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## Student and teacher

Rosalie Willson performs with teacher Melene Mierzejewski observing during a piano recital Sunday afternoon at the high school auditorium. Fifteen of Mierzejewski's students brought their talent to the stage.

# Property trends in Hot Springs County

by Cindy Glasson

As we look at our small town, often what we notice are the numbers of businesses that are closing. Some would say we have a lot of homes that are vacant or for sale as well.

Statistically speaking, we are actually rather stagnant with the number of homes for sale, at least since 2017.

For the past two years, the average sale price of homes in Hot Springs County has stayed at \$151,200 and in the Town of Thermopolis at \$133,600. We're well below the national average for home prices -- \$216,200.

The most active prices are falling between \$145,000 and \$150,000.

Of course, the age of our homes is a bit higher than the national average. In town, the average age of homes is 51-years old, indicative of the boom cycle in the 1960's. Homes in the county are a bit newer, with an average age of 43-years old.

It's interesting to note, the average cost of rentals in Thermopolis has increased significantly since 2016. Average rentals went for about \$600 per month in 2016, compared to just under \$800 per month today, although there are still rentals available in the \$600 range.

Higher rental prices haven't stopped renters, however, as 23.4 percent of the homes in

Thermopolis are currently being rented.

Sixty-two point five percent of the homes in the county are owned, leaving just 14.1% of properties vacant.

A total of 45 homes were sold across the county in 2018, with the highest volume between Jan.1 and May 31 when 20 homes found new owners. We are closing in on the end of that same time period this year with 15 homes having sold with nine more under contract.

You'll find 47 listings in the county for homes through the Multi List Service along with 45 residential building lots available, most within various subdivisions.

# Activities

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dle school, assisted by Dean Despain. Aimee Kay will continue as head volleyball coach at the middle school and Ryan Shaffer will be boys basketball coach, assisted by Daniel Webber.

Toby Emery will head the middle school wrestling program, Deromedi will be head track coach and will be assisted by Despain and Ashley Cleare.

The board also approved moving Barb Allen from interim transportation supervisor to transportation supervisor effective July 1.

Jan Sharp moves from cook to head cook along with Tammy Redland. Hannah Brooks moves from cook to head cook along with the title of Food Service Coordinator, effective in August.

# Hospital

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2021 and \$28,000 in fiscal year 2022.

In other action, the board approved a proposal for the audit from Koerwitz, Michel, Wright and Associates. The firm will perform the audit with a fee of \$29,000 to \$32,000, not exceeding the upper limit. Larson noted last year's audit cost about \$30,000. Additionally, Larson said, a single audit might be necessary as the hospital received more than \$750,000 from the federal government through USDA guaranteed funds; that audit could be an additional \$6,000 to \$8,000.

A patient loan program was approved. Through the program, the hospital would partner with Pinnacle Bank, and the program would be available for accounts that require payments longer than a 10-month period. Larson explained the hospital would utilize the bank's system and forms. Patients would complete and sign the forms, and set up payment at a 10 percent interest rate up to five years.

Larson said the program is a nice tool to have in helping patients with the financial obligations they have. There is a \$500 minimum to qualify for the loan program and even those with bad credit can qualify.

Also during the meeting, Larson noted the hospital's days in accounts receivable for April decreased by about six from March, to 59.75. Days cash on

hand increased to 66.57, about a 14-day increase over March.

Larson also believes the hospital set a new record for cash collected in one month with more than \$2 million. There is also some work on resolving a few issues to meet the accounts receivable and days cash on hand benchmarks.

Larson further reported on some changes that Wyoming Blue Cross/Blue Shield has been doing a system conversion that is causing some issues, which in turn become the hospital's issues. She noted there have been some cases where patients received payment rather than the hospital, and any patients who receive Blue Cross payments bring those checks to the hospital.

Dr. Hallie Bischoff reported that physicians have begun obtaining ultrasound probes and tablets to which the probes can connect — a cost of \$2,000 each, using their own money — and there will be some training on the devices over the summer. Bischoff said this is a new trend, though they will still be using imaging with an ultrasound tech if necessary. However, she noted, the probes and tablets can allow for quick scan for things such as blood clots, collapsed lungs or fluid around the heart, and a quicker start to treatment. It will also be helpful in providing visual assistance for insertion of IVs.

Bischoff said the ultrasound provided with the probes and tablets is quick and will be beneficial in obstetrics to ensure a baby is doing fine.

