

Whitt wins high-point saddle, heads for NHS Finals Rodeo

Hamann patrols Hot Springs, Boysen state parks

Home on Highway 20 North damaged by fire Sunday

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Fourth of July fireworks, parade

The Thermopolis Volunteer Fire Department and the Thermopolis-Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce raised \$7,994 for the 2012 Fourth of July Fireworks Display.

The donations are up about \$2,000 from what was made in 2011, which will yield a larger show, said chamber executive director Michelle Lue.

The annual fireworks show will take place at dusk Wednesday along the northern edge of town. The fire department traditionally sets up at the top of T-Hill and fires various shells once it is dark. Various individual commu-

nity members and businesses contributed money to the fund to make the fireworks show Also going on in town on the

Fourth of July is the chamber's first annual Pedal and Pet Pa-Participants, which can in-

clude children or adults with their pets, must contact the

Special meeting

scheduled next

week canceled

by Joe Sova

ty School District No. 1 em-

ployee Colleen Anderson was

approved as the new business

manager during Thursday's

meeting of the board of trust-

ees. Anderson is in the transi-

tion from federal funds book-

keeper to her new position; she

has been with the school district

place outgoing business manag-

er Lisa Pearce when Anderson's

tion in order to accept the po-

sition as chief financial officer

with the Kodiak Island Borough

School District in Alaska. She

will remain in Thermopolis the

first couple weeks of July to help

Anderson with the transition.

contract begins July 1.

Anderson will officially re-

Pearce tendered her resigna-

since 2009.

Current Hot Springs Coun-

Anderson hired as new

school business manager

chamber by 3 p.m. Tuesday. The line will start at 10:15 a.m. in the parking lot east of the Hot Springs County Public Library and the Hot Springs County Cooperative Extension Office.

The parade route will start on Arapahoe Street and head south on Fifth Street to Broadway Street; it will turn west on Broadway and continue until the turnaround. The parade will go back down Broadway on the southern side and end at Fourth Street. The Thermopolis Town Council approved the parade route during a June 19 meeting.

Participants are encouraged to dress up their bicycles, skateboards, tricycles, big wheels and their pets in a patriotic fashion.

The chamber will award \$75 in Chamber Bucks to the first place winner, \$50 in Chamber Bucks for second place and \$25 in Chamber Bucks for third

For more information on both events, contact the chamber at 864-3192.

In other board action Thurs-

day, trustees accepted the resig-

nation of high school guidance

counselor and middle school

volleyball head coach Amy Ma-

son. Later in the week, Mason

said she had accepted a coun-

selor position with the Wind

River school district in Pavil-

lion. Trustees approved the

hiring of former Thermopolis

resident Courtney Thoren to

resignation of Madyson Dreiling

as Thermopolis Middle School

Lights On facilitator and Ralph

Witters Elementary paraprofes-

sional, effective retroactively to

May 24. Shaelene Worley was

approved to replace Dreiling;

she had been a substitute in

the school district. The board

also accepted the resignation

of elementary teacher Saman-

ployment of numerous other

people. They are Marian Lanik,

custodian; Shannon Hamilton,

See School on page 11

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tha Kokesh.



Emme Norsworthy throws candy from the Lucy's Sheep parade Saturday morning. The theme for this year's parade Camp float during the Thermopolis Cowboy Rendezvous was Rendezvous for the Cure.

Rodeo cowboys, cowgirls beat the heat

by Joe Sova

Both the competition and the weather were hot for the Thermopolis Cowboy Rendezvous PRCA Rodeo held Friday and Saturday nights at the Hot Springs County Fairgrounds arena. Temperatures around 100 degrees both days did not keep fans from turning out for the eighth year in the restoration toward national notoriety.

"We had an excellent rodeo this year," said Gayla Mead, secretary-treasurer of the Cowboy Rendezvous committee. "We drew more competitors from further distances than in previous years and we hosted topranked contenders."

Kaleb Asay of Powell fared the best among the Big Horn Basin cowboys and cowgirls in competition. He shared first place in the saddle broncs with a score of 77 aboard War Bon-

net in the second section Saturday night. Asay is the grandson of Verne and Peggy Lofink of Thermopolis.

