

# Arson

put the fire out with a garden hose but was unsuccessful.

Melissa agreed to a portable breath test and it showed a reading of 0.089. Deputy Cox then transported Melissa to the Paintbrush Inn after she applied to receive emergency funds. Prior to arriving at the motel, Melissa agreed to do a urine test and its results showed a presumptive positive for meth and THC. Melissa was dropped off at the Paintbrush Inn. Deputy Cox then cleared from the call.

Later the same day, at 12:51 p.m. Thermopolis police officer Scott Gardner, Deputy Cox and Sheriff Kraushaar responded to a call on 122 Highway 20 South, lot #45 for a report of a mobile home fire. This is the residence of Briana and Brian Sosen, father and daughter.

Briana reportedly said she heard items being thrown around the bedroom and popping sounds. Melissa told the law enforcement officers that she yelled for Briana to get out of the house. Briana then noticed smoke coming from the bedroom and then she gathered her two-year-old son and exited the home.

After the house was extinguished, Thermopolis police Sergeant Pat Cornwell and Sheriff Kraushaar stayed until the State Fire Marshall arrived on scene. While waiting, Sheriff Kraushaar spoke with a neighbor.

The neighbor informed Sheriff Kraushaar she saw Melissa walking away from space #45 while wearing red shorts and a striped t-shirt.

While Sheriff Kraushaar was staying on the scene, Deputy Cox went to the Paint-

brush Inn and located Melissa passed out in her bed. Deputy Cox then took Melissa into investigative detention. Melissa told Deputy Cox that she only had left the motel to go to Maverik.

Deputy Cox viewed the security cameras at the Paintbrush Inn and confirmed Melissa walked to Maverik. The footage also showed Melissa leaving the motel heading west or south and was gone for approximately 33 minutes before returning.

Melissa was then placed under arrest for intoxicated pedestrian on a roadway in violation of Wyoming State Statute 31-5-612. When she was arrested, she was in possession of a lighter and cigarettes.

The Wyoming Fire Marshall investigated the fire at 122 Highway 20 South, space #45, and determined that the fire was started by someone lighting a roll of toilet paper on fire, which was approximately 18 inches below the only window in the master bathroom. The window to the master bathroom is located around where the neighbor stated she saw Melissa.

On Friday, August 27, Sheriff Kraushaar, Sergeant Cornwell and Deputy Cox interviewed Melissa at the Law Enforcement Center. She was charged as being in violation of Wyoming State Statute 6-3-101 for arson in the first degree.

Later in the interview, Melissa’s alleged actions in the burning of 122 Highway 20 South caused her to be charged with a second count of arson in the first degree.

Circuit Court Judge Edward Luhm set Melissa’s bond as a \$25,000 cash bond.

As of Tuesday, she remained in the Hot Springs County jail.

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photo by **Lara Love**

## Around the pole

**Decker Agar guides his horse through the pattern during the pole bending at the August Gymkhana. The final event of this series will be September 18.**

The August Gymkhana was held last Saturday at the Hot Springs County Fairgrounds. Results included:		Pony Express Race - Kessen White, Colton DeGanahl, Duke McClain, Tucker deGanahl, Koyl White, Dawson Nicholls	Hoyt Peil, Cooper Agar, Corbin Dean, Tylee Agar, Rhyann LaRose
LEAD LINE		Barrels - Harper Nicholls, Rhyann LaRose, Hoyt Peil, Tawni Nicholls, Briella Nicholls, Tylee Agar	JUNIOR
Barrels - Kessen White, Decker Agar, Colton deGanahl, Jax Christian, Duke McClain, Everly Daniels		Poles - Harper Nicholls, Rhyann LaRose, Tawni Nicholls, Briella Nicholls, Jace Christian	Barrels - Maile McCumber, Tymber Eckley, Mesa Allen, Taylor Agar, Rhiannon Goffena, Jayden Boren
Poles - Kessen White, Duke McClain, Jax Christian, Decker Agar, Dawson Nicholls, Hadley Dean		Goats - Tylee Agar, Hoyt Peil, Cooper Agar, Emma Dean, Rhyann LaRose, Harper Nicholls	Poles - Maile McCumber, Tymber Eckley, Taylor Agar, Mesa Allen, Jayden Boren, Tessa McClain
Goats - Hazin Nicholls, Kessen White, Jax Christian, Duke McClain, Decker Agar, Taryn Agar		Flag Race - Hoyt Peil, Jace Christian, Briella Nicholls, Corbin Dean, Tylee Agar, Tawni Nicholls	Goats - Mesa Allen, Mesa Allen, Mesa Allen, Maile McCumber, Maile McCumber, Tymber Eckley
Flag Race - Decker Agar, Hazin Nicholls, Kessen White, Koyl White, Duke McClain, Dawson Nicholls		Pony Express Race - Emma Dean,	Flag Race - Mesa Allen, Mesa Allen, Tessa McClain, Maile McCumber

