a building site behind Pizza Hut near the railroad tracks is a hold-over from the last meeting in July when councilmen were informed by Jones that a sewer line had been discovered after the lot was purchased and that said sewer line did not appear on any plat maps.

Negotiations apparently will continue.

In other council news, a resolution was passed in order to continue to receive Wyoming Department of Transportation funds based on a \$20 per person rate, equaling about \$60,000.

Crosby and Town Engineer Anthony Barnett said they would be going to Cheyenne with “hat in hand” August 14 in the hopes of getting emergency funding to repair and or replace the sewer line that runs along the river on First Street.

Barnett said he was confident the funding would be approved saying it was a “public health” issue.