



photo by Jonathan Moon

Social distancing traffic jam

Members of The River of Life Fellowship Church brave the snow to hand out food boxes during the Commodity Give Away last Thursday. Lines of vehicles were stacked up with community members awaiting their food.

Wyoming Game and Fish encourages use of online services

Following federal and state guidance on gatherings due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department is announcing the following cancellations and changes to spring events and meetings.

All Game and Fish season setting meetings will move to an online forum. Participants will be able to watch recorded videos that hunting seasons and regulations. The public is able to submit comments through the website. Videos will be posted on Thursday, March 26 on the Public Meetings webpage. The public comment

period, which is open now, closes at 5 p.m., April 3, 2020.

According to G & F Wildlife Biologist Bart Kroger, there are some proposed changes to the number of tags issued for a few deer and antelope areas in Hot Springs County. This is due to death numbers being high for the winter of 2018-2019.

Statewide season proposals can be found on the Wyoming Game and Fish website.

At this time, the Lander Regional Office is closed to the public. For assistance in Lander, view the field employee contact

information. All other Game and Fish offices and facilities remain open.

The Wyoming Game and Fish Department is encouraging people to stay home and utilize online services, reserving visits to local Game and Fish facilities to necessary business. These recommendations are to adhere to federal and state guidance on the COVID-19 pandemic to minimize contact between people.

Anyone who needs help with purchasing or applying for licenses online, finding information on the website or general questions can call the Game and

Fish telephone information center at (307) 777-4600 Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. MDT, or send a message online. In cases where a person must come to the regional office for business, the public is asked to call their regional office first. Game and Fish is asking that if you are feeling unwell or have been exposed to COVID-19 to please stay home.

“The Wyoming Game and Fish Department plans to go out of our way to help you over the phone to save you a trip to our office. Our goal is to help you in a way that minimizes contact while still provid-

ing you good Game and Fish customer service,” said Brian Nesvik, Game and Fish director. “Calling also ensures personnel are available to serve your needs, such as a harvest check or an AIS inspection. We continue to be open to provide service at our offices, but we encourage folks to pursue phone or online methods when those options will meet their needs.”

To contact the Cody Regional Office call (307) 527-7125

For wildlife emergencies, people can call their local game warden or (877) 943-3847.

Public notices

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

Wyoming Probate No. P-2020-7
Texas Probate No. P-02008

IN THE MATTER OF)
)
THE ESTATE OF)
)
WALTER ARSDALE)
SCHMID, JR.,)
)
DECEASED.)

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO HAVE TEXAS PROBATE PROCEEDING ADMITTED TO THIS STATE

You are hereby notified that petitioner William W. Schmid has filed a Petition with the 5th District Court, asking the court to admit the above-referenced Texas probate proceedings to this state as a probate of the estate for purposes of Wyo. Stat. 2-11-201. A hearing of this petition will be set by the judge for a date and time after April 1, 2020. Any creditors having a valid claim against the estate shall make their objections at the hearing and shall present their claim. If on the day set for the hearing no objection is made, the judge shall make an order admitting the certified copies of the proceedings in the estate to record in his court and they shall be considered and treated from that time as original proceedings in his court and shall be conclusive evidence of the facts therein shown.

Dated this 16th Day of March 2020.

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STATE OF) OFFICE OF THE
WYOMING) BOARD OF
) COUNTY
) COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF) THERMOPOLIS
HOT SPRINGS) WYOMING
March 17, 2020

The Hot Springs Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Government Annex. Present were Commissioners Phillip Scheel, Tom Ryan and Jack Baird. Also present were County Clerk Rose DeSeyn, County Attorney Jill Logan, and Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners Penny Herdt. Chairman Scheel led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda – The agenda was ap-

prove with the following changes:

ADD: Other Business 3. Gravel Crushing Project Contract for Signature; 4. Culvert Replacement Project Contract for Signature; 5. Courthouse Security Addition Discussion

DELETE: Bill Gordon 6. COVID 19 Documents

Shoshone Forest Annual Agreement – The Commissioners approved the Annual Plan of Project Work & Maintenance for Grass Creek Road with the U.S. Forest Service. The County will provide \$15,000.00 in funding and the Shoshone National Forest Service will provide \$8,000.00 for a total of \$23,000.00 in funding for the agreement.

Youth Alternatives Monthly Report – The Youth Alternatives Director reported 19 participants, 12 males and 7 females, this month. Five are scheduled for release, with five more coming in to the program. The Director reviewed the types of offenses currently being addressed in the program, noting that over half of the participants have a tobacco violation as either a primary or secondary offense. Things are on a bit of a hiatus due to the corona virus threat. The Alive at 25 Class scheduled for April has been postponed to May 1st.

Census Wrap-up - Census Coordinator Judy Carswell reviewed her efforts to prepare the County residents for the 2020 Census. Clerk DeSeyn will take over as the contact person for the Census Bureau now that the official count has begun. The Commissioners expressed their gratitude for the outstanding work Mrs. Carswell has done in coordinating the Complete Count Committee, setting up informational events and presenting information via social media to prepare the County for the 2020 Census.

