

Bobcat speech team earns second place at Riverside tourney

The Hot Springs Speech and Debate team finished in second place in 1A/2A at the first ever Riverside Jurassic Classic Speech Tournament held at Riverside High School in Basin on January 18. Coaches Lyle Wiley, Alyssa Brown, Riley Jeffs, Markie Whitney, and Tyler Kay traveled with a team of 10 Bobcats to compete with 9 teams and over 120 entries.

The one-day Riverside tournament excluded debate events, so Bobcat debaters had a weekend to focus on interpretative and platform events. The only debate event held at the tournament was the hybrid-debate event, Congressional Debate. Led by junior Dean Bihr and freshman Clayton Keller, the Congress competitors performed well at the tournament. Bihr placed fifth in Congress overall, while Keller finished sixth. Junior Luci Andreen took ninth place, while freshman Rylee Simpson, Sophomore Aubriana Layman, and Sophomore Annalyn Sharp tied for eleventh place in Congress.

Senior Kiesha Kraushaar continued her strong start to her last season with a second place finish in Dramatic In-

terpretation. Kraushaar also finished seventh in Informative Speaking, while sophomore Riley Crowder took eleventh in Informative Speaking.

The tournament was a chance for some competitors to try out some newly cut pieces and created material. In Original Oratory, Sharp performed her piece for the first time and placed fifth overall. In Program Oral Interpretation, sophomore Hayden Franklin broke into Finals and took sixth place in her first ever performances of her piece, while Andreen finished right behind Franklin in seventh place. Franklin and Layman also tried out their Duo Interpretation piece for the first time, placing ninth in the competitive event.

In other interpretive events, Franklin broke into finals in Poetry and earned fifth place, while Layman's Poetry piece took twelfth place overall. Sophomore Jackson Coates once again broke into Finals in Humorous Interpretation and finished fifth.

Bihr, who had another strong tournament, broke into Finals in Impromptu Speaking, taking third place in a large

competitive group. Bihr also finished in third place in Extemporaneous Speaking.

Head Coach Lyle Wiley continues to praise the efforts of his young team. "It's been an exciting year so far with this young and motivated squad," said Wiley. "Every student is a supportive teammate who works hard to help each other, and I'm excited about all the learning and improvement that we are seeing from our Cats," he added.

The team is blessed to have a number of volunteer coaches and community members who assist the team with case-work and improving performances. Riley Jeffs, a volunteer Assistant who has contributed a lot of help and positivity over the last couple seasons, commented on the tournament. Jeffs said, "The team keeps building on their skills. And more importantly, at this tournament, they had a good time. It's particularly cool watching this year's freshman grow. I'm excited to see how the rest of the season goes."

Next for the Bobcats is the large, two-day Riverton Speech and Debate Tournament at Riverton High School on January 24-25, 2025.

Thermopolis Wrestling Club members kick off their season

Last Saturday, 22 member of the Thermopolis Wrestling Club attended the Rocky Mountain Nationals Wild West Championship Tournament at the Ford Wyoming Center in Casper. The tournament brought 114 teams and over 1,200 wrestlers from surrounding states. Thermopolis Wrestling Club finished 5th in team standings with 269 points behind the Green River Grapplers, Casper Eastside Unit-

ed, and the Colorado teams of Bear Cave and Pomona Elite. Six wrestlers brought home Championships: Carter Enis (6U, 49 lbs), Hailey Robinson (15U, 88lbs), Hayden Robinson (12U, 80 lbs), Kade Enis (12U, 146 lbs), Kylie Geis (12U, 130 lbs), and Rylee Enis (8U, 58 lbs). Runners up were Cheston Kimes (11U, 82 lbs), Gabe Ryan (10U, 65 lbs), Roxy White (10U, 64 lbs and

10U, 72 lbs), Briar Lahoe (15U, 123 lbs) and Tanner Myers (12U, 98 lbs). Third place winners were: Aksel Polson (11U, 70 lbs), Fletcher Lewis (10U, 65 lbs), Holden Loden (8U, HWT), Kylie Geis (15U, 130 lbs), and Nash Bowker (8U, 58 lbs). Other team members earning top 6 places were: Aksel Polson, 5th place (12U, 70 lbs), Gabe Ryan, 4th place (11U, 66 lbs), Halen Lahoe,

4th place (9U, 69 lbs), Kade Enis 4th (12U, 146 lbs), Trenton Enis (12U, 114 lbs). On Sunday, several members of the team wrestled at The Summit at 5150 in Casper. Results include: 6U 48-51A - Carter Enis, 1st, 18 points; 6U 48-51B - Cooper ORourke, 2nd, 14 points; 8U 43 - Konnor Simpson, 2nd; 8U 45 - Erik Molson, 1st, 8.5

points; 8U 53 - Greyson Hill, 4th, 15 points; 10U 93 - Holden Loden, 1st, 25 points; 12U 74 - Aksel Poison, 1st, 27 points; 12U 98 - Joshua Haddix, 4th, 10 points; 12U 160 - Kade Enis, 1st, 6 points; Girls 10U 50-55 - Cooper Enis, 1st, 20 points

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on January 5, 2025, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Adam Estenson, Council members Tony Larson, John Dorman Sr., Rachel Hughes, and Dusty Lewis. Also present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Jim Jeunehomme, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Police Chief Pat Cornwell, Public Works Director Basil Sorensen, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett and Town Attorney Marshall Keller.