Bischoff also reported things are going well with getting a solid staff at the hospital that works well together, and it's reassuring that we will hopefully have permanent staff at the facility and not have to pay the expense for travelers.

Hospital CEO Margie Molitor announced Linda Veylupek, PHR, is the new Human Resources Director at the hospital, and will be starting June 24. She is a longtime Wyoming resident with family in the Lander/Riverton area.

Molitor further reported the room is done for nuclear medicine, and the new machine is expected for delivery this week.

The board recently asked the high school art classes for input on a new logo, as the hospital will be changing names to Hot Springs Health, and Molitor expressed appreciation for the students' help as they had some insightful and thoughtful responses. A logo has been decided upon, but will be revealed at a later time.

Molitor noted the logo had to be approved so signage can be ordered.

Next month, Molitor said, the Community Health Needs Assessment will be presented to the board for their approval.

# Livestock show set for next Friday

The Hot Springs County Fairgrounds will be home to the Junior Livestock Show on Friday, June 7 beginning at noon.

Participants will enter their animals the day of the show, and the order of showing will be swine, lambs, heifers and beef.

Weigh in times and fees are: 9:45 a.m. for swine, \$25 per head; 10:30 a.m. for lambs, \$20 per head; and 11 a.m. for cattle, \$30 per head. Prizes include buckles, banners and cash.

There will also be a Joey Mahoney Memorial PeeWee Show-

manship event for all species, for ages seven and under. There is no entry fee for the PeeWee event, and all PeeWees will receive prizes.

For more information, contact Becky Martinez at 921-9339 or Breez Daniels at 921-8844.

# Public notices

## Warrants List

The following list of warrants approved May 21, 2019, by HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT is hereby published as required by the Wyoming Education Code of 2005, as amended, Chapter 3, Section 21-3-110 (a)(ii).

IT'S MY PARTY WY	\$500.00
NATALIE JAMES	\$512.72
RAPTOR TECHNOLOGIES	\$525.00
BREEZ DANIELS	\$528.00
SCHOOL BOARD	
SUPPORT SERVICES	\$550.00
POSTAGE BY PHONE/ PURCHASE POWER	\$580.69
THE BOMB PHOTOGRAPHY	\$693.50
PARK SUPPLY OF AMERICA	\$696.58
JENA DEVRIES	\$705.00
SYSCO MONTANA - ACTIVITIES	\$803.25
UNIVERSAL ATHLETIC SERVICE	\$807.84
FOOD SERVICES OF AMERICA	\$993.17
INDEPENDENT RECORD	\$1,034.75
WYOMING DEPT. OF EDUCATION	\$1,079.78
UW GOLF CAMP	\$1,150.00
WYOMING ASSOC OF SCHOOL ADMIN	\$1,200.00
ELDER EQUIPMENT LEASING OF WY, INC.	\$1,344.45
AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION	\$1,461.05
HEARTLAND SCHOOL SOLUTIONS	\$1,520.00
WEX BANK	\$1,634.34
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC	\$1,821.69
WYOMING DEPT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES	\$2,042.86
REI	\$2,257.11
SYSCO MONTANA - HS	\$2,287.78
JAMIE ASAY	\$2,374.68
GREAT AMERICAN OPPORTUNITIES, INC	\$2,430.60
LONG BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES INC	\$2,450.37
GUSTO	\$2,532.00
NEBRASKA WRESTLING CAMP ACT	\$3,016.00
THE OFFICE SHOP	\$3,122.90
TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS	\$3,444.00
JADECO, INC.	\$3,611.64
GOTTSCHE REHABILITATION	

CENTER	\$3,757.50
SCHOOL BUS SAFETY COMPANY	\$4,525.00
WYOMING SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION	\$4,789.36
JADECO, INC.	\$4,977.76
SYSCO MONTANA - MS	\$5,382.32
BEST WESTERN - FRONTIER INN	\$6,839.03
WYOMING GAS COMPANY	\$6,987.03
SYSCO MONTANA - RWE	\$7,256.54
TRAVEL WRIGHT, INC	\$8,151.78
NORTHWEST WYOMING BOCES	\$11,195.00
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER	\$17,611.14
HOMAX OIL SALES, INC	\$26,774.23
WYOMING BANK & TRUST	\$37,914.24
BANK OF MONTREAL	\$68,681.57
TOTAL	\$267,274.25

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## HOT SPRINGS COUNTY THERMOPOLIS, HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING HSG - 2019 PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROJECT A.I.P. No. 03-56-0043-011-2019, State Project No. AHS001A

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of **The Hot Springs County Airport HSG - 2019 Pavement Maintenance Project**, will be received, by **Hot Springs County**, at the office of the **Hot Springs County Clerk, at 415 Arapahoe, Thermopolis, WY 82443**, until **2:00 PM** local time on **June 13th, 2019** at which time the Bids received will be **publicly** opened and read.

