

Simpson says of ISIS: Wipe them out!

Story and photo by Gary Bégin
 Former Wyoming U.S. Senator Alan Simpson, 82, visited Kirby Monday to receive an honorary barrel of Wyoming Whiskey from the distillery of the same name. He had time to speak exclusively with the Thermopolis Independent Record about the current state of American fiscal policies, the Middle East and other issues.
 "It's tragic that the United States is not moving more clearly" in the Middle East Simpson said. In regards to the radical terrorist group ISIS, Simpson said "people who go and kill in-

nocents because they won't convert and people say it's not about religion! The only way to deal with them is to wipe them out and help them reach heaven faster."
 Asked why bills aren't being passed or compromises made as when he served with folks like Ted Kennedy (D, Mass.) Simpson said, "Nobody trusts anybody anymore."
 "Everybody is busy trying to screw the other party. Ted Kennedy never broke his trust with me," said the spry octogenarian who served nearly 20 years representing Wyoming as a senator.

Simpson has specific views on the Affordable Care Act, aka Obama Care. "Look at the demographics. I don't care what you call it, it can't work. Not when you have three-year-olds with pre-existing conditions who will need care until they're 65 and people who are obese and those with diabetes and 10,000 people a day turning 65."
 He said tort reform was needed as well as other issues that need to be fixed like doctor's pay, issues with providers, federal contracts and af-

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Lotto sales brisk start

by Gary Bégin
 Despite brisk ticket sales for the first day of the Wyoming Lottery, not all citizens are feeling the love. State officials say more than \$198,000 in tickets were sold throughout the state on Sunday, the first day in the history of the state sanctioning this legal form of gambling.

House District 28 Legislator Nathan Winters, who represents Fremont, Park, Big Horn and Hot Springs counties and is also a Baptist minister in Thermopolis, said the vote approving the state-wide games passed the state House by only one vote and that he feels the lottery "is not a good business decision."

Winters said studies from other states where lottery revenues were promised for education were never paid and that "one in five people suffer from a gambling addiction." He said in some states the criteria necessary for siphoning off profits to fund education was never reached and that most of the revenues had to go back into the advertising of the lottery games.

The lottery is used by states nationwide as a way of raising money for various projects including monies set aside to help those with a gambling problem, what Winters calls "mitigating the damage caused by legalizing gambling" in the first place. He feels it is akin to having people walk through bear traps and then providing a first aid station at the end of their ordeal. "We should just eliminate the bear traps to begin with," he said.

In Wyoming, according to the bill authorizing the lottery, the first six million in profits are to go to local governments such as cities, towns and counties and other entities. The profits raised above that are to go to education.

Winters is concerned about efforts to expand the games to include scratch-off tickets and said it was only a matter of time before that issue would be visited by the legislature.

Sales on Sunday were more than \$2,000 in Hot Springs County, but many merchants did not have or chose not to disclose specific numbers. One Thermopolis convenience store, Maverik, reported selling tickets to 120 customers, but said their corporate office would not allow them to disclose actual dollar amounts or individual tickets sold. For example, one customer could purchase \$50 in lottery games, but those sales would appear on one ticket.

Days Inn said they could not disclose the number of tickets sold, but said it had \$333 in total sales. Management at Reese & Rays IGA said they sold "way above expectations," but refused to divulge any numbers on tickets sold or amount taken in. Blairs Market sold \$737 worth of tickets from noon Sunday until they closed at 9 p.m., according to officials there.

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One of the first Lotto tickets in Wyoming was sold at the Maverik here in Thermopolis just a few minutes after noon Sunday to Chattanooga, Tenn. resident Jackson Hendrickson, who was born and raised in Worland, but was in town on business and just happened by the store. Nearly 400 retailers in Wyoming started selling Powerball® and Mega Millions® tickets last Sunday. Nearly \$200,000 worth of tickets were sold that day. Pictured above at right is store manager Amy Jacobsen and employee Chad Hamby.

Emergency funding for sewer line repair approved

by Gary Bégin
 Thermopolis Town Councilmen were given great news at their last meeting Tuesday, Aug. 19. "Funding for the emergency sewer line repair by the river has been approved," stated Fred Crosby, who along with Town Engineer Anthony Barnett went "hat in hand" to ask for the funding in Cheyenne two weeks ago.
 Crosby said the state officials were "impressed with Anthony" and how he had his presentation in order and had tendered a complete package when requesting the funds.
 "He did everything right," Crosby said

of the mission, explaining that some of the bureaucrats were still against the funding, "but the five elected officials agreed to funding the emergency project" despite the negative input from their subordinates.
 Other agenda items discussed in that meeting included the approval of an ordinance regarding right-of-ways involving streets and alleys on land formerly belonging to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF).
 The ordinance states in part, "the Town of Thermopolis will cause to be surveyed and filed with the Hot Springs County

Clerk and Ex Officio Recorder of Deeds a survey of the location of the town's water, sewer and sanitation lines which are on or under the streets and alleys or other portions of the railroad property" that was formerly quitclaimed by BNSF to a third party.
 The confusion and problems arise from the original 1909 granting of a right-of-way by Thermopolis to the Big Horn Railroad Company which caused a vacating by the town of certain streets specifically "for railroad purposes and uses". Since BNSF was not using those parcels for railroad use, the original vacating of said land has

become "null and void" as phrased by City Attorney Mike Messenger.
 The document states "the 1909 right-of-way are still owned by the town, in spite of language in the various conveyances purporting to transfer an interest in said streets and alleys by quitclaim deed."
 Messenger denied the ordinance had anything to do with the recent fiasco involving a proposed storage building to be built behind Pizza Hut where a sewer line was discovered not listed on any plat map.
 The proposed ordinance still needs two more official readings with approvals before it becomes law.

