



photo by Mark Dykes

Cruisin'

Members of the Corvette Club of Utah certainly drew the eye last weekend.

Corvettes cruise into town

by Mark Dykes

It's hard to not notice when a line of flashy cars comes through town, particularly when they're the same make and model, and the Corvette Club of Utah is certainly no exception.

Club President Kelly Vining said the club formed in 1964 and there were 12 drivers coming through Thermopolis this weekend on their way home, though their drive had a total 17.

"We've been up in Cody," Vining said, "touring Yellowstone and the Beartooth Highway, and taking in the sights of Cody. Now we're headed home."

The club's total membership is about 350, with 180 Corvettes ranging from 1953-2019. Their Yellowstone trip had vehicles from 2006-2019.

As for deciding the trip, Vining joked that he flips a coin to decide the direction, but members said anyone who wants to set them up can. Vining said the big thing for this trip was to do the Beartooth Highway. Routes and stops are

planned well in advance.

"We just look for a road we haven't been in a while that looks interesting and fun," Vining said. Last month they toured the middle of Idaho, and he noted they've somewhat been following the Chief Joseph passageway from Idaho into Wyoming.

Trips can last anywhere from overnights to weeklong. In August, he added, there will be a big caravan of Corvettes coming across the country to the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Ky.

As for encounters along the way, members said while in Yellowstone they came across a herd of elk and a bison stopped right in front of their line of Corvettes.

Though not planning to stop long in Thermopolis on their way back to Salt Lake City, the Utah Corvette Club certainly brought some color and plenty of horsepower to town for a short while.

Motorcycle riding course offered

begins.

- Able to ride a bicycle. This course is not designed to teach balance or coordination. Students with balance or coordination problems may find this course prohibitively difficult.

- Wear proper protective clothing during the on-cycle instruction, including: a helmet that meets U.S. DOT standards (one will be provided if you don't have your own); eye protection (face shield or glasses); over-the-ankle sturdy footwear; a long-sleeved shirt or jacket; long, non-flare denim pants or equivalent; and full-fingered gloves, preferably leather.

- Have your parent's written permission to attend the course if under 18.

The fee for the course is \$50 for Wyoming residents and \$150 for non-residents.

You can view a schedule of classes and locations and register for a class online at www.dot.state.wy.us/basic-rider, call 307-777-4874 or email jennifer.godrich@wyo.gov.

Check out General Information about attending class on the site and print out a waiver before class. Class availability can change quickly, so continue to check website often if your preferred class is full. Walk-ins will be accepted on a first come first serve basis.

Tour historic Pitchfork Ranch Saturday

Ranch in 1903. Phelps had earlier purchased the Z - T Ranch from Englishman Richard Ashworth. Later, the new owner of the Pitchfork added other properties to the original ranch, which eventually grew to 250,000 acres.

A number of managers ran the Pitchfork for L. G. Phelps, the first being George Merrill. It was during this time, that Phelps joined with Henry Sayles, Sr., to add sheep to the Pitchfork. Carpooling is encouraged.

The Pitchfork Ranch has a long history. The German Count Otto Franc von Lichtenstein started the ranch in 1880, raised Hereford cattle, and ran the ranch until 1901. In that year he died of an accidental gunshot wound. Louis G. Phelps purchased the Pitchfork

Upon Louis Phelps' death in 1922, his son, Eugene, and Charles Belden took over management of the ranch.

Around the middle 1930s, the ranch suffered hard times. Allen Smith, a bank-imposed manager,

took over in 1936 and returned the ranch to profitability.

The ranch was divided in the 1940s due to financial difficulties and family disagreements. During the early 1970s and under the management of Jack Turnell, the ranch implemented technological improvements that increased efficiency.

The Pitchfork gained new international notoriety in 1981 when a colony of black-footed ferrets (believed to be extinct) was found on the property.

The Meeteetse Museums is located at 1947 State Street. For more information, call 307-868-2423 or email info@meeteetsemuseums.org.

