



# Education

## Threat reported, investigated

HEM hears of possible danger, law enforcement investigates

By Mike Armstrong

On March 21, if a person went on the Hanna, Elk Mountain, Medicine (HEM) Bow High School website, there were words that made people aware the administration was taking seriously any possible danger to its students, no matter how remote, the circumstances: "Over the weekend, it was reported to school personnel that a student mentioned to another student that they might bring a weapon to school. As soon as this was reported to us, we contacted legal authorities who investigated the situation and have taken appropriate actions. We will have law enforcement personnel on hand at school tomorrow as precaution.

The student will not be allowed to return to school until a formal threat assessment is completed. If allowed to attend school, appropriate searches of the student will be conducted.

This is a prime example of 'if you see (or hear) something, say something.' Please remember you can always utilize the Safe2Tell website, app and phone number to report issues like this."

Authorities are currently investigating the report but Steve Priest, HEM principal, and the school administration were taking no chances and would rather err on the side of caution. They certainly hope it is all a misunderstanding—but with students' well-being at stake, any possibility of danger is taken seriously.

This is why he said if any student sees or hears something, it should be reported—and Safe2Tell is an excellent and anonymous way to do so.

### Safe2Tell Promoted

"Safe2Tell is a great program," Priest said. "They started it two years ago in Wyoming and it is modeled after a program in Colorado and it has resources for students, parents, teachers and it is through the department of Homeland Security."

Priest said Safe2Tell came to HEM last year and did a presentation to students at the school.

Safe2Tell started the initial model in Colorado in 2003. The program went live with the Colorado State Patrol as a main answering point in 2004. In 2007 the



Hanna, Elk Mountain, Medicine Bow Jr./Sr. High School.

Photo by Mike Armstrong

first Safe2Tell legislation in Colorado was passed to establish an anonymous reporting statute. It was also the year Safe2Tell introduced web reporting. In 2015, a mobile app was introduced.

Safe2Tell in Wyoming started in 2016.

Priest said Safe2Tell doesn't do the presentations every year because of overkill, but posters are in the school and links to it are on the school's website. All the school's iPads have an app for Safe2Tell.

"When a report goes in, there is a live operator that takes the information, whether it is on the website, app or phone," Priest said. "If it is a serious situation, the operator does take information to verify the facts. Then it goes to the proper authority in the school and the law enforcement's office."

He said if it is something like bullying, it stays on the school level without dispatching to law enforcement. Suicide threats would go to law enforcement, school and social welfare personnel.

Priest said potential suicide candidates are often helped by their friends who call into Safe2Tell to alert people of the possible chance

of a suicide.

Many calls come in after school time to Safe2Tell, so this is another positive Priest said.

Students use Safe2Tell Wyoming to report: bullying, stealing, threats, fights, drugs, alcohol, weapons, sexual misconduct, harassment, stalking, dating violence, cutting, suicidal behaviors or any other violent or dangerous situations that threaten their safety or the safety of others. It is for the purpose of prevention and intervention, to help keep students safe.

According to the Safe2Tell website, in order to break the code of silence, the Safe2Tell solution works to improve the culture and climate of schools. A vital component of the prevention model is conducting intentional conversations that empower students to speak up without fear of retaliation, embarrassment or labeling. Safe2Tell Wyoming provides the promise of hope and help.

### Anonymous Reporting

The report takers will not ask for any personal identifiable information. An assigned tip number, along with a password, is provided. If more information is needed about the case,

Safe2Tell will use the two way dialogue feature using the login id and password assigned. A caller should save the tip number and password. A caller can later log-in and check for messages from Safe2Tell Wyoming.

Student Lounge on the website has information on suicide, bullying, cyberbullying, drug abuse, drinking, cutting, depression, sexting, weapons, internet safety, sexual assault, smoking and huffing.

When a topic of concern is selected, there is information tailored to each subject. If suicide is selected the page gives explanation on why teens might want to commit suicide. It also gives numbers to call and additional resources.

The weapons page tells why a student might bring a weapon to school. It also tells a student to seek safety, write down anything a student remembers while it is fresh and to report the situation to a trusted adult immediately.

