

When a friend or loved one is in jail, those precious minutes visiting them through a glass window, using a telephone to talk, can mean a lot. But often there are circumstances that make it difficult or impossible for visitation at the Hot Springs County Detention Center.

September 19, 2019

Making things easier is the addition of the center's new video calling service. Sergeant Detention Administrator Beth Price noted the regular visiting room will still be available, but the new service allows people to visit with inmates via computer or handheld device.

September 26, 2019

The Bobcat golf team was welcomed home by family, friends and the fire department Saturday night as they returned to town as back-to-back State Golf Champions in 2A. The State Tournament was held in Lusk this year with the Cats coming out on top with a two-day total of 721, a full 35 strokes ahead of the number two team, Big Horn.

October 3, 2019

Hardy Johnson garnered the number one spot individually for the second year in a row with a two-day total of 144, coming out ahead of Nick Summers of Tongue River by 20 strokes.

October

October 3, 2019

Building inspectors came in and took a look at all of the roof-

ing on county properties and declared the Senior Center, museum and annex roofs are all good. The library and the courthouse, however, will need to be re-roofed.

Its going to take some engineering since the roof of each off the buildings is a bit complicated, but an engineer will need to take a look at them to ensure the bid specs are correct before putting them out.

The commissioners decided they wanted an engineer to do an inspection of the roof on the fair building as well since the insurance adjuster indicated it would need replaced as well.

October 10, 2019

According to a report released last month by the Economic Analysis Division of the Wyoming Department of Administration and Information, Hot Springs County was among the six counties in the state to see a decrease in taxable sales, coming in at 5.9 percent less for the second quarter in 2019 compared to the second quarter of 2018. The previous years saw a 12.3 percent increase, and information provided in the report is based on sales and use tax collections.

October 17, 2019

The second annual Wyoming Singer Songwriter Competition has concluded with a Thermopolis resident winning the title of overall champion.

Rob Weimann, who took second place in last year's event, was named Wyoming's best singer-songwriter of 2019 in voting by

both a panel of musicians and by audience members at the final round of the annual competition held at the Ten Sleep Brewing Co.

October 24, 2019

Its time for everyone, both young and old, to pull out those Halloween costumes for a fun afternoon hiking the newly completed trail to the top of T Hill.

The grand opening for the new trail will be this Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. with candy and prizes at the top of the trail.

The new trail takes you two miles round trip and the trailhead is near the parking lot of the new Hot Springs County Parks and Rec disc golf course.

October 31, 2019

The high school girls returned from the 2A State Championships in Afton with a second place win — Wyoming Indian placed first — and individual runners taking high spots in the top 10. Tahja Hunt finished fifth with 22:06.47; Hallie Martinez seventh with 22:14.22; and McKenna Bomengen eighth with 22:24.96.

Hunt, Martinez and Bomengen were also recognized by the Wyoming Coaches' Association as 2019 WCA All-State athletes.

November

November 7, 2019

Locals need to be prepared for the closing of another business in Thermopolis with the recent purchase of IGA from the Super Foods Corporation.

IGA's employees were informed Tuesday morning that their doors would be closing November 25 and contents of the store would be liquidated.

Eric Mackay, owner of Mack's Market, is the new owner of the building.

November 14, 2019

The Bobcats fought a tough battle against the defending state champs Friday night in the 2A Wyoming High School State Football Semifinals, but in the end, Buffalo proved too strong. Bobcats ended their season defeating five different 2A opponents.

Coach McPhie had this to say about the season "It's a bitter ending to an excellent season. We are very proud of not only the excellent team these guys became, but the young men and citizens they have become off the field."

November 21, 2019

Two members of the Lady Bobcat volleyball team were named to All State and All Conference teams for 2019.

Sesi Jensen was chosen for the 3A West All Conference team along with Ashley McPhie.

McPhie was also chosen for the 3A All State Team for this season.

"Both Sesi and Ashley were captains on our team and constantly led by example on the court," head coach Shannon Hill said. "They were a part of a group of four seniors we had this year that were such positive leaders in our program and

were constantly expecting their teammates to step up to their level of play and it showed with our overall competitiveness this year in our conference."

November 28, 2019

Bobcat Robotics hosted 20 teams from around the state and over 120 students for the Thermop Throwdown scrimmage Nov. 16. Nearly every team in the state was represented.

All teams were able to compete in five matches each and they had a chance to test out and refine their robot designs and programming.

