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said the succession planning started in December. Dorman has no plans of leaving her position, they are trying to prepare for whenever a transition might come. Dorman added that she gave all the information to Amber Powers who is guiding the process. This includes their procedures and policies

all written down and making sure they were all up-to-date. The Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center has new hours. They are open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The next chamber meeting will be on February 9 at Big Horn Federal.

Lifeline

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“I believe that it’s clearly evident that the issue of suicide is spiritual in nature,” she testified. “If a family that loves a child more than anything, and you can’t describe it—if you are not able to save your child, how can you possibly believe that a government program can? No state agency can heal a broken, wounded spirit.”

She said people should look at the many failed government programs, the war on drugs or the Department of Family Services in order to see that “government can never be the solution to issues of the heart.”

Ide said it would be far better for private, faith-based organizations to lead the efforts to prevent suicide, and she wasn’t alone.

Newly elected Rep. Bill Al- lemand, R-Midwest, described his own encounter with a young woman who died by sui- cide and said her friend on the phone couldn’t save her.

“I don’t see how this bill is going to help us,” he said. “It’s going to cost us money. If I thought it would help one little bit, I would say, ‘Yeah, let’s double it.’”

Emotional stories came from both sides of the argu- ment.

Former Rep. Pat Swee- ney reflected on the loss of his brother and friends over the years; Cheyenne resi- dent Richard Garrett said he was devastated by his sister’s death by suicide; and Donna Birkholz said the passing of a community member inspired her involvement with the Wy- oming Chapter of the Amer- ican Foundation for Suicide Prevention board.

The three stakeholders testified on behalf of the sui- cide prevention bill, alongside many other mental health care advocates. They said hav- ing a Wyomingite answer the phone, provide local services or even track down a resident in crisis was worth establishing the trust fund.

“We’re working so hard, but we need help. Obviously, with Wyoming as the number one per-capita suicide rate state in the nation, we need more than we’re getting,” Birkholz said. “What we’re asking today is that the Legislature really pass this bill and begin work- ing more toward strengthen-

ing 988 in the state of Wyo- ming.”

When it came to the trust fund, there were those who looked to other investments funded by the state. Rob Hend- ry, vice chairman of the Wy- oming Business Alliance and the Heritage Foundation, asked legislators if there is a trust fund for wildlife, why couldn’t there be one set up for people in crisis?

In the end, the bill was pushed forward by the House Revenue Committee on to gen- eral file. It will be considered by the full House of Represen- tatives in the coming days, and the chamber will have the op- portunity to debate the future of funding for the program.

“I know a lot of people have worked hard on this,” said committee member Rep. Liz Storer, D-Jackson, before the vote. “If the supposition is that the government doesn’t have a role to play in keeping and improving people’s lives in Wyoming, and supporting the common good, and making a difference, and even in saving a life, as happens quite often in my county, then we should all just go home now.”



photo by Abby Mead

Going up

Brody Welch takes a shot while Bobcats, l to r, Jordan Garrison, Hayden Johnson and Anthony Cheatham look on during the evening game against Cody last Thursday.

TMS boys basketball season starts

by Tatum Epperson

The Thermopolis Middle School eighth grade boys basketball teams kicked off their season with two games this past week.

Starting off, the B team traveled to Worland on Tuesday, and the A and B teams hosted Cody at home on Thursday. Since the game on the road to Worland was a B only game, the team was able to get some good minutes for some of the players that have been working hard on their develop- ment. “Overall, we played fairly well for the first game of the season and came out with a win in OT” stated Coach Ryan Shaf- fer. Final score was Thermopolis with the win, 38-41.

Thursday, TMS hosted Cody for home games. For the A team, coach Shaffer said, “This was a great start of the season for us as we started the game with some strong quarters. We were able to work on a lot of our pressure defense and scoring through- out the game and see what needed to be addressed for the games to follow.” With Buckner and Cheatham down low, we had

much stronger presence in the paint open- ing up way for Welch to sneak in there and grab a few offensive rebounds. We had sev- en different players score out of the nine on the team. Overall, a great win for us and a great start to the season.”

High scoring players of the game: Welch 14 points and Simeral with 13. Final score was 46-42 for the Thermopolis win.

For the B team game, coach Shaffer said, “After opening with an OT win against Worland, our defense gave up a little more than we wanted. Going down in the first, we fought back to get the lead just before halftime. Although we couldn’t finish it the way we wanted, I was very impressed with our offense and how many were able to find a basket. We had 10 different players score and many got some good minutes that they used to improve their skills.”

