



courtesy photo

Light bulb challenge

Lights On Afterschool Program Coordinator Julia Scott said even though they had to change their Afterschool Celebration planned for Oct. 22 from an in person event to a virtual event due to inclement weather, it was still a fun event enjoyed by all. Above, a group of youngsters pose at light bulbs to celebrate. Community members were asked to leave a light on in support of the program. Scott thanks all who were involved and participated in supporting Lights On.

Election

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Jessica K. Slagle	Mayor-Kirby	25	Jeanie Love	1,613
Sherman Skelton	School Board (vote for 1)	2,223	Barbara Tormes Vietti	1,535
Will Farrell	School Board (vote for 4)	1,758	Ken Smith	732
Joe Martinez		1,407	David Koerwitz	1,694
Clay VanAntwerp		1,600	Bill Williams	1,787
Nichole Weyer		1,637		
Write in totals	Conservation Dist. Rural	244	For	1,258
James Andreen	Conservation Dist. Urban	2,140	Against	1,028
Write in totals	Conservation Dist. At Large	200	For	1,977
Cindy DeVries	Cemetery Dist. Director (vote for 3)	1,632	Against	482
			Allow Pari-Mutuel Wagering	1,335
				929

HSCSD

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past spring to this fall and they are finding the gaps, at least on the high school level, are not as large as they had originally anticipated.

With basically five months of no instruction the teachers and staff were very concerned there would be difficult hurdles to get over when classes resumed in person in the fall.

The core subject of math appears to have taken the biggest hit on the high school level with the five-month hiatus. Math is followed by science, but English has remained fairly steady across the four grade levels.

Using their three-tier system, they are working with students to regain those skills quickly in order to incorporate the new material.

Middle school principal Steve Sod-

erstrom has seen more issues with the fifth and sixth grades than he has with seventh and eighth graders.

Fifth and sixth graders are showing signs of losing ground in reading, however, Soderstrom is using the same three-tiered system as the high school and is already seeing growth.

For the elementary students, principal Katie Deromedi has increased the amount of reading time significantly, knowing they will all need to be reading well by third grade. There has been some backsliding, but the intense instruction is paying off.

Superintendent Dustin Hunt also pointed out there have been some behavioral issues with some of the students that hadn't been apparent last year. He has asked everyone to have some

patience with the children as some of them did not have the proper supervision they needed during the lockdown and it is starting to show now.

While there are a variety of issues going on across the district, at all grade levels, the teaching staff has done an excellent job of collecting data for comparison. Usually, spring testing which comes from the state is the benchmark used, however, since schools were closed in the spring none of the testing was done, so our own hand-gathered data is taking the place of student testing and working quite well.

Board member Joe Martinez put it very well saying, "Using this same tiered model across all the grades is really creating a cohesive K-12 program for Hot Springs County."

Treasure

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ulate us," said Lippincott.

According to www.the goldticket.com, the process to enter the treasure hunt was fairly easy. Participants simply located their home state, purchased a \$50 ticket to receive the clue, and then

begin the search once the clue was released.

"From the time the riddle was released, to the time the necklace was found, was a little less than an hour," said Lippincott.

Lippincott added that

people from all over Wyoming and Colorado had also solved the riddle and were on their way to the location, but 'we beat them,' she added.

Lippincott said both her and Roberts thought it was

super exciting and that the children still can't believe they won.

"Amanda and I have decided that the next treasure we are going to look for is Butch Cassidy's" Lippincott said with a laugh.

Public notices

IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT			
IN THE MATTER OF)			
THE ESTATE OF)			
)			
SHIRLEY IRELAN,)			
)	Probate No.		
)	2020-24		
Deceased.)			
<u>NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR SUMMARY DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION</u>			
NOTICE IS HERBY GIVE that Terry L. Wilson and Pat S. Skelton have filed an Application of Summary Decree of Distribution in the above-captioned eastate on October 19, 2020.			
Said Application for Summary Decree of Distribution requests that personal property owned by the Decedent be set over to said applicants, to-wit:			
Cash in the amount of Three Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-two Dollars and Seven Cents (\$3,962.07) held in Decedent's sole name ad Edward Jones and Company in Riverton, Wyoming'			
Thirty-two (32) shares of Northrup Grumman stock held in Decedant's sole name in the approximate value of Nine Tousand Six Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$9,675.00).			
Any objection to said Application should be filed with the Office of the Clerk of the District Court, Hot Springs County, Wyoming, on or before November 29, 2020.			
Dated the 27th day of October, 2020.			
Terri Cornella Clerk of District Court Fifth Judicial District Hot Springs County, Wyoming			
Pub. Nov. 5 & 12, 2020		No. 8856	

