

# Veterans honored by TMS student council

The Thermopolis Middle School Student Council honored those who served in the military for Veterans Day at the Bill Malloy Auditorium on November 11. Three veterans were given quilts of valor recognizing their service and sacrifices. They were Regina Schulmeister, Jim Schwalbe and Jackie Frankson.

The local quilters are Renee Baldes, Terry Anderson, Susan Turnbull, and Tracey Van Huele.

Additionally, other veterans were recognized in a short video series presentation. They were Tyler Cornwell, Babie and Will Robinson, Clay VanAntwerp, and Corporal Kyle Pebbles.

The Quilts of Valor Foundation is a national organization founded in 2003 by "Blue Star" mom Catharine Roberts. With a son deployed in Iraq - a "Gunner" - sitting atop a Humvee - she felt "ten seconds away from panic" twenty-four hours a day. One night, she dreamed of a post-deployment warrior struggling with his war demons at two o'clock in the morning. She saw him sitting on the side of his bed, wrapped in a quilt. The quilt comforted him and fended off the "war demons" that troubled him. From this vision, the Quilts of Valor Foundation began.

This foundation represents one human being reaching out and touching another. The foundation reaches out with acceptance and acknowledgment of service to our nation. The Quilts of Valor Foundation will go wherever some have been touched by war.

One of the students presenting said, "The quilts bring you a three-part message from their hearts: First, we hon-

or you for your service. We honor you for leaving all you hold dear to serve, whether in times of crisis or in times of peace. Next, our quilters know that freedom is not free. The cost of our freedom is the dedication of the lives of men and women like you, and this quilt is meant to say thank you for your sacrifice. And finally, this quilt is meant to offer comfort to you, and to remind you that although your family and friends cannot be with you at all times, you are forever in our thoughts and hearts."

"Quilters believe that as they sew; love, care, and gratitude flows from their hearts, through their hands, into the quilts they make. All of them, as quilters, want you to know that through their quilts, you are forever in their hearts."

Regina Schulmeister was the first veteran recognized. She was originally from Argentina, she came to America in 1998 for more opportunities. In 2001, when 9/11 happened, Schulmeister knew she wanted to join the Navy after this country had given her the opportunities she never had. Schulmeister had learned discipline and order in the navy and was deployed four times. When Schulmeister lived in Argentina, she was a police officer, and even now she remains in the Police Department. Schulmeister encourages young people to join because it gives opportunities to go to college and university. It also allows you to follow the path that you choose. In 2018, Schulmeister was deployed to Lima, Peru. There, she had to coordinate the supply drop-offs to



Jackie Frankson, Jim Schwalbe and Regina Schulmeister wear their Quilts of Valor in recognition and honor for their service in the armed forces.

students. These kids would show up with no shoes and were so excited to get pencils. After Schulmeister had come back from Lima, that deployment made such a huge impact on her life, she realized that she wanted to pursue helping people in need, and never take anything for granted. She says, "We take things for granted more often than we realize, and we should cherish everything we have." This is why Regina continues to help everyone that is in need and still serves in the Navy Reserves to this day. Thank you for your service. The second veteran recognized was Jim Schwalbe. Schwalbe joined the United States Marine Corps in 1962. Schwalbe was deployed to Vietnam in 1965 and served 4.5 years. Schwalbe was a Sergeant Crew Chief gunner on an H34 helicopter. Schwalbe was one of the soldiers that would extract the dead and wounded out of the battle zones. One of his most impactful stories was when the helicopter was shot down outside a small village. The heli-

copter flipped on its side and the blades went through the cockpit, killing both pilots. The impact threw Schwalbe out of the helicopter, but he was able to get the gunner and a sister craft came in and got them out. Schwalbe believes joining the military is an honor and depending on why you join, if you can not subject yourself to superiors and structure, then the military is probably not for you. The third veteran recognized was Jackie Frankson. Frankson was in the United States Navy and served as a Medic Corpsman and was discharged after a 20-year service. She chose to join because she wanted to have a better life for her 3-year-old and herself. Frankson was deployed on 3 tours. She was on 2 medical cruises in the Mediterranean Sea. It was impactful to her by teaching her tough discipline, time management, and finally, she commented that the whole experience of the military and the service was very impactful in her life. The military had an incredible impact on

her civilian life as well because she is a better leader, a better parent, and it gave her insight into how to make smart decisions. The advice Frankson would give those thinking of joining is to see what is out there first before you do anything else.