Bobcat teams made progress on their robot designs and coding.

Teams were able to go through mock judging that will be similar to the judging and interviews they experience at state tournaments and other competitions.

December

December 5, 2019

Rwanda Nyarusiza Station, roasted locally at Jackrabbit Java, was selected as the No. 29 coffee on Coffee Review's list of the Top 30 Coffees of 2019 and received a score of 93.

The blind assessment of this coffee was described as crisply sweet, floral-toned. Orange blossom, blackberry, cooked taro root, cacao nib, cedar in aroma and cup. Sweetly savory structure with gentle, rounded acidity; full, creamy mouthfeel. A pleasing sweet starchiness akin to taro root surfaces in the finish, integrated with rich floral and fruit tones.

December 12, 2019

The Hot Springs County High School Drama Club recently participated in the Wyoming State Thespians Festival (previously named Wyoming State Drama Competition) and returned as State Champions in 1A/2A for the second year in a row.

Twenty-four students went to the festival and were entered into 15 different categories.

They brought home 18 All-State Medals and 11 Honorable Mention Certificates.

December 19, 2019

An educator in the Hot Springs County School District has been named one of six finalists in Wyoming to receive the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST).

Aimee Kay, a seventh and eighth grade science teacher at Thermopolis Middle School, was nominated by Jessica Lippincott.

This is the highest recognition an educator may receive in mathematics, science or computer science in the country and the awards are facilitated by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and the National Science Foundation.

December 26, 2019

The Thermopolis Police Department recently conducted alcohol compliance checks of area businesses. Every business checked passed and there were no citations issued for any violations.

The checks are conducted to help ensure alcohol is not being sold to minors.

Cercy

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ings due to publicity. Although prosecutors presented at trial evidence of oral sexual assault, Judge Daniel Forgey did not present instructions limiting how the jury should consider the evidence or inform jurors that the Wyoming Legislature excluded sexual intrusion—including oral sex acts—from language governing the crime. Evidence of oral sex, the Wyoming Supreme Court ruled, does not meet the state law's

standard to show third-degree sexual assault; it instead is applicable to the first- and second-degree crimes of which Natrona County jurors acquitted Cercy.

"While no single instruction was necessarily incorrect, under the facts presented to the jury in this case, the instructions leave serious doubt as to the circumstances under which the jury could convict Mr. Cercy of third-degree sexual assault," Justice Kate Fox stated in the

court's ruling. "On remand, if the evidence is presented as it was in the first two trials, the jury must be instructed that it cannot convict Mr. Cercy of third-degree sexual assault based on a finding that he committed cunnilingus."

Although his lawyers had argued prosecutors subjected Cercy to double jeopardy, in violation of his Fifth Amendment protection against re-trial on acquitted conduct, the appeals court ruled against him

on that issue. Fox wrote that the Natrona County jury only found Cercy did not commit sexual assault by oral sex; it did not make a determination, as Cercy's lawyers had argued would support a reversal on Fifth Amendment grounds, that Cercy did not commit some other type of sexual assault.

However, the appellate court did rule that the charge on which Cercy was convicted did not match much of the conduct

alleged at trial. If prosecutors re-try Cercy on the third-degree count, they should provide other evidence of sexual contact.

"While the State may be permitted to admit evidence of cunnilingus on retrial for third-degree sexual assault, it cannot rely on cunnilingus for its proof of the elements of the crime without running afoul of the constitutional guarantee against double jeopardy," the court wrote. "Proper jury instruc-

tions will reduce that risk." Denver defense attorney Jeff Pagliuca, who along with Pamela Mackey represented Cercy at trial, did not respond to a Friday phone message requesting comment for this story. According to Wyoming Department of Corrections records, Cercy remained in a Newcastle prison camp on Friday morning, serving the six to eight years imprisonment Forgey ordered him to in February.

