

## Lady Cats

champion next season and will also be hunting an amazing 100 career pins.”

Quintanilla was awarded All-State distinction after her work in Casper, and will continue her season seeking her third triple-crown next weekend in Sheridan at the Junior State Freestyle and Greco Tournament.

Senior Alix Sorensen polished off her outstanding high school career on Saturday with a third place finish. “While I know she was disappointed to not get her 2nd state championship, Alix wrestled tough and had fun doing it. Alix had her state championship rematch in the semi-finals Friday night against Eddy of Rock Springs and came up short with a late run of scoring. She came back Saturday morning, to get two wins to finish third. That speaks a lot to her character - to bounce back after a tough loss in her senior season. Alix has been a huge part of the beginning of girls wrestling in Thermopolis - becoming only the second Lady Cat to get a state championship and the first to ever reach 100 wins. Alix finished off her remarkable high school career with a 115-37 record - with a state championship and two other placings at state tournaments.”

Sophomore Izzie Hetzel also

ended her successful season with a third place finish in one of the toughest classes. “Izzie had a tough first day - wrestling Leblanc of Powell in the quarter-finals and dropping that match to the eventual champion. She had to battle back Friday afternoon with big wins to stay alive - including beating a competitor in the blood round who had beaten her earlier in the season. On Friday and Saturday, I saw the best wrestling of her career with wins over four ladies who had beaten her this season. Not only did she win, she dominated them - including a pin over Lively who had beaten her in Cody. Izzie had a tech fall over Doughty of Cheyenne East, who had pinned her at Ron Thon; a pin over McNees of HEM, who had pinned her in Glenrock; and a tech fall over Larkin of Evanston, who had pinned her at regionals. We were all very impressed with her resolve to step up under pressure and to give us the best wrestling we have ever seen from her.”

Junior Ava Dafoe finished her season with a hard fought fourth place finish, making it to the Friday night semi-finals by pinning Love of East and also pinning Morris of Star Valley. “In the semi’s Ava fought off her back early in the match to give

herself a chance, but fell to the eventual state champ Meyer of Wheatland. On Saturday morning, Ava came out firing and pinned Sander of Rock Springs. Then, in a back and forth match for third place against Tanner of Pinedale, she fought hard but came up short, ending in fourth place. Ava made great improvements over last year, to become one of the top wrestlers in the state. I think she really made great strides, especially mentally. She was such a tough competitor who battled in every match. Ava finished off her season with a 25-5 record.”

Reflecting on the tournament, coach Travis McDermott was effusive saying, “I was very impressed with how all of the ladies performed this weekend. These ladies all had solid mental performances and we saw them all step up under pressure and deliver some of the best wrestling of their careers.”

Looking back on the entire season, McDermott commented, “The girls really stepped up and performed this year, and we are seeing a big leap in girls wrestling with this team. While we lose an important part of our team with Alix graduating, we add some great freshman next year and the Lady Cats will be a force in the state next season.”

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have had - never backing down, and always up for a good scrap. Cannon is always looking to improve his craft in the room, and he lets that show on the mat every week. Cannon finishes his season off with an impressive 46-3 record, putting his career record at 128-12, which is just one short of the school record. He has 90 pins to his name with still a season to go in his high school career.”

Senior Haeden Blair polished off his high school career with a fourth place finish, after placing fifth last year. “Haeden had to come from behind in two of his matches to get to the third place match. He was a tough competitor this weekend and finished strong.”

Also securing a fourth place finish was junior Ryan Axtell who lost a tough match on Thursday night in the quarter-finals. “Ryan was able to bounce back and to fight his way to a fourth place match. He has made such great improvement this year with his strong work ethic. Ryan will definitely be a contender next season.”

Freshman Tanner Delay secured a win on Thursday

with a pin to make it into the semi-final round. “While Tanner lost to the eventual champion, he fought his way back to get into the third place match. We saw Tanner step up these last couple of weeks and saw good improvement in his wrestling. He looks to be a contender next year.”

Freshman Garret White completed his season with a sixth place finish. “Unfortunately, in the blood round he had to face his teammate, Tristan Galovich, leaving White the only one that would place in that weight class. Both White and Galovich were undersized competitors at 106 lbs., but are great wrestlers who will be state contenders the next few years.”

Junior Tannen Birdsey and sophomore Rylan Stauffer both gathered wins in the consolation round, which added important points to the team point totals.