The project consists of seal coating and remarking all airfield pavements at the airport.

No bids will be received after the specified hour and date and may not be withdrawn after the time fixed for opening them. The owner reserves the right to waive irregularities in the bids and reject any and all bids. No bids will be considered in which the Proposal, Specifications or any provisions have been modified.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis, as indicated in the Bid Form. The bidder must supply all information required by the bid or proposal forms and specifications.

Each bid must be accompanied either by a certified check, payable to Hot Springs County in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, or by a Bid Bond in a like amount and executed by an approved surety company. The check or bond will be retained by the Owner as liquidated damages if the successful bidder refuses or fails to enter into contract and performance bond in accord with his bid within fifteen (15) days after date of notification of award.

Minimum wage rates as established by the Secretary of Labor are applicable to the work performed on this project.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents, consisting of Project Manual and Plan Set, is: **T-O Engineers, 502 33rd Street, Cody, WY 82414**. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Thursdays between the hours of **8:00 and 5:00** and Fridays between the hours of **8:00 and 12:00** and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Interested bidders must obtain the Bidding Documents from the T-O Engineers Online Planroom at [www.to-engineersplanroom.com](http://www.to-engineersplanroom.com). Bidding Documents may be ordered in hard copy format for purchase at cost (nonrefundable). Electronic Bidding Documents in PDF format may be downloaded for no cost. To be placed on the planholders list, bidders must register at [www.to-engineersplanroom.com](http://www.to-engineersplanroom.com). Bids may not be withdrawn after the time fixed for submitting them. The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities in the bids and reject any and all bids.

Hot Springs County, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The Bidder is hereby notified that this project is subject to FAA Federal Contract Provisions, including, but not limited to: Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Affirmative Action, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension, and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace.

Pre-Bid Conference will be held on June 6th at

1:00 pm at the airport and will include a site inspection. Attendance is not mandatory; however it is highly encouraged.

Owner: Hot Springs County  
By: Rosemary DeSeyn  
Title: County Clerk

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## NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE AND FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR THE DESIGN/BUILD IRRIGATION PROJECT AT HOT SPRINGS STATE PARK AT HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING

Notice is hereby given that the State of Wyoming, Department of State Parks & Cultural Resources, has accepted as complete, according to plans, specifications, and rules governing the same, the work performed under that certain Service Contract 05SC0277813 between the State of Wyoming, Department of State Parks & Cultural Resources and Tommaron, Inc., whose address is P.O. Box 175, Burlington, Wyoming 82411 for the work performed, materials, equipment, or tools furnished or used and services rendered for the substantial completion of the Design/Build Irrigation Project at Hot Springs State Park, Bid 0109-D, at Hot Springs County, Wyoming. The contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Department of Administration and Information will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on June 26, 2019. The date of the first publication is May 16, 2019.

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### Wyoming Weatherization Services SEEKING CONTRACTORS

Wyoming Weatherization Services (WWS) is seeking contractors for HVAC, Plumbing, and Electrical work for this project year starting 7/1/19 and ending 6/30/20.

All interested parties must be able to meet all of WWS's subcontractor guidelines, including having verifiable liability insurance and must be in good standing with Wyoming Worker's Compensation and Unemployment. Interested parties must also comply with all Standard Work Specifications (SWS).

The SWS's can be viewed at <https://wsws.nrel.gov/>. All work will be within the WWS service territory, which includes the counties of: Natrona, Laramie, Sweetwater, Carbon, Albany, Goshen, Platte, Big Horn, Fremont, Park, Lincoln, Converse, Niobrara, Hot Springs, Uinta, Washakie, Teton, Sublette.

For more information or to receive a packet, please contact Janelle Anderson at (307) 347-2200 or at [janellewws@hotmail.com](mailto:janellewws@hotmail.com).

