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Champions!

Bobcat Speech and Debate team members celebrating their win are, left to right, Chris Bapst, Dean Bihr, Julia Quintanilla, Brison Steere, Ivey Goff, Rosalie Willson, Jackson Coates, Kiesha Kraushaar, Annalyn Sharp, Brendan Butler, Luci Andreen, Hayden Franklin, Aubriana Layman, Riley Crowder and Kassidee Chavez.

Speech and debate brings home title

The Hot Springs Speech and Debate team captured the 1A/2A Champion title at the Big Horn Speech and Debate Tournament held at Big Horn High School on January 26-27. The Bobcats brought 15 students to compete in the tournament that hosted 10 schools including large teams from South Dakota.

Bobcats celebrated numerous individual tournament champions at the tournament. Seniors Ivey Goff and Brison Steere impressed with their first place title in Duo Interpretation, and Goff was also named tournament champion in Humorous Interpretation. Additionally, sophomore Dean Bihr captured the champion plaque for Congressional Debate in a heavily populated field.

Senior Julia Quintanilla completed another strong tournament with second place finishes in both Poetry Interpretation and Program Oral Interpretation. Fellow senior Chris Bapst also logged an excellent tournament with a sixth place finish in Congressional Debate and a third place effort with partner and junior Brendan Butler in Duo Interpretation. Butler added a sixth place rank in Humorous Interpretation.

Junior Rosalie Willson impressed in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, finishing in fifth place and sporting a 3-2 record. Bihr also debated well, ending in seventh place in LD. Willson added to her spirited competition with a third place finish in Program Oral Interpretation and a ninth place finish in Informative Speaking. Freshman Annalyn Sharp also placed in Program Oral Interpretation, landing in fourth place.

Junior Kiesha Kraushaar kept audiences laughing, placing third in Humor-

ous Interpretation. Kraushaar also took fourth place in Dramatic Interpretation. Sophomore Kassidee Chavez placed fifth in Dramatic Interpretation in her first competition of the season.

Freshmen partners, Aubriana Layman and Hayden Franklin, concluded competition in seventh place in Duo Interpretation. Layman captured eighth place in Poetry Interpretation, while Franklin took third place in Dramatic Interpretation. Sophomore Luci Andreen added to the team success with a tenth place finish in Poetry Interpretation, and freshman Jackson Coates landed fourth in Humorous Interpretation. Freshman Riley Crowder, who continues to improve in Original Oratory, ended in fifteenth place.

In his sixth year as head coach, Lyle Wiley praised his team’s efforts. “The team is really coming together, working hard every week, and embracing the learning process. I see so much learning and growth happening with our team every week, and I’m so proud of them all,” said Wiley.

In agreement with Wiley, assistant coach Riley Jeffs said, “Trophies may not be the main reason for doing this, but it sure was fun watching team members happy dance on stage after so much hard work. Everyone keeps improving across the board.” Assistant coach Grace Martin added, “The kids did a wonderful job at the tournament. They had great attitudes and it paid off. I can’t wait to see what they do at Jackson.”

Next up, the Bobcats will be competing at the Jackson Teton Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament at Jackson Hole High School on February 2-3.

Tourism

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ing the various statements due to the date ranges from both their account and the bank. Chairman Carl Leyba and the board reviewed their ledger for any concerns. The board voted and passed approval of their financial report.

In old business, the board discussed their digital sign project where they are still working on discerning the owner of a certain property for the sign’s placement. No action was taken.

In new business, guest via Zoom Jim Wollenburg of the Wyoming Office of Tourism presented information about the February 25-27 Cheyenne Tourism Conference. The board and Wollenburg

discussed the possibility of visiting with legislators at the conference and inviting other legislators to participate. The board also discussed being aware of any potential bills that would change the state’s budgets regarding tourism.

Meri Ann Dorman presented a request for a letter of support on behalf of the HSC Shooting Complex Committee and presented a request for a letter of support from the mayor and council regarding their application and proposal to the Wyoming Task Force. The state has budgeted \$10 million to budget a world class shooting complex. The board voted and passed the approval to provide the letter

of support.

In open discussion, Dorman also noted that she learned there are 74 vacation rentals in Hot Springs County at this time and proposed to have some tourism binders to be given to property owners. These binders could be used for tourists to learn about what the county features, such as restaurants, activities, and other interests. Dorman also suggested providing a QR code that short-term tenants could use to access up-to-date information about current events or resources the county provides.

The next Hot Springs County Travel and Tourism board meeting will be on February 21 at the Quality Inn.

Wrestlers compete at Spearfish

Members of the Thermopolis Wrestling team attended the Spearfish King of the Hills tournament last weekend.

