



First speech

Acacia Harris gives her first ever speech Saturday during the online tournament hosted by Jackson and Cheyenne East. Students will be presenting their speeches and doing debates via the Internet, with no audience, for the 2020-2021 season. Harris finished the day with fourth place in poetry.

Speech and debate begins with on-line platform

The Bobcat high school speech and debate team took part in their first tournament of the season on Saturday, a novice meet presented by Jackson and Cheyenne East.

With 11 teams across the state participating, the Cats brought home their first 1A-2A Sweeps Championship in the online-only platform.

Individual winners for the day included Acacia Harris who placed fourth overall in poetry, Julia Quintanilla with a fourth overall in extemp and Elizabeth Keller who placed sixth overall in extemp.

“This season is wildly different from any other season we’ve had,” said coach Cindy Glasson. “We are doing all tournaments online, so there isn’t an audience for the kids to play off of. This makes it a completely new kind of platform.

“Saturday’s tournament is the earliest the team has ever competed, too. We will occasionally have a December tournament, but we don’t really start our competition until the first week in January, so for these novice kids to take sweeps this early is an amazing accomplishment.”

Having to attend tournaments online began at the end of last season when the pandemic hit just as students were heading to the State Tournament. Since then, coaches across the state have been learning how the process works as well as figuring out the platform being used for tabulation of entries and final results.

Coach Lyle Wylie has taken the lead on behalf of the

Cats to learn the new programs and ensure the students are set up correctly. Doing very early tournaments like the one on Saturday is a learning curve for both the students and the coaches.

For most of the events doing things online isn’t much of an issue, but for some, such as humor, there is no audience to gauge if you’re getting laughs in the right places. Duet is another event that is going to be more difficult this year as the competitors cannot even be in the same room with each other when they’re performing.

For the new competitors it’s a little easier to do things the “new way” since they haven’t experienced things the “old way.”

“That’s what’s hardest for our varsity members,” Glasson said. “They’re used to the camaraderie of in-person competition, the friends they make when we travel, that sort of thing.

“Coach Wiley and I have a few things up our sleeves, though that should help with team building and creating our own team building experience. The plus side to all of this, I think, is that these new members are getting their feet wet in a safe environment online and in the end, I think that is going to make them even stronger competitors when we get back to in-person tournaments.”

The Cats will compete again on December 4 and 5 for the virtual Cheyenne South tournament.

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 estate 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 at Edward Jones and Company in Riverton, Wyoming’

Thirty-two (32) shares of Northrup Grumman stock held in Decedent’s sole name in the approximate value of Nine Thousand 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

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session November 3, 2020 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, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett, Police Chief Julie Mathews and Town Attorney Mike Messenger.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the agenda with the addition of executive session minutes.

MINUTES: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes from October 6 and 20 and the executive session minutes from October 20, 2020.

BILLS: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the General, Enterprise and Special Fund bills for October 2020. A vendor correction from Floyds to Kimball Midwest was noted.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: No one was present.

TOWN ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: Nothing specific to update.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police Chief Mathews presented the October police report. Reports for Streets and Alleys, Water, Wastewater, Sanitation and Landfill departments were available.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER: Nothing at this time.

ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: Nothing at this time.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL: Slagle noted the Streets department will work with WYDOT to determine radar sign placement. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm

and the next Council meeting is November 17, 2020 at 7pm.