# Public notices

### FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a Promissory Note (the “Note”) dated October 25, 2019, executed and delivered by Robert R. Aden II (“Mortgagor”) to LoanDepot.com, LLC, and a real estate Mortgage (the “Mortgage”) of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by said Mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for LoanDepot.com, LLC, its successors and assigns as Mortgagee, and which Mortgage was recorded on November 6, 2019, at Reception No. 0537624, in Book 187, at Page 531-549 in the public records in 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:

Assignee: loanDepot.com, LLC  
Assignment dated: April 20, 2021  
Assignment recorded: April 21, 2021  
Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 0544240, in Book 195, at Page 16

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 as of July 14, 2021 being the total sum of \$117,585.43, plus interest, costs expended, late charges, and attorneys’ fees accruing thereafter through the date 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;

WHEREAS, if the foreclosure sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of his/her/ its money paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, Mortgagor, Servicer or their attorneys;

NOW, THEREFORE loanDepot.com, LLC, 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 September 14, 2021 on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse located at 415 Arapahoe, Thermopolis, WY 82443, for application on the above described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Hot Springs, State of Wyoming, and is described as follows:

The South One-Half of Lots 1,2,3 and 4, Block 6, Kinney’s First Addition to the Town

of Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming. More Correctly Described As:

The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Hot Springs, State of Wyoming, and is described as follows:

The South One-Half of Lots 1,2,3 and 4, Block 6, Kinney’s First Addition to the Town of Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming.

With an address of 124 N 11th St, Thermopolis, WY 82443 (the undersigned disclaims liability for any error in the address).

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

Mortgagee shall have the exclusive right to rescind the foreclosure sale during the redemption period. In the event that the sale is rescinded or vacated for any reason, the successful purchaser shall only be entitled to a refund of their purchase price and/or statutory interest rate.

Dated: July 6, 2021	loanDepot.com, LLC By: _____ Shelly M. Espinosa Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. 376 East 400 South, Suite 300 Salt Lake City, UT 84111 801-355-2886 HWM File # WY10291
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### Public Notice

The Spring Gulch Coal Company of Thermopolis, Wyoming has applied for a coal mining permit renewal from the Land Quality Division of the Department of Environmental Quality for the State of Wyoming. The coal mining permit area will be located in: T. 44N., R. 94W., Sections 6 and 7; T. 46N., R. 98W., Sections 30, 31, 32, and 33; and T. 46N., R. 99W., Sections 25 and 26, Hot Springs County, Wyoming. The areas of the permit are approximately 31 miles northwest of Thermopolis, Wyoming and 0.5 miles northwest of Kirby, Wyoming. This area can be found on the Grass Creek and Kirby USGS quadrangle maps. The original permit to mine was granted on October 21, 1974 and is estimated to continue until 2026. The land, after mining, will be returned to livestock grazing and wildlife habitat.