Public notices

STATE OF) IN THE)
WYOMING) DISTRICT COURT)
) ss.)
COUNTY OF) FIFTH JUDICIAL)
HOT SPRINGS) DISTRICT)

IN THE MATTER OF) Adoption No.)
THE ADOPTION OF) A19-1)
B.L.S.))
Minor child))
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WILL FARRELL AND))
SHAWNA FARRELL,))
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Petitioners))
vs.))
WILLIAM SMOTHERS))
AND LISA BENNETT,))
Respondents.))

cess, Inc, its successors and assigns, and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which a Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (Reverse Mortgage) was executed and delivered by said Mortgagor(s), to said Mortgagee, and which Mortgage was recorded on December 4, 2014, at Instrument No. 0502764 in Book 154 at Page 778 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Hot Springs County, State of Wyoming; and WHEREAS, the mortgage was assigned for value as follows: To Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC, its successors and assigns on October 29, 2019, recorded on November 4, 2019, at Instrument No. 0537586 in Book 187, Page 436. All in the records of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Hot Springs County, Wyoming. WHEREAS, the Mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of said default, the Mortgagee declares to have become operative, and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof, nor has any such suit or proceeding been instituted and the same discontinued; and WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$92,778.44 which sum consists of the principal advances of \$56,725.30 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$26,426.81, plus MIP in the amount of \$8,370.31, plus other outstanding charges in the amount of \$1,256.02, plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale; WHEREAS, the property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale. Any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid; NOW, THEREFORE Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC, its successors and assigns, as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or

Deputy Sheriff in and for Hot Springs County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon on January 21, 2020 at the front door of the Hot Springs County Courthouse located at 415 Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming, Hot Springs County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 64, RYAN'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS, HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING

which has the address of 332 N. 8th Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443

Together with all improvements thereon situate and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto.

Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC, its successors and assigns
By: Danette Baldacci
Crowley Fleck PLLP
P.O. Box 6550
Sheridan, WY 82801
1-844-280-7990

Pub. Dec. 26, Jan. 2, 9 & 16, 2020 No. 8715

Notice of application:
Retail Liquor License -- Transfer

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of December 2019, Elle's Restaurant and Bar LLC, filed an application to transfer a Retail Liquor License in the office of the Clerk of the Town of Thermopolis for the following building 109 South 6th Street and protests, if there be any, against the transfer of such license will be heard at the hour of 7:00pm on the 21st day of January, 2020, in the Town Hall Council Chambers located at 420 Broadway, Thermopolis, WY.

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer
Pub. Jan. 2 & 9, 2019 No. 8718

Public Notice

There will be a public hearing on Monday, January 13th 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at Town Hall, to review the Home Occupation of Aaron Turner, to operate

a Yard Care Business at 821 Amoretti Street, in the LDR. For further information please contact Codes Admin. 864-9285.

Pub. Jan. 2, 2019 No. 8719

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF) Probate No.)
THE ESTATE OF) P-19-31)
))
JENNIE LEE RATHBUN))
))
Deceased,))

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lee Rathbun and Joshua Victor Rathbun have made application to the above Court as provided in WS §2-1-205 for decree in the above captioned matter establishing their right and title to the following described real property located in Hot Springs County, Wyoming. The South 75 feet of Lots 11 and 12, Block 36, of the Original Townsite of Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming.

Said application is filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District at the Hot Springs County, Wyoming Courthouse, and any dispute as to the facts as presented in that application should be filed within thirty (30) days of the date of first publication hereof, at which time the real property of decedent described above and located in Hot Springs County, Wyoming, will be set over to Lee Rathbun and Joshua Victor Rathbun, as joint tenants with right of survivorship. DATED this 18th day of December, 2019.

/s/ Michael S. Messenger
Michael S. Messenger WSB#5-1438
Messenger Law Firm, P.C.
P. O. Box 111
Thermopolis, WY 82443
(307) 864-5541

Pub. Dec. 26 & Jan. 2, 2020 No. 8716

SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
To: WILLIAM SMOTHERS
Address unknown

PLEASE take notice that Petitioners, Will and Shawna Farrell, have filed in this Court a Petition to Adopt the above named minor child and the Court has set the petition for hearing. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the above-named William Smothers shall appear before this Court on the 14th day of February, 2020, at 1:30 p.m., at the District Courtroom in the Hot Springs County Courthouse in Thermopolis, Wyoming to show cause why the Petition to Adopt should not be granted and a decree of adoption entered.

DATED this 5th day of December, 2019.

CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT
Clerk/Deputy Clerk
Pub. Dec. 12, 19, 25 & Jan. 2, 2019 No. 8707

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default has occurred, the mortgagor is deceased under the terms of a promissory note (the "Note") dated November 20, 2019, executed and delivered by John Novakovich, a single man ("Mortgagor(s)") to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as sole nominee for Genworth Financial Home Equity Ac-