

# On the record

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## On the Record policy

It is the Thermopolis Independent Record's policy that all people arrested or cited under the "Accidents," "Sheriff's office" or "Police department" in the On the Record section are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

### Sheriff's office

Tuesday, April 9

1:49 p.m. REDDI report, and after the suspect vehicle was located and stopped the driver was found to not be intoxicated. He was warned about his driving and given a repair order for a taillight.

Wednesday, April 10

4:16 p.m. Information was received about a sex offender living at a hotel near a school and not registering the address. The suspect was cited for residing within 100 feet of the school.

5:43 p.m. Nykonia Whiting was arrested for alleged fail-

ure to appear.

Friday, April 12

5:49 p.m. REDDI report near mile marker 128 on Highway 20, on a vehicle coming into town. The vehicle was located and the deputy observed infractions and affected a stop. Officers from the Thermopolis Police Department and Wyoming Highway Patrol responded as well. Robert L. Harrison was arrested for alleged minor in possession, Evan C. Washenfelder was arrested for alleged minor in possession and open container, and Kolton K. Bagant was arrested for alleged minor in possession.

Sunday, April 14

6:24 p.m. A motorcycle observed speeding through town was stopped and its rider cited for exhibition of acceleration.

### Police department

Wednesday, April 10

6:36 a.m. A driver was cited for improper lane use.

Friday, April 12

8:31 a.m. A report was received of slashed tires. The matter is currently under investigation.

Saturday, April 13

7:40 a.m. Brad A. Merritt was arrested for alleged probation violation.

Monday, April 15

6:01 p.m. Andrew B. Meador was arrested for alleged bond violation.

Tuesday, April 16

10 a.m. Austin V. Monte was arrested for alleged domestic battery.

### Birth

Irelynn Rose O'Connor was born Monday, April 8, 2019, at Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital to Cortney and Ryan O'Connor.

She weighed 8 pounds and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Bruce and Sabrina Thoren and Pat and Shelley O'Connor.

### Property transfers

Warranty Deed: Kay Wiecki to Kay Wiecki and Randall Wahler, Lot 5, Block 1, Cedar Ridge Subdivision First Filing.

Warranty Deed: Sage Valley Inc. to Charles Royer and Tamara Royer, Lot 59, Sage Valley Subdivision.

Warranty Deed: John Sussich to Jeremiah Appenay, the North Half of Lots 21 and 22, Block 44, of the Original Town of Thermopolis.

Warranty Deed: Anthony Skorupka and Brandie Skorupka to McCort Harris and Chelsea Harris, parcels in Township 47 North, Range 98 West of the Sixth Principal Meridian.

Sheriff's Deed: Jeremie Kraushaar to Mortgage Assets Management LLC, Lots 17 and 18, Block 9, Brydon's Third Addition to Thermopolis.

Quitclaim Deed: Ryan Brothers Inc. to Quinton Hetzel and Cassie Hetzel, parcel in the South Half of the Southwest Quarter, Section 2, Township 42 North, Range 95 West of the Sixth Principal Meridian.

Warranty Deed: Elizabeth Accurso to Jeffrey Toscas and Kim Toscas, Lots 21 and 22, Block 17, Kinney Second Addition to Thermopolis.

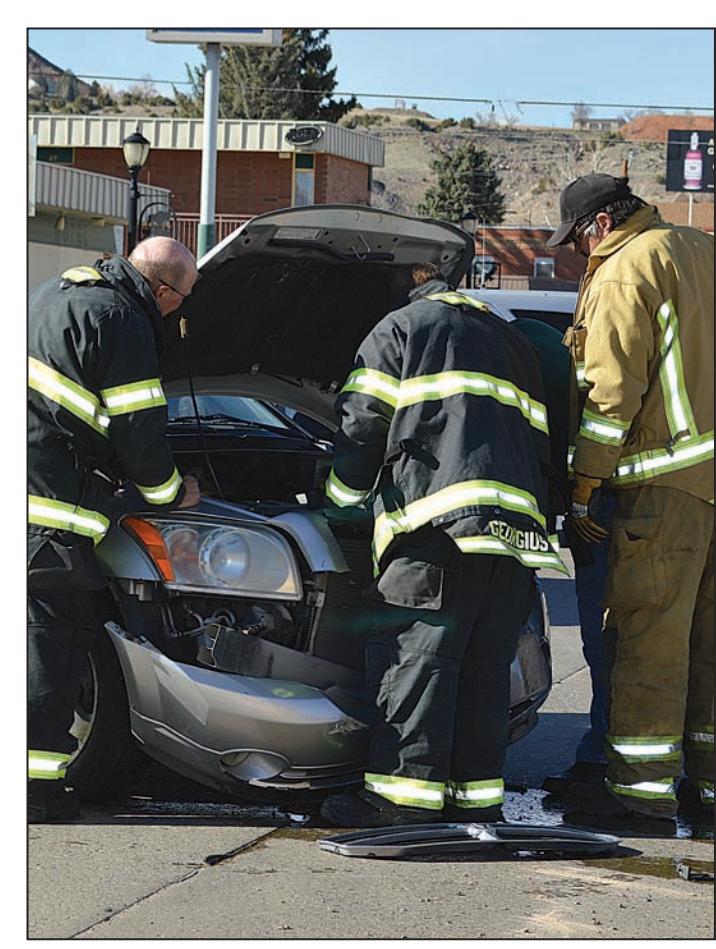


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## Main street crash

The Thermopolis Volunteer Fire Department respond to a crash at Sixth and Broadway, Saturday afternoon. The collision happened when a truck failed to yield to this car. The truck driver was cited for the turn, as well as no insurance and no registration.