Results include: Tots 40A - Tytus Bowker, 2nd, 21 points. Quarterfinal - Bowker won by fall, 2:35, over Kilian Benne (Westside Raider); Semifinal - Bowker won by major decision, 12-2, over Everett Berglund (Sturgis); 1st Place Match - Hudson Bunkowske (Westside Raider) won by tech fall, 16-1, over Bowker

Bantam 40 - Erik Polson, 2nd, 11.5 team points. Round 1 - Easton Galbraith (Spearfish) won by fall, 1:48,

over Polson; Round 2 - Polson won by fall, 0:34, over Ruger Walden (Newcastle Fall Guys); Round 3 - Polson won by fall, 1:16, over Nora Hodge (Belle Fourche Broncos); Round 5 - Polson won by tech fall, 19-4, over Carson Williams (Broadus)

Bantam 55A - Nash Bowker, 1st, 25 points. Quarterfinal - Bowker won by major decision, 17-3, over Wyatt Kokesch (Upton Mat Cats); Semifinal - Bowker won by fall, 2:46, over Samuel Hovda (Lemmon/McIntosh Cowboys); 1st Place Match - Bowker won by decision, 9-4, over Witten Cleveringa (Lead-Deadwood)

Novice 65 - Aksel Polson, 2nd, 20 points. Quarterfinal - Polson won by fall,

1:01, over Kyler Holst (Sturgis); Semifinal - Polson won by fall, 2:04, over Robert Rogers (Newcastle Fall Guys); 1st Place Match - Jason Deatherage (Custer) won by decision, 11-6, over Polson

Novice 70 - Aksel Polson, 3rd, 21.5 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Polson won by fall, 2:27, over Ian Sense (Bowman County Dawg Club); Quarterfinal - Polson won by tech fall, 19-4, over Landon Swaney (Belle Fourche); Semifinal - Aspen Frasier (Westside Raider) won by fall, 2:17, over Polson; Cons. Semi - Polson won by fall, 0:23, over Ian Sense (Bowman County Dawg Club); 3rd Place Match - Polson won by fall, 3:57, over Micah Dyer (Hot Springs Youth)



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Basketball victory

The 6th grade boys traveling basketball team competed in the Wind River Rumble in Lander on Sunday afternoon. They played back to back games and won the division with a 51-25 victory over 2030 (Rock Springs), followed by a 54-33 win over the Whistle Arrows. Celebrating are, left to right, coach Matt McPhie, Logan Stewart, Cameron Martinez, Soren Webber, Braxton Egger, Bo DaFoe, Lincoln McPhie, Oliver Strenger and Hoyt Peil.

Public notices

Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality PUBLIC NOTICE: In accordance with Chapter 6, Section 2(m) of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations, notice is hereby given that the State of Wyoming, Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality, proposes to approve a request by Merit Energy Company (CMP000499) to modify and operate the Hamilton Dome Battery #4 (F000760) with the addition of production from nearby tank batteries, with one vapor recovery unit to control volatile organic compound and hazardous air pollutant emissions associated with the oil tanks, active produced water tanks, heater treater gas and free water knockout gas, located in the NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 14, T44N, R98W, approximately twelve (12) miles south-southeast of Grass Creek, in Hot Springs County, Wyoming.

For the duration of the public comment period, the permit application, the agency’s analysis, and the public notice are available for public inspection online at <https://openair.wyo.gov>, utilizing facility ID F000760 and permit number P0036229 under permits. This material may also be viewed online, at the above URL, utilizing a public computer at the Hot Springs County Library, Thermopolis, Wyoming. Additionally, for the duration of the public comment period a copy of this public notice is available for public inspection at the Hot Springs County Clerk’s Office, Thermopolis, Wyoming.

Written comments may be directed to Nancy Vehr, Administrator, Division of Air Quality, Department of Environmental Quality, 200 West 17th St., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002 or by fax (307) 635-1784. Please reference A0014495 in your comment. Comments may also be submitted electronically through the Division’s website (<http://aq.wyomingdeq.commentinput.com>). Comments submitted by email will not be included in the administrative record. All comments received by 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 4, 2024 will be considered in the final determination on this application. A public hearing will be conducted only if in the opinion of the administrator sufficient interest is generated or if an aggrieved party so requests. Para español, visite deq.wyoming.gov. Americans with Disabilities Act: special assistance or alternative formats will be made available upon request for individuals with disabilities. Please provide at least fourteen (14) days before the close of the public comment period for such requests.