Colton Miller of Lance Creek also scored a 77 in the same section to earn a share of first place.

The bulls were especially tough on the cowboys during the Cowboy Rendezvous Rodeo as there were only three scores in bull riding. Trenton Love of Cheyenne took top honors with a 75 aboard Dr. Speck. That was the only qualified ride Friday night. Texas cowboys finished second and third for a good pay-off.

Two Thermopolis bull riders, Will Farrell and Bridger Lahoe. were unable to stay aboard their draws for the full 8 seconds.

Laramie cowboy Zach Curran rode to first place in the barebacks, scoring a 78 aboard War Whoop. Tony Larsen of Sheridan took honors in steer wrestling with a time of 4.6 seconds. Just two-tenths of a second separated first through fourth places. Lexi Bath of Burns turned in a time of 18 seconds flat to win the barrel racing. Pat Spratt of Lysite, formerly of Thermopolis, had a solid run in the barrels but was unable to crack the top 10 for a pay-off.

A trio of Colorado entries went 1-2-3 in team roping. J.W. Borrego of Pueblo West and Josh Fillmore of Florence finished first in 5.5 seconds. Joey Dickens of Loveland, Colo., won tie down roping with a time of 9 seconds flat.

Beating the heat

"The heat was certainly a factor. We had to work harder to manage the ground and keep the dust under control," Mead said. "We had a phenomenal

Parade winners

Here are the category winners in the Thermopolis Cowboy Rendezvous parade held Saturday:

Equine - White Horse Country Store/Axtell Family Merchant – Lucy's Sheep Camp

Youth – Mesa Allen

crowd considering the extreme

temperatures. Their enthusiasm was second to none. "The horses bucked well in

spite of the 100-plus degree weather. The bulls bucked great; many of them were youngsters with this being their first year on the road. Several showed promise as future NFR (National Finals Rodeo) contenders.

See Rodeo on page 11

Early deadline for July 5 issue of the IR

The Independent Record office will be closed Wednesday, July 4 in recognition of Independence Day. The deadline for display and legal advertising in the July 5 issue is 4 p.m. Friday, June 29. The IR office will be open until 5 p.m. that day.

The deadline for classified advertising for the July 5 issue is noon Monday, July 2, since that issue will be printed a day early, on Tuesday, July 3. That is also the deadline for editorial/news content for the July 5 issue.

Subscribers to the IR should receive their copies of the July 5 issue at the usual time that week since the issue will be mailed the evening of Tuesday, July 3. On some occasions, the IR might not arrive in subscribers' mailboxes until a day later than usual.

4-H camp fun



A 4-H camp was held last week at H Diamond W in Grass Creek. Enjoying Casino Night on Thursday are, clockwise from foreground, William DeVries, Alexandria Krueger, Hot Springs County 4-H Educator Jennifer Cheney, Park County 4-H Educator Kelsey Roop and gamemaster Jerry Umdenstock. -Donna Pennoyer photo

Town pushes ahead with water projects by J.D. Stetson

Last week the Thermopolis Town Council authorized additional work on the Arapahoe Street Treated Water Main Replacement project and received information on grants for two other construction projects.

At a prior meeting, the council gave verbal authorization for contractor Lamax Construction, Inc. of Basin to proceed with the project up to 12th Street.

At the June 19 meeting and by request of the contractor, the council gave written permission via a work change directive to proceed to 12th Street. The contractor was close to finishing the project up to Ninth Street before the meeting.

If the town has enough funds left over after the contractor completes the project up to 12th Street, it may choose to have the line replaced up to 14th Street.

Broadway project

The town received good news with regard to a grant application to the State Loan and Investment Board (SLIB).

The board awarded the town a \$250,000 matching grant from the Mineral Royalty Grant program for the town's Broadway East Treated Water Main replacement project phase II.

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Commissioners could impose partial fire ban

Hot Springs County will probably come under a partial fire ban on Friday after an expected vote by the county commissioners.

Under a partial fire ban, any open fire or discharge of class A, B or C fireworks will be prohibited in the county.

The commissioners will vote on the ban Friday during their work session meeting for the

county budget. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wind River/Bighorn Basin District (WR/BBD) is warn-

ing the public that the fire danger rating throughout the WR/BBD is extreme and urges caution for those recreating on public lands.

