

News briefs from around Wyoming

Gas prices up 20 cents in last week

CHEYENNE (WNE) — Average gasoline prices in Wyoming have risen 20.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.52 per gallon Monday, according to GasBuddy's survey of 494 stations in Wyoming.

Prices in Wyoming are 35.2 cents per gallon higher than a month ago, and stand \$1.46 per gallon higher than a year ago. The price of diesel has risen 11.5 cents nationally in the past week, and stands at \$5.62 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Wyoming was priced at \$4.09 per gallon Sunday, while the most expensive was \$5.69, a difference of \$1.60 per gallon.

Gillette airport traffic up 44% from 2021

GILLETTE (WNE) — Through the first five months of the year, traffic at the Northeast Wyoming Regional Airport is comfortably ahead of the pace set in 2021.

So far this year, 20,152 passengers came through the airport, according to numbers released by the airport.

It's an average monthly mark of 4,030, which is 44% ahead of 2021, which had 14,026 people in the first five months, or 2,805 passengers per month. Last year, the

numbers through the first quarter were very low due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with things not picking up until May.

This past May, there were 4,196 passengers, which is up 12% from the 3,747 in May 2021. Each month this year so far has had more than 3,500 passengers. In 2021, the airport didn't reach that monthly mark until May.

Every month in 2022 has had a substantial increase over its 2021 counterpart. January 2022 was 40% more than January 2021. February showed the highest growth, with numbers 79% ahead of last February.

If things at the airport follow historic trends, the numbers should continue to increase this summer.

June, July and August have been the busiest months at the airport historically. Even in 2021, those three months all were above 5,000 passengers.

Man who tried to run over probation officer sentenced

GILLETTE (WNE) — A Gillette man was sentenced to prison on charges related to trying to run over his probation officer last year, along with multiple drug charges.

Kenneth Myles Powers, 56, was sentenced May 12 to nine to 18 years in prison on charges of probation revocation, two counts of possession with intent to deliver and felony interference with a peace of

ficer, according to court documents.

Both Powers and his roommate, Kenneth Heagy, were arrested in September after police were tipped off to the possibility of drug distribution from the home they lived together in on Laramie Street.

Two tips were made to the Crime Stoppers line indicating that Powers and Heagy had large amounts of drugs and guns in their home.

Powers' parole officer had gotten a similar tip and she called Powers in for a meeting regarding those claims. Although Powers initially denied the allegations, he eventually admitted that there was a gun or guns in a safe in Heagy's room, according to the affidavit.

When the parole officer told Powers the police planned to search his vehicle and home, he stood up and told her that he needed to use the restroom. He refused to sit down after being told to several times.

"Powers walked out of the office and outside. He then began running towards his vehicle, still refusing probation's orders," according to the affidavit.

He got in his vehicle and drove quickly towards the parole officer, who was in the parking lot and continued to tell him to stop. She was able to jump out of the way in time.

Landslide near Dayton not safety concern, WyDOT says

SHERIDAN (WNE) — A spot being monitored for a potential

landslide on U.S. Highway 14 east of Steamboat Point does not pose safety concerns for motorists, according to the Wyoming Department of Transportation.

"We're not concerned about safety," WYDOT Senior Public Relations Specialist Laura Dalles said. "It's something we have been watching for a number of years. Right now, (workers) are up there putting in a potential temporary additional lane, so in the event that the shoulder does slide off, we have a way to divert traffic."

Maintenance crews have been working in the right of way just east of Steamboat Point on the highway above Dayton since May 26.

This work is a preventative measure in the event the roadway gives way to a landslide. WYDOT District 4 maintenance staff and geologists have been watching at mile marker 69.8 for some time.

According to WYDOT geologist James Dahill, landslides are not unique to the stretch of U.S. 14 and happen in other areas of Wyoming. WYDOT began monitoring the site several years ago just below the highway and knew it would move progressively up the terrain toward the highway.

Dahill said the challenge with the Little Tongue River landslide is that US 14 crosses the slide at the waistline, or midpoint, of the slide. This means there is just as much slide-prone material above the road as there is below the roadway. Because of the nature of this geological structure, each year's melting

snowpack and yearly erosion results in the weak shale becoming saturated over time.

Legislature's only Independent rep to retire

Saying "it's time to pass the torch" to a fresh face in the Wyoming Legislature, District 22 State Rep. Jim Roscoe said he will not run for re-election when his term ends at the beginning of 2023.