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Notice		
The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners is asking County Residents to apply to serve on the Big Horn Basin Nature & Discovery Center Joint Powers Board, <u>one position is open to fill an unexpired term due to resignation</u> . The open position is appointed by both the County and Town and an application needs to be submitted with both entities.		
Residents of Hot Springs County interested in applying to serve on this Board should submit a 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 <u>no later than 5:00 p.m. Thursday, February 15, 2024</u> . Applications will be considered and appointments made at the Hot Springs County Commissioners meeting February 20, 2024.		
Becky Kersten Hot Springs County Clerk		
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Notice of application for 2024-2025 Liquor License Renewals.		
Notice is hereby given that on the dates given, the following applications were received for liquor license renewals. RETAIL: OEB LLC, 528 Broadway St., January 18, 2024; 7 Lazy S Café & Bar LLC, 109 S. 6th, January 17, 2024; Compass Realty Group/ Thermopolis Liquors, 615 S. 6th, January 23, 2024; Mack’s Market Inc., 600 S. 6th, December 18, 2023; OEB Saloon, LLC, 500 S. 6th, January 18, 2024; Grand Cru Enterprises LLC, 735 S 6th, December 18, 2023; Maverik Inc., 425 S. 6th, January 17, 2024; Big Spring Spa LLC/Safari Club, 115 E. Park, January 24, 2024. BAR & GRILL: OEB LLC/One Eyed Buffalo Brewing Co., 528 Broadway, January 18, 2024; Lopez, Inc., Los Cabos, 942 Shoshoni, January 11, 2024. MICROBREWERY: OEB LLC/One Eyed Buffalo Brewing Co., 528 Broadway, January 18, 2024. LIMITED RETAIL: VFW Post #2281, 302 Broadway, January 18, 2024. Protest, if there be any, against issuance of any of these licenses, will be heard at the hour of 7:00 p.m., February 20, 2024, at the Thermopolis Town Hall, 420 Broadway.		
Tracey Van Heule, Thermopolis Town Clerk		
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NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION		
You, ZACHARY T.R. ANDERSON and VICTORIA E.L. ANDERSON, are hereby notified that Dan. O. Caldwell III has filed a complaint for Quiet Title against you in the Fifth Judicial District Court in Hot Springs County, Wyoming, titled <i>Dan O. Caldwell III, Plaintiff vs. Zachary T.R. Anderson and Victoria E.L. Anderson, Defendants</i> , Civil Action No. CV 23-51 on the 13th day of November, 2023. You are further notified that pursuant to Rule 4, WRCP you have thirty (30) days from the date of the last publication within which to answer or otherwise plead to the complaint, failing which judgment by default may be taken against you.		
Kris McNeff Clerk of District Court		
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Warrants List		
The following list of warrants approved January 18, 2024, by HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT is hereby published as required by the Wyoming Education Code of 2005, as amended, Chapter 3, Section 21-3-110 (a)(ii).		
COAL CREEK LAW	\$650.80	
LISA BOMENGEN	\$670.00	
WEX	\$734.47	
D & A CONSTRUCTION INC	\$759.00	
WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	\$797.00	
THERMOPOLIS INDEPENDENT RECORD INC	\$942.75	
LONG BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES INC	\$966.25	
THE OFFICE SHOP	\$1,176.96	
CEV MULTIMEDIA	\$1,200.00	
JULIA’S RENTAL SALES & SERVICE	\$1,210.73	
HASCO INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	\$1,212.68	
KIMBERLY JONES	\$1,259.00	
JADECO, INC.	\$1,274.08	
BSN SPORTS LLC	\$1,913.90	
WORLD’S FINEST CHOCOLATE, INC	\$1,920.00	
NICOLE GOODRICH	\$2,000.00	
RYTE REHABILITATION CONSORTIUM OF STATE SCHOOL BOARDS	\$2,380.00	
OFFICE SHOP LEASING	\$2,463.89	
ANNE BENBOE	\$2,744.00	
AMAZON	\$2,803.04	
TRAVEL WRIGHT, INC	\$3,078.40	

WYO TEE’S	\$3,089.53
ANN DELAY	\$3,591.00
TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS	\$3,626.20
COWBOY SUPPLY HOUSE	\$3,795.60
PITNEY BOWES	\$4,000.00
GRAINGER	\$4,983.68
BLOEDORN LUMBER - WORLAND	\$5,100.42
MARZANO RESEARCH LLC	\$6,710.00
CURRENT ELECTRIC FACILITY ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, PC	\$10,029.30
SYSCO	\$10,500.00
WYO GAS	\$10,825.73
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER	\$13,106.41
HOMAX OIL SALES, INC	\$16,609.73
BANK OF MONTREAL	\$27,883.81
NORTHWEST WYOMING BOCES	\$31,657.14
	\$49,160.00
	\$239,181.07
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Request for Proposals (RFP) Hospital Clinic Addition and Renovation		
Requested by:		
Hot Springs County Hospital District 150 E Arapahoe Street Thermopolis, WY 82443 307-864-3121		
Hot Springs County Hospital District hereby invites interested firms (Professional Service Providers) to submit a response to this Request for Proposals (RFP) for General Contractor services in support of a hospital clinic addition located in Thermopolis, WY. It is intended that this project will be limited to the construction portion only. The purpose of this RFP is to assist with our selection of a General Contracting firm via written submittal. Based upon the proposals received, HSCHD will invite a “short list” of respondents to make presentations to determine final selection. To request the complete RFP and construction documents, please contact:		
Scott Alwin, CEO Hot Springs Health scott.alwin@mail.hscmh.org		
Proposals must be received at Hot Springs Health, 150 E. Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis, WY 82443 by March 1, 2024, 4:00 PM MST .		
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