BILLS: AFLAC, Insurance, \$298.22; American Welding & Gas, Rental, \$50.25; Jessica Araiza, Ammo, \$57.74; BCN, Service, \$67.07; Big Horn Water, Rental, \$29.50; Biolynceus, Chemicals, \$6,150.59; Bobcat of the Big Horn Basin, Equipment, \$10,576.88; California State Disbursement, Child Support, \$700.00; Carquest, Supplies, \$2,196.34; Caselle, Maintenance & Software, \$5,500.00; Central Wyo Tree, Service, \$500.00; Sean Collins, Refund Bond, \$270.00; Communication Technologies, Service & Part, \$1,309.00; Cummins, Supplies, \$478.67; DPC, Rental, \$50.00; Energy Lab, Service, \$424.00; Engineering Associates, Service, \$11,558.77; Environmental Resource, Supplies, \$96.17; Fastenal, Parts, \$200.36; Ferguson, Parts, \$822.98; Floyd’s Truck Center, Parts, \$45.26; Gottsche, Membership, \$300.00; Great West Trust, Retirement, \$1,480.00; HSC Treasurer, Tax Collection, \$128.57; High Plains Power, Service, \$53.86; Hopper Disposal, Tires, \$1,440.40; HSC, Jail Fees & Phone, \$310.04; HS Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955.00; HSCSD #1, Fuel, \$2,801.09; HSC Public Health, Service, \$15.00; Human Resource Council, Dues, \$10.00; Independent Record, Service, \$647.85; Indoff, Supplies, \$338.69; Inland Truck, Parts, \$3,366.61; Insurance Trust, Premiums, \$42,645.00; Jadeco, Service, \$68.00; Ronald Jurovich, Judge, \$900.00; Kimball Midwest, Supplies, \$240.18; Laird Sanitation, Service, \$75.00; Lanair, Parts, \$137.40; Messenger Law Firm, Service, \$4,918.95; Micro-Comm, Service, \$6,350.00; Mike Mortimore, Service, \$300.00; Murdoch Oil, Fuel, \$1,440.69; Napa, Supplies, \$279.06; NCPERS, Life Ins., \$240.00; Normont, Parts, \$332.85; One Call, Fees, \$12.75; O’Reilly Auto, Parts, \$218.57; Postmaster, Postage, \$480.56; QA Balance, Service, \$196.00; Riverton Tire & Oil, Tires, \$3,290.80; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, \$16,290.34; Rod’s Excavating, Service, \$5,160.00; RT, Service, \$509.37; Scrub Board, Service, \$170.00; Southwestern Equip, Parts, \$129.02; Robert Stehlin, Service, \$416.25; Ted Miller, Service, \$650.00; The Office Shop, Service, \$67.49; Thermopolis Hardware, Supplies, \$762.40; Thermopolis PD, Petty Cash, \$14.14; TOT General, Acct’g & Collection, \$13,000.00; TOT Office, Supplies, \$48.00; TOT, Depreciation & Intergov Water, \$71,115.95; Tractor & Equip, Parts, \$1,170.33; Unum, Life Ins., \$103.93; UPS, Postage, \$18.40; Verizon, Phone, \$185.13; Verizon VSAT, Service, \$50.00; Visa, Supplies, \$752.17; VSP, Insurance, \$408.35; WWQ&PCA, Conference, \$220.00; Ward’s Custom Upholstery, Service, \$350.00; WY Child Support, Child Support, \$175.00; WY Gas, Service, \$400.06; WY Public Health Lab, Postage, \$72.00; WY Retirement, Retirement, \$20,433.52; WY Supreme Court, Fees, \$1,400.00; WY.Com, Service, \$25.00; WY-Test, Testing, \$90.00; Winnie Zeller, Reimbursement, \$366.00; Payroll, \$84,444.51; Payroll Taxes, \$27,066.86.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Mike Chimenti,
Clerk/Treasurer Mayor

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NOTICE OF FINAL PAYMENT

The District Manager of the Hot Springs Conservation District, acting as agent for the Hot Springs Conservation District, has accepted all work as complete according to the Project Agreement set forth in the written Agreement between Bill Meyer and the Hot Springs Conservation District dated the 5th of November, 2020 for the Meyer Well Projects. Bill Meyer is entitled to the final payment therefore, and on the 41st day after the first publication of this notice final payment of the full amount due under the Agreement will be made. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as relieving the Contractor and the Sureties on its bond from any claim or claims for the work or labor done or materials or supplies furnished in the execution of the Agreement. All per-

sons having claims for labor and materials furnished by the Contractor shall present a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid on account of the same to the District prior to the day specified for final payment. Failure on the part of the claimant to file such a statement will relieve the District from any and all liability on such claim.

