



## Select a brick

Hot Springs County High School senior Ace Hoskins signs his selected brick in Noni Webber’s classroom.

# Seniors leave their mark

by Cindy Glasson

From the time they are freshmen, students at Hot Springs County High School want to leave their mark, literally, on their alma mater.

English teacher Noni Weber started a tradition a few years ago, allowing students to paint a brick on her classroom wall when they graduate.

“I have freshmen who come in and right away want to paint their brick,” Weber said. “Part of the deal is they have to graduate before they earn their brick. It may be a small thing, but for some students that’s an incentive to graduate.”

Weber allows students to choose their brick and paint whatever they want on it. Some choose a quote or saying to pass down through history while others may choose to paint a scene, something they’re interested in, where they’re going to college or even what they were known for in high school.

This year, more than ever, that bit of normalcy has been a relief for the seniors.

Weber has been allowing the seniors to come in, one at a time, to paint their brick as graduation approaches so they still get a chance to leave their mark.



Hot Springs County High School Seniors who recently signed their letters of intent include (top to bottom): Taydee Landrum, Ashley Brawley, Ashley McPhie, Jar-ron Mortimore, Olivia Weyer and McKenna Bomengen.

# Senior signings

by Cindy Glasson

Several Hot Springs County School District seniors signed letters of intent for the colleges they will be attending in the fall.

Ashley McPhie has signed a letter of intent to continue her academic and athletic career at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, MT.

McPhie will join the women’s basketball team for the Battlin’ Bears. She led the state in three-point baskets made (51) for the 2019-2020 season and finished the season second in the state in three-point percentage. She averaged 14 points per game, good for sixth in 3A scoring.

She was a two-sport All-State selection this past year, earning these honors in both volleyball and basketball.

McPhie maintained a 4.0 grade point average in high school and was a member of the National Honor Society. She will be studying Secondary Education while attending Rocky Mountain College.

Jarron Mortimore has signed his letter of intent to attend South Dakota School of Mines and Technology to earn an engineering degree and participate in their football program.

Mortimore was named All-State in the 2A, 2019 class. He finished second on the team in defensive points with 99 defensive points, which placed him 37th in the classification. He had 45 tackles, seven for losses and two sacks.

He ended high school with a 3.8 GPA and was part of the school’s Sources of Strength program.

Ashley Brawley signed her letter of intent to Northwest College in Powell.

Brawley participated in speech and debate, volleyball, drama, marching band, jazz band, choir and the concert band.

She is also the president of the National Honor Society chapter and tries to be as active in extra-curricular activities as she can after doing homework and working at TMS LightsOn.

Her plan is to attend Northwest for two years, possibly double-majoring in both music and music technology as well as participate in as many ensembles, musical groups and one-on-one lessons as she can.

Taydee Landrum’s letter of intent was signed with the University of Wyoming where he will be on the Cowboy Cheer Squad as well as studying accounting.

Having been a cheerleader for the Cats for the past four years Landrum had to do a video of himself doing two different cheers and the school song as part of his online tryout for the team. He said it took quite a while since he is a perfectionist.

Landrum said words cannot express how excited he is about going to college and being on the Cowboy Cheer team.

Two other seniors, Olivia Weyer and McKenna Bomengen also signed their letters of intent but did not supply their personal information to the Independent Record by press time.

# Public notices

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER )  
OF THE ESTATE )  
 )  
OF ) Probate No.  
 ) P20-1  
WANDA LOU )  
STEINLE, )  
 )  
Deceased. )

## NOTICE OF PROBATE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of February, 2020, the Estate of the above-named decedent was admitted to probate by the above-named Court, and that Kerri Lynn Manig was appointed Personal Representative thereof. Any action to set aside the Last Will and Testament shall be filed in the Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or to decedent’s estate are requested to make immediate payment to the Estate of Wanda Lou Steinle and send to Michael S. Messenger, attorney for the estate, c/o Messenger Law Firm, P.C., P. O. Box 111, Thermopolis, WY 82443.

Creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to file them in duplicate with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of said Court, on or before three months after the date of the first publication of this notice, and if such claims are not so filed, unless otherwise allowed or paid, they will be forever barred.

DATED this 23rd day of April, 2020.

/S/ Michael S. Messenger  
Michael S. Messenger WSB#5-1438  
Messenger Law Firm, P.C.  
P. O. Box 111  
Thermopolis, WY 82443  
(307) 864-5541

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## Public Notice

There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, June 2nd, 2020, at 2:30 p.m. at Town Hall to review the Home Occupation of Todd Davis, to operate a Vintage Antique Shop at 439 Clark St., in the GRD. For further information please contact Codes Admin. 864-9285.

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WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION  
CHEYENNE, WYOMING  
NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF  
AND  
FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR  
HIGHWAY WORK

Notice is hereby given that the State Transportation Commission of Wyoming has accepted as completed according to plans, specifications and rules governing the same work performed under that certain contract between the State of Wyoming, acting through said Commission, and **Wilson Bros. Construction, Inc.** The Contractor, on Highway Project Number **B165003 in Hot Springs County**, consisting of **siphon replacement**, and the Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Director of the Department of Transportation will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on **June 17, 2020**.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is **May 14, 2020**.

STATE TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION OF WYOMING

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pam Fredrick  
Senior Budget Analyst  
Budget Program

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## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session May 5, 2020 at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Mike Chimenti (via Zoom), 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, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett, Police Sargent Pat Cornwell and Town Attorney Mike Messenger.

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

**MINUTES:** Malloy made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes from April 7, 2020.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the financial statement for March 2020.

**BILLS:** Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the General, Enterprise and Special Fund bills for April 2020.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** None.  
**TOWN ENGINEER:** ANTHONY BAR-

**NETT: GOLF COURSE RAW WATER BORE:** Lewis made a motion, seconded by Malloy, and carried to approve the substantial completion and pay estimate #2 on the raw water bore.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** Police Sargent Cornwell presented the April police report. Discussion ensued an informal emergency variance to allow restaurants to serve food outside. Stipulations for town sidewalks include not to impede foot traffic, not to encroach on neighbor’s property, no alcoholic beverages and conditions will sunset when the state orders expire. Public Works Director Slagle presented April reports for Streets and Alleys, Water, Wastewater, Sanitation and Landfill departments. Crosby reported roofing projects are continuing.

**TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER:** Messenger introduced Marshall Keller, his new associate and asked that he be appointed Assistant Town Attorney. Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Marshall Keller as Assistant Town Attorney.

**ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: TOWN AUDIT CONTRACT:** Malloy made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the 2020 audit contract with Koerwitz, Michel, Wright & Associates for \$13,500.

**ADMINISTRATION: ROOFING QUOTES:** Crosby presented quotes from Wiggins Construction and Apex Roofing for four buildings with hail damaged roofs. Atlas did not submit a bid. Following discussion, Crosby will negotiate with the insurance company before the Mayor and Council approve the bids. The Mayor and Council agreed no other bids would be accepted.

**ADMINISTRATION: TOWN CLEANUP DATES:** Following discussion, four large dumpsters will be provided for Town cleanup May 14, 2020 to May 22, 2020, with another cleanup week in the Fall.

**ADMINISTRATION: OTHER:** Crosby noted a sneeze guard had been purchased for the front counter and asked for the front doors to be open by May 11, 2020. Also, the Town Engineers are working on additional environmental paperwork required for the landfill transfer station application.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL:** Lewis presented a potential bike path from downtown to the State Park. Following discussion, he noted the Hot City Outdoor Alliance is not asking for a bike lane. Larson voiced his appreciation to Sam Starnes who donated his labor to paint the railing and posts around Candy Jack Park. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm and the next Council meeting is May 21, 2020 at 7pm.