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS	
The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session October 20, 2020 at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Mike Chimenti, Council members 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 Messenger. Councilman Tony Larson was absent.	
AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session under Administration.	
FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the financial statement for September 2020.	
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:MERIANN RUSH: LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the street closures for a lighted Christmas Parade on December 4, 2020 and for the Mayor to sign the WYDOT permit.	
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: GARY SIKES: TRUMP CAR RALLY PARADE: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to allow a Trump car parade from the State Park to 6th Street to Canyon Hills Road to 14th to Broadway and back to the State Park on October 28, 2020 at 6pm.	
REPRESENTATIVE JOHN WINTER: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT: Winter asked the Mayor and Council if they had any questions or concerns on the proposed constitutional amendment that would remove the 4% debt limit for sewer systems and assign the legislature to put limits on the amount of debt.	
ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: Barnett noted the firm is working on projects at the water plant and landfill.	
TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER: Nothing to update at this time.	
ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT: Lewis made a motion, Malloy seconded and carried to approve a fence right-of-way permit	

for 424 S. 11th street (six feet from the curb, to allow for a sidewalk).	
ADMINISTRATION: COUNTY PLANNER LETTER: Mayor Chimenti noted the letter references the proposed transfer station and will be handled by the Town Engineers.	
ADMINISTRATION: OTHER: Crosby noted Nature & Discovery Center appointees would be discussed at the next meeting. Tobj Johansen presented the Golf Board minutes and updated the Mayor and Council on recent events.	
EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:20 the meeting adjourned to go into executive session as allowed by State Statute 16-4-405 (a)(ii). The executive session ended at 7:29 pm and the meeting was immediately adjourned.	
MAYOR & COUNCIL: OTHER: The next Council meeting is November 3, 2020 at 7pm.	
ATTEST:	
Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer	Mike Chimenti, Mayor
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Warrants List	
The following list of warrants approved October 20, 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).	
WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	\$550.00
BIG HORN WATER	\$577.50
THERMOPOLIS HARDWARE	\$679.45
EDUCATORS HANDBOOK	\$698.00
ARETE DESIGN GROUP LLC	\$750.00
LAURA WOLLMANN	\$833.32
BLOEDORN LUMBER - WORLAND	\$866.60
BROWN'S WESTERN APPLIANCE	\$876.83
JAYMAR BUSINESS FORMS	\$900.19
ICU DATABASE	\$1,000.00

SHERIDAN COLLEGE	\$1,000.00
CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL	\$1,095.00
MOTIVATING SYSTEMS, LLC	\$1,207.10
TWEED'S WHOLESALE CO	\$1,303.64
FREMONT BEVERAGES, INC.	\$1,304.37
THE BOMB PHOTOGRAPHY	\$1,468.00
ELDER EQUIPMENT LEASING OF WY, INC.	\$1,475.71
KIA MOTORS FINANCE	\$1,492.10
JOSTENS	\$1,575.20
SCHOLASTIC MAGAZINES	\$1,901.19
LARAMIE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$2,100.00
RIDDELL / ALL AMERICAN SPORTS CORP	\$2,183.71
CONVERGEONE, INC	\$2,280.63
MACK'S MARKET	\$2,299.78
JAMIE ASAY	\$2,374.68
WYOMING SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION	\$2,700.00
STEVE'S PLUMBING & HEATING, INC.	\$3,197.81
THE OFFICE SHOP	\$3,551.42
GOTTSCHKE REHABILITATION CENTER	\$3,780.00
BUSHIVE	\$3,960.00
CASPER COLLEGE LONG BUILDING	\$4,000.00
TECHNOLOGIES INC	\$4,387.81
GARY BRINK, INC.	\$4,737.20
WYOMING GAS COMPANY	\$5,034.40
SYSCO MONTANA - HS	\$6,269.46
ZONAR SYSTEMS	\$7,117.62
SYSCO MONTANA - RWE	\$7,291.25
VERNIER	\$7,292.12
K-LOG	\$7,698.88
BRUCO, INC.	\$7,767.65
COWBOY SUPPLY HOUSE	\$7,779.68
JADECO, INC.	\$9,053.37
SYSCO MONTANA - MS	\$10,599.27
TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS	\$12,594.10
REGION V BOARD OF COOP. ED.	\$13,665.00
DISCOVER THERMOPOLIS	\$14,326.21
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER	\$23,674.38
NORTHWEST WYOMING BOCES	\$35,645.00
BANK OF MONTREAL	\$136,702.31
Total	\$375,617.94
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