COVID 19 Discussion – The Commissioners discussed the County’s current response to the COVID 19 pandemic. There have been no orders or mandates issued at this time limiting gatherings or events, but organizers are asked to consider postponing or cancelling gatherings of ten or more people. The County Health Officer is in charge of issuing orders, directives, or mandates affecting public offices in conjunction with the State Health Department. At this time, any county employees who feel the need to stay home in response to this threat will be required to use their sick leave in the absence of a confirmed diagnosis of COVID 19 for themselves or their immediate family.

Dispatch Furniture Replacement Discussion – The Police Chief appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the urgency of replacing the desks, shelves, chairs, etc. in the Dispatch Center. The County’s share of the cost of the planned replacement will be between \$13,000.00 and \$15,000.00. The Commissioners stated their position that in light of current events, now is not the time to be spending that much money from Emergency Expenditures. They will take this under consideration during the 21-20 Budget process. The Chief indicated that the Town

School meals discussed

by Cindy Glasson

Chauncy Johnson, business manager for the Hot Springs County School District informed the board of plans in place to ensure students in the district will be receiving meals during the school closure through April 3.

Johnson said the federal government has allowed them to activate their summer program in order to provide food for students during this time.

Food service and some of the transportation staff has gathered together to provide grab and go meals for students during the closure, not to include the week of Spring Break.

The meals will be available in the loop at Ralph Witters Elementary. Parents will need to drive through the loop and pick up the meals through the window. All food must be eaten off-site.

Johnson added that food service has been going well while school has been in session with lunch participation up in all the buildings.

The board approved an addendum to the high school handbook for students to achieve an athletics letter in rodeo and possibly other types of sports moving forward.

High school principal Breez Daniels reached out to other districts to find out what they are doing in order to word the addendum.

Daniels said with a district goal of 90-percent

of students participating in a sport or activity, adding rodeo at this time could open the door to other sports such as archery. Allowing them to letter in these sports could be a great opportunity.

The board discussed their concern regarding paying teachers if the school shut down should continue and classes go into the summer months.

Superintendent Dustin Hunt said the money has been budgeted and suggests reevaluating the situation after April 3.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Jillian Balow, has already waived the number of days students and staff are required to put in for the school year.

Another concern is keeping students on track, especially SPed students if this shut down goes on longer than anticipated.

Hunt said they are hopeful the home learning going on will prevent too many students from falling behind and the district is dedicated to keeping everyone on track.

“This is unprecedented in our country,” Hunt said, “so we are working in good faith to keep some learning going moving forward. They may not be in their classroom, but the teachers are on call for anyone who needs them.

“We are constantly reevaluating things as they are changing quickly, sometimes every hour.”

Attest:

Phillip Scheel,
Chairman

Rosemary DeSeyn
Clerk to the Board

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Warrants List

The following list of warrants approved March 17, 2020, 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).

FREMONT BEVERAGES, INC.	\$534.80
SENIOR CLASS PARENTS	\$549.80
US FOODS, FORMERLY	
FOOD SERVICES OF	\$564.48
EAGLE PEST CONTROL, LLC	\$600.00
SCHOLASTIC CLASSROOM	
MAGAZINES	\$659.34
HOT SPRINGS CO CPR CHAPTER	\$660.00
D&D MACHINE & WELDING	\$724.04
CLIMATEC REFRIGERATION INC	\$803.67
DECKER AUTO GLASS	\$928.98
WEX BANK	\$990.38
SHOSHONI HS	\$1,000.00
TWEED'S WHOLESALE CO	\$1,090.82
THE BOMB PHOTOGRAPHY	\$1,259.40
BRUCO, INC.	\$1,328.66
BROWN'S WESTERN APPLIANCE	\$1,348.97
GARY BRINK, INC.	\$1,740.04
JOSTENS	\$1,811.99
CANON FINANCIAL	
SERVICES, INC	\$1,821.69
ELDER EQUIPMENT LEASING	
OF WY, INC.	\$1,982.94
JADECO, INC.	\$2,198.92
JAMIE ASAY	\$2,374.68
WISDOM TREE CONSULTATION	\$2,400.00
SYSCO MONTANA - HS	\$2,976.21
COWBOY SUPPLY HOUSE	\$3,059.95
T. W. ENTERPRISES, INC.	\$3,206.05
WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF	
EDUCATION	\$3,206.16
GOTTSCHKE REHABILITATION	
CENTER	\$3,487.50
TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS	\$3,570.60
OPI-MONTANA DRIVE	\$3,900.00
E. LANDERS CONSULTING,	
INC	\$4,117.62
TRAVEL WRIGHT, INC	\$4,471.17
LONG BUILDING	
TECHNOLOGIES INC	\$4,686.01
SYSCO MONTANA - MS	\$6,574.92
SYSCO MONTANA - RWE	\$7,081.85
KINGS CARPET ONE	\$8,386.97
NORTHWEST WYOMING BOCES	\$9,881.25
WYOMING GAS COMPANY	\$11,116.23
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER	\$16,734.67
HOMAX OIL SALES, INC	\$19,081.49
BANK OF MONTREAL	\$66,971.12
TOTAL	\$209,883.37

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We care about the health and safety of our friends and neighbors

PROTECT YOURSELF & OTHERS

1. Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and always before eating; after using the bathroom; and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
2. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
3. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then dispose of the tissue in the trash.
4. Stay at home when sick until your symptoms are gone.
5. For more info visit our Facebook page @ Washakie Medical Center or dial 211 from any phone in Wyoming.



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