AGENDA: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the agenda as presented.

MINUTES: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes from December 3 and 17th, and the work session from December 17, 2024.

BILLS: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the General, Enterprise and Special Fund bills for December 2024.

OATH OF OFFICE: Estenson administered the oath of office to new council member Tony Larson.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: The following reports were available for review: police, engineering, streets and alleys, water, wastewater, sanitation and landfill.

ADMINISTRATION: PROPERTY INSURANCE RENEWAL: Jeunehomme noted the renewal includes the new streetsweeper and used loader. The invoice from Tegeler, using Gladfelter, was \$61,188.00. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the property insurance renewal. Jeunehomme also noted the flagpole removal and installation is planned for January, weather depending.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: Estenson noted there will be bi-weekly meetings with Merchant McIntyre and noted the council is invited to attend. He noted various priorities were discussed and tentatively the group is proceeding with the 14th Street project. Dorman asked about the transfer station and Barnett responded that work is progressing with WYDOT on the transfer station road/access. Hughes asked about the John Newkirk proposal, Jeunehomme noted administration had replied to the offer and Estenson noted a part of the proposal is county property and that Strive, the new EDC company is working with Mr. Newkirk. Hughes also asked about a list of vendors for nuisance yard cleanup and the A2A survey results. Jeunehomme noted the animal control officer has a list, calls vendors and asks for cleanup bids. Jeunehomme referenced the master plan in discussion of future strategic plans with the A2A. At 7:23 pm, Larson made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to adjourn. The next council meeting is January 21, 2025, at 7pm.

BILLS: AFLAC, Insurance, \$363.12; American Welding, Welding Gases, \$81.70; BCN, Phone, \$111.63; Big Horn Water, Rental, \$33.50; Big Horn Circuit Court, Garnishment, \$391.10; Big Horn Heating & Cooling, Service, \$870.00; Carquest, Supplies \$3,710.41; Caselle, Support, Software \$804.00; CMI-TECO, Sander, \$21,373.66; Engineering Assoc., Service, \$16,562.85; Evident, Supplies, \$116.92; Fastenal, Parts, \$209.99; Grainger, Parts, \$383.69; Great West Trust, Retirement, \$840.00; Hansons Fire Equip., Service, \$1,245.65; Hawkins, Chlorine & Rental, \$2,510.20; High Plains Power, Service, \$258.72; HSC, Phone,

\$46.45; HS Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955.00; HSCSD#1, Fuel, \$4,006.87; HSC Treasurer, Tax Commission, \$259.38; IR, Legal Ads, \$1,166.40; Insurance Trust, Premiums, \$39,442.00; Jackson Group-Peterbilt, Parts, \$426.44; Jadeco, Service, \$3,256.44; Keller Law, Service, \$4,400.00; Laird Sanitation, Service, \$100.00; Legion Golf Club, Quarterly Funding, \$12,500.00; Bill Mathews, Court Restitution, \$284.00; Travis Morgan, Class Reimbursement, \$100.00; Motor Power Equip., Parts, \$4.02; Murdoch Oil, Diesel, \$3,001.66; Napa, Parts, \$13.96; National Band & Tag, Supplies, \$90.92; NCPERS, Life Ins., \$224.00; Norco, CO2, \$23,745.00; One Call, Locates, \$7.50; O'Reilly, Supplies, \$15.86; Postmaster, Postage, \$760.06; Prestige Chemicals, Asphalt, \$349.63; Pro-Vision, Supplies, \$823.11; Range, Service, \$557.36; Ridgecrest, Pin, \$26.00; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, \$17,887.45; Staples, Supplies, \$74.55; Stryker Medical, Batteries, \$300.00; Thermopolis Hardware, Supplies, \$359.61; Thermopolis PD, Postage, \$57.12; Tony's TLC, Quarterly Funding, \$9,000.00; TOT General, Streets Labor, \$9,355.00; TOT, Depreciation & Utilities, \$78,482.75; Traveling Computer, Computers & Service, \$4,863.90; Tumbleweed Propane, Propane, \$33.79; Verizon, Phone, \$471.60; Visa, Supplies, \$1,428.96; VSP, Insurance, \$310.34; WWQ & PCA, Dues, \$240.00; Wild West Const., Chip Seal Final, \$5,552.65; Williams Law Office, Service, \$900.00; WLEA, Class, \$790.00; Workforce Services, Workers Comp, \$4,191.00; Wyoming Circuit Court, Garnishment, \$403.81; Wyoming First Aid, Supplies, \$202.79; WY Gas, Service, \$2,966.38; WY Retirement, Retirement, \$27,155.64; WY.Com, Service, \$410.70; Youth Alternatives, Services, \$500.00; Payroll, \$114,783.60; Payroll Taxes, \$39,334.15.