Roscoe, an independent, will have served eight years in total when his current term expires, though he took a break between 2013 and his return to the Legislature in 2019.

"I just got back from a trip to Norway for a month skiing with my son and it was so much fun, I thought, 'I can't spend another winter in Cheyenne,'" Roscoe, 72, said with a laugh. "But no, I just feel like some young people, you know, some other people, it's time for them to take their turn and there are people willing to do it. And so I just thought it was just time to pass the torch."

Specifically, Roscoe said he is throwing his support behind Bob Strobel, a Jackson businessman and techie who started the "See Jackson Hole" tourism website, among numerous other business ventures.

Roscoe listed a number of achievements from his time in the Legislature as points of pride, including championing the law to ban texting and driving.

Public notices

NOTICE OF SALE

A 1999 Highlander mobile home, VIN HN8409, will be sold at the Sheriff's Public Auction on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse on June 14, 2022 at 11:00 AM. This sale is to satisfy the storage lien provided by W.S.31-13-109. The property was abandoned on August 1, 2017. The lease/rent agreement was \$195 per month. The amount owing as of the date of sale is \$11,505 together with accruing costs and expenses. The claimant is Hot Springs County Hospital District. The last known address of the owner of the mobile home, Deanna A. Sanchez, is 127 East Arapahoe, Thermopolis, Wyoming, on a lot owned by the Hot Springs County Hospital District, 150 East Arapahoe, Thermopolis, WY 82443, the mobile home remains. The owner is deceased: Date of Death, July 3, 2017.

The afore described mobile home appears to have a lien on it as follows: principal amount \$129,184.30, lien dated 10 7-1999 to Green Tree Financial Services, PO Box 1465, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 57102. The mobile home will be sold as is/where is, subject to the Green Tree Financial Services lien. The successful bidder must remove said mobile home from its current location within 10 days of the date of the Certificate of Sale.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that Hot Springs County, Wyoming will receive and accept bids only through QuestCDN.com via their electronic VirtuBid online bid service until 2:00 P.M., local time, June 24, 2022, and a bid opening will be held at the Hot Springs County Clerk's Office at 415 Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming, for MATERIALS, LABOR, SERVICES, TRANSPORTATION & COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOT SPRINGS COUNTY - WEST COTTONWOOD CREEK ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT. The Engineer's opinion of probable construction costs ranges from \$115,000 to \$140,000. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud - date and time stated above. Complete digital copies of the bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com. Submitting Contractors will be required to register with the website to download the bidding documents for \$25 by inputting Quest project # 8217763 on the website's Project search page, if a contractor elects to bid on the project, a \$15 electronic bid package fee will also be assessed by Quest. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. Hot Springs County reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive any informalities if deemed in the best interest of the Owner. No bid may be considered unless accompanied by the required bid guarantee of 5% of the total bid amount which amount shall be forfeited if the bidder is awarded the Contract and fails to enter into a Contract with the Owners. Successful bidder will be required to provide payment and performance bonds in an amount of at least 100% of awarded contract price. A pre-bid meeting will be held onsite at 2:00 P.M. local time, on June 14, 2022 at approximate mile post 2.3 on West Cotton-

wood Creek Road (Hot Springs Co. Road 10).

Dated this 20th day of May, 2022.

/s/ Hot Springs County, Wyoming

Pub. May 26, June 2 & 9, 2022 No. 1115

NOTICE OF RESUMED PROJECT REVIEW

The Hot Springs County Land Use Planning Commission will resume its review of the proposed Red Rim Ranch Subdivision & Land Use Change, consisting of a preliminary plat to subdivide 385 acres into 88 single-family residential lots and a land use change from the Agricultural land use category to the Residential land use category.

The subject property consists of portions of Sections 14, 15, and 23 of Township 42 North, Range 95 West. Fronting on the east side of Lane 12, the north side of Rimrock Drive, and the west side of Hwy. 20 S, the property is located approximately 1.4 miles south of the Town of Thermopolis.

This matter was tabled on May 5th, but will return to the Land Use Planning Commission at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the County Annex Building. Anyone requiring additional information should call the County Planning Office at 864-2961. Those unable to attend are invited to comment in writing to: County Planning, 415 Arapahoe St., Thermopolis, WY 82443, or by e-mail at hscplanner@hscounty.com.

