

Yearbook

from page 1

received a Silver Star, State Champion Runner-Up, All-State Honors for Yearbook Design. Junior Isabelle Ketner, junior Aubriana Layman, graduated senior Kaylee Bazzle, and senior Sharon Burgess all also received Bronze Star awards for Yearbook Design. Individual and team state champion, Sharp shared her thoughts on the convention. “It was a great experience to go and learn new angles about journalism through the sessions,” said Sharp, adding, “and it was awesome for the team to receive multiple awards and recognitions for a book that we all worked so hard on.” The yearbook team this year has a strong base of young students to continue to build on journalism excellence at Hot Springs.

Last year’s Roundtop Yearbook is available for purchase at Hot Springs County High School now, and pre-orders for the upcoming book (with the fun theme “Hot Stuff”) can be completed online. Email Wiley at wiley@hotsprings1.org for more information and to get your copy of these award winning books today.

Shutdown

from page 1

in a press release. “We will continue to work with our clients to process applications and renewals so that benefits can be issued as soon as Congress reinstates funding.” The agency is actively working with local food banks and other community partners in the absence of the benefits. During the state’s 2025 fiscal year, 44% of SNAP recipients were children ages 17 and younger, 36% were adults ages 18 to 59, and 13% were adults ages 60 and older. The federal shutdown has already lasted two weeks, and there is little sign in Washington that things will change anytime soon.

Details

When the application window opened in September, the department experienced high call volumes. That may have been related to Rocky Mountain Power’s rate hike, Kelly Douglas, a DFS spokesperson, told WyoFile. Before the funding ran out, DFS was able to approve 1,168 households for this winter. Those residents will be supported through May. However, they represent just a fraction of the 8,236 households the program was able to assist last season. “This is hard for them,” Douglas said. “And we are doing our best. At DFS, we work directly with clients, and we understand the hardship. And it’s been hard.” While approvals are paused, Douglas said new applicants should continue to submit applications and respond to requests from DFS for additional information. That way, Douglas said, delays can be minimized once the federal government reopens and the agency receives funding. As they are with SNAP benefits, the department is looking to community partners in the meantime to help bridge the gap. “Sometimes crisis prevention can be as simple as food on the table and heat in the house,” Douglas said. “We know this can help with all kinds of crises that come down the line. So we really work for concrete support for our families and individuals that need that extra boost.” Both renters and homeowners can qualify for the program, but must meet the income requirement of no more than 60% of the state median income level. The amount awarded is based on several factors, including energy needs, income and family size. The program prioritizes households with children 5 years old and younger, residents who are 60 and older, as well as residents who are disabled. Republicans and Democrats appeared no closer to an agreement on Thursday when the Senate again failed to advance a bill to reopen the government. A split between the two parties over extending subsidies for the Affordable Care Act marketplaces — which drastically reduce health insurance premium costs — led in part to the current shutdown. Between 11,000-20,000 Wyoming residents are at risk of losing their coverage due to the anticipated cost increases, according to Healthy Wyoming. Republicans have promised to discuss health care subsidies once the government is funded, but Democrats have rejected that, insisting instead on legislation.