Several Bobcats will continue their season at the Junior State Tournament next week in Sheridan, as well as at the Folkstyle Nationals, in Des Moines, Iowa, the following week.

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ees’ salaries of the state of Wyoming got a raise, as we approved in our budget on this side,” said Crum, who was a member of the budget JCC. “We got the raises just as you guys approved on this side.”

Crum continued that the Senate was “willing to negotiate” on Wyoming Business Council funding during the JCC meeting last week. As its budget bill left the Senate, lawmakers in the upper chamber had restored the governor’s \$55 million recommended allocation for the state’s economic development agency, but the House had included only around \$11 million for the WBC in its budget bill.

“You said that the Business Council was up for negotiation, and it was (negotiated). The Business Council (funding) was taken down,” Crum said. “There’s some little back and forth with exactly what that number looks like, but it’s between \$12 million and \$14 million.”

On the House floor Monday, Rep. Abby Angelos, R-Gillette, told her colleagues that the JCC’s recommended budget includes \$40 million in UW funding, but also “the language that we kept out of the amendment from the House. ... all of our recommendations on identifying positions, reorganizations, looking at cost savings.”

At the start of the session, the House position was to revoke all \$40 million in UW funding. During a rare Saturday third reading of the House’s budget bill on Feb. 21, representatives voted to allocate \$20 million

to UW, with the provision that more funding would be allocated after the cost-saving study.

As it stands now, UW will receive \$30 million at the start of the biennium, with an additional \$10 million in 2027, subject to the receipt of a report identifying at least \$5 million in efficiency savings. There was no discussion beyond the budget presentation on the House floor made by Angelos, as well as Rep. John Bear, R-Gillette, and Rep. Ken Pendergraft, R-Sheridan, on Monday. Pendergraft went over amendments that were deleted entirely from the budget by the JCC, and Bear went over budget amendments like an included \$15 million for a tourism project to relocate the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association headquarters and museum to Cheyenne, funding for the Wyoming Community College Commission and developmental disability waiver funding.

“We, in this body, changed the amount that went for the providers versus the amount that went to get people off the waiting list to ensure that funnel wouldn’t jam up, and the Senate accepted that change,” Bear said.

In the Senate, Sen. Bill Landen, R-Casper, said that he would vote yes on the JCC report, but that he’d heard from citizens who were disappointed by the cuts to the Business Council.

“I just have to stand and say that my community is pretty tied in and pretty close with the work of the Wyoming Business Council,” Landen said. “A lot of my

young entrepreneurs and business owners around the community have benefited greatly on that front.”

Sen. Tara Nethercott, R-Cheyenne, said the budget does fully fund Manufacturing Works, the Wyoming Small Business Development Center and the Wyoming Women’s Business Center.

“Those are still fully funded for two years and are not part of the cuts the Business Council received,” she said.

The governor said that he extended “gratitude to the members of the House who courageously opposed the proposed cuts and insisted on asking the tough questions, even late into the night. Questions that focused on transparency as well as, critically, the underlying reasons for making those cuts. These questions struck a chord statewide and were powerfully voiced right here in Cheyenne by citizens from across Wyoming.”

He further stated that the “stalwart leadership” of the Senate paved the way for the budget to remain intact.

“The budget passed today restored almost all budget recommendations for the people of Wyoming and, as one senator said, is only \$53 million below my overall recommendation. By my back-of-the-napkin calculations, that’s close to 99%,” Gordon said. “Wyoming’s future is indeed bright. We must continue to invest in our potential, grow our industries, preserve our small-town identity, and stand firm against the hysteria of national groups seeking to undermine our state.”

## Public notices

### High Plains Power, Inc. Notice of Annual Meeting

The 27th Annual Meeting of the members of High Plains Power, Inc. will be held at the **Fremont Center, Riverton, Wyoming**, beginning at **10:00AM** on Saturday, **March 21, 2026**, to take action upon the following matters:

1. The report of Officers, Directors, and Committees.
2. The election of three (3) Directors.
3. All other business which may come before the meeting or adjournment thereof.

In connection with the election of three (3) Directors scheduled for this meeting, the following members have been nominated for Directors by the Committee of Nominations appointed by the Board of Directors of High Plains Power, Inc. or by petition pursuant to the By-Laws. *(One to be elected from each district)*

District 4 – Jesse Hankins (nominated by committee)  
District 5 – John Stoll, Jr. (nominated by committee)  
District 6 – Bret Gardner (nominated by committee)

Additional nominations for Directors may be made pursuant to the By-Laws.