Public notices**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Thermopolis, Wyoming will receive bids until 2:00 P.M., local time, August 1, 2019 at the Thermopolis Town Hall, at 420 Broadway, Thermopolis, Wyoming, for MATERIALS, LABOR, SERVICES, TRANSPORTATION & COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF TOWN OF THE THERMOPOLIS – SPRINGVIEW SEWER REPLACEMENT. The Engineer's opinion of probable construction costs ranges from \$210,000 to \$240,000. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud - date and time stated above. Mail or deliver to Town of Thermopolis, P.O. Box 603, 420 Broadway, Thermopolis, WY 82443. The Town of Thermopolis will take no responsibility for delivery of bids through mail. Complete digital copies of the bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com. Submitting Contractors will be required to register with the website to download the bidding documents for \$25 by inputting Quest project #6436022 on the website's Project search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. The Town of Thermopolis reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive any informalities if deemed in the best interest of the Owner. No bid may be considered unless accompanied by the required bid guarantee of 5% of the total bid amount which amount shall be forfeited if the bidder is awarded the Contract and fails to enter into a Contract with the Owners. Successful bidder will be required to provide payment and performance bonds in an amount of at least 100% of awarded contract price. A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. local time, on July 26, 2019 at the Town Hall, 420 Broadway, Thermopolis, Wyoming.

Dated this 8th day of July, 2019.

/s/ Town of Thermopolis

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BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF WYOMING

The Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (WOGCC) will meet at 9:00 A.M. on TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019, and WOGCC Examiners will meet beginning Monday, August 12, 2019, and subsequent days between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., to consider the following matters at the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, 2211 King Boulevard, Casper, Wyoming:

DOCKET NO / APPLICANT / MATTER / S-T-R / FORMATION / COUNTY

4479-2019 / South Pass Petroleum / 40-Acre D&S Unit / 27-45-97 / Phosphoria / Hot Springs

4480-2019 / South Pass Petroleum / Force Pool; Hay Creek No. 1 / 27-45-97 / Phosphoria / Hot Springs

Any interested party is entitled to appear and be heard by the Commission at the time and date listed above. Protests to applications shall be in writing and filed with the State Oil and Gas Supervisor at least three (3) days prior to the date of hearing.

Pursuant to Chapter 5, Section 12 of the Wyoming Oil & Gas Conservation Commission Rules

& Regulations, the written protest must state the grounds of the protest and include information and evidence to demonstrate that: (a) the protestant is a party entitled to notice or relief under Wyo. Stat. Ann. §§ 30-5-101 through 30-5-410; (b) the protestant seeks a remedy that is within the jurisdiction and authority of the Commission. No action shall be taken on an objection or protest that is not timely filed.

DATED this 18th day of July 2019

Wyoming Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
/s/ Mark Watson, Oil & Gas
Supervisor/Commission Secretary

Pub. July 25, 2019

No. 8624

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Hot Springs County Hospital District**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing of the proposed budget for the Hot Springs County Hospital District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, which is now being considered by the Hot Springs County Hospital District Board of Trustees will be held at the Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital Conference Room at 150 E. Arapahoe, Thermopolis, WY on the 30th day of July at 6:00 PM at which time any and all such persons interested may appear and be heard regarding such budget.

A Summary of such proposed budget follows:

Total Operating Revenue **\$23,164,130**

Salaries, Benefits & Contract Labor	11,830,200
Purchased Services &	
Physician Fees	4,390,150
Supply Expenses	3,331,336
Other Operating Expenses	2,023,316
Depreciation & Interest Expense	1,524,300

Total Operating Expenses **\$23,099,302**

Net Operating Surplus/(Loss)	\$64,828
Property Tax Mill Levy	436,895
Non-Operating Other Revenue/(Expense)	83,900
Total Net Surplus/(Loss)	\$585,623

Restricted Funds for Building Project-Special Purpose Tax **\$975,000****Capital Expenditures** **\$2,974,414**

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session July 16, 2019 at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Mike Chimenti, Council members Tony Larson, John Dorman Sr., Bill Malloy and Dusty Lewis. Also, present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Fred Crosby, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Public Works Director Ernie Slagle, Police Chief Julie Mathews, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett and Town Attorney Mike Messinger.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Malloy made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the agenda as written.