High scoring players of the game:- Cheatham with 6 points and Johnson/Mar- tinez with 5 points. Final score, 32-42 Cody.

The teams will be playing in Lovell and Worland this week.

Public notices

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER)
OF THE ESTATE)
) Probate No. 22-14
OF)

ROBERT LOUIS SCHROEDER,)
)
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Todd Schroeder has made *Application for a Decree of Summary Distribution of Property* to the above Court as provided in Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 2-1-205 for a *Decree of Distribution* in the above-captioned matter establishing rights to title to the following described real prop- erty located in Hot Springs County, Wyoming:

The North 45 feet of Lots 22, 23, and 24, Block 5, McManigal's Addition to the Town of Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming.

Said *Application for a Decree of Summary Distribution of Property* is filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District at the Hot Springs County, Wyoming, Courthouse, and any dispute as to the facts as presented in that *Application for a Decree of Summary Distribution of Prop- erty* should be filed within thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication hereof, at which time the real property of decedent described above and located in Hot Springs County, Wyoming, will be set over to the Es- tate of Robert Louis Schroeder.

DATED this 10th day of January 2023.

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NOTICE AND ORDER SETTING PUBLIC HEARING

1. Pursuant to the Wyoming Adminis- trative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission’s (Commis- sion) Rules, notice is hereby given that a public hearing is scheduled regarding Rocky Mountain Power’s (RMP or the Company) Application for certificates of public convenience and necessity for the Rock Creek I and Rock Creek II wind projects and the associated transmission infrastructure for interconnection. **The public hearing is set to commence on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission’s hearing room located at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, in Cheyenne, Wyoming.**

2. RMP is a division of PacifiCorp, an Oregon corporation, engaged in the busi- ness of supplying electric utility service to customers throughout its six-state service territory, including Wyoming. RMP is a

public utility, subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction. (Wyo. Stat. §§ 37-1-101(a)(vi) (C) and 37-2-112).

3. On August 10, 2022, RMP filed the Ap- plication requesting CPCNs to: [i] acquire wind turbines and associated infrastruc- ture for the Rock Creek I wind project, a new 190-megawatt wind energy facility; [ii] acquire wind turbines and associated infrastructure for the Rock Creek II wind project, a new 400-megawatt wind energy facility; [iii] construct upgrades to portions of its transmission system to interconnect the Rock Creek I and II wind projects.

4. On August 23, 2022, the Wyoming In- dustrial Energy Consumers submitted a *Petition to Intervene and Request for Hear- ing*, which the Commission then granted via *Order* issued on September 2, 2022.

5. The Company’s proposed Rock Creek I and Rock Creek II facilities are located in Carbon County and Albany County, Wyom- ington, East of the town of Arlington and South of the town of Rock River. The fa- cilities are sited in the drainages of Cooper Creek and Four Mile Creek, which encom- pass Diamond Reservoir, King Reservoir Number 1, and Dutton Creek Reservoir, to the North of Interstate Highway 80. The proposed wind facilities each consist of: [i] wind turbine generators and tower structures; [ii] an electrical collector sys- tem; [iii] a collector substation; [iv] access roads; [v] wind turbine generator founda- tions with base pads; [vi] an operation and maintenance building; [vii] communica- tion equipment; [viii] a supervisory control and operating status data acquisition con- trol system; [ix] main power transformers; [x] meteorological evaluation towers; and [xi] 230-kilovolt transmission lines from the wind facilities to existing substations.

6. The Company proposes to intercon- nect the Rock Creek I facility via an ap- proximately 9-mile, 230-kilovolt transmis- sion line beginning at the wind facility’s new collector substation and running gen- erally northwest to the Company’s Foote Creek substation located approximately three miles north of Arlington, Wyoming. The Company proposes to interconnect the Rock Creek II facility via an approximate- ly 38-mile, 230-kilovolt transmission line beginning at the wind facility’s new col- lector substation and running generally north/northwest to the Company’s Aeolus substation located approximately 11 miles northwest of Medicine Bow.

7. The Company also proposes to con- struct upgrades to portions of its trans- mission system to interconnect the Rock Creek I and Rock Creek II wind facilities consisting of: [i] expansion of the existing Foote Creek substation; [ii] expansion of the existing Freezeout substation locat- ed approximately 10 miles northwest of Medicine Bow, Wyoming; [iii] expansion of the existing Aeolus substation; and [iv] construction of approximately 3.5 miles of 230-kilovolt transmission line from the Aeolus substation to the Freezeout sub- station.