### Excellent Resource

"I think Safe2Tell has been an excellent source for students to go to who may not have someone to talk to at school or may occur outside of school hours," Darrin Jennings, principal

of Saratoga Elementary School, said. "It is a good resource for our students to use to keep the schools safe."

Jennings said he has had exposure to it succeeding when he was working in Carbon County School District No 1.

"If it hadn't been for Safe2Tell, there were some issues I would not have known about, although nothing serious, but it is another avenue to keep our kids safe and happy in school," Jennings said. "It covers everything you can imagine in a school."

Jennings said we live in world where it is important for schools to know each one of its students to keep them happy.

"Safe2Tell is another opportunity for us to make sure we are taking any type of threat seriously," Jennings said.

He said there is a vetting process so Safe2Tell can't be abused.

"Safe2Tell starts the investigation process," Jennings said. "But is not the sentence, so we make sure we cover all our bases."

Priest reinforces Jennings words about possible system abuse.

"If it is found out that it is a clear misuse of the system, the authorities make it clear this is a serious offense with fines," Priest said.

He said a report from Safe2Tell comes from the state every month to tell what is going on in school districts to give an idea of what might be trending. Priest said he feels that Safe2Tell gets rid of the culture of a student feeling like they are squealing on another student.

"It gets rid of that culture of rattling on someone, when all they are trying to do is help someone," Priest said. "I think it is a great system."

Safe2Tell Wyoming is available to all Wyoming schools, students, teachers, and parents. State law guarantees the confidentiality of every caller. Reports can be made to Safe2Tell Wyoming by calling 1-844-WYO-SAFE (996-7233). Reports can also be submitted through Safe2Tell Wyoming's website.

Tips may be submitted using a smartphone through the Safe2Tell Wyoming mobile app. Every tip submitted to Safe2Tell is thoroughly investigated once given to the appropriate school and/or law enforcement agency.



# Public Notices

### Carbon County School District #2 February 2018 Bills List \$500.00 and over

VENDOR	AMOUNT
Amazon.Com	1,851.26
Barkhurst	8,622.99
Collision Center	
Baudville, Inc.	1,997.39
Best Western	1,099.89
Fossil County Inn	
Best Western	4,137.70
Inn at Lander	
Black Hills	11,785.63
Energy	
Capital	579.71
Business Systems Inc.	
Carbon Power	20,106.55
& Light Company	
Cloyd, Larry K.	529.59
Communication	13,725.05

Is Everything LLC	
Fairfield Inn	1,116.00
of Laramie	
Follett School	2,297.05
Solutions Inc	
Frontline	1,220.00
Education	
Glass	1,012.67
Masters, Inc	
Global	1,400.00
Compliance Network	
Hampton Inn	2,178.00
& Suites-Douglas	
Hampton Inn	645.00
& Suites-Jackson Hole	
Hampton Inn	833.85
& Suites-Nashville	
Hanna	1,144.26
Hometown Market	
H-E-M High	528.29
School Hot Lunch	
High Plains	966.89

Power, Inc	
Hobart	2,049.50
Corporation	
Hot Lunch	30,000.00
Fund CCSD #2	
Imprest Fund	2,061.60
Erickson, Mike	
Imprest Fund	3,569.00
Linda Butler	
Imprest Fund	3,317.50
Steven Priest	
Jo-Ed Produce	1,473.05
Kaspar Oil	7,535.60
Co, J.H.	
Long Building	4,376.57
Technologies Inc	
Macpherson,	1,242.50
Kelly & Thompson, LLC	
MPM Corp	750.50
Db a Evergreen Disposal	
North Park	5,760.92
Propane LLC	

Office Depot	512.88
Pederson, Susan	650.00
Perkins Oil	4,613.43
Company	
Pine Cove	84,947.1
Consulting, LLC9	
Plan One	12,292.52
Architect	
Quill	1,576.22
Corporation	
Rachel Waxweiler	963.56
Ramada Plaza	1,275.00
Casper Hotel	
Ramkota Hotel	4,272.00
Casper	
Rawlins Daily	511.00
Times	
Rawlins Fire	778.00
Extinguisher Service	
Region V	46,253.00
BOCES	
Ricoh USA	691.38