Several large fires are currently burning in

the Rocky Mountain area, some of which were human-caused. The BLM cautions that wherever you are camping and recreating this summer, there will be plenty of cured vegetation that can easily burn.

In addition, be aware of the potential for a fire to spark when driving or riding off-highway vehicles (OHVs) through tall grass. OHVs must be equipped with Society of Automotive Engineers-approved spark arresters. The public is also reminded that the use of fireworks is illegal on public lands.

Report all wildfires immediately to the Cody Interagency Dispatch Center at 800-295-9954 or to 911. For more information about fire conditions, call 307-347-4790.

the major rodeos in the nation. "We owe a huge thanks to our support staff to keep this rodeo running smoothly and efficiently as possible. It is unbelievable how many volunteers we had step up and make this a successful rodeo," she said.

Mead gave special thanks to rodeo announcer Tim Fuller, who was out in the sun during the performances both nights. He also announced the Thermopolis Cowboy Rendezvous parade Saturday morning. Mead called the parade floats "top-notch."

Other Cowboy Rendezvous events Saturday included a free breakfast, slack at the arena, compliments of T&J Propane, meet the rodeo royalty hour at White Horse Country Store, sarsaparilla social at Thermopolis Hardware and post-rodeo dance

featuring The Sundowners at the fair building. There was a Wild Bunch dinner before Friday night's performance. Cowboy church, led by Farrell, was held Sunday morning.

Cowboy Rendezvous **Rodeo Results**

Barebacks

1. Zach Curran, Laramie, 78. 2. Craig Wisehart, Stephenville, Texas, 74. 3. Neil Williams, Casper, 73. 4. Larry Carter, Nucla. Colo., 69.

Saddle Broncs

1/2. Kaleb Asay, Powell, 77, and Colton Miller, Lance Creek, 77. 3. Merritt Smith, Gillette, 73. 4/5/6. Cole Thorson, Deer Lodge, Mont., 70, Chanse Darling, Hyattville, 70, and Andy Clarys, Riverton, 70.

Steer Wrestling

1. Tony Larsen, Sheridan, 4.6. 2. Bray Huxtable, Douglas, 4.7. 3/4. Tait Kvistad, Grover, Colo., 4.8, and Cole McNamee, Laramie, 4.8. 5. Tom Osborne, Riverton, 5.1. 6. Theo Federer, Cheyenne, 5.4.

Team Roping 1. J.W. Borrego, Pueblo West, Colo.,

and Josh Fillmore, Florence, Colo., 5.5, 2, Lee Hagler, Fort Lupton, Colo., and Riley Pedro, Nunn, Colo., 6.0. 3. Jake Day and Lance Allen, Orchard, Colo., 6.2. 4. Aaron Raley, Baggs, and Clayton Van Aken, Descanso, Calif., 6.5. 5. Philip Schuman, Fort Collins, Colo., and Tory Shaffer, Fort Lupton, Colo., 8.0, 6, Wil Nichols, Rawlins, and Nick Nichols. Boulder. 8.1.

Tie Down Roping

1. Joey Dickens, Loveland, Colo., 9.0. 2. Mike Johnson, Henryetta, Okla., 9.6. 3. Britt Bath, Burns, 10.2. 4. Jake Hamilton. Casper, 10.3. 5/6. Kade Kinghorn, Buffalo, 10.7, and Ian Welles, Buffalo, 10.7.

Barrel Racing

1. Lexi Bath, Burns, 18.00. 2. Mandy Rollman, Lingle, 18.03. 3. Sami Jo Swee ney, Fort Lupton, Colo., 18.07. 4. Jessi Cates. Gillette. 18.10. 5. Julie James-Black, Pinedale, 18.17. 6. Amanda Welsh, Paradise, Texas, 18,20, 7, Brenda Seelv, Lander, 18.24. 8. Margaret Jones, Farson, 18.27, 9. Kachena Lesmeister, Gillette, 18.32. 10. Christie Hebert, Pavillion, 18,37,

Bull Riding

1. Trenton Love, Cheyenne, 75. 2. Bryden Atkins, Hermleigh, Texas, 73. 3. Roy Dunn, Snyder, Texas, 72.

from page 1

The new project would replace the water mains children utilizing existing sidewalks and street