8. The Company states the proposed wind projects are necessary resource ad- ditions, designed to fill short and long-

term resource need, were selected as the least-cost, least-risk resources to meet the Company’s resource need, reduce the Company’s reliance on market purchases to meet load and are critical to ensure re- source adequacy in the region. The Com- pany estimates construction to begin in 2023, Rock Creek I to be in service in De- cember 2024 and Rock Creek II to be in service in September 2025. The Company states the total cost of the wind projects and associated transmission system up- grades is expected to exceed one billion dollars. RMP states it intends to finance the proposed projects through its normal internal and external sources of capital.

9. 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. All in- terested 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 Zoom Meeting and actively participate at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89210180029>

Or by dialing: 1 669 444 9171 or 1 719 359 4580; **Meeting ID:** 892 1018 0029

10. If you wish to attend the hearing and you require reasonable accommoda- tion for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427 (Voice or TTY) in Cheyenne during regular busi- ness hours or write them at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Commu- nications impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay (TTY) by dialing 711. Please men- tion Docket No. 20000-623-EN-22 in your correspondence.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having occurred and all prerequi- sites to foreclosure having been met, notice is hereby given that the mortgage given by Michael Lee Farmer and Vivian Ann Farm- er, husband and wife, mortgagors, in favor of Shoshone First Bank, mortgagee, dated December 13, 2005, recorded December 13, 2005, in Micro Book 115, at Page 983, in the Official Records of the Office of the Clerk of Hot Springs County, Wyoming, given to se- cure payment of a note in the original amount of Sixty Eight Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$68,000.00). Said note and mortgage were assigned to the Wyoming Community De- velopment Authority by Assignment dated December 13, 2005, and recorded December 27, 2005, in Micro Book 116, at page 223, in the Official Records of the Office of the Clerk of Hot Springs County, Wyoming. The past amount due as of January 5, 2023, is Four Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Eight Dollars and 51/100 (\$4,668.51), plus accruing inter- est, fees and costs, and the amount due as of January 5, 2023, is Forty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Four Dollars and 80/100 (\$47,374.80), plus accruing inter- est, fees and costs. Said mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of default

the owner of the Note and Mortgage de- clares to have become operative and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof, nor has any such suit or proceeding been instituted and the same discontinued. Written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten days prior to the commencement of this publication. *The property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale and any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting the bid.*

Therefore, said mortgage will be fore- closed by sale of the following described real property located in Hot Springs County, Wyoming, described as:

THE WEST 20 FEET OF LOT 3 AND ALL OF LOT 4, IN BLOCK 55, OF RYAN'S AD- DITION TO THE TOWN OF THERMOPO- LIS, HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING. ALSO

A STRIP OF LAND AND PORTION OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE EAST TEN FEET OF LOT 3, BLOCK 55, RYAN'S AD- DITION TO THE TOWN OF THERMO- POLIS, HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYO- MING, ALSO BEING THAT PORTION THEREOF LYING WEST OF THE EAST FACE OF THE EXISTING 6-INCH WIDE, 10-INCH HIGH, CONCRETE WALL; TO WIT, BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID BLOCK 55 (AND LOT 1 THEREOF); THENCE N. 88°49'09" W., ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK, A DISTANCE OF 70.01 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF AFORE- MENTIONED PORTION OF SAID LOT 3, THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE S. 1°13'48" W., A DISTANCE OF 70.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST COR- NER OF AFOREMENTIONED PORTION OF SAID LOT 3; THENCE S. 88°48'18" E., ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF AFORE- MENTIONED PORTION OF SAID LOT 3, A DISTANCE OF 1.60 FEET, MORE OR LESS; THENCE N. 1°28'32" E., ALONG THE EAST FACE OF SAID CONCRETE WALL, A DISTANCE OF 70.00 FEET; THENCE N. 88°49'09" W., A DISTANCE OF 1.90 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING AS PRE- VIOUSLY RECITED.

which has the address of 525 Ryan Av- enue, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443, to be sold by public auction by the Sheriff to the highest bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. on February 14, 2023, at the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse, 417 Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443. The sale will take place only if a representative of the Wyoming Commu- nity Development Authority, or its agent, is present.

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