Rocky	9,621.69
Mountain Power	
Samantha	10,677.18
Sloan, M.S., CCC-SLP	
Sam's Club	686.07
Sanford's	666.14
Casper WY Blvd	
Saratoga Sun	622.88
Scambler,	3,071.53
Douglas J. Ph. D.	
Shively	1,850.06
Hardware	
Sinclair Oil	1,349.99
Corporation	
Sjoden, Randal	2,550.00
Sleep Inn	3,400.00
Evansville	
Squirrel Tree Auto	571.88
Tanner, Nathan	560.00
Teton Science	4,100.00
Schools	
Tia Marie Reed	2,542.40

Tony's Pizza	698.53
Town Of	789.00
Encampment	
Town Of Saratoga	716.96
Union	3,759.15
Telephone Company	
Us Food	19,630.14
Service	
Valley Foods	2,383.93
Walmart	703.24
Wells, Sally	900.20
WYO Diesel	2,551.15
Service	
WYO FBLA	810.00
WYO Steel	1,540.81
& Recycling Iron/Metals	

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# Public Notices

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SARATOGA TOWN COUNCIL HELD MARCH 6, 2018, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE SARATOGA TOWN HALL**

Mayor Ed Glode called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present were Councilman Will Faust, Councilman Steve Wilcoxson and Councilman Richard Raymer. Councilwoman Jennie Lou Garland was absent from the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Councilman Faust made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Councilman Raymer made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2018 meeting as presented. Councilman Faust seconded and the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:** Treasurer Sammy Flohr read the following bills for approval: Accounts Payable: \$91,944.57; Payroll and FICA for 2/06/18 in the amount of \$53,989.23; and manual checks in the amount of \$50,773.10 for a total of \$196,706.90.

Councilman Faust made a motion to pay the Shively Hardware bill in the amount of \$1,956.18. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried. Mayor Glode declared a conflict and abstained.

Councilman Faust made a motion to pay the remaining bills in the amount of \$194,750.72. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried.

Mayor Glode reported that an error occurred in the accounts payable amount from the February 20, 2018 meeting. The amount reported was \$33,970.16 and the correct amount was \$34,437.39.

Councilman Faust made a motion to correct the accounts payable total from February 20, 2108 from \$33,970.16 to \$34,437.39. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Mayor Glode read a note from the Saratoga/Platte Valley Chamber of Commerce thanking the town crews for help with the annual fishing derby.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Council members discussed the upcoming budget session. They will hold the first budget workshop on Monday, March 12th at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Glode reported that the local Kiwanis organization is looking at dissolving due to a lack of new members. He encouraged the public to get involved to avoid losing the group in Saratoga. Kiwanis provide valuable services to the community through their Stars of Tomorrow program, scholarships, etc.

Mayor Glode also reported a conflict with the next council meeting and the upcoming SCWEMS meeting on March 20th.

He recommended moving the town council meeting to 5 p.m. to allow council members to also attend the SCWEMS meeting at 6 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Platte Valley Community Center.

**ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:** Tom and Pat Rozel asked for clarification on a letter they received regarding a new sign for the Saratoga Resort & Spa. Zoning Officer, Dan Ferrin explained that The Resort & Spa is asking for a variance to install an oversized sign on their property on the corner of East Bridge and SE River Street, which is across the street from the Rozels. Councilman Will Faust stated that the Planning Commission will be addressing the variance and whether the sign (which was put up prior to applying for the variance) will have to be removed.

Gene McDowell apologized to the council for the current condition of the property he purchased on Rochester Avenue. Mr. McDowell stated that they are cleaning items out and some stuff will be sent to Wamsutter. Mr. McDowell is also considering fencing the property to help with the appearance of the property and he will attend the Planning Commission meeting next week.

**REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS**

**Town Hall:** No report

**Fire Department:** Mayor Glode reported that Councilwoman Garland will now serve as the council representative for the fire department.

**Police Department:** Chief of Police Robert Bifano reported that one of the full time employees is out sick for three weeks and the part time person is filling in.

He also reported that Ryan Electronics and Adventure Technologies corrected the recording line issues.

**Recreation Department:** Recreation Director Lisa Burton reported that 77 Kg - 5th graders are registered to play Utah Jazz this year. Practices start Monday, March 12th and the first games are scheduled for Thursday, March 22nd.