The council also moved to increase court costs by \$10 to fund the court automation fee which will pay for Municipal Court software. Councilman Mark Nelson said those who don't bother paying their traffic fines should possibly be given an additional charge of "failure to appear". His comments were echoed by Town Attorney Mike Messenger who said some "people know they can just walk away" from the fines without being penalized.
 Mayor's Assistant Fred Crosby said automation will help collect fines and give the town "leverage" on those who owe, thus increasing revenues from same.

Official primary election detailed results released

by Cindy Glasson
 Official results from the Aug. 19 primary election have been released by the Hot Springs County Clerk's Office.
Municipal offices
 Top vote earners are listed first and will advance to the general election in municipal offices. Write in candidates are included in their various offices. The write in candidates will advance to the general election if they accept the nomination.
Thermopolis Mayor: William H. Malloy and Mike Mortimore
Thermopolis Town Council

(4 year): Tony Larson, Connie Skates, James Raymond (28 write in votes) and John Dorman, Sr. (5 write in votes)
Thermopolis Town Council (2 year): Dusty Lewis and Bengé Brown
East Thermopolis Mayor: David D. Peake
East Thermopolis Town Council: Dolores Bush and Sybil Hannah
Kirby Mayor: Ross Rhodes and Raymond Nettles (3 write in votes)
Kirby Town Council: Dale Bulman, Don Larson, "Dolly" Irene Hurley (5 write in votes)

and Kim Graham (3 write in votes)
Committee persons
Precinct 1-1 Republican: Jerry D. Williams, Chuck Carver, Ellen Galyan and Wendy Carver (2 write in votes) **Lorraine Quarberg withdrew her name from this race July 11, 2014)
Precinct 1-2 Republican: Michael J. Wright, Joseph Casciato, Toni Casciato and Robin Kruse.
Precinct 3-3 Republican: Jim Collins, Mike Baker, Mike Gular, Carrie Galovich, Phyllis Baker and Becky Hutson.

Precinct 2-4 Republican: Wyatt Agar and Teresa H. Brown
Precinct 1-1 Democrat: Jennifer Zerba (1 write in vote)
Precinct 1-2 Democrat: Bradley Lee (25 write in votes) and Mary Jane Norskog (1 write in vote)
 Precincts on the Democratic ticket that had no one on the ballot or received no write in votes include one man for Precinct 1-1, one man and one woman for Precincts 3-3 and 2-4.
 Other general election information
 Daniel Pebbles has filed a

petition to run as an independent candidate for the office of Hot Springs County Sheriff. Once the signatures on the petition are verified, he will be added to the general election Nov. 4, 2014.
 Eight people filed for three (4) year terms on the Hot Springs County School Board. They are: Kevin Simpson, Tobi Johansen, Daniel Pebbles, Hub Whitt, Nikki Slagle, Elizabeth Oliver, Jennifer Axtel and Mark R. Hamilton
 Nichole Weyer and Joe Martinez filed for the one (2) year term.

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fluence testing. "There is no cost containment in it (ACA)," he said.

In Simpson's view, legislators "keep kicking the can down the road." He mentioned a group he admires called "Can Kicks Back" stating it was group of young activists who are trying to rein in the government costs of the ACA program.

On the possibility of the Social Security fund being bankrupted in the near future as some predict, he said, "the saddest thing of all is that anybody under 30 heading for age 65 will find out the cupboard has been stripped."

Simpson and Erskine Bowles gave a report on achieving financial stability through austerity measures, but said he is disappointed in his view that "everybody walked away because they wouldn't make hard choices on entitlement programs."

Bowles served as the director of the Small Business Administration, deputy

chief of staff (1994-95) and chief of staff (1996-98) under the Clinton Administration.

Most recently, he was appointed by President Obama to serve as co-chair of the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform with fellow CRFB board member Simpson.

Simpson lays some of the blame squarely on groups like the AFL-CIO, AARP and even the infamous Republican tax watchdog Grover Nordquist saying that all these special interest groups threaten those in office with primary opponents should they not cater enough to their left or right leaning base.

"It doesn't matter what party it is," Simpson said about making changes. "Change can only happen at the ballot box. People have to vote for those who can make tough decisions."

He expects the future to be one of "5

percent to 6 percent interest rates" where "the little guy gets screwed because the big money guys will always take care of themselves." Simpson predicts a lack of spine, or inability to make tough decisions on entitlements like Social Security and disability insurance programs, by government leaders could lead to a 20 trillion dollar national debt, but "nobody even knows what a trillion is so it doesn't make a rat's ass."

As a warning to both political parties and their distaste for compromise, Simpson says, "people pound their chest and wave the flag" refusing to compromise.

Neither the Tea Party Republican conservatives or the liberal Democrats seem to understand that the "Constitution came from months and months of compromise."

Simpson helped launch the Kirby based distillery when Wyoming Whiskey launched its first batch in 2012 and signed around 100 bottles Monday.



Sen. Alan Simpson signs a bottle of Wyoming Whiskey at the distillery in Kirby Monday.



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