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## 3-on-3 teams hit Thermop

by Drew Foster

Downtown Thermopolis was hoops central over the weekend as hundreds of players and spectators descended on Broadway and Fifth streets for the annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament.

No Regrets, a Thermop team, won the women's recreational division – defeating Flint Tropics in the championship game. Team members were Dana Bjorhus, Rickie Ryan, Jordan Leyba, Haylee Hoffman and McKensie Herold.

Local ballers Light 'em Up won the 16-and-under boys' division, and the Lady Cats, last year's 10-and-under winner, placed second in the girls' 11-12 class. Light 'em Up team members included Mauricio Caballero, Tyler Cornwell, Eric Herold, Hoyt Nicholas and Keegan Waller. The Lady Cats' roster included Jasmine Collins, Sesi Jensen, Reagan Severance and Elisa Weber.

The tournament – under the auspices of Hoop World Basketball – attracted 175 teams from across the West and at least as far away as Kansas, Thermopolis-Hot Springs Chamber of Com-

merce Executive Director Meri Ann Rush said.

"It was great," Rush said of the weekend. "We had more sponsorships, we had more vendors" than years past.

In a competitive game where dozens of spectators ringed center court, Forever Strong defeated Day One in the Top Gun championship match-up Sunday. Forever Strong – sponsored by Koerwitz, Michel, Wright and Associates – featured Laramie County Community College players Patrick Stephens, Kamari Robinson and Ben Davis, as well as local players Jackson Roling and Skylar Thomas.

Rush said next year's 3-on-3 tournament has the potential to be larger.

"Next year, if we do it, they do have it to where it would be a qualifier for the national tournament," Rush said.

The closest existing national qualifying tournaments are in Denver, Colo., and Boise, Idaho, Rush said.

*The top two finishers in each division are listed on page 6 with more 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament photos.*



Tyler Cornwell of Light 'em Up leaps toward a rebound on Saturday during the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament downtown.

Light 'em Up won the boys 16-and-under division.

– Drew Foster photo

## Memory makers: Has Beens Basketball benefits senior center

"Age and cunning will win out over youth and skill every time." Or so the old saying goes, and that old adage will be put to the test Saturday evening when the old timers take on the young guns during the Has Beens Basketball game in the high school gym.

A benefit matchup to benefit the Hot Springs County Senior Citizens Center will feature former Thermopolis players, both men and women, taking on the current Bobcats and Lady Cats. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the pregame activities begin at 7 p.m. Game time should be about 7:30 p.m.

Some of the Has Beens, most of whom have probably not dribbled or shot a basketball in more than 10 years, have been slipping in a few practices in

the armory building gym in preparation for the event.

Sure to be a night of fun for the entire family, more than \$4,000 in prizes – donated by generous local merchants – will be given away through a raffle. Raffle tickets will be available in advance or at the game for a dollar each or six for \$5 – giving you a chance to win one or more of 50-plus gift certificates and Chamber Bucks. Prizes include tickets for two to the 2014 Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo.

Event organizer Dick Dickeson reports that as many as 26 men and 16 women are on the Has Beens rosters. The men include Dave Haworth, Kevin Smith, TJ Owsley, Travis Brown, Brian Blair, Don Bracken, Phil Cornella,

Binky Fisher, Ernie Mecca, Ethan Brooks, Ron Lance, A.J. Grieves, Matt Mortimore, Mike Conner, Kevin Gerber, Justin Meline, Ted Novakovich, Tom Moore, Randy Novakovich, John Herrin, Cody Sinclair, Matt Hurley, Rod Anderson, Randy Harris, Josh Longwell and Lucas Whitt.

Players on the Has Beens ladies' roster include Cassie Larson Owsley, Ginger Baird Ward, Katsie Brown McConnaughey, Lola Hart Jones, Melissa McCumber Johnson, Kelsey Cowger Sheperd, Carrie Dehner Williams, Brittany Uffelman Miller, Kiamichi Larson, Rhonda Perrie DeVries, Meri Ann Davis Rush, Shawnda Mead Adams, Amanda Hart, Brenda Lafever Fisher, Amanda Christiansen Moeller

and Jessica Cordingly.

