

News briefs from around Wyoming

From Wyoming News Exchange newspapers

Powell teen dies in fall from Elk Basin pumpjack

POWELL (WNE) — A Powell area teenager died over the weekend, after he reportedly climbed on top of and fell from a piece of oil field equipment in Elk Basin. He was 17 years old. In a news release, the Park County Sheriff's Office said it was told that the teen died in a fall from "a moving pumpjack" in the Silvertip Oil Field north of Powell. The incident is believed to have occurred very early Saturday morning, said Park County Coroner Cody Gortmaker.

The sheriff's office said a friend of the teen's — who was present at the time of the accident — reported the death around 9:45 a.m. Saturday at the Powell Police Department.

The friend wasn't sure of the teen's exact location, the release said, so deputies, Park County Search and Rescue ground teams and an airplane were deployed to the area. The juvenile's

body was found shortly after 1 p.m.

While an official cause of death remained pending on Monday, preliminary indications are that the juvenile died from blunt force trauma suffered in the fall.

In Monday's news release, Park County Sheriff Darrell Steward asked the community to "please keep the family in your thoughts during this difficult time."

The sheriff's office added that it's continuing to investigate the incident.

Lummis: Bill would cut cost of building nuclear plants

CHEYENNE (WNE) — U.S. Sens. Cynthia Lummis, R-Wyo., and Mark Kelly, D-Ariz., along with U.S. Rep. Byron Donalds, R-Fla., this week introduced the Build Nuclear with Local Materials Act, legislation that would direct the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to issue a rule allowing

commercial-grade concrete and steel to be used in non-safety-related structures of nuclear power plants.

"As nuclear technology evolves, our regulations should evolve with it," Lummis said in a news release. "Requiring nuclear-grade materials in parts of a plant that have nothing to do with safety drives up costs and locks out local construction crews who are more than capable of doing the job. This legislation fixes that by requiring the NRC to allow commercial-grade concrete and steel where it's safe to do so. The result is simple: lower costs, more local jobs, and zero compromise on safety."

The Build Nuclear with Local Materials Act builds on a precedent the NRC already established for TerraPower's Sodium reactor in Kemmerer.

The bill does not eliminate nuclear-grade standards, the release said — it directs the NRC to identify where commercial-grade materials can be safely used while fully preserving the safety and integrity of nuclear power plants.

Public notices

WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

The Wyoming Department of Transportation will receive bids uploaded to the Public Purchase website, until 11:00 A.M., Mountain Time on June 11, 2026, at which time they will be publicly opened and read for **FURNISHING JANITORIAL MAINTENANCE AT THE WALTMAN REST AREA. A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Inspection** will be held at 1:30 P.M., Mountain Time on Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at the Waltman Rest Area, Milepost 53.7 on US 26 East of Shoshoni, Wyoming. Only bids received on Wyoming Department of Transportation bid forms will be considered. Bid forms and further information may be obtained, without charge, by going to <http://www.publicpurchase.com>, logging in and clicking on Bid No. 26-193RC. You must be registered with Public Purchase to login and view bids. If you are not registered, click on the "free registration" button and follow the registration instructions. The registration process takes up to 24 hours, so signing up right away is recommended.

BY: NICHOLAS GRONSKI
PROCUREMENT SERVICES
MANAGER

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HOT SPRINGS COUNTY AIRPORT

THERMOPOLIS, HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING

Construct County Owned Hangar

03-56-0043-016-2024, State Project

No. AHS023

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the **Hot Springs County - Construct County Owned Hangar Project, will be received, by Hot Springs County, at the office of the County Clerk, at 415 Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443, until 2:00 PM local time on June 4th, 2026 at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.**

The project will include the construction of a 90 foot by 100 foot pre-engineered metal hangar building with hangar door with an 80 foot wide by 28-foot-tall clear opening. While classified as a Group III Hangar, a wet fire suppression system will be part of the project as well as a buried 30,000-gal cistern and a pumphouse. Bids will be evaluated and awarded to the lowest responsive bidder.

No bids will be received after the specified hour and date and may not be withdrawn after the time fixed for opening them. The owner reserves the right to waive irregularities in the bids and reject any and all bids. No bids will be considered in which the Proposal, Specifications or any provisions have been modified.

Bids will be received for one prime contracts. Bids shall be on a unit price basis, as indicated in the Bid Form. The bidder must supply all information required by the bid or proposal forms and specifications.

Each bid must be accompanied either by a certified check, payable to the Hot Springs County in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, or by a Bid Bond in a like amount and executed by an approved surety company. The check or bond will be retained by the Owner as liquidated damages if the successful bidder refuses or fails to enter into contract and performance bond in accord with his bid within fifteen (15) days after date of notification of award.