**Department of Public Works:** Director of Public Works Supervisor Jon Winter reported the following:

**Street Department:** Streets crew plowed snow and cleared streets the better part of 3 days

Assisted Water crew on Hickory Street water line repair

Received 24 Ton of Ice melt on 2/27/18

O & M on equipment

Preparing for OSHA inspection

**Water & Sewer:** Pre construction meeting on 2/23/18 on Lagoon Improvement Project

Town crews prepping for project, cleaning and preparing buildings, checking sluice gates and developing a by-pass pumping plan

Anticipated construction

start day is 3/19/18 with bypass pumping starting 3/23/18 for approximately 1 week. Dry well work scheduled to be complete by 4/3/18 and end of construction is scheduled for 6/15/18.

Repair water service at 106 Hickory

New jet rodder is working well

Five engineering consultants were shortlisted to submit RFP's for the Phase 1 Water Master Plan. RFPs will be narrowed down to 3 by 4/15/18 and those 3 consultants will be interviewed in mid May and the contract awarded in June. The five consultants are as follows:  
 • WLC - Rawlins  
 • Baker & Associates - Laramie  
 • Forsgren Associates - Evanston  
 • Western Engineering & Geo - Rock Springs  
 • North Fork Engineering - Saratoga

**Weed and Pest:** Submitted Carbon County Weed and Pest 2018 Mosquito estimated program costs

**Hot Pool/Good Times Park:**

Cleaned hot pool on 2/22/18

**Parks:** No report

**Lake:** No report

**Other:** Permission to subscribe to JJ Keller Safety - safety resource company - with an online subscription, the annual fee is \$1,000.

Mr. Winter reported that the service includes newsletters, regulation changes, training programs and OSHA compliance, etc. Some books and cds are included and some are extra. After some discussion, council members requested that Director Winter bring additional information to the next meeting for consideration.

**REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

**Airport Board:** Councilman Raymer reported that the project for the lights and camera is basically completed and they are working on punch list items. They are advertising for final completion, and after the 41 day period, the 5% retainage will be released.

Mr. Raymer made a motion to approve the pay request for Modern Electric for the final balance on the contract in the amount of \$6,869.85. Councilman Faust seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Raymer noted that this will be the final payment except for the 5% retainage.

Councilman Raymer reported that there was a pre-construction meeting for the runway rehab project and they will mobilize on April 1st. The airport will be shut down for 40 days, with no traffic in or out during that time.

The next meeting of the Airport Board will be March 14, 2018 at 1 p.m.

**Community Center Joint Powers Board:** The next meeting of the Community Center Joint Powers Board will be held Monday, March 12, 2018

at 4:30 p.m.

**Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board:** The next meeting of the Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board will be held Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

**Landfill Board:** Councilman Wilcoxson reported that at the last meeting the board considered a request from the windmill project contractors to use the landfill, but the board decided against allowing the request.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Encampment.

**Medical Board:** Councilman Faust reported that the new lease is near completion and should be reviewed by the town attorney.

**Planning Commission:** Councilman Faust reported that the commission is in the process of re-writing Ordinance 18.57 to create a new zone and a new mobile home district. Mobile homes would not be allowed in RD6000 but would be allowed in the new mobile home zone.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on March 13, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

**Recreation Commission:** The next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be Monday, March 12, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

**South Central Emergency Medical Services:** Mayor Glode reported that after a meeting held on January 31, 2018, changes are being made to the original agreement currently in place for the board.

Mayor Glode read Resolution 2018-03, which is the second amendment to the original agreement currently in place and changes the composition of the board.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-03, which is the second amendment to the original agreement in place and changes the composition of the board, and allow the mayor to sign. Councilman Faust seconded and the motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Raymer made a motion to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. Councilman Faust seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Saratoga Town Council will be held on March 20, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Saratoga Town Hall.