He said the funding this time around will help cover the costs of providing education to the chil-

He added there is more competition for the grant money now because more communities are learnordinator; Cassie Ryan-Hetzel and Vanessa Frandson, elementary teachers; Dan Syljuberget, library media specialist; Cody McLean, TMS volleyball head coach; Staci Curry and Holli Klassen, TMS volleyball assistant coaches; Hetzel, TMS girls' basketball assistant coach; Catelyn Shue, high school volleyball assistant coach; Brandon Deromedi, concessions director; and 18 members of the Lights On Afterschool program summer staff for 2012 (junior counselors and assistants).

School

Rather than hold a special meeting next Thursday, trustees heard from Pearce about amendments to the 2012-13 school budget.

"The general fund only needs an alignment of expenditures,' Pearce said. "No additional budget authority is needed.'

She indicated changes are needed in the major maintenance account to compensate for projects already completed, such as window retrofit at the central services/auditorium building.

After the review, trustees approved the budget amendments and related bills.

Student, special education, Gottsche

Northwest Wyoming Board of Cooperative Educational Services (NW BOCES), July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013 (two contracts) -\$158,643.75 and \$154,723.75.

• Special education contract -Big Horn Basin Hearing, Inc., Aug. 23, 2012-May 24, 2013 – \$6,500 (for audiology services).

• Sports trainer contract – Gottsche Rehabilitation and Wellness Center for the 2012-13 school year - \$21,960 (for sports training and injury prevention; hourly rate of \$30 for 732 practice and event hours). This contract was originally removed from the budget but was reinstituted after budget revisions.

Trustees also approved the awarding of a bid for physical therapy services for the 2012-13 school year to Gottsche for 36 weeks at \$90 per hour based on an average of 10 hours per week, plus unforeseen circumstances of 30 hours at the same rate with a flexible schedule. The 2011-12 school year dollar amount was \$85 an hour.

In addition, the board approved membership and enrollment in the Wyoming High School Activities Association for 2012-13 at a district cost of \$2,600, and \$1,729 for catastrophic liability insurance coverage for students in grades

The 2012-13 high school student handbook was given an OK by trustees Thursday. After the Curriculum Coordinating Counsel (CCC) meets this summer, an amendment to the graduation requirements for math may be

brought for the board's review and approval.

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On third and final reading, the board adopted revised job descriptions for the district's maintenance manager (Jere Ap-

> tation supervisor (Jerry Bowman for 2012-13). On the first of two readings, the board passed Policy BHC-E1/CCB-E1, Chain of Command. Revisions were requested to update the policy based on

land for 2012-13) and transpor-

NW BOCES report

revised job descriptions.

NW BOCES Director Carolyn Conner gave trustees a report on the cooperative education program.

We continue to do academics," she said. "We have some kids with very high abilities."

Conner indicated NW BO-CES is a "treatment program" that focuses on behavior during the learning process, as the district strives to meet Wyoming Department of Education standards.

She told trustees about recent changes at the NW BOCES facility, including a new school breakfast and lunch area, kitchen hood replacement, a new "sensory oodle swing" on the playground, gymnasium floor and vehicle for program use.

Conner explained that students work through a "level" system, in which they require less and less supervision and fewer restrictions.

She also spoke about the features of the NW BOCES cot-

Iown

on Broadway Street starting where the 2010 project left off at Third Street and continue east until reaching the East Thermopolis side of the Broadway Street bridge.

The town's goal will be to bid the project in late December or January with the project to commence next summer.

Safe Routes to School

The town also received notification from the Wyoming Department of Transportation pertaining to a grant application from the Safe Routes to School program.

The department awarded \$3,000 for the town to use toward education and encouragement of ing about the program.

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Dave Patterson

Mayor's Assistant Fred Crosby said the department had previously issued two large grants for the town, which paid for the project near Thermopolis Middle School. The grants are popular because they pay 100 percent of the cost of the project without matching funds.

dren and for a required survey to keep track of how many students use the safe routes already installed.

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contracts Trustees approved several

contracts during Thursday's meeting. They are:

• Student contract - Region V Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013 – \$180,561.

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