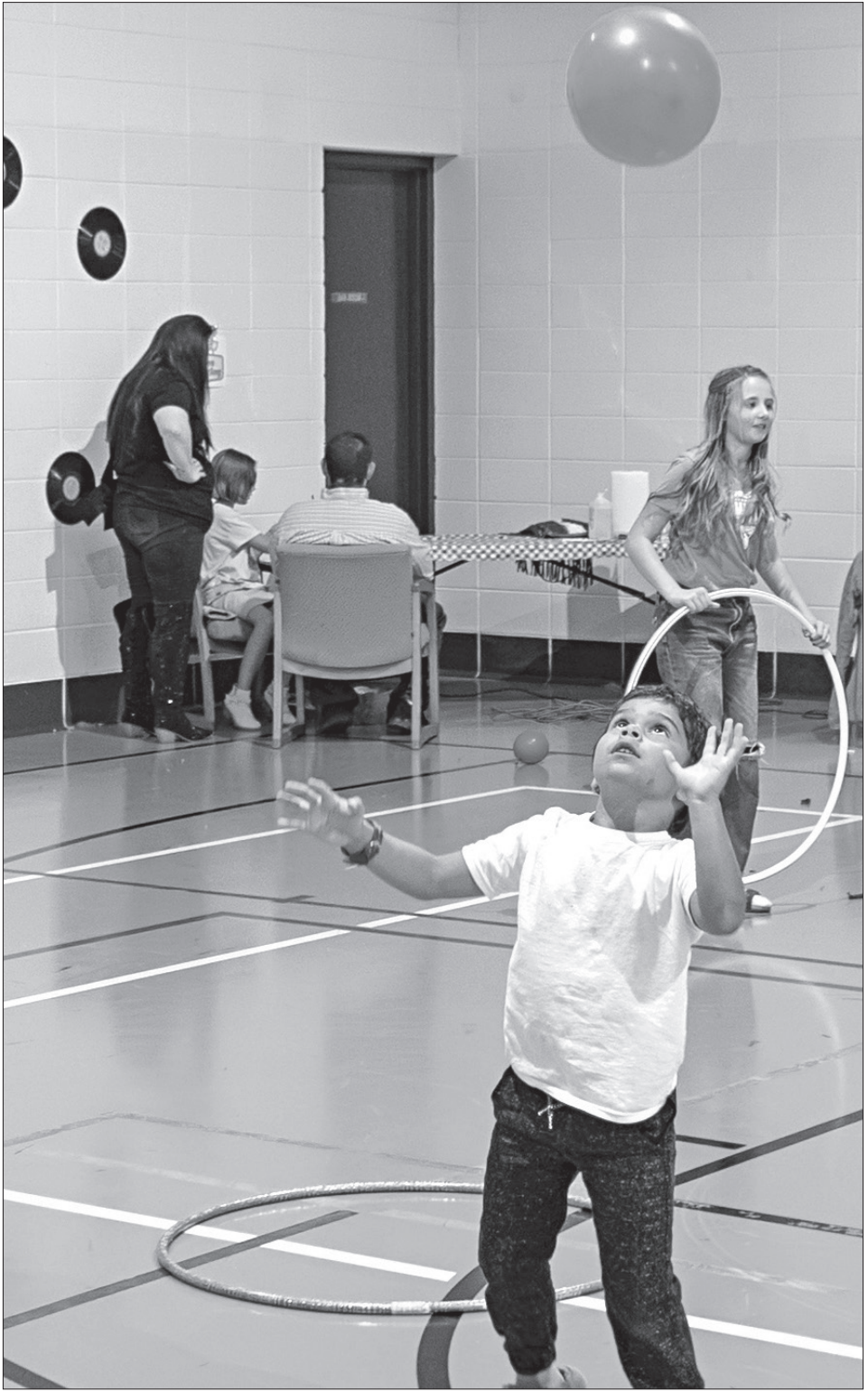


photo by Nadja Cavin

Don’t let it fall
Atticus Brantley keeps a balloon floating in the air during the Fall Fling Sock Hop event held at the Armory last Saturday.

School

from page 1

payment is meant to be a thank-you for giving the district additional time to seek replacements for those employees. The incentive payments will be \$500 for non-tenured certified staff, and \$1,000 for tenured certified staff. The board will meet for their next regular monthly meeting on Thursday, November 20.

431 Broadway • PO Box 31
Thermopolis, WY 82443
news@thermopir.com
307 864-2328

Find a Honey of a Deal in the



CLASSIFIEDS



Why go buzzing from place to place?

Take the sting out of shopping by checking the classifieds for some of the sweetest values under the sun!

