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Springing into action

Town council lays out cleanup plan; Winters talks about money, casino

by Drew Foster

Spring cleanup is just around the corner.

The Thermop Town Council discussed numerous cleanup initiatives during its Tuesday night meeting, including a plan to place four large roll-out Dumpsters around the community, so residents can dispose of large items without having to haul them to the landfill. The Dumpsters should be in place by April 22 and remain open through May 2, Mayor Bill Malloy said during the meeting. A brush truck also will run each of those days.

Mayor's Assistant Fred Crosby said residents would be allowed to dump almost anything they can heave into the Dumpsters, including furniture, yard waste, household garbage and old appliances. Restrictions on chemicals and hazardous materials, however, will apply.

"We do this every year (and) we're going a little further out than we have in past years, but we want to get the town (looking nice)," Malloy said.

High school students also have pledged to help with the cleanup, reviving an old tradition that's been dormant in years past, Crosby said. Malloy said that on April 18 between 9 a.m. and noon about 150 high-schoolers will clean up a portion of the state park as well as designated areas around town.

Other cleanup initiatives have involved approaching homeowners with nuisance yards and removing junked cars from town streets.

"We're trying to get cars off the streets that

have been parked there for year after year after year," Malloy said.

The Thermopolis Police Department has responded to several abandoned vehicle calls in the past week. Owners of vehicles abandoned on streets and highways are given 24 hours to move the vehicle before it's towed. Owners of vehicles abandoned on public or private property are given five days.

Police officer Kevin McGinty said earlier Tuesday that the department has approached several homeowners whose yards have been deemed nuisances. Yards can be deemed a nuisance if they have grass taller than eight inches, contain "excessive junk," attract wildlife, reduce property values, promote blight, present health hazards or harbor insects, skunks or

rodents, among other factors. By ordinance, property owners have 10 days to cut grass or clear refuse, but McGinty said the police department often allows for more time before issuing a citation.

"We try to give what we feel is a reasonable amount of time," he said.

Rep. Nathan Winters addresses council

Hot Spring County Rep. Nathan Winters (R-HD28, Thermopolis) addressed the Town Council and discussed several topics ranging from money set aside to assist municipalities and counties with solid waste operations to a casino proposed

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About 150 high school students will clean up a portion of Hot Springs State Park and other areas of town from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, April 18.

April Fool's fun run



Gals in the Moms & Tots class at Gottsche Wellness Center got into the spirit of April Fool's Day with a leisurely jog Tuesday morning through the downtown area. Bringing back memories of the 1970s, when wild hair and colorful clothing were common, from left, are Ashley Griffin, Bailey Owsley, Jessica Bansemer and Mindy Mackay. Ra-chael Hubele is behind Owsley and Lisa Bomengen is not pictured. - Joe Sova photo

Main Street Thermop group moves ahead

by Joe Sova

Main Street Thermopolis is now officially the name of the local group that plans on becoming an affiliate with the Wyoming Main Street program. After discussion among the 18 community members who attended last Thursday's meeting at the Hot Springs County Historical Museum and Cultural Center, the decision was made to adopt the title.

Wyoming Main Street operates under the auspices of the Wyoming Business Council - assisting communities in developing and revitalizing downtowns.

Early in the meeting, an executive board was appointed. Drew Foster will serve as president. The other officers are Dan Herdt, vice president; Lea Schoenewald, secretary; and Tracy Linko, treasurer. Foster presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Thermopolis-Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Meri Ann Rush, also a committee member, offered information indicating that 18 buildings in the Thermopolis downtown area were on the National Register of Historic Places. That distinction was established in 1984, according to Rush. Most of the buildings are on Broadway Street with a couple of them on Fifth Street between Broadway and Arapahoe streets.

After discussion about the boundaries of the

focus of Main Street Thermopolis and revitalization, it was determined the historic area would be a "horseshoe," including both sides of Broadway and Arapahoe streets between Fifth and Sixth streets.

Both the Hot Springs County Commissioners and Thermopolis Town Council were informed of the intentions of the local Wyoming Main Street group to engage in the revitalization project. Rush said the commissioners were in favor of the project. "They thought it was a great program to be involved in," she said.

Rush also indicated the town council voiced support.

"They were really in favor of us moving ahead on it," she said.

The intention is for Main Street Thermopolis to provide updates to the town council and commissioners as the project proceeds.

Main Street Thermopolis committee member Amanda Moeller volunteered to be the liaison between the group and the town council and commissioners.

