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Syverson honored

Hayes, Simpson enter WCA Hall of Fame

Three Thermopolis coaches were given their due Friday night at the Parkway Plaza in Casper.

Coaches LeRoy Hayes, Don Simpson and Chuck Syverson were honored by their colleagues around the state during the Wyoming Coaches Association annual awards banquet and Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

Hayes sat at the head table and was the first of five people inducted into the WCA Hall of Fame.

During his acceptance speech, Hayes gave a brief synopsis of his 34-year career and thanked the many people who helped him to achieve the award while his family and friends cheered, including his son Heath Hayes, who is president of the WCA board of directors.

Simpson also had several family and friends in attendance at the banquet as he hefted one of the large plaques inducting him into the inaugural class of six people in the association's Junior

High Hall of Fame.

Simpson, who retired after 33 years with the school district, served as football, basketball and track coach at the old middle school, which was located where Ralph Witters Elementary now stands.

Syverson took home the honor of 2010 2A Football Coach of the Year. Syverson coached the Bobcats to back-to-back state championships, and he also was honored by the association for 30 years of coaching.

Other Thermopolis coaches who attended the convention included golf coach Parke Price, who was honored at the banquet as one of three coaches during the All-Star golf tournament; basketball coach Ernie Mecca, who delivered the invocation for the banquet; and track coach Matt Mason, who sits on the association's board of directors and had supervised the basketball teams during All-Star Week.

From left, Hot Springs County football coach Chuck Syverson, former Thermopolis Middle School coach Don Simpson, assistant track and field coach LeRoy Hayes and Wyoming Coaches Association president Heath Hayes are pictured during the WCA annual awards banquet and Hall of Fame induction ceremony Friday in Casper. Hayes was inducted into the WCA Hall of Fame and Simpson entered the WCA Junior High Hall of Fame. Syverson was honored as 2010 2A Football Coach of the Year. — J.D. Stetson photo

Hot Springs County Fair schedule

Thursday, July 28	4-H Clothing Judging and Style Show Hot Springs County Museum	3 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 2	Dog Show Hot Springs County Fairgrounds	6 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 3	Goat Show	8 a.m.
	Cat Show	9 a.m.
	Rabbit Show	10:30 a.m.
	Poultry Show	noon
	Sheep Show	3 p.m.
	Family Fun Night	7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 4	Swine Show	8 a.m.
	Beef Show	6 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 5	Round Robins	10 a.m.
	Jr. Livestock Buyers' Dinner Hot Springs County Fairgrounds	6 p.m.
	Blue Ribbon Bake Sale and Jr. Livestock Auction	7 p.m.

Judge bounds over two arrested in drug bust

by J.D. Stetson

On July 15, Fifth Judicial Circuit Court Judge Thomas W. Harrington bound over Keipher Loos and Victoria Bradstream to Hot Springs County District Court.

At the time of their arrest on May 13, Loos was 20 years old and Bradstream was 49.

Loos is charged with one count of conspiracy to deliver marijuana, one count of taking a controlled substance into a jail and one count of possession with the intent to deliver.

Bradstream is charged with two counts of conspiracy to deliver marijuana, one count of delivery of marijuana and one count of possession with the intent to deliver marijuana.

Each charge is punishable by up to a 10-year prison sentence, up to a \$10,000 fine or both, with the exception of the taking of a controlled substance into a jail, which is punishable by up to three years in jail, up to a \$3,000 fine or both.

Both were arrested in early May after Hot Springs County Sheriff's deputies and Thermopo-

lis Police officers executed a search on a home at 214 E. Broadway St.

Law enforcement obtained a search warrant for the home as the result of several investigations involving drug activity in the weeks leading up to the arrests.

During the search, authorities found and confiscated several small bags containing marijuana, a marijuana brownie and several pipes, bongs and rolling paper.

The total amount of marijuana found was a pound and a half.

In an interview and after being advised of his rights, Loos said he had sold about six to eight ounces of marijuana to about 10 people out of the last batch, according to court documents filed July 19.

Authorities charged Loos with taking a controlled substance into a jail after they discovered a small amount of marijuana in a cigarette package while booking Loos into jail.

Arraignments in District Court will be scheduled for a later date.

Smoke from wildfires can cause health issues

With wildfire season in Wyoming underway, health officials encourage area residents to be mindful of the potential health effects caused by wildfire smoke.

Current conditions from the North Point Fire in the Washakie Wilderness between Dubois and Cody are causing a high concentration of visible smoke in Hot Springs and Washakie counties.

"Obviously, everyone knows to avoid flames when near a blaze," said Dr. Tracy Murphy, Wyoming Department of Health state epidemiologist and acting state health officer. "But that's not the only danger. Wildfire smoke can hurt your eyes, aggravate respiratory problems and worsen the symptoms of heart or lung disease."

"Everyone should use common sense when their local air is smoky and avoid heavy outdoor exercise," Murphy said. "Those at risk should be especially careful in limiting their smoke exposure."

Murphy said people who have pre-existing heart and respiratory conditions, including allergies, asthma and chronic obstructive pul-

monary disease (COPD), are especially susceptible to wildfire smoke's ill effects. Older adults are more likely to be affected because they are more likely to have heart or lung disease, and children are vulnerable because their airways are still developing and because they breathe more air per pound of body weight than adults.

Murphy said people staying indoors because of wildfire smoke should keep indoor air as clean as possible and offered the following suggestions:

- Try to keep windows and doors closed.

- Keep the fresh-air intake closed and the filter clean if you run an air conditioner.

- Seek shelter elsewhere if you do not have an air conditioner and it is too warm to stay inside with the windows closed.

- When smoke levels are high, do not use anything that burns, such as candles, fireplaces or gas stoves.

- Do not vacuum, because vacuuming stirs up particles already inside your home.

- Do not smoke, because smoking puts even more pollution into the air.



Although smoke from wildfires is annoying and can cause health issues, it does make for some marvelous sunsets. This photo was taken July 25 from Sand Draw Road near

Kirby by Mary Gordon. The smoke is coming from the North Point Fire. The wind is causing the smoke to blanket Hot Springs County and part of Washakie County.