Additionally, a video series presentation featured Tyler Cornwell, who is currently enlisted in the United States Air Force. Cornwell said, "It was the best decision ever made" to join the Air Force. Cornwell added that his education is completely paid for. Tyler is assigned to Turkey.

Also, Babie and Will Robinson gave their thoughts. Both served in the Air Force, they both were in the dental part of the Air Force. And featured were Leif and Jacque Polson, who served in the Air Force. Jacque was a nurse in the Air Force and Leif was a dentist in the Air Force.

The video continued and presented Clay VanAntwerp, who served on the Navy USS Aircraft carriers. Lastly, the video showed Corporal Kyle Pebbles of the United States Marine Corps. He was deployed twice; once to the Middle East for 8 months and Japan for 6 months.

The Student Council concluded the event by saying, "Veterans Day is a holiday that honors all who have served in the United States Military. Even though Veterans Day happens once a year, we should recognize Veterans' service and their continual sacrifices. To those who have served and are serving to keep this country a safe place. We Thank You."

## Public notices

Hot Springs Conservation District's 2022-2026 Long Range Plan is available for review and comments. It is available on the online at [hotspringsconservation.com](http://hotspringsconservation.com) and in the office at 601 Broadway, Suite A. District office hours are Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. - noon.

Hot Springs County Clerk  
Becky Kersten  
415 Arapahoe  
Thermopolis, WY 82443

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STATE OF ) IN THE  
WYOMING ) DISTRICT COURT  
) ss.

COUNTY OF ) FIFTH JUDICIAL  
HOT SPRINGS ) DISTRICT

Probate No. P21-19

IN THE MATTER OF )  
THE ESTATE OF )  
)  
JO ANN PORTLOCK, )  
)  
Deceased. )

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that on the 18th day of October, 2021, the Last Will and Testament of decedent was admitted to probate by the above-named court, and that JOLINN NISHI was appointed Personal Representative thereof. Any action to set aside the Will shall be filed in the Court within three 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 Jo Ann Portlock, c/o Williams Law Office, 339 Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443, Thermopolis, Wyoming 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 1st day of November, 2021.

Jo Linn Nishi  
Personal Representative

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### COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session November 2, 2021, 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 Pat Cornwell and Town Attorney Mike Messenger.

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

**MINUTES:** Larson made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes from October 5 and 19, 2021.

**BILLS:** Lewis made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the General, Enterprise and Special Fund bills for October 2021.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: MERIANN RUSH: LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE:**

Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the street closures for a lighted Christmas Parade on December 11, 2021.

**TOWN ENGINEER:** Barnett noted two of the three water plant filters had been completed. He also noted the control panel on the water plant boiler will need to be updated.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** Police Chief Cornwell presented the October police report. Cornwell reviewed the "E-Force" grant received by the County, which will replace Spillman software, and a \$54,423.66 Homeland Security grant received by the Town for Call Works software for a second dispatch station. Larson made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to allow the Mayor to sign the grants. Public Works Director Slagle presented the October reports for Streets and Alleys, Water, Wastewater, Sanitation and Landfill departments.

**TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER:** Nothing at this time.

**ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: HEALTH INSURANCE UPDATE:** Crosby noted the renewal was basically a flat renewal, and depending on claims, the Town may have to pay an extra \$10,000/year toward claims. Crosby also spoke about the Rocky Mtn Power planned outage the evening of November 3, 2021.

**MAYOR & COUNCIL:** The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm and the next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 16, 2021, at 7pm.