## Sheriff addresses canyon racing report

by Mark Dykes

Recently, posts have appeared online regarding racing in Wind River Canyon.

Sheriff Jeremie Kraushaar noted there have been people through the years who have attempted to swerve between the line in the passing lines, but he's not sure if the post regarding racing is legitimate or simply meant to get a rise out of people.

Though he wouldn't necessarily call it racing, Kraushaar acknowledged there are instances of driving unsafe and driving at high speeds. A lot of the time, he said, people have a tendency to cut corners while driving the canyon because their speed is too fast, resulting in them driving in the oncoming lane around corners, and deputies do their best to curtail such behavior.

With the number of blind corners in the canyon, it can be difficult to see and stop for drivers coming from the other direction or fishermen crossing the

highway. Kraushaar noted there are extremely high banks and those unfortunate enough to go down them in their vehicles are very hard to retrieve.

Kraushaar pointed out people who drive the canyon are good about calling in driving infractions, especially tourists who aren't familiar with the canyon and might get spooked with someone driving quickly by them. Though passing drivers might still be driving at or under the speed limit, it can appear to a cautious first-timer that they are going much faster.

There has been "more than our fair share" of fatalities in canyon, with head-on wrecks and people being run off the road. It's certainly a dangerous stretch of road, he said, and it always seems like there's someone who's going to make the decision to drive at extreme speeds through the canyon. But, to his knowledge, there is no set group that is using it as their personal racing track.

## Scam disguised as lotto award letter

Local law enforcement has been informed of a mail scam going around in which letters are sent out informing people they were recently chosen as a winner for the Mega Millions sweepstakes international lottery program, held on a specific date.

The letter goes on with congratulations on the large win, and adds assurances that it has been securely deposited and insured, and that the lottery itself is designed and promoted by the "European Union in collaboration with US Government. Winners, the letter claims, are selected through a credit card ballot system draw from all over the world.

The letter soon dives into typical scam language, informing the person that he or she must call and make arrangements to get the money, but by no means should they make their award known until it has been fully processed and remitted.

As with many scams, efforts have been made to present this letter as realistically as possible. Distracting logos that appear official are all over the page, along

with pictures of what look to be lottery tickets and other winners. Even the envelope has a postmark from outside the country.

Those who receive such letters, or any letter, phone call, text message or email that they are unsure about should first contact law enforcement at 864-3114 or 864-2622. It's also important to keep in mind the idea that if something sounds or looks too good to be true, it usually is.

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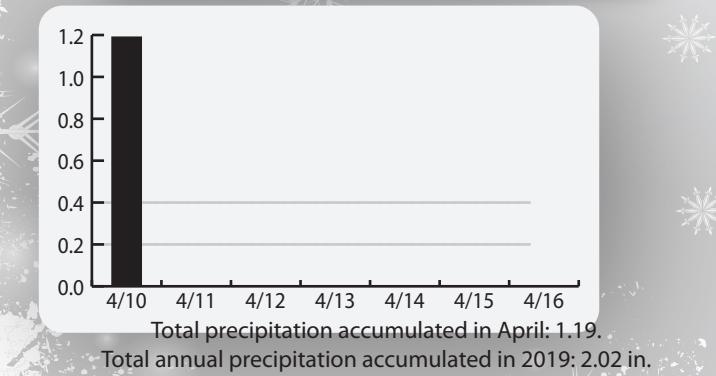
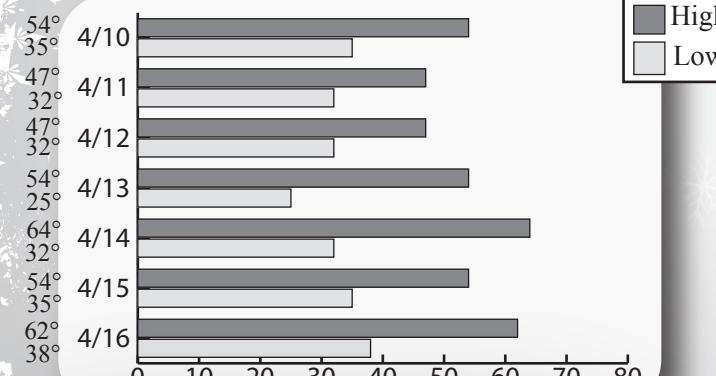
## WHY IS IT?

A man wakes up after sleeping under an ADVERTISED blanket on an ADVERTISED mattress and pulls off ADVERTISED pajamas, bathes in an ADVERTISED shower, shaves with an ADVERTISED razor, brushes his teeth with ADVERTISED toothpaste, washes with ADVERTISED soap, puts on ADVERTISED clothes, drinks a cup of ADVERTISED coffee, drives to work in an ADVERTISED car, and then... refuses to ADVERTISE, believing it doesn't pay. Later if business is poor he ADVERTISES the business for sale.

## WHY IS IT?

### Weather Report for April 10-16

Data received from Water Treatment Plant in Thermopolis.



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