Don Simpson and Wayne Roadifer are the coaches of the Has Been men while Donna Daniels is coach of the Has Been women. Dave Hammond is coach of the current Bobcat team while Parke Price is the Lady Bobcats' coach.

Referees Joe Doak and Joe Sova will try to keep the game under control. Donnie Bjorhus serves as the game announcer and Lea Schoenewald plans to sing the National Anthem before tipoff.

Cheerleaders dressed for this special occasion will be Heather Hayes, Holly Longwell, Stacey Dielman DeCroo, Christine Falgoust McLean and Julie Hawkins Lehman.

Special guests will be Rep. Nathan Winters, Sen. Gerald Geis, county com-

missioners Mike Baker, Brad Basse and John Lumley, and Thermopolis Mayor Bill Malloy.

Senior center employees, wearing fluorescent green T-shirts, will be on hand to provide assistance.

Early bird tickets to the Has Beens game are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors over 60 and children under 12. Kids under 5 are free. Ticket prices will be \$2 more at the door.

Advance admission and raffle tickets are available at the senior center, White Horse Country Store, Storyteller, Needful Things, CarQuest and the Chamber of Commerce office.

Dickeson says all net proceeds will be donated to the senior center for help with operational costs.

## Risen Son program



Mac McCumber gets into the groove during the Risen Son Christian School's spring program last Tuesday at the auditorium. Parents and guests were treated to an entertaining evening filled with song and dance.

## Heads come together on hospital funding options at community event

by Drew Foster

Talk oscillated between dire and hopeful Monday night when about 30 community members gathered in the basement of Big Horn Federal to discuss future funding options for Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital.

State Rep. Nathan Winters (R-HD28) and Jim Wilson presented financial alternatives crafted in June 2013 by investment banking firm George K. Baum & Company. They included the creation of a hospital district, which was voted down during

last year's election, general obligation bonds, hospital revenue bonds and a specific purpose tax to help float the hospital.

A hospital district would require a 3-mill levy, which would have an estimated monthly tax impact of \$2.38 per \$100,000 market value, according to the information presented. It would have generated \$744,824 for hospital operating expenses, according to the county's 2012 assessed valuation.

A general obligation bond, which would have to be approved

by voters, could have generated a net bonding capacity of nearly \$4.97 million in 2012 if issued by the county, or 2 percent of the county's assessed value. If issued by a hospital district, it could have generated a net bonding capacity of about \$12.4 million, or 5 percent of the county's assessed valuation.

A hospital revenue bond would have a maximum shelf life of 50 years and would have to have sufficient hospital and mill levy revenue to support it. It would not require an election.

A specific purpose tax, or sixth

penny tax, would be added to Hot Springs County's existing 5 percent sales tax. The specific purpose tax would be designed to reach a specific amount of money and have no sunset date. The Hot Springs County Commission and two-thirds of incorporated communities would have to agree to place the tax on the ballot.

**Specific purpose tax**

Winters said Hot Springs County has never had a specific

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## Lights On Afterschool presentation made

by Cindy Glasson

Educators and community members took part in a presentation on the Lights On Afterschool program at Hot Springs County High School last week as part of a community advisory council.

Twice each year, curriculum director Janet Philp and Lights On coordinator Jennifer Davis create a presentation for the school board and advisory council on the grant opportunities available for the afterschool program, and the educational and social enrichment the program provides.

Students who attend the afterschool program are considered regular students, of which there are 204. In all, 515 students are served throughout the school year – 205 at the elementary level, 166 at the middle school and 144 at the high school.

**All grade levels**

Lights On Afterschool covers all grade levels in the school district – from kindergarten through 12th grade – providing a wide variety of activities that create a learning environment for the students while keeping the fun in learning.

"There is a real crossover from learning to real-world applications in all we do," Davis said. "We use math, science and reading, pulling all of those elements into the afterschool projects."