**BILLS:** 71 Construction, Cold Mix, \$15,588.20; A&I, Oil, \$1,346.07; AFLAC, Insurance, \$298.22; American Welding & Gas, Supplies, \$51.43; BCN Telecom, Service, \$48.00; Big Horn Water, Rental, \$29.50; Biolyneceus, Supplies, \$4,184.95; Bureau of Reclamation, Fees, \$4,476.00; Califor-

nia State Disbursement, Child Support, \$350.00; Carquest, Supplies, \$3,373.32; Caselle, Maintenance, \$500.00; Central WY Tree, Service, \$800.00; DPC, Chemicals, \$1,360.25; Energy Lab, Service, \$406.00; Engineering Associates, Service, \$21,400.39; Fastenal, Parts, \$61.55; Ferguson Waterworks, Parts, \$1,098.95; Floyd’s Truck Center, Parts, \$245.37; Gottsche, Membership, \$310.00; Great West Trust, Retirement, \$1,180.00; HSC Treasurer, Tax Collection, \$7.79; Hach, Supplies, \$370.18; High Plains Power, Service, \$162.31; HSC Memorial, Service, \$26.00; HS Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955.00; HS Weed & Pest, Supplies, \$378.45; HSCSD #1, Fuel, \$2,818.28; HSC Public Health, Service, \$30.00; HUB, Insurance, \$55.00; Independent Record, Service, \$661.20; Indoff, Supplies, \$683.76; Inland Truck, Parts, \$473.56; Insurance Trust, Premiums, \$45,820.00; Jadeco, Service, \$3,754.21; Ronald Jurovich, Judge, \$900.00; Kimball Midwest, Parts, \$52.60; Laird Sanitation, Service, \$75.00; Messenger Law Firm, Service, \$4,900.00; Micro-Comm, Computer, \$3,813.00; Mike Mortimore, Service, \$300.00; Travis Morgan, Reimbursement, \$85.00; Motorola, Radios, \$7,875.00; Murdoch Oil, Fuel, \$1,544.40; Napa-Riverton, Parts, \$326.24; Napa-Worland, Parts, \$534.97; NCPERS, Life Ins., \$256.00; One Call, Fees, \$9.75; O’Reilly Auto, Parts, \$262.65; Overhead Door, Parts, \$98.18; Patrick Construction, Pay Estimate #2, \$77,287.70; Postmaster, Postage, \$503.52; Proforce, Supplies, \$1,532.37; Randolph Refrigeration, Service, \$686.00; Road Runner, Parts, \$75.40; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, \$12,829.49; RT, Service, \$519.98; Scrub Board, Service, \$170.00; Secretary of State, Fees, \$30.00; Sheridan Motors, Parts, \$135.58; St. Paul Lutheran, Reimbursement, \$75.00; The Office Shop, Service, \$69.46; Thermopolis Hardware, Supplies, \$326.59; Thermopolis PD, Supplies, \$22.48; TOT General, Acct’g & Collection & Labor, \$13,810.00; TOT Office, Supplies, \$28.00; TOT, Depreciation & Intergov Water, \$77,378.35; Tractor & Equip, Parts, \$1,834.13; Traveling Computer, Parts, \$129.99; Tumbleweed, Propane, \$279.91; Unum, Life Ins., \$119.53; UPS, Postage, \$18.35; USA Blue Book, Supplies, \$812.45; Verizon, Phone, \$180.96; Visa, Supplies, \$1,259.26; VSP, Insurance, \$416.83; WY Child Support, Child Support, \$667.00; Workforce Services, \$4,074.02; WY Gas, Service, \$1,816.68; WY Public Health Lab, Fees, \$72.00; WY Retirement, Retirement, \$20,044.28; WY Supreme Court, Fees, \$500.00; WY.Com, Service, \$25.00; Payroll, \$84,793.28; Payroll Taxes, \$26,680.86.

## ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer Mike Chimenti, Mayor

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