ATTEST:
Tracey Van Heule, Adam R. Estenson,
Clerk/Treasurer Mayor
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NOTICE AND ORDER SETTING PUBLIC HEARING

1. 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) request for approval of a five-year commercial and industrial Demand Response Pilot Program and Recovery Mechanism. **The public hearing is set to commence on Thursday, February 6, 2025, 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 business 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 July 8, 2024, RMP filed its Application requesting Commission approval of a five-year commercial and industrial De-

mand Response Pilot Program and Recovery Mechanism.

4. Wyoming Industrial Energy Consumers (WIEC) petitioned to intervene in this matter, which the Commission granted by Order issued on August 26, 2024. Office of Consumer Advocate is also a party under the provisions of Wyoming Statute §37-2-402(a).

5. A complete description of RMP's Application and its supporting testimony and exhibits may be viewed at the Commission's office during business hours or online at: <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx> (enter Record No. 17625).

6. 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 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 Zoom Meeting and actively participate at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9933449233>

Or by Dialing: 1-669-900-9128 or 1-253-215-8782 **Meeting ID:** 993 344 9233

7. 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. 20000-670-ET-24 in all correspondence with the Commission.

Dated: January 9, 2025.
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Town of Kirby LEGAL NOTICE

RENEWAL OF SATELLITE MANUFACTURER PERMIT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Wyoming Whiskey, Inc. made application for renewal of Satellite Manufacturer Permit in the Town of Kirby Clerk's Office.

Protests, if any, against the renewal of this Permit will be heard February 12, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. with Council members and Mayor of Town of Kirby at Town Hall located at 114 N. Bryan, Kirby, Wyoming.

Deanna Aylor - Deputy Town Clerk
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to action taken on January 7, 2025 by the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners, a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 4th, 2025 at 10:25 a.m. in the Commissioner's meeting

room of the County Annex Building located at 115 N. 5th Street, Thermopolis, WY. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide a remedy for the Tipi Retreat and Michael and Michele Stevens to address their previous request for a land use change from the Agricultural Land use category to the Commercial Land use category for approximately 10 acres, and allow up to 12 teepee rentals on the subject property. The request will be reheard by the Board of County Commissioners and the Tipi Retreat and Michael and Michele Stevens will present new evidence at the public hearing and a resolution will be determined. The subject property is a portion of a 60.0 acre parcel located in the north half of the southwest quarter of Section 16, Township 42 North, Range 95 West. Situated at the western terminus of Coyote Run, the property contains residences addressed as 492 and 500 Coyote Run. Those unable to attend but wish to comment may send comments in writing to: Hot Springs County Commissioners, 415 Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis WY 82443, or by email to commissioners@hscounty.com.

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Warrants List

The following list of warrants approved January 16, 2025, by HOTS 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).

DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL	\$500.00
WORLAND HIGH SCHOOL	\$500.00
GREEN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL	\$625.00
BLOEDORN LUMBER - RIVERTON	\$659.60
S & H GLASS	\$952.00
VIVIAN GEORGIUS	\$1,125.00
WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	\$1,242.00
MIDWEST WELDING & MACHINE, INC	\$1,596.85
BIR, LLC	\$2,100.00
SOFTWARE UNLIMITED, INC.	\$2,285.00
OFFICE SHOP LEASING	\$2,463.89
ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES	\$2,800.00
PEAK BEHAVIORAL SERVICES	\$3,221.00
ELDER EQUIPMENT LEASING OF WY, INC.	\$3,447.02
WYOMING SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION	\$3,525.00
JACKSON GROUP PETERBILT - RIVERTON	\$3,725.93
NICOLE GOODRICH	\$4,000.00
TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS SERVICE 1	\$4,371.39
THE OFFICE SHOP	\$4,495.24
WYO TEE'S	\$5,447.86
IML SECURITY SUPPLY	\$6,561.82
SAMSARA INC	\$8,550.00
AMAZON	\$8,819.32
WYOMING GAS	\$12,199.77
SYSCO	\$15,415.14
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER	\$20,814.93
NORTHWEST WYOMING BOCES	\$24,065.00
HOMAX OIL SALES, INC	\$25,438.45
BANK OF MONTREAL	\$27,964.59
CURRENT ELECTRIC	\$30,704.00
ELUMA LLC	\$37,150.64

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