Sponsor: Hot Springs Conservation District
By: Dara Culp, District Manager
Published: October 8th/22nd 2020
November 5, 2020

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NOTICE OF SALE

A 2004 Dodge 2 door hardtop automobile, VIN 4B3AG52HO4E154636, will be sold at the Sheriff’s Public Auction on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse on November 24, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.. This sale is to satisfy the storage lien as provided in W.S. §31-13-109 abandoned vehicles. The property was abandoned on August 1, 2017. As provided by W.S. §31-13-109, the storage rate is \$20.00 per day for a total of \$24,220.00 together with continuing costs. The claimant is Hot Springs County Hospital District.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTANTIAL
COMPLETION

Notice is hereby given that the State of Wyoming, Department of State Parks & Cultural Resources, has issued a certificate of substantial completion to 71 Construction, for the work performed for the Entrance Renovation Project, at the Hot Springs State Park in Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming. The Department has accepted the work as substantially complete according to the contract and associated documents and therefore the contractor is entitled to payment of the full amount due under the contract, which will occur on December 21, 2020.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission’s (Commission) Rules, notice is hereby given that a public hearing is scheduled regarding Rocky Mountain Power’s (RMP or the Company) Application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company) requesting authority to increase rates on deferred Net Power Costs (NPC) pursuant to Tariff Schedule 95; and to decrease rates pursuant to Tariff Schedule 93, Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) and Sulfur Dioxide (SO2) emission allowances. **The public hearing is set to commence on Tuesday, December 1, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission’s hearing room located at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, in Cheyenne, Wyoming.**

RMP is a public utility as defined in Wyo. Stat. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C), subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 37-2-112.

On April 15, 2020, the Company submitted an Application together with testimony, exhibits and revised tariff sheets requesting authority to revise and change rates pursuant to two different rate schedules: [i] its Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism (ECAM) Tariff Schedule 95, requesting approval to increase rates by \$7.4 million to recover deferred NPC; and, [ii] its REC and SO2 revenue adjustment mechanism (RRA) Tariff Schedule 93, requesting approval to decrease rates by \$604 thousand to reflect the sale of RECs and SO2 emission allowances. The total ECAM deferral from calendar year 2019 was a charge of approximately \$13.9 million, which consists of: [i] deferred ECAM costs after the 30 percent

(30%) sharing band; [ii] accrued interest of approximately \$686 thousand; [iii] a credit of approximately \$17 thousand from the 2018 ECAM; [iv] an decrease of approximately \$16 thousand from the 2019 ECAM; and, [v] a credit of \$100 thousand related to the settlement of the 2017 ECAM.

On June 9, 2020, pursuant to due notice, the Commission approved RMP’s application on an interim basis.

The following table summarizes the proposed price changes by tariff rate schedule. Within each rate schedule, the percentage change to individual customers may be higher or lower than the average due to rate design, customer load factors, and usage characteristics. The combined effect of the 2019 RRA and ECAM in this Application represents an overall proposed rate increase of approximately \$13.9 million or approximately 1.13 percent (1.13%).

Residential	
Schedule 2	0.85%
General Service	
Schedule 25	0.80%
Schedule 28	1.13%
Large General Service	
Schedule 33	1.16%
Schedule 46	1.35%
Schedule 48T	1.22%
Irrigation	
Schedule 40	1.02%
Schedule 210	0.72%
Lighting Schedules	0.45%
Overall	1.13%

All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing which will be conducted in accordance with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act, Wyoming Public Service Commission Rules, **and subject to any applicable national, state or local public health related orders or directives.** All interested persons may appear and be heard, in person, by video or telephone conference, or through counsel appearing in person or by video or telephone conference.

Attend by video conference and actively participate at: meet.google.com/npy-xsew-unh

Attend by telephone and actively participate by dialing:(573) 609-8579 (PIN: 867788546#).

To attend without actively participating dial: (877) 735-7186.

Any updates will be announced at: https://psc.wyo.gov/home/hot-topics.

The number of people in the Commission’s hearing room and auxiliary spaces will be limited to maintain recommended physical distance between individuals. Facemasks will be available at this Public Hearing.

If you wish to attend the hearing and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427 (Voice or TTY) in Cheyenne during regular business hours or write them at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay (TTY) by dialing 711. Please mention Docket No. 20000-582-EM-20 (Record No. 15550) in your correspondence. If you wish to listen to the hearing scheduled in this matter go to https://psc.wyo.gov/calendar/livestream at the appropriate time and follow the instructions to connect to the hearing.

Dated: November 5, 2020.

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