

Charges filed against driver in fatal wreck

Jay Cody Shinost, 21, was been charged with felony aggravated homicide and felony DUI that caused serious injury Tuesday in Hot Springs County Circuit Court.

A warrant for his arrest was issued Monday and he turned himself in later that day.

The charges stem from the May 14 vehicle crash on Black Mountain Road that claimed the life of 21-year-old Madison Price and seriously injured Delanie Price, 18, and Dylan Balstad, 21.

A six-month investigation into the crash determined Shinost owned and was driving the Ford Mustang when it crashed on Wyoming Highway

172 around 9:50 p.m.

Circuit Court Magistrate Ron Jurovich explained Shinost's legal rights to him and asked him if he wished to have a court appointed attorney. "I will hire my own," was Shinost's response.

Jurovich discussed the terms of Shinost's release on bond.

He said two things will be considered when setting bond. "Whether you are a flight risk or a danger to society," said Jurovich.

Hot Springs County Attorney Jerry Williams asked for bond to be set at \$100,000. He said Shi-

nost does have ties to Thermopolis but based on his poor decisions regarding this incident that he could be considered a danger to community. He asked Jurovich to require Shinost to check in daily with law enforcement.

According to Williams, the investigation uncovered possible evidence tampering at the scene.

Jurovich set a \$100,000 bail bond for Shinost. He ordered a daily check in along with other conditions, including no consumption of alcohol, if Schinost is released on bond.

A preliminary hearing was set for Monday, November 10 at 3 p.m.

TePee Pools master plan approved by the state

by Lara Love

The Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources issued a statement on Monday saying they have accepted a master plan from Hot Springs State Park concessionaire, TePee Pools, Inc.

After a six-month negotiation process, the Department of State Parks has approved a revised Master Development Plan for the TePee Pools, Inc. concession at Hot Springs State Park.

Based on the state's acceptance of the master plan, TePee Pools will be able to operate according to the terms of a 35-year lease with the state that was signed in July of 2012.

The lease stipulated that TePee Pools submit and receive the Department's approval of a Master Development Plan within one year. This past March, the Department informed the concessionaire that its lease was terminated due to their failure to submit an approved master plan under the lease stipulations.

Upon further discussions with the concessionaire and other key stakeholders, the state granted the TePee Pools an additional six months to submit and receive approval for a revised master plan.

As of Friday, October, 31, the revised Master Development Plan was approved. The plan calls for substantial facility renovations to be completed within the next year. Several upgrades and added amenities are scheduled to be built over the course of succeeding years.

The Department looks forward to working closely with the concessionaire on implementing the upgrades and improvements identified within the plan.

An attempt was made to contact Ben Jackson of the Jackson Legal Group, LLC, who is representing the owners of TePee Pools, but they went unanswered.

When more details become available regarding the contents of the approved master plan the IR will share that information at a later date.



Terrified teenagers

Tanner Boss looks as though he is going to plow over Kelly Johnson, left, and Jolie Nicodemus at the Gottsche Haunted House Thursday. Boss is running from the chain saw wielding spook behind him and the girls are stopped in their tracks by a strangely flexible human wondering why no one wants to play with her.

-Lara Love photo

Mortimore, Falgoust win in General Election



Of 2,838 registered voters in Hot Springs County, 2,070 turned out to vote Tuesday in the 2014 General Election.

by Cindy Glasson

Unofficial General Election results have been released for Hot Springs County and Thermopolis.

Mike Mortimore will be the new Mayor of Thermopolis and Sheriff Lou Falgoust will continue to lead the Hot Springs County Sheriff's office.

Other unofficial results include:

County Commissioner

Thomas J. Ryan 1,505
John Lumley 1,327

County Coroner

Mark Mortimore 1,777

County Attorney

Jerry D. Williams 1,320

Hot Springs County Sheriff

Lou Falgoust 1,264
Daniel Pebbles 489

County Clerk

Nina Webber 1,789

County Treasurer

Julie Mortimore 1,893

County Assessor

Shelley Deromedi 1,856

Clerk of District Court

Terri Cornella 1,768

Judge of District Court

Cranfill 1,280

Judge of Circuit Court

Harrington 1,478
Waters 1,282

Magistrate Circuit Court

Ron Jurovich 1,340

Mayor of Thermopolis

Mike Mortimore 608
William H. Malloy 521

Town Council

(2 elected to 4 year term)

John Dorman, Sr. 676
Tony Larson 655

Connie Skates 393

James Raymond 316

Town Council

(1 elected to 2 year term)

Dusty Lewis 677
Benge Brown 368

Mayor E. Thermopolis

David D. Peak 76

Council E. Thermopolis

Sybil Hannah 69
Dolores Bush 61

Mayor of Kirby

Ross Rhodes 16

Kirby Town Council

Kim Graham 15
Don Larson 13

HSC School District

(3 elected to 4 year term)

Jennifer Axtell 1,271
Tobi Johansen 699

Daniel Pebbles 629
Hub Whitt 576

Elizabeth Oliver 566

Kevin Simpson 527
Mark R. Hamilton 453

Nikki Slagle 431

HSC School District

(1 elected to 2 year term)

Nichole Weyer 1,212
Joe Martinez 669

HS Conservation District

Terry Wilson 1,363

Jerry Lake 1,194

HS Conservation District

(at large)

Rich Olson 1,467

HSC Cemetery District

Basil Sorensen 1,410

John Huckman 1,303

Mary Jane Starnes 1,295

HS Rural Fire District (4 year)

Ray Baird 550

Wedgewood Taylor 499

HS Rural Fire District (2 year)

Philip Scheel 587