Crozier to attend conference in Detroit

Rush reported that committee member Stefanie Crozier had received a scholarship from Wyoming Main Street, through the Wyoming Busi-

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Elk Foundation Banquet Saturday

A decade of support for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) will be celebrated during the 10th annual Big Game Banquet and Auction on Saturday, April 5 at the Hot Springs County Fair Building.

The event - which is sold out - is sponsored by the Big Horn Basin Chapter of RMEF, which is marking its 30th anniversary in 2014.

The social hour begins at 5 p.m., featuring a number of games and raffles and a silent auction. Dinner is served at 7 p.m. There will be a live auction following dinner. Gary Nash will again donate his live auction services.

Jill Tonn, Western Wyoming

senior regional director for RMEF, expects the banquet and auction to be another excellent fundraiser.

"We're looking really good for this year," she said. "We're pretty stoked."

In 2013, it was the third straight year that Wyoming was No. 1 in RMEF fundraising. Wyoming captured eight awards at last year's national convention, known as Elk Camp. In a change for 2014, Elk Camp will be held in early December to coincide with the National Finals Rodeo (NFR) in Las Vegas, Nev.

According to Tonn, the local chapter will have more firearms up for auction than they've ever had -

with about 25 total, including two handguns. The RMEF 2014 Gun of the Year, a Marlin model 1895 45-75 Government issue, will be sold during the live auction.

Some of the net proceeds from last year's Big Game Banquet and Auction are funding Hot Springs County's 4-H archery program in 2014.

RMEF has a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, the organization that ranks nonprofits, for the fifth consecutive year. "It's pretty tough to get four stars."

According to Tonn, RMEF has close to 500 volunteers each year. "They're the lifeblood of our organization," she said.

4-H Bingo



4-H Bingo Night was featured Friday at the Hot Springs County Fair Building. Approximately \$1,200 was raised by the dinner, bingo and cake walk. In rifle raffle drawings, Clayton Douglas won a .22 and Tracy Loughlin was awarded a .223. Above, Will Farrell enjoys watching his daughter Kamryn play a game of bingo. - Judy Cramer photo

Planning Commission considers pair of land use change requests

by Cindy Glasson

Two land use changes will be going before the Hot Springs County Commissioners in April after they were both approved by the Hot Springs County Planning Commission at its March 26 meeting.

Jadeco

The first item was a land use change request by Jadeco for a small piece of land owned by the company on the corner of Highway 20 South and Lane 3.

Jadeco requested a change from residential to commercial for the sliver of land in order to use it as a storage area for company equipment, including shipping containers.

The company plans to install some security lighting for the area and cut a driveway off Lane 3 in order to access the area.

During the public meeting, John Zupan expressed concern regarding a fence he has installed on his adjoining property, ap-

proximately six inches from the property line. Zupan asked that no future fencing by Jadeco be attached to his fence.

Zupan also questioned whether or not any construction activities would be done at the site and whether there would be more than four shipping containers on the property at any one time.

Jadeco assured Zupan and the board there would be no construction activity on the property and the shipping containers would only be on the land on a temporary basis before being shipped to their final destination.

The planning commission reviewed their checklist for approval and found no items on the lists that would be considered negative.

They recommended a "do pass" to the commissioners, sending it to them for final approval with the following three conditions:

- Parking/driving areas will be covered with gravel to cut down on dust.

- Lighting will be shielded and downcast with a lighting plan provided.

- A weed management plan must be provided for review and approval by the county planner.

The Hot Springs County Commissioners will consider final approval after a public meeting to be held April 15 at 5:15 p.m.

Willson gravel pit

Dr. Howard Willson and his wife Belenda are also requesting a land use change, this one from agricultural to industrial, for 10 acres that they intend to have mined as a gravel pit on their property off Sprowl Road north of Thermopolis.

Although no company has been named that will do the actual mining of the gravel or what it will be used for, Willson said he has been in contact with the Wyoming Department of Transportation regarding use of

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ness Council, to attend state and national Main Street program conference to be held May 15-20 in Detroit, Mich. The scholarship covers registration for the conference and all travel expenses. Crozier will report to the committee, commissioners and town council after the conference.

Establishing bylaws for Main Street Thermopolis was discussed and it was decided to wait until Crozier returns from the conference before that chore is undertaken.

For the meantime, Main Street Thermopolis will operate under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce. There is an option for the group to pursue nonprofit tax-exempt status.

Four approach subcommittees formed

The Main Street Four-Point Approach was outlined during the meeting. The four elements are Organization (fundraising, volunteer management and advocacy); Economic Restructuring (assessments of existing businesses and building uses

and creation of an entrepreneur-friendly environment); Design (education, design advice, downtown planning and streetscape); and Promotion (marketing, define niche, image campaign and promotional events).