Minimum wage rates as established by the Secretary of Labor are applicable to the work performed on this project.

Prospective Bidders must download construction documents through Quest Construction Data Network. This can be done via a link at www.QuestCDN.com. QuestCDN is a web-based platform

for construction, requests and Goods and Services advertisements, bid document distribution, plan holder lists and all information pertaining to the bid. Prospective bidders should register at www.QuestCDN.com for a free 'Regular' membership. Enter the Quest Number **10185247** to access the bidding information on the search page. There is a \$22 nonrefundable download delivery fee for the bidding documents. Bids will not be accepted from any prospective bidder who has not purchased contract documents through QuestCDN. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or Support@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration and downloading digital bidding documents.

Bids may not be withdrawn after the time fixed for submitting them. The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities in the bids and reject any and all bids.

Hot Springs County, Wyoming, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The Bidder is hereby notified that this project is subject to FAA Federal Contract Provisions, including, but not limited to: Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Affirmative Action, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension, and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 11:00 am local time on Wednesday May 20th, 2026 in person at the Hot Springs County Airport Pilot's Lounge.

Attendance at the pre-bid conference is not mandatory, but strongly encouraged.

By: Hot Springs County

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WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CHEYENNE, WYOMING NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AND FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR HIGHWAY WORK

Notice is hereby given that the Wyoming Department of Transportation has accepted as completed according to plans, specifications and rules governing the same work performed under that certain contract between the State of Wyoming and **McGarvin-Moberly Construction Co., The Contractor, on Highway Project Number 2203018 in Washakie County, consisting of shoulder, overlay and chip seal** and the Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Director of the Department of Transportation will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on **July 1, 2026**

The date of the first publication of this Notice is **May 21, 2026.**

Pam Fredrick
Senior Budget Analyst
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Wyoming Department of Transportation

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on May 5, 2026, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Council members Tony Larson, Rachel Hughes and Dusty Lewis. Also present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant

Jim Jeunehomme, Clerk/Treasurer Connie Guntly, Police Chief Pat Cornwell, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett and Town Attorney Marshall Keller.

In the preplanned absence of Mayor Estenson, Larson called the meeting to order.

MAYOR PRO TEM: Larson nominated Dusty Lewis as Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Hughes and carried.

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

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK: Larson made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the Mayor's appointment of Connie Guntly as Town Clerk/Treasurer.

MINUTES: Larson made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes from April 7 and April 21, 2026.

BILLS: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the General, Enterprise and Special Fund bills for April 2026.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: OEB SALOON: CATERING PERMITS: Larson made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve catering permits for OEB Saloon. The permits are for the Whiskey Rodeo Classic May 22nd thru 24th at the Fairgrounds. Permission was received from the Fair Board.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: DOUBLER STORE: CATERING PERMITS: Hughes made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve two catering permits for Double R Store. One permit is for the Museum, during Trailblazer Days on June 13, and the second permit is for a wedding on June 20th.

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

TOWN ENGINEER:

1. **Water Infrastructure Tank and Clarifier Painting Project:** Anthony Barnett requested approval for the Mayor to sign agreement documents from ATS Welding once received, in order to not delay work. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the Mayor's signature on the Agreement documents from ATS Welding.

CODES:

1. **Vet Clinic 827 S. 6th St.:** Jeunehomme stated there has been inquiries regarding the building and leaving it a vet clinic. Discussion ensued on vacating a town right of way. The Town also has an ordinance that does not allow livestock animals within Town limits. If the property is purchased for a vet clinic these items may need to be considered.

2. **510 Washakie Fence Permit:** Larson made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the fence permit.

3. **Nuisance Ordinance Bond Schedule:** Jeunehomme stated the Nuisance Ordinance and fee schedule should be reviewed and a work shop should be scheduled.

ADMINISTRATION:

1. **Quotes for Demolition:** Jeunehomme requested approval to move forward with the demolition of 117 Fremont with a budget resolution to be presented at the next meeting. Larson made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to allow Jeunehomme to move forward.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: OTHER:

1. **Nurses Week Proclamation:** Lewis read the Nurse Week Proclamation aloud, acknowledging May 6th through the 12th as Nurses Week.

At 7:37 pm, Larson made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to adjourn. The next council meeting is May 19, 2026, at 7pm.

