

Hageman

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Justice (DOJ) to comply with a recently passed statute and fully disclose all of the Epstein files, Hageman gave no indication that she thought Congress should take any action, stating that the DOJ can be held accountable by suing them, and that it is the Court's job to enforce the act which requires the documents to be disclosed.

When asked about attorney fees being awarded in cases where companies are sued in Federal Court for regulatory violations, Hageman identified the referenced statute as the "Equal Access to Justice Act", and opined that the Act needed to be amended to fix that problem. Paradoxically, in her comments, the Congresswoman recounted a case she had worked on in private practice, in which her attorney fees had been denied by the Court under the Act which would seem to indicate that the Act does not always generate unnecessary attorney fee awards.

In all, those in attendance at the Town Hall appeared to be evenly split as to support for Congresswoman Hageman. Although Hageman ended the event stating that she had to travel to Buffalo for another such event, she did not end the Thermopolis Town Hall early as had been done in Casper.

And, although there was certainly some in attendance who failed to follow "The Thermopolis Way," the event was not overly chaotic - proving that we humans can behave ourselves when we are so inclined.



photo by Nadja Cavin

Talking acupuncture

Robin Van Maarth, L.Ac., talks to Dale Horkey during the Ginkgo Acupuncture, LLC open house last Saturday.

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to the state, and someone would have to be appointed to administer them.

Some people in attendance did not have questions but rather wanted to make suggestions to Dorrell for how the WBC could operate more efficiently.

One of those was Gail Symons, who has an undergraduate degree in marketing from the University of Wyoming, she said.

Symons said she thinks the biggest hurdle for WBC is not operational or financial; it is actually more related to its marketing strategies, or lack thereof.

"You all have been putting your heads down and getting the work done and making a difference, and

those people who have felt it really know about it," Symons said. "The problem is that there's a lot of people who have benefited who have no idea that they've benefited."

Lucas Wall, a recent UW graduate who works for a company that has used the WBC's services, gave an additional suggestion relating to marketing: for the WBC to consider posting testimonials from people who have benefited from its services. Dorrell said he'd be happy to do that.

Toward the end of the meeting, Dorrell shared with participants that his two main goals for WBC are to propose statutory changes through the Legislature and create his own

standing legislative committee that is locked into the economy.

"Rather than defunding the entire agency and getting rid of us, how about instead we work together," he said. "... We have a lot of knowledge that we know will help us get to where we want to be."

"We need a good nexus with the Legislature," he continued. "So, when it comes to critique, I think we definitely need to change our statutes, and we need to really be more focused on what's going to move the needle in Wyoming."

A recording of WBC's open mic can be found at teamof1000s.wyomingbusiness.org/events-and-activities.

Ginko Acupuncture opens

by Daniel Powell

After serving as a practicing acupuncturist in the State of Colorado for over fifteen years, Robin van Maarth and her husband relocated to Thermopolis this past year. The move was precipitated by a need to help care for her parents, who live in Thermopolis, but also because they were ready for a change.

Robin worked as a massage therapist before taking on the education needed to become a licensed acupuncturist. She began her career studying science at Seattle Central Community College and secured her Certificate in Massage Therapy from the Massage Therapy Institute in Colorado. Then she headed to New York where she obtained a Bachelor of Professional Studies in Health Sciences and a Master of Science in Oriental Medicine from Touro College of Health Sciences.

After a stint as a Teaching Assistant at Pacific College of Health Sciences, Robin headed to Colorado where she joined the Colorado Chinese Medicine University as a Clinical Director, and owned her own acupuncture practice in the southern

neighborhoods of Denver. Robin holds licensure in acupuncture in both Colorado and Wyoming, and continues to teach online courses through the Colorado Chinese Medicine University.

Robin has now opened Ginko Acupuncture at 316 Broadway, #3, in Thermopolis. She sees patients by appointment, and accepts some private insurance coverage. She is also a Community Care

Provider for the Veterans Administration, treating military veterans.

Ginko can provide several eastern medicine approaches for pain management and women's health issues. Services include massage therapy, acupuncture, cupping and muscle scraping.

Robin can be reached at 307-213-9778, or at robin@ginkoacu.com, for further information, or to schedule an appointment.

Crash

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Their willingness to act speaks volumes about the character of our community. Thank you to the Worland Police Officers and all responding first responders who assisted on this incident.

"I also want to thank WYDOT personnel and City of Worland crews for helping shut down the highway so emergency personnel could work safely.

"Incidents like this are always heart-breaking, and we are deeply sorry for the loss of the two individuals. Our thoughts are with their families and loved ones."

The two fatalities were the fifth and sixth fatalities this year. Total in 2026

there have been seven fatalities in Wyoming. Brown said, "This is not a good trend." There were four deaths in January in 2025.