**BILLS:** A & I, Oil, \$642.49; Aardvark Tactical, Supplies, \$186.50; AFLAC, Insurance, \$226.40; American Welding, Rental, \$57.93; BCN, Service, \$70.45; Big Horn Water, Rental, \$29.50; Big Sky Steel, Metal, \$506.30; Brenntag, Lime, \$11,067.60; Carquest, Supplies, \$1,044.20; Caselle, Maintenance, \$568.00; Dave Loden Construction, Final Pay Estimate \$2,744.25; Dave Maude, Utility Refund, \$134.57; WYDOT, Supplies, \$14.00; Discover Thermopolis, Shipping, \$51.78; DPC, Rental, \$50.00; Energy Labs, Service, \$605.00; Engineering Associates, Service, \$17,501.66; Fastenal, Parts, \$175.82; Four D Double L, Repair, \$489.72; Great West Trust, Retirement, \$1,840.00; HSC Treasurer, Tax Collection, \$87.91; Hach, Supplies, \$662.39; High Plains Power, Service, \$55.38; HSC, Phone, \$91.75; HS Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955.00; HSCSD #1, Fuel, \$3,579.68; Independent Record, Service, \$599.20; Inland Truck, Parts, \$612.09; Insurance Trust, Premiums, \$39,820.00; Jadeco, Service, \$2,303.41; Ronald Jurovich, Judge, \$900.00; Keller Law Firm, Service, \$1,000.00; Koerwitz, Michel, Wright, Audit Fees, \$6,850.00; Laird Sanitation, Service, \$85.00; Laura Leseberg, Reimb. Supplies, \$83.96; Messenger Law Firm, Service, \$4,900.00; Mike Mortimore, Service, \$300.00; Miller Construction, Service, \$9,233.37; Napa, Supplies, \$80.87; Nartec, Supplies, \$188.65; National Band & Tag, Supplies, \$70.63; NCPERS, Life Ins., \$240.00; Norco, Supplies, \$100.80; Office of State Lands, Loan Payment, \$233,426.67; One Call, Fees, \$18.75; O'Reilly, Parts, \$153.94; Postmaster, Postage, \$556.21; Range, Service, \$535.33; Road Runner, Parts, \$279.96; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, \$16,671.98; Scrub Board, Service, \$136.00; Secretary of State, Notary, \$60.00; The Office Shop, Contract, \$46.44; Thermopolis Hardware, Supplies, \$197.03; Thermopolis Petro, Tires, \$650.04; Thermopolis Police Dept., Reimb Fuel & Meals, \$47.90; TOT General, Acct'g & Collection & Streets Labor, \$13,000.00; TOT, Depreciation & Intergov Water, \$70,263.75; Tracey Van Heule, Reimb., \$95.00; Traveling Computer, Supplies, \$499.98; Unum, Life Insurance, \$118.18; Verizon, Phone, \$186.79; Visa, Supplies, \$1,586.83; VSP, Insurance, \$447.43; WW Grainger, Supplies, \$108.72; Wamco Lab, Service, \$180.00; Wyo Child

Support, \$250.00; Workforce Services, Workers Comp., \$2,476.82; Wyoming First Aid, Supplies, \$151.79; WY Gas, Service, \$328.86; WY Public Health Lab, Shipping, \$24.00; WY Retirement, Retirement, \$21,197.59; WY Supreme Court, Fees, \$390.00; WY, Com, Service, \$25.00; Payroll, \$87,425.81; Payroll Taxes, \$28,112.60.

### ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer  
Mike Chimenti, Mayor

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STATE OF ) IN THE  
WYOMING ) DISTRICT COURT  
) ss.

COUNTY OF ) FIFTH JUDICIAL  
HOT SPRINGS ) DISTRICT

Probate No. P21-24

IN THE MATTER OF )  
THE ESTATE OF )  
)  
RALPH LEE ALLEN, )  
also known as )  
RALPH L. ALLEN, )  
)  
Deceased. )

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that on the 5th day of November, 2021, the Last Will and Testament of decedent was admitted to probate by the above-named court, and that REBECCA JANE COKER was appointed Personal Representative thereof. Any action to set aside the Will shall be filed in the Court within three 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 Ralph Lee Allen, c/o Williams Law Office, 339 Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming 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 9th day of November, 2021.

Rebecca Jane Coker  
Personal Representative

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### NOTICE OF SALE

There is a 1985 (Year) Ford (Make) Ranger (Model) with VIN# 1FTBR11S5FUC69388 that will be sold at Sheriff's public auction on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse on Dec. 7, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. This sale is to satisfy abandoned vehicle costs against Steven Edwards (Registered Owner) on the above listed vehicle by Axtell Ranch (Tow Company/Property Owner) in the amount of \$4,700.00.

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