At Ralph Witters Elementary, students not only get help with homework and tutoring when needed, they also explore science and math through space exploration, dig deeper into subjects that interest them with different clubs and use all the skills they are learning in the classroom

in a unique way.

Students at the middle school have the same opportunities with homework, tutoring and clubs, and a breakfast club on Tuesdays and Wednesdays where students gather. Every third Friday of the month a field trip is planned for the middle school students, as well.

On the high school level, even though there are fewer students who participate, math and science are at the forefront of activities. Most locals have heard about the highly successful robotics team that is part of the afterschool program.

A number of activities also include family members like the Moms and Muffins, and Dads and Daylight, Parents and Pizza,

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# Hospital

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purpose tax, but that 16 counties statewide have and that six of those are tied to hospital funding. An advantage to the specific purpose tax, Winters said, was that tourists and out-of-county visitors also pay it, so the tax burden wouldn't fall completely on county residents.

"I think for us that voted against the hospital district, it doesn't mean we're against hospital improvement," Wilson told the audience before laying out the ideas above.

No decision was made on which, if any, route would be pursued, but members of the hospital board agreed to bring the ideas

before the board during its May 28 meeting.

The audience's consensus opinion was that something had to be done to increase funding to the hospital, which is projected to end the current fiscal year \$258,413 in the red.

Surgeon Dr. Vernon Miller said during the meeting that the hospital is an essential service—like schools, police and fire departments—and needs to be funded as such.

"Most essential services are funded without an end in sight," Miller said. "I can't think of a service that's more essential" than the hospital.

Ron Jurovich pointed out that the hospital is budgeted to pay about \$1.5 million in bad debt and charity care write-offs next fiscal year.

"Are we a community that takes care of its fellow man or are we not?" Jurovich asked rhetorically. "If we are not, then close the hospital."

He added, "We need the (hospital) district just to stay alive."

Jurovich said losing the hospital would wipe out about 100 jobs and the spending power of those employed.

"Our town is not growing, folks. And if you pull the hospital, it's dead," he said.

# Lights On

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math nights and reading nights as well as parenting classes geared toward helping parents help their students succeed.

The family nights include packets of materials families may take home with them to continue the learning there—ensuring that the things students are learning in school are carried into the home.

Lights On continues through the summer, too, with half-day programs for seven weeks for all students that include outdoor activities to keep their skills fresh for the coming year and a wide variety of field trips, both local and out of town journeys.

## Funding

Creating quality afterschool programs is not cheap, and Davis and her crew work diligently to secure funding through different sources.

One of those sources is a state program, the 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) grant.

To qualify for this funding, three goals must be met

including establishing ways for students in high-poverty, low-performing schools to meet academic standards; offering a broad array of high-quality enrichment activities; and providing programs that engage families, all of which the Lights On program meets.

Davis recently secured a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) mini-grant—one of only four that were granted—in order to enhance the high school's afterschool program.

Funds from the STEM grant will enable the purchase of a computer and a 3-D digitizer to be used with the 3-D printer that was acquired earlier in the school year.

Other funding comes from Title 1A for the elementary school, Bridges helps with summer enrichment and IDEA 611 assists with early intervention and support for special needs student participation.

## Benefits of Lights On

The benefits of the after-

school program are far reaching, going beyond the typical after school experience.

Lights On provides academic enrichment for students that is aligned with their regular school day, giving them a chance to use the lessons they are taught in the classroom in real-world applications.

It benefits families by offering a productive afterschool program where parents can be confident their children are in a safe and drug-free environment.

This provides peace of mind for district parents.

Businesses benefit from the program as well. By having a quality afterschool program, employees are available the entire work day and it reduces the incidence of family crisis after school that might pull an employee off the job.

And the program benefits the county economically, providing part-time employment opportunities as well as purchases of goods and services for the different activities.