BILLS: Adam Estenson, Mileage, \$446.60; AFLAC, Insurance, \$370.26; American Welding, Cylinder rental, \$78.35; BCN, Phone, \$101.07; Big Horn Water, Service, \$41.37; Big Horn Heating, Annual Maintenance, \$99.00; Brentnag, Supplies, \$10,635.20; Canyon Concrete, Road Base, \$4056.00; Carquest, Supplies \$1,287.92; Caselle, Support, Software \$972; Chamber of Commerce, Fireworks, \$1,500.00; Core & Main, Supplies, \$336.98; Pat Cornwell, reim-

bursement newspaper, \$200.00; Counter Strike, Uniforms, \$604.00; Max Dickinson, Boots, \$31.49; Jesi Ehlers, Travel, \$535.77; Empower, Retirement, \$1,050; Energy Labs, Service, \$596.00; Engineering Assoc., Services, \$35,307.54; Fastenal, Parts, \$138.76; Ferguson Waterworks, Supplies, \$780.25; Frandsen Safety, Service, \$50.00; Connie Guntly, Travel, \$79.02; Hach, Supplies, \$360.30; Hawkins, Cylinder Fee, \$20; High Plains Power, Service, \$150.03; Hopper Disposal, Tires, \$433.60; HSC Fire District, Snow Removal, \$1,155.00; HS Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955; HSCSD#1, Fuel, \$3,973.94; HSC Treasurer, Tax Commission, \$18.89; IDL, Services, \$3.00; IR, Legal Ads, \$1,023.75; Insurance Trust, Premiums, \$41,896.00; Jadedco, Service, \$151.21; Jim Jeunehomme, Travel, \$48.00; JH Computer, Services, \$4,1809.96; Keller Law, Service, \$4,400; Laird Sanitation, Service, \$100; Merchant McIntyre, Service, \$5,000; Murdoch Oil Inc, Fuel, \$4,089.26; Napa, Parts, \$229.92; Napa Motor Supply, Supplies, \$2,662.14; NCPERS, Life Ins., \$192; Normont, Supplies, \$4,787.01; Northwest Pipe Fittings, Supplies, \$6,498.78; One Call, Locates, \$42.00; The Only Co, Ads, \$124.14; O'Reilly, Parts, \$598.97; Pence & McMillan, Service, \$636.00; Pinnacle Bank, Stamp, \$43.00; Pitney Bowes, Contract, \$163.83; Melesa Jensen, Travel \$522.00; Postmaster, Postage, \$478.17; Proforce Marketing, Supplies, \$772.04; R&A Safety, Testing, \$296.50; Range, Service, \$991.33; Riverton Tire & Oil, Tires, \$726.60; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, \$19,005.48; Chris Seilaff, Travel, \$191.40; Sherwin Williams, Paint, \$4,572.35; Teddler Industries, Supplies, \$190.09; The Office Shop, Service, \$183.82; The Radar Shop, Recertify PD, \$656.00; Thermopolis Hardware, Supplies, \$360.65; Police Dept., Petty Cash, \$34.63; T-Mobile, Phone, \$4,949.73; TOT, Depreciation, Utilities, \$76,595.88; Tractor & Equip., Parts, \$1,002.23; USPS, Postage, \$274.22; Unum, Insurance, \$114.50; USA Bluebook, Supplies, \$3,407.38; Visa, Supplies, \$1,557.63; VSP, Insurance, \$315.32; John Webber, CDL, \$45.00; Williams Law Office, Service, \$900; Workforce Services, Workers Comp, \$5,603.10; WY Gas, Service, \$1,979.65; WY Public Health Lab, Mailing, \$72.00; WY Retirement, Retirement, \$28,349.83; WY.Com, Service, \$25; Youth Alternatives, Services, \$500; Payroll, \$106,460.75; Payroll Taxes, \$33,765.60.

ATTEST:

Connie Guntly Adam R. Estenson,
Clerk/ Treasurer Mayor

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Lucerne Water and Sewer District
PO Box 611
Thermopolis, WY 82443
Public Notice

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Lucerne Water and Sewer District will be holding a Public Hearing to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget at our regular monthly scheduled meeting on the 9th of June 2026 at 5:30 PM at the Government Annex Building.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that the Lucerne Water and Sewer District will be holding our Final Budget hearing for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year at our regular monthly scheduled meeting on the 14th of July 2026 at 5:30 PM at the Government Annex Building.

ALSO, the 2025 Consumer Confidence Report is available for viewing. The Report will be posted at the Lucerne Water and Sewer District Office (584 US Highway 20 North) from the 20th of June 2026 to the 30th of June 2026, 8am to Noon, Monday through Thursday. If interested in receiving a digital copy via email please contact our Secretary, Taylor Cordingly at (605)222-9216 or email: smalleyt@live.com.

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