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Rare Element Resources Donates



Shirley Peters with the Upton Seniors accepted the check from George Parks, Vice President of Government and Community Relations for RER (left), and Mike Finn (right), manager of community relations, Weston County, in the amount of \$100 for the Upton Seniors. Mr. Byers, of Lakewood, Colorado was in town for a luncheon at the Upton Senior Center and to present donations to area organizations. Upton resident, Mike Finn, operates the Rare Element Resources office located in Upton.



Tom Rothleutner (center) representing the Weston County Friends of the NRA accepts a check for \$1,250.00.

Bunch To Retire

James W. Bunch will be retiring from Black Hills Power on March 31, 2013. He has served as the Newcastle District Manager, the Newcastle Business Manager and recently as an External Affairs Manager.

In addition to his work duties, Jim was active in community activities serving as the Cham-

ber President, Chairman of the Weston County Republicans, President of Utility Locates of Weston County, and Newcastle City Councilmember.

Jim and Donna will be hosting a retirement event for friends and associates on Friday, March 29th at the Antlers Lounge in Newcastle from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.



Woody Gaughenbaugh (center), Debbie Douglas (left) and Mary Bickett (right) board members of the Upton Chamber of Commerce accept the donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 on behalf of the Chamber to go to the park equipment fund the Chamber is currently fundraising for.

Application for Referendum on Senate Enrolled Act 1 Certified

The Secretary of State's office has certified the application for a referendum that seeks to repeal 2013 Senate Enrolled Act 1 (original Senate File 104) which amended the duties of, and transferred specified duties from, the state superintendent of public instruction to the director of the state department of education.

"Our office has reviewed the application submitted by the sponsors of the referendum and determined that it meets the requirements of the law," said Peggy Nighswonger, State Election Director.

Certification of the application authorizes sponsors of the measure to circulate petitions requesting that the issue be placed on the 2014 General Election ballot. Referendum sponsors have until 90 days following adjournment of the legislature to submit the signatures of 37,606 registered voters, which represents 15% of those who voted in the preceding general election. Signatures must also be representative of 15% of those residing in at least two-thirds of Wyoming counties.

Nighswonger said that May 28, 2013, is the deadline for sponsors of the referendum to submit the required signatures. The signatures would then be verified by the Secretary of State's office.

Information on the referendum process may be found on the Secretary of State's website at <http://sos.wy.state.wy.us/Elections/InitandRef.aspx>.

PET INOCULATIONS THIS SATURDAY

By Gazette Staff Writer Nicholas Trandahl

With new ordinances in place in the Town of Upton, the Upton Police Department will be enforcing various violations from licensing, tags, inoculations, dogs running at large, dogs causing a public nuisance, and vicious dogs. Licenses are issued by the City Clerk upon payment and proof of inoculation by a licensed veterinarian Dr. Warren Crawford will be in Upton on Saturday, March 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Upton Community Center to give vaccinations.

USE CLASSIFIEDS

THOMAS FOUNDATION



Susan Thomas (center) presented information on the Craig and Susan Thomas Foundation scholarship to Upton High School guidance counselor, Deanne Gould (left) and Principal Pete Wilson (right) last week.

Susan Thomas, wife of former United States Senator Craig Thomas visited Upton High School last week to talk to faculty about her foundation. The Craig and Susan Thomas Foundation is a scholarship program specifically for students attending a Wyoming college, trade school or university. More than financial aid, the foundation scholarship program includes personal mentoring by Susan Thomas, a 36 year veteran teacher. This allows Wyoming students, who do not qualify for the Hathaway Scholarship to thrive at Wyoming's higher education institutions so they can become productive citizens and build the workforce.

Susan started this foundation five years ago in honor of her husband and all that he did for Wyoming. Senator Craig Thomas believed that a fundamental part of his job was to help Wyoming youth be successful, to urge them to succeed, to lead in whatever their vocations, from mechanics to marketing; medical school to teaching; cosmetology to 4-H, ranching, welding and construction. They are all important to Wyoming's workforce. He believed that training and education make a difference, no matter who you are. This Foundation carries on those values.

The Foundation is currently accepting applications for the Scholarship Program which are due May 1, 2013. The basic criteria needed for applications is a high school diploma or GED, eligible for school or program in which applying, Wyoming and U.S. citizen, not receiving Hathaway Scholarship and attending a Wyoming school or program. Preference is also given to learners who are at risk. Applications are available at www.thomasfoundation.com. For more information, call 307-634-8195.

Festival of Tables

By Gazette Staff Writer Nicholas Trandahl

On March 16, the first annual Festival of Tables will be held at the Upton Community Center. It will be an evening of good food, conversation, a silent auction, and entertainment to support the community. All the night's proceeds will go towards purchasing playground equipment for the Upton City Park.

Tickets are still available at FirstTier Bank during regular business hours for \$25 a person. The advanced purchase of tickets is required. If you have any questions, call Summer Stephens at 307-468-2367 or 402-770-1781.

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
MARCH 14	MARCH 15	MARCH 16	MARCH 17	MARCH 18	MARCH 19	MARCH 20
62°/41°	62°/35°	53°/35°	49°/31°	49°/30°	48°/27°	41°/24°