Information regarding this application may be reviewed in the Office of the Land Quality Division of the Department of Environmental Quality in Cheyenne and Lander, Wyoming or the Hot Springs County Clerk’s Office at Thermopolis, Wyoming. Written objections to the proposed mining operation must be received by the Administrator of the Land Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality, 200 W. 17th Street, Suite 10, Cheyenne, WY 82002 before the close of business October 18, 2021. Objections may also be submitted by the same deadline via the Land Quality Division’s electronic comment portal at <http://lq.wyomingdeq.com/submitcomment/>. The Director shall hold an informal conference if requested, hear the complaint and take action on the application in accordance with Wyoming Statute (W.S.) 35-11-406(p) and the Department’s Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Director shall render a decision on the application within thirty (30) days after the deadline to file objections if no informal conference is requested. An informal conference shall be held within thirty (30) days after the final date for filing objections unless a different period is stipulated to by the parties. The Director shall publish notice of the

time, date and location of the conference in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality of the proposed operation once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks immediately prior to the conference. If the director holds an informal conference, all parties to the conference shall be furnished with a copy of the final written decision of the Director issuing or denying the permit within sixty (60) days of the conference. The applicant or objector may appeal the director’s written decision after an informal conference to the Council. If a hearing is held the hearing would be conducted as a contested case in accordance with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act (W.S. §16-3-101 through §16-3-115) with a right of judicial review afforded as provided in that act and W.S 35-11-406(p)(iv). The Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission will be mailed a copy of the application mine plan map as given in W.S. §35-11-406(j)).

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STATE OF WYOMING	)	IN THE DISTRICT COURT
	) ss.	
COUNTY OF HOT SPRINGS	)	FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF	)	Civil Action Case No. C21-28
CHARLES VIALPANDO	)	Petitioner

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

You are hereby notified that a *Petition For Change of Name*, Civil Action No. C21-28, has been filed on behalf of Charles James Vialpando in the Wyoming District Court for the 5th Judicial District, whose address is 415 Arapahoe, Thermopolis, WY 82443, the object and prayer of which is to change the name of the above-named person from Charles James Vialpando to Charles James Blood.

Any objection must be filed with the District Court within 30 days following the last date of publication of this notice, or an *Order Granting Name Change* may be granted without further notice.

Dated this 9th day of August, 2021.

BY CLERK OF COURT

TERRI CORNELLA  
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/DEPUTY

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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 State Transportation Commission of Wyoming has accepted as completed according to plans, specifications and rules governing the same work performed under that certain contract between the State of Wyoming, acting through said Commission, and **Oftedal Construction, Inc.,** The Contractor, on Highway Project Number **ND51903, ND51904 & N343048 in Park and Hot Springs Counties,** consisting of **grading,**

**rockfall mitigation and miscellaneous work,** 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 **October 13, 2021.**

The date of the first publication of this Notice is **September 2, 2021.**

STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING

Pam Fredrick  
Senior Budget Analyst  
Budget Program

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### Notice

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners is asking Hot Springs County Residents to apply to serve on the following Hot Springs County Board:

Hot Springs County Museum Board  
Unexpired Term  
Term Expires June 30th, 2022  
One Member  
Residents of Hot Springs County interested in applying to serve on a Board or Position should submit their County Board Questionnaire (available on the County website [www.hscounty.com](http://www.hscounty.com) or at the County Clerk’s Office) to the Hot Springs County Clerk’s Office no later than 5 p.m. September 17th, 2021. Applications will be considered and appointment made at the Hot Springs County Commissioners Meeting September 21st, 2021.

Karen Slocum  
Hot Springs County  
Chief Deputy Clerk

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Elyse Dufour has requested a Land Use Change from Residential to Commercial, to allow the following:

1. Short-term rental of two existing bedrooms;
2. Short-term rental of two existing recreational vehicle (RV) spaces
3. Short-term rental of three tent sites.

The subject property is Lot 1 of the Kirby Creek Subdivision, located in the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 33, Township 44 North, Range 94 West. Fronting on the south side of Black Mountain Road (State Hwy. 172) and the northeast side of East River Road, it contains a residence addressed as 1014 Black Mountain Rd.

A public hearing on this matter will be held before the Hot Springs County Land Use Planning Commission at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room of the County Annex Building. Anyone requiring additional information should call the County Planning Office at 864-2961. Those unable to attend are invited to comment in writing to: County Planning, 415 Arapahoe St., Thermopolis, WY 82443, or by e-mail at [hscplanner@hscounty.com](mailto:hscplanner@hscounty.com).

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