Pub. June 2 & 9, 2022 No. 1118

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

COUNTY OF) FIFTH JUDICIAL
HOT SPRINGS) DISTRICT
FILE NO. 2141

IN THE MATTER OF)
THE OWL CREEK)
IRRIGATION DISTRICT)

OWL CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT ORDER

The Commissioners of the Owl Creek Irrigation District having filed with the Clerk of the District Court of Hot Springs County, Wyoming their REPORT AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2023 for said District, and therein itemizing money to be raised by assessment against lands comprising said District in the amount of \$124,926.84, which is by assessment of \$19.63 per acre against 4,415.07 acres of land in the Lower Area or Lucerne and Dempsey Areas of said District and \$4.12 per acre against 6,059.33 acres of land, more or less, comprising what is commonly known as the Middle Area for said District; and \$4.12 per acre against 3,226.84 acres of land, more or less, comprising what is commonly known as the Upper Area of said District, together with income from other sources for a total proposed budget of \$138,766.84 as revenue, available for operations and all for the purpose of operation and maintenance of exist-

ing facilities, and to meet and pay expenses heretofore incurred and expenses that will hereafter be incurred, and to meet possible delinquencies; and it is, therefore,

ORDERED that on the 20th day of June, 2022, at the hour of 8:30 a.m., before the District Court in the Courtroom of the above-entitled Court at Thermopolis, Wyoming, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, is hereby fixed as the time and place for an examination of said REPORT AND PROPOSED BUDGET, and for the hearing of any objections thereto, and for fixing and determining the actual amount to be raised by assessment against lands within said District for the budget year July 2022 through June 2023, and it is furthermore

ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published at least twice in the Thermopolis Independent Record, prior to said hearing.

DONE AND ORDERED this 24th day of May, 2022.

/s/ Bobbi Overfield
District Court Judge

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NOTICE OF SALE

There is a 2017 Chevrolet Equinox AWD, Silver, VIN# 2GNFLGK1H221590 will be sold at Sheriff's public auction on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse on June 21, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. This sale is to satisfy abandoned vehicle costs against John Paul Baker on the above listed vehicle by Specialty Towing in the amount of \$97.00

Pub. June 2 & 9, 2022 No. 1120

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 **McGarvin-Moberly Construction**, The Contractor, on Highway Project Number **B205036 & B205A01 in Hot Springs and Washakie Counties**, consisting of **milling plant mix and bituminous pavement surfacing and miscellaneous work**, 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 **July 13, 2022**.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is **June 2, 2022**.

STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING

Pam Fredrick
Senior Budget Analyst

Budget Program

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Notice

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners is asking Hot Springs County Residents to apply to serve on the following Hot Springs County Boards and Committee:

<u>Library Board,</u>	Two Members
<u>Three (3) year term</u>	
<u>Museum Board,</u>	Two Members
<u>Three (3) year term</u>	

***All of the above positions begin July 1st, 2022

Residents of Hot Springs County interested in applying to serve on a Board or position should submit their County Board Application (available on the County website www.hscounty.com or at the County Clerk's Office) to the Hot Springs County Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, June 17, 2022.

All Applications will be considered and appointments made at the Hot Springs County Commissioners Meeting June 21, 2022

Becky Kersten
Hot Springs County Clerk

Pub. June 9 & 16, 2022 No. 1123

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town of Thermopolis will hold a public hearing for the adoption of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at the Council Chambers in Town Hall. Copies of the proposed budget may be obtained at the Town Hall, 420 Broadway Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming.

PROPOSED FY 2022-2023 BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS Revenues:

General Fund	\$2,894,350*
Enterprise Fund	\$3,346,400**
Ent. Fund - Depr. Reserve	
(Cash & Ent Fund Rev)	\$3,966,500
Insurance Trust Fund	\$ 483,100
Nicholson & Other Trust	
Fund	\$ 5,750***
Revolving Loan Fund	\$ 500

*Includes \$1,115,930 cash carryover. ** Includes \$336,000 transfer.*** Includes \$5,000 cash carryover.

Expenditures:

General Fund	\$4,010,280*
Enterprise Fund - 100%	
Depreciation	\$2,978,230
Enterprise Fund - Capital	
Outlay	\$3,966,500
Insurance Trust Fund	\$ 483,100
Nicholson Trust Fund	\$ 5,750
Revolving Loan Fund	\$ 500

*Includes a cash reserve of \$100,000.

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