# Marketplace relocates



Connie Quick, owner of The Marketplace, has moved to new digs, just across the street in the former Kiddie Kollege building. Quick said she has so much more room than she did in her previous store and has all kinds of treasures on display, from antique furniture to glassware of all colors, shapes and sizes. — Cindy Glasson photo

# Larson, Hale seventh in Ford/AAA contest

by Joe Sovia

Had it not been for an undiagnosed malfunctioning brake switch, Hot Springs County High School seniors Shade Hale and Zack Larson could have finished as high as fourth in the 2014 Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills State Hands-On Competition held Tuesday, April 29 at Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne. The competition is sponsored annually by Ford Motor Company and the American Automobile Association (AAA).

HSCHS auto technology teacher Jim Cramer said Hale and Larson hoped they had everything in working order, but when they started the 2014 Ford Fiesta that was their repair project the vehicle would not move—because the transmission would not engage due to the faulty brake switch. You have to depress the brake to

shift into gear—and that didn't happen.

They also had demerits for two inoperable bulbs. Cramer said they made a nice diagnosis on a bad 15 amp fuse.

"I'm really impressed with them," Cramer said of Hale and Larson. "A lot of people missed light bulbs."

Due to the demerits, the Hale/Larson team finished in seventh place among the seven teams in competition. The Worland team of Taylor Evans and Austin Paulsen—under the direction of automobile instructor Mike Sapp—took the state title. They will each receive a \$3,000 scholarship to Wyoming Technical Institute (Wyo-Tech) in Laramie and advance to the national competition June 8-10 in Dearborn, Mich.

The Campbell County High School-Smith team finished

second with the CCHS-Pickering team coming in third. Rock Springs was fourth, Riverton fifth, Laramie sixth and Thermopolis seventh. Green River was scheduled to attend but did not compete.

Competing teams each had their own Fiesta. Team members had a maximum of 90 minutes to diagnose a number of problems in the cars and make the necessary repairs—attempting to get their car totally operational.

"The perfect car will beat anybody," Cramer said. "You have to have some luck."

Larson said he plans to attend Casper College in the fall of 2014, studying welding and metal machining. Hale wants to attend WyoTech and become a diesel technician.

"I think he's going to be a heckuva mechanic in five to six years," Cramer said of Hale.

# State Parks Commission webinar today

Members of the Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources Commission will meet via webinar today (Thursday) from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Persons wishing to listen in via the Internet can get login information by calling 307-777-7496.

In addition to receiving updates on department programs, the commission will approve Land and Water Conservation Fund grants and discuss a State Museum interpretive plan.

An executive session could be held if necessary.

The commission has advisory responsibility for the agency, which involves the planning, acquisition, development and management of all state parks, the State Trails Program, state recreation areas, state historic sites and archaeology sites. The commission also advises the Wyoming State Museum, Wyoming Arts Council, the official State Records Center and Archives, the Office of the State Archaeologist, historical research activities, the State Historic Preservation Office and the Cultural Trust Fund.

# Public notices

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Thermopolis is accepting letters of interest from citizens who wish to apply for a travel and tourist appointment to the Travel and Tourism Board. Term to be filled is from June 1st of 2014 to May 31st of 2017. Requirements for the position will be for the applicant to be a representative of the travel and tourism industry. Those interested should submit a letter of interest on or before 5 p.m., June 2nd, 2014 to:

Mayor's Office  
Town of Thermopolis  
420 Broadway  
Thermopolis, WY 82443

Or, simply bring letter to Town Hall. For further information contact Fred Crosby at Town Hall, 307 864-9285. It is anticipated that the Thermopolis Town Council will appoint the applicant at its regular meeting June 3, 2014.

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No. 7215

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Procedural Rules and Special Regulations, notice is hereby given of the application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company), to cancel Electric Service Schedule tariff numbers 115, 125 and 192 and approve Electric Service Schedule tariff number 140, non-residential energy efficiency.

RMP is a public utility as defined in W.S. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C), providing retail electric public utility service under certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by the Commission. RMP is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction under W.S. § 37-2-112.