Public notices

IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT		DATED this October 8, 2025.		THERMOPOLIS INDEPENDENT RECORD INC \$612.63		NIELSEN OIL CO, INC D/B/A \$1,920.56	
HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING		James A. Michel Jr., Bar No. 6-3419		STEVEN WADSWORTH \$639.00		BSN SPORTS LLC \$1,936.34	
IN THE MATTER OF)		APEX Legal, PC		JACKIE DOROTHY \$640.64		DISCOVERY EDUCATION INC - MYSTERY \$1,999.00	
THE ESTATE OF)		1112 Robertson Ave.		MADONNA HAMMER \$698.40		WEST MUSIC \$2,128.58	
))		P.O. Box 552		BIG HORN WATER \$719.53		OFFICE SHOP LEASING \$2,170.86	
Rexford Wickenhauser)		Worland, WY 82401		WY ASSOC ELEM & MIDDLE SCHOOL \$725.00		BLOEDORN LUMBER - WORLAND \$2,172.99	
a/k/a)		Voice: (307)-347-9801		SERVICE 1 \$731.99		WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE, INC \$2,280.00	
Rexford D. Wickenhauser)		Fax: (307)-333-0285		UNIVERSAL ATHLETIC INC \$754.33		FREMONT BEVERAGES, INC. \$2,554.90	
))		Attorney for the Personal Representative		CHRISTIE FRITZ \$760.40		NO RED INK CORP. \$2,970.00	
Deceased.)		Pub. Oct. 16, 23 & 30, 2025 No. 1966		BRUCO, INC. \$782.15		WYO TEE'S \$3,301.31	
Civil Action No. 2025-CV-0000040		Notice		DOMINIC LITTLESIELD \$804.50		LARA DRYWALL CO LLC \$3,500.00	
NOTICE OF PROBATE		The Town of Thermopolis Mayor/Council are asking for a qualified applicant to apply and serve as a member of the Board of Directors on the Big Horn Basin Nature and Discovery Center Joint Powers Board. Qualified applicants interested in applying to serve on this board should submit a Town Board Application form (thermopoliswy.gov) and return to the Town Clerk's office, no later than 4:00 p.m. November 3, 2025. Applications will be considered and appointment will be made at the Town of Thermopolis Council meeting November 4, 2025. Questions, may be answered at Town Hall at 307-864-4442.		CHPT WYO 0047/ACT 20822 \$809.00		HOT SPRINGS CO TREASURER \$4,305.98	
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:		Pub. Oct. 23, 2025 No. 1967		CODY FOOTBALL OFFICIALS \$830.80		TURNITIN LLC \$4,448.64	
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on October 5, 2025, the estate of the decedent was admitted for Probate of the Will and administration by the above-named Court, and that Fallon Clay, an associate attorney with Keller Law Firm PC, of 116 N. 5th Street, Thermopolis, WY 82443 was appointed Personal Representative thereof. Any action to set aside the Last Will and Testament and the appointment shall be filed in the Court within three months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or thereafter be forever barred.		Warrants List		JULIE FIEBIGER \$846.50		RAWHIDE MECHANICAL \$4,878.47	
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all persons indebted to the decedent or to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the attorney for the Personal Representative at APEX Legal, PC, 1112 Robertson Ave., P.O. Box 552, Worland, WY 82401.		The following list of warrants approved October 16, 2025, 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).		AIRGAS USA, LLC \$847.31		PHOENIX LEARNING SYSTEMS \$5,548.23	
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.		SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO \$522.72		COAL CREEK LAW LLP \$853.19		IML SECURITY SUPPLY \$5,799.70	
		ROCKY MOUNTAIN FIRE SYSTEMS, INC \$532.00		JENNIFER MORRIS \$855.50		JADECO, INC. \$8,080.20	
		RICHARD RAMOS \$548.80		MOUNTAIN WEST EYECARE AND MED SPA \$875.00		ELUMA LLC \$8,363.65	
		LEANNE QUAYLE \$573.00		VALIDITY SCREENING SOLUTIONS \$878.30		VIVI LLC \$9,685.00	
				CARQUEST AUTO PARTS \$975.84		RYTE REHABILITATION \$10,185.00	
				HASCO INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY \$998.92		TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS \$12,099.00	
				WEX \$1,077.75		THE OFFICE SHOP \$13,430.49	
				COMFORT INN & SUITES - SHERIDAN \$1,161.00		RED ROVER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC \$15,000.00	
				RAMKOTA HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER \$1,212.00		AMAZON \$16,133.09	
				MIMEO.COM, INC \$1,240.00		PEAK BEHAVIORAL SERVICES \$16,479.85	
				ELDER EQUIPMENT LEASING OF WY, INC. \$1,298.12		CARVER FLOREK & JAMES CPAS LLC \$24,450.00	
				TWEED'S WHOLESALE LLC \$1,379.92		TEGELER & ASSOCIATES \$25,687.25	
				WYOMING GAS COMPANY \$1,424.81		BANK OF MONTREAL \$26,109.00	
				WYOMING FFA ASSOCIATION \$1,435.00		SYSCO \$27,247.10	
				HOT SPRINGS CO CPR CHAPTER \$1,440.00		ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER \$29,617.08	
				HILL MUSIC CO. \$1,466.10		NORTHWEST WYOMING BOCES \$53,047.50	
				BEST WESTERN PLUS - CASPER \$1,540.00		WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION \$70,237.00	
				POPP BINDING & LAMINATING \$1,676.50		Pub. Oct. 23, 2025 No. 1966	
				JACKSON GROUP PETERBILT - \$1,712.16			