Members of the Main Street Thermopolis committee volunteered to serve on four subcommittees, one for each of the approach elements. They are, with chairpersons listed first: Organization, Jason Norworthy, Cindy Ellison and Shurie Scheel; Economic Restructuring, Crozier, Schoenewald, Carol and Pete Widman and Moeller; Design, Herdt, Johnny Dorman, Susan Lankford and Carol and Pete Widman; and Promotion, Joe Sova, Scheel and Moeller.

As was discussed at previous meetings, the deadline for Main Street Thermopolis to submit an application to become a Wyoming Main Street affiliate is Dec. 1, 2014.

The next Main Street Thermopolis meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 24 at the museum and cultural center.

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the gravel.

There was some concern expressed by surrounding landowners regarding the culverts that are under Sprowl Road and whether or not they could withstand constant use by gravel trucks traveling over them.

As Willson pointed out, the road has a history of a lot of traffic, including other gravel trucks and power plant vehicles that travel over it to get to the transformer station further west on the road. He also indicated he would be willing to address any problems with the culverts if it becomes necessary.

One of the residents near the entrance to the road asked for a very low speed limit for any trucks traveling back and forth from the pit as there are small children and animals in the area.

Another concern was air quality and water well problems, neither of which are addressed by the planning commission, but rather fall under the purview of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Local attorney Ron Jurovich also lives in the area of the proposed pit and spoke at length regarding his issues, from a legal standpoint, with the activity.

Jurovich feels the planning commission is not following the American Planning Association procedures and said, essentially, by going forward with the pit the planning commission is inversely condemning his property, causing his property values to go down.

In addition, Jurovich expressed concerns the commission is not following its own policies and is not addressing the wetlands in the

area, and suggests the Willsons' application does not fit all the requirements in the land use plan for Hot Springs County.

At the close of the public hearing portion of the meeting, the commission discussed a speed limit on the road and reiterated that water, noise and air quality are all under the discretion of the DEQ.

The only condition placed on approval was the Willsons are required to get all the necessary permits from WYDOT and the DEQ for the pit, and that it would be a temporary pit with a duration of no more than three years from approval by the county commissioners.

The commissioners will make the final determination on the land use change also at the April 15 meeting.

HSC Democratic Party Convention

The Hot Springs County Democratic Party will host its 2014 County Convention on Saturday, April 5 at Days Inn in Thermopolis. The convention begins at 10 a.m. and refreshments will be provided.

While all members of the public are welcome to attend, only registered Democrats may vote on convention business. Dele-

gates to represent Hot Springs County at the Wyoming Democratic Party State Convention May 16 and 17 in Rock Springs will be elected.

At the state convention, delegates will adopt a state platform, amend the state party bylaws and hear from state and regional Democratic leaders.

More information about the

county and state conventions is available by calling Wyoming Democratic Party Executive Director Robin Van Ausdall at 307-514-5282.



From left, Kaden Wood, Tori Anderson and Harley Rhodes have been recognized as Daniels Scholars. The Hot Springs County High School seniors are the recipients of college scholarships from the Daniels Scholarship Program. - Joe Sova photo

Anderson, Rhodes, Wood named as Daniels Scholars

Hot Springs County High School seniors Tori Anderson, Harley Rhodes and Kaden Wood have been named recipients of awards from the Daniels Scholarship Program, according to high school counselor Cortney Thoren.

The Daniels Scholarship Program is a four-year college scholarship for graduating high school seniors who demonstrate exceptional character, leadership, and a commitment to serving their communities.

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scholarships; instead, they are "last dollar" scholarships intended to cover the student's unmet financial need. Daniels Scholarships are intended to be used for the student's required college expenses, including tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies and miscellaneous educational expenses.

Anderson plans to attend the University of Wyoming in the fall of 2014 and major in Musical Theater. Rhodes said he would attend either Black Hills State University or the University of Wyoming, majoring in Agricultural Business/Professional Law. Wood indicated he would probably also attend UW and his major is yet to be decided.

HSC High School CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thurs., April 3**
Track at Wind River Invite, 9 a.m.
- Fri., April 4**
Golf at Worland Track at Riverside, 2:30 p.m.
- Sat., April 5**
Track at Riverfort, 9 a.m.
- April 7-10**
FFA State Convention
- April 7-11**
Spring Break
- Thurs., April 10**
Track at Worland, 2 p.m.

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- WEDNESDAY**
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