Dated: February 20, 2026  
Jeff Milton, Secretary

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING  
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER )  
OF THE ESTATE )  
) 2026-CV-  
OF ) 0000007  
)  
LINDA LEE CORNISH,) )  
)  
Deceased. )

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR  
A DECREE OF SUMMARY  
DISTRIBUTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sophie Starkey has filed an *Application for a Decree of Summary Distribution of Property* (the “Application”) with the above-entitled Court pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 2-1-205.

The Application states that at the time of her death, the above-named Decedent owned, as her sole and separate property, both personal property and the following described real property located in Hot Springs County, Wyoming, to-wit:

Legal Description:  
Lot 9 and 10, Block 36, Original Townsite of the Town of Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming.

The above referenced property is commonly known as 1035 Broadway Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any objection to the facts or relief requested in the Application must be filed with the Court within thirty (30) days of the date of first publication of this Notice. Any objection not timely filed shall be forever barred. If no timely objection is filed, the Court will enter a Decree of Summary Distribution establishing right and title to the above-described property according to the Application.

DATED this 18th day of February 2026.

/s/ Fallon Clay  
Fallon Clay, WSB #8-7266  
Attorney for the Estate  
Keller Law Firm, P.C.  
P.O. Box 111  
Thermopolis, WY 82443-0111  
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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**  
Notice is hereby given that the Town of Thermopolis, Wyoming will receive and accept bids only through QuestCDN.com via their electronic VirtuBid online bid service until 10:00 A.M., local time, April 1, 2026 at the Thermopolis Town Hall, at 420 Broadway, Thermo-

polis, Wyoming, for MATERIALS, LABOR, SERVICES, TRANSPORTATION & COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS – WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PAINTING PROJECT. The Engineer’s opinion of probable construction costs ranges from \$280,000 to \$330,000. 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](http://www.questcdn.com). Submitting Contractors will be required to register with the website to download the bidding documents for \$22 by inputting Quest project #10090209 on the website’s Project search page, if a contractor elects to bid on the project, a \$42 electronic bid package fee will also be assessed by Quest. Please contact [QuestCDN.com](http://QuestCDN.com) at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. The Town of Thermopolis 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 mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at 2:00 P.M. local time, on March 19, 2026 at the Town Hall, 420 Broadway, Thermopolis, Wyoming.

Dated this 27th day of Feb., 2026.

/s/ Town of Thermopolis

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### HIGH PLAINS POWER, INC. PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTRIC UTILITY RATE INCREASE

Pursuant to Wyoming State Statute 37-17-104, notice is hereby given that **High Plains Power, Inc.** will implement an average **6.4% adjustment to utility rates for all rate classes**, effective **April 1, 2026**, as more fully de-

scribed below.

1. High Plains Power is a cooperative electric utility exempt under Wyoming State Statute 37-17-103. High Plains Power is a nonprofit, member-owned cooperative engaged in the business of distributing electricity.

2. On February 27, 2026, High Plains Power’s Board of Directors reviewed and approved the rates to apply to all rate classes. High Plains Power provided public notice on February 27, 2026, to all publications to High Plains Power’s Membership. The rate information is also posted to High Plains Power’s website at <https://www.highplainspower.org>. The increased rates are based on notification from Tri-State G&T, High Plains Power’s wholesale power supplier, that purchased power costs will increase by 7.5% and rising operational, maintenance, and infrastructure costs. The average annual increase for service accounts is 6.4%. High Plains Power has revised High Plains Power’s Retail Rate Summary to reflect the increased rates.

3. This is not a complete description of the retail rates. The complete rates are available at High Plains Power’s office, in person at 1775 E Monroe Ave, Riverton, WY, online at <https://www.highplainspower.org>, email at [comments@highplainspower.org](mailto:comments@highplainspower.org) or telephone at 307-856-9426.

4. Anyone desiring to file a complaint with High Plains Power must do so in writing per Wyoming State Statute 37-17-104 (b) or 37-17-104 (d). Comment may be made via mail: 1775 E Monroe Ave., Riverton, WY 82501.

5. If you wish to participate in this matter and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact High Plains Power at 307-856-9426.

This notice is published in accordance with applicable requirements.

**Dated: February 27, 2026**  
**High Plains Power, Inc.**  
**1775 E Monroe Ave.**  
**Riverton, Wyoming**

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