On April 25, 2014, RMP filed its application requesting authority to cancel tariffs 115 - Commercial and Industrial Energy Efficiency Incentives Optional for Qualifying Customers, 125 - Commercial Industrial Energy Services Optional for Qualifying Customers, and 192 - Self-Direction Credit. The Company also requests the Commission approve tariff 140 - Non-Residential Energy Efficiency. RMP states its proposal is to consolidate into tariff 140 the Demand-Side Management (DSM) program services and incentives currently offered in tariffs 115, 125 and 192. RMP further states the consolidation will expand its DSM services in order to overcome customer participation barriers, streamline program administration and increase energy savings acquisitions. RMP requests an effective date of January 1, 2015.

RMP states the application does not introduce financial subsidies between customer classes and that the consolidation does not alter how costs are captured and tracked between sectors nor does it impact the management of the distinct collection rates for customers that are identified in tariff Schedule 191 - Customer Efficiency Service Charge. The application does consolidate business sector services into one program, but does not alter how the Company tracks and recovers business sector program costs.

This is not a complete description of the application. Interested persons

may inspect the application at RMP's business offices throughout Wyoming and at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during regular business hours.

Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do file with the Commission in writing on or before June 2, 2014. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing which you will attend and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or write to the Commission, 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket No. 20000-451-EA-14 in your communications.

Dated: May 1, 2014.

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No. 7220

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF

### KIRBY DITCH IRRIGATION DISTRICT

#### TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

Notice is hereby given that Kirby Ditch Irrigation District will hold a special meeting on May 20, 2014, at 5:00 p.m., at the County Weed & Pest Building at 711 Springview, Thermopolis, Wyoming, to hear the Petitions of Janice A. McCasian, Michael Pierce and Lisa Pierce, Greg Kraske and Ilja Kraske, Joel Farber and Jeri Black-Farber and Charles Bunch and Alice Bunch to have their lands included into the Kirby Ditch Irrigation District. The legal description of said lands is as follows:

Janice A. McCasian: Township 42 North, Range 94 West, Black Willow Subdivision, Hot Springs County, Wyoming Section 20: Lot 7 (2.3 acres)

Michael & Lisa Pierce: Township 43 North, Range 94 West, Black Willow subdivision, Hot Springs County, Wyoming Section 20: Lot 8 (2.88 acres)

Greg & Ilja Kraske: Township 43 North, Range 94 West, Black Willow Subdivision, Hot Springs County, Wyoming Section 20: Lot 4 (2.37 acres)

Joel Farber & Jeri Black-Farber: Township 43 North, Range 94 West, Black Willow Subdivision, Hot Springs County, Wyoming

Section 20: Lot 5 (2.51 acres)

Charles & Alice Bunch: Township 44 North, Range 94 West, Hot Springs County, Wyoming Section 27: SW1/4SE1/4 Section 34: NE1/4 Section 34: W1/2NW1/4

All persons interested may appear at the office of the Board of the Kirby Ditch Irrigation District at the time and place stated above. Any interested persons opposing the Petition to include this land into the District shall appear at the Office of the District at the time and location stated above and show cause, in writing, why these Petitions should not be granted. The District Board shall, at the time and place mentioned above, or at such time or place at which the hearing may be adjourned, proceed to hear the Petitions, and all objections thereto presented in writing, why said Petitions should not be granted. Failure of any person to show cause, in writing, why these Petitions should not be granted shall be deemed and held and taken as an assent on their part to the inclusion of such lands in the District as prayed for in the Petitions.

/s/ Secretary

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No. 7224

STATE OF WYOMING ) IN THE DISTRICT COURT ) ss. COUNTY OF HOT SPRINGS ) FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Civil Action No. C14-14

IN THE MATTER OF ) FILED ) AUSTIN TAILOR-NOLAN RUSH, ) APR 10 2014 ) Petitioner. )

### NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that AUSTIN NOLAN RUSH has petitioned the District Court, Fifth Judicial District, Hot Springs County, Wyoming, Civil No. C14-14 to change his name to AUSTIN TAILOR RUSH.

Any interested person protesting such a change of name must do so on or before thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice or the relief requested will be granted by the Court.

DATED this 10th day of April, 2014.

/s/ Terri K. Cornella Clerk of the District Court

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No. 7210