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1,613

1,535

732

1,694

1,258

1,028

1,977

1,335

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482

## Light bulb challenge

**Mayor-Kirby** 

School Board (vote for 1)

School Board (vote for 4)

Conservation Dist. At Large

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.

2,223

1,758

1,407

1,600

244

2,140

200

Jeanie Love

Ken Smith

David Koerwitz

Bill Williams

For

For

For

Against

Against

Against

Barbara Tomes Vietti

Clay VanAntwerp Nichole Weyer **Conservation Dist. Rural** Write in totals **Conservation Dist. Urban** 

past spring to this fall and they are

finding the gaps, at least on the high

school level, are not as large as they

struction the teachers and staff were

very concerned there would be diffi-

cult hurdles to get over when classes

have taken the biggest hit on the high

school level with the five-month hiatus.

Math is followed by science, but Eng-

lish has remained fairly steady across

are working with students to regain

those skills quickly in order to incor-

Using their three-tier system, they

Middle school principal Steve Sod-

The core subject of math appears to

With basically five months of no in-

had originally anticipated.

resumed in person in the fall.

the four grade levels.

porate the new material.

James Andreen Write in totals

Jessica K. Slagle

Sherman Skelton

Will Farrell

Joe Martinez

Cemetery Dist. Director (vote for 3) Cindy DeVries

> 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.

Fire Dist. Rural

Hospital Dist. Dir. 4 year (vote for 2)

Const. Amend. A

**Renew 4 Percent Lodging Tax** 

**Allow Pari-Mutuel Wagering** 

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.'

## **Hospital CEO answers** questions about staffing at clinics

At the October Hot Springs County Hospital board meeting, Hospital CEO Margie Molitor said she has heard from "concerned citizens," whether she is pulling providers out of Thermopolis to staff clinics in Riverton and Shoshoni clinics,

She said, "I want to be very clear, we've hired a whole other provider to do that for us. Tara Blumenshine is a Fremont country native and lives in Riverton, and that is who is covering the Shoshoni and Riverton clinics. We haven't pulled any provider hours out of the Thermopolis clinic to cover those two clinics." Blumenshine is a family nurse practitioner and a nurse-midwife.

Molitor gave her growth report saying she had many all-staff meetings with nine meetings with about 83 participants. She said they "had at least ten new hires last month, which is exciting to see all those new people." Molitor praised Dr. Mathey for his coverage of the orthopedic coverage planning. Molitor mentioned that there are several doctors requesting privileges to come and perform practice. These different doctors and their specialties "should cover all the bases" according to Molitor. She added that her long term goal is to have a full-time orthopedic recruit. They are actively looking for a new recruit that they would share

with Worland. Molitor also said they now have the rapid testing machine in the clinic here in Thermopolis and also in the emergency room. Dr. Mathey filled in for Dr. Bischoff and gave a medical staff report where he said there were many new hires throughout

the various clinics. They also discussed the orthopedic coverage plan to continue care due to Dr. Lee's exit from local practice. A variety of doctors in the general area were mentioned to provide care. Dr. Francisco from Lander is an option. Dr. Caldwell from Denver is another consideration. Dr. Lee is also looking for someone to fill his place as well. There might be a shared opportunity for orthopedic coverage between Thermopolis and Worland.

One of the goals the medical staff has is with a medication prescription software, which is used as a reconciliation program. They have a goal of 77% and they are currently at 75%. The entire institution is working together with this program. Regarding construction, they have been using the trailer CT scanner and hope by November they can use their new CT machine in-house and up and running. There will be some dismantling of the x-ray and ortho rooms as well. There was some discussion with radiology and the clinics to make sure communications run smoothly.

For clinics, they are expanding the Riverton clinic to two days a week from the one they have been doing. For the Shoshoni clinic, they are hoping to open it on January 2.

For their learners, Dr. Mathey gave a residency update. They have over 300 applicants for their residency for 2021. He said there is still a lot of interest in their rural training track residency option.

Nina Landis, in her quality report, added to what Dr. Mathey said about the prescription medication reconciliation program. There is more work to be done to reach their goal, and they are aware of the areas they need to improve on. They are looking into additional software to help integrate the pharmacy as well. Landis reported that COVID has been surging in the surrounding areas, with Billings being at 100% capacity. She said that 30% of patient admission was COVID. She said that when hospitals like them are full, it makes things difficult to transfer patients who are critical.

Shelly Larson in her financial reported that their accounts receivable in September dropped slightly by two days, from 46 days to 44. She said they "continued to see a nice collection effort.' They are \$1.8 million for total cash collected. They have two new billers that have 35 plus years of experience between them, which has helped significantly. Larson also reported that they have had a break-even month.

## reasure

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.

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"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.

> NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR SUMMARY DECREE OF **DISTRIBUTION**

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 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 MESSEN-

GER: Nothing to update at this time.

ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: <u>RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT:</u> 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 PLAN-NER 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. Tobi 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, Mike Chimenti, Clerk/Treasurer Mayor

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Warrants List

The following list of warrants approved October 20, 2020, by HOT SPRINGS COUN- $TYSCHOOL\,DISTRICT is\,here by\,published$ as required by the Wyoming Education Code of 2005, as amended, Chapter 3, Section 21-3-110 (a)(ii).

WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

ICU DATABASE

\$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

\$1,000.00

SHERIDAN COLLEGE \$1,000.00 CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL \$1,095.00 \$1,207.10 MOTIVATING SYSTEMS, LLC 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

GOTTSCHE REHABILITATION \$3,780.00 CENTER BUSHIVE

\$3,960.00 CASPER COLLEGE \$4,000.00 LONG BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES INC \$4,387.81 \$4,737.20

GARY BRINK, INC. \$5,034.40 WYOMING GAS COMPANY 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 \$10,599.27 SYSCO MONTANA - MS

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

> > No.8858

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