Ed J Glode, Mayor  
Lisa G. Burton

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**Town of Saratoga  
Cash Requirements**

Saratoga Do	35.43
It Best Lumber	
Carbon Power & Light, INC	12,092.19
Caselle INC	850.00
CNA Surety	125.00
Galls, LLC	50.94
JH Kaspar	1,834.68
Oil Co	
MPM Corp	645.00

One Call of Wyoming	7.50
Perue Printing	906.70
Pitney Bowes	600.00
Platte Valley Comm Center	2,641.76
Saratoga CCJPB	150.00
Union Telephone Co	3,640.76
Valley Fire Extinguisher Service	44.00
Valley Oil Co	621.14
BCN	110.82
Wy Assoc. of Sheriffs & Chiefs	50.00
Wyoming Retirement System	450.00
Youngberg	130.00
Plumbing & Heating	
South Central Wyoming EMS	19,012.50
CenturyLINK	.85
DNOW L.P.	600.00
Grand Total	44,599.27

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**Town of Saratoga  
Manual Checks**

Child Support Services	268.62
Child Support Services	134.77
Child Support Services	101.53
Manual Checks Total	504.92
Accounts Payable	44,599.27
Manual Checks	504.92
Payroll for 3/20/2018	42,259.37
FICA for above payroll	9,497.78
Total	96,861.34
Shivley Hardware	0.00
Total	96,861.34

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**NOTICE TO MINERAL RIGHTS OWNERS REGARDING THE PROPOSED EKOLA FLATS WIND ENERGY PROJECT, CARBON COUNTY, WYOMING**

Ekola Flats Wind Energy LLC is developing the Ekola Flats Wind Energy Project, which will be located on approximately 23,000 acres of land west of the Town of Medicine Bow, Wyoming in Carbon County, Wyoming. The Ekola Flats Wind Energy Project is a proposed commercial wind energy facility of approximately 250 megawatts in size that will contain up to approximately 100 wind turbines within the project area and related facilities and equipment such as overhead and underground electrical distribution, collection, transmission and communication lines and facilities; electric transformers, substations, energy storage facilities and interconnection equipment; roads and construction crane pads; meteorological towers and wind measuring equipment; operations and maintenance building(s); maintenance yards and staging yards; storage areas; and related facilities and equipment. This publication is meant to provide notice to mineral rights owners in or near the project area as well as to give notice to area landowners, governmental officials, and the general public concerning the project. Ekola Flats Wind Energy LLC hereby notifies all mineral rights owners and other persons and officials that it will be submitting an application to the Carbon County, Wyoming Department of Planning and Development and the State of Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Industrial Siting Division to permit the Ekola Flats Wind Energy Project to be located on private and state lands which may include the following areas of Carbon County,

Wyoming:  
Township 23 North Range 78 West, 6th P.M.  
All or portions of Sections 17 and 18

Township 22 North Range 79 West, 6th P.M.  
All or portions of Sections 1, 3, 4, 5 and 11

Township 22 North Range 80 West, 6th P.M.  
All or portions of Section 1

Township 23 North Range 79 West, 6th P.M.  
All or portions of Sections 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 35 and 36

Township 24 North Range 79 West, 6th P.M.  
All or portions of Sections 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35

Township 23 North Range 80 West, 6th P.M.  
All or portions of Sections 1, 2, 11, 13, 14, 15, 23, 24, 25, 26, 35 and 36

Township 24 North Range 80 West, 6th P.M.  
All or portions of Sections 34, 35 and 36

The permit application to Carbon County, Wyoming is expected to be filed in early April 2018, and copies of the application will thereafter be available at public libraries and local government offices in Carbon County, Wyoming and Albany County, Wyoming. Publication of notice of informational meetings concerning the project will be published at a later date. Interested persons can submit comments in writing by mail at the following address: Ekola Flats Wind Energy LLC, c/o Invenergy LLC, 2580 W. Main St. Littleton, CO 80120, Attn. Krista Mann.

For additional information concerning the project, please contact Krista Mann at Invenergy Wind Development North America LLC, (303) 800-9335.

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**Public Notice**

Ekola Flats Wind Energy LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Invenergy Wind Development LLC, is developing a 250 MW wind energy project on private land and State of Wyoming leases in Carbon County. The company is inviting the public to attend free informational meetings and open houses to learn more about this exciting project.

**Rawlins Jeffrey Center**  
315 West Pine Street  
Rawlins, WY 82301  
Wednesday April 4, 2018  
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Medicine Bow Community Hall**  
221 Pine Street  
Medicine Bow, WY 82329  
Thursday April 5, 2018  
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served. For any questions, please contact 303-557-4486 or 720-384-4047. We look forward to seeing you there.

2580 West Main Street  
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www.inveneryllc.com

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