ASSET DELETIONS: Larson made a motion,

seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the Enterprise asset deletion list totaling \$139,167.82 and the General Fund asset deletion list totaling \$30,931.85.

RESOLUTION 554: BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve and adopt Resolution 554, which adjusts the budget to reflect actual costs.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the financial statement for June 2019.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: SHORTY'S CATERING PERMITS: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve two catering permits for Shorty's Liquor. The permits are at the Fairgrounds and include Pig Wrestling, July 30, 2019, 5pm to 10pm and Demo Derby, August 17, 2019 4pm to 11pm. The Fair Board approved both events.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: ONE EYED BUFFALO: MALT BEVERAGE PERMIT: A new state law allows breweries to obtain malt beverage permits to sell only their product, for on-premise consumption. (No growlers, no cans, no package.) Lewis made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the permit.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: TANNER COLBURN: Mr. Colburn, representing a roofing contractor expressed concern that the Town doesn't inspect residential roofs and the inexpensive landfill fees. Topics included cost of permits, insurance requirements, photos of installed products, personnel expenses, training, liability, personal responsibility, landfill fees and the Town purchasing a newspaper ad with suggestions for questions to ask contractors.

ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: PROJECT UPDATES: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the final pay estimate to Carr Coatings for the Clarifier painting project. Barnett noted the cost to repair the turbine drive for Clarifier #1 was \$98,856 and the cost for a new drive was \$103,287. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the emergency repair and purchase of the new drive.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER: LAND EXCHANGE: Messenger noted the Town is planning to exchange land behind the golf course for land closer to the highway for a possible transfer station. Larson made a motion and seconded by Malloy to sign the agreement. Messenger noted before the transaction is complete, a notice will be published, followed by a hearing for public comment. The deed exchange will not be complete until after the public hearing. Motion carried.

TOWN ATTORNEY: ESTOPPEL AGREEMENT: Messenger noted the Town and Country Club has borrowed money from a bank and the bank is requiring an estoppel agreement on the loan. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to sign the agreement.

TOWN ATTORNEY: CATERING & MALT BEVERAGE PERMITS: Discussion ensued on recent catering permits, the new state statute, new forms from the liquor division, requiring permittees to attend the meeting, increasing the permit fees from \$10 to \$25, communicating with law enforcement and rules for applicants.

ADMINISTRATION: HAIL STORM CONSTRUCTION UPDATES: Crosby referenced the earlier discussion.

ADMINISTRATION: TOWN OWNED PROPERTY DAMAGE: Crosby noted an adjuster had looked at 10 of the 19 damaged vehicles and totaled five of them. The deductible is \$1,000 per vehicle. He will prepare a list of possible vehicles to buy back for the Mayor and Council's approval,

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Directors of the Wyoming Community Development Authority (WCDA) will hold a Board work session beginning at 1:00 pm, Tuesday, July 30, 2019 and a Board meeting beginning at 8:30 am, Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at the office of WCDA, 155 N. Beech, Casper, WY.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss general business of the Authority. An agenda is available at the offices of WCDA at 15 N. Beech, Casper, WY 82601.

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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE AND FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR THE EAST RIVER ROAD REHABILITATION 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 05SC0277932 between the State of Wyoming, Department of State Parks & Cultural Resources and 71 Construction, whose address is 820 Lough Drive, Riverton, Wyoming 82501 for the work performed, materials, equipment, or tools furnished or used and services rendered for the substantial completion of the East River Road Rehabilitation at Hot Springs State Park, Bid 0198-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 August 28, 2019. The date of the first publication is July 18, 2019.

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