Brown said 2023 was one of the deadliest years in the state for fatalities with 144, compared to 107 in 2024 and 123 in 2025.

He said most recently the contributing factors have been speed and distracted driving.

Brown encouraged drivers to pay attention while driving to road and weather conditions including wind, do not drink and drive and "get off your phones while driving."

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Public notices

Notice of application for 2026-2027 Liquor License Renewals.

Notice is hereby given that on the dates given, the following applications were received for liquor license renewals. RETAIL: OEB LLC, 535 Broadway St., January 16, 2026; 7 Lazy S Café & Bar LLC, 109 S. 6th, January 16, 2026; Compass Realty Group/Thermopolis Liquors, 615 S. 6th, January 15, 2026; Mack's Market Inc., 600 S. 6th, December 12, 2025; OEB Saloon, LLC, 500 S. 6th, January 16, 2026; Double R Store LLC, 901 Shoshoni, January 9, 2026; Maverik Inc., 425 S. 6th, January 15, 2026; Big Spring Spa Inc/Safari Club, 115 E. Park, January 12, 2026. BAR & GRILL: Lopez, Inc., Los Cabos, 942 Shoshoni, January 16, 2026, VFW Post #2281, 302 Broadway, January 20, 2026. RESTAURANT: GMRG ACQ 1, LLC/Pizza Hut, 545 Shoshoni, January 22, 2026. MICROBREWERY: OEB LLC/One Eyed Buffalo Brewing Co., 528 Broadway, January 16, 2026. Protest, if there be any, against issuance of any of these licenses, will be heard at the hour of 7:00 p.m., February 17, 2026, at the Thermopolis Town Hall, 420 Broadway.

Tracey Van Heule, Thermopolis Town Clerk

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STATE OF) IN THE
WYOMING) DISTRICT COURT
) ss.

COUNTY OF) FIFTH JUDICIAL
HOT SPRINGS) DISTRICT

Case Number 2025-DR-0000022

Plaintiff/Petitioner:)
Gwendolyn Carol Hamm)
vs.)
Defendant/Respondent:)
Richard Joseph Hamm)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT: Richard Joseph Hamm
DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT'S CURRENT ADDRESS: Unknown

You are notified that a case, Case Number 2025-DR-22 has been filed in the Wyoming District Court for the 5th Judicial District located at 415 Arapahoe St., Thermopolis, WY 82443.

The nature of the case is: Compliant for Divorce

The Plaintiff is seeking: A Divorce and Decree of Divorce

Unless you file an Answer or Response or otherwise respond to the Complaint or Petition referenced above within 30 days following the last day of publication of this notice, a default judgment may be taken against you and the Court may grant to the Plaintiff/Petitioner: A Decree of Divorce.

Dated this 18th day of December, 2025

BY CLERK OF COURT:
KRISTINA MCNEFF
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/DEPUTY

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER)
OF THE ESTATE) 2026-CV-0000002

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OF)
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LAVERN L. CORNISH,)
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ESTABLISH RIGHTS UPON DEATH OF OWNER OF JOINT INTEREST IN REALTY

TO THE PUBLIC AND ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID PROPERTY:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a *Verified Petition to Establish Rights Upon Death of Owner of Joint Interest in Realty* ("Petition") pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 2-9-101, for the real property described below, has been filed in the Fifth Judicial District Court in Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming. The Petition is brought by Sophie Starkey, an interested person, and alleges facts showing that Lavern L. Cornish's interest in the below-described real property terminated by reason of his death.

Legal Description:

Lot 9 and 10, Block 36, Original Townsite of the Town of Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming.

The above-referenced property is commonly known as 1035 Broadway Street, Thermopolis, WY 82443.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 2-9-101 after two (2) weeks' notice by this publication, the court shall hear the Petition, and any evidence offered in support thereof on the 9th day of February 2026, at 9:30 a.m. for thirty (30) minutes, in the Fifth Judicial District Court, Hot Springs Coun-

ty, Wyoming, located at 415 Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443. Following the hearing, the Court may enter a Decree granting all interest in the above-described real property to the Estate of Linda L. Cornish as requested in the Petition.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Owl Creek Gravel Products, LLC has requested approval for a Gravel Pit Permit to expand their current pit on a parcel of land they own. The parcel is located in the SENE of Section 17 Township 43 North, Range 96 West. Located roughly 1500 feet south of U.S. Hwy 170 on Jones Rd.

A public hearing on this matter will be held before the Hot Springs County Land Use Planning Commission at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 in the Commissioners' meeting room of the County Annex Building located at 117 North 4th Street, Thermopolis, WY. 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 Office, 415 Arapahoe St., Thermopolis, WY 82443, or by e-mail at planner@hscounty.net.

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