

# OF INTEREST

## Man accused of strangling girlfriend, holding her against her will

GILLETTE (WNE) — Officers forced their way into a home and later arrested a 37-year-old man who allegedly strangled his girlfriend and held her against her will Friday night. Police went to the 100 block of Bay Avenue for the report of a man and woman in a fight

at about 11:15 p.m., Police Cpl. Dan Stroup said. When they arrived, they forced their way into the home after they heard a woman whimpering and what sounded like strangling noises. In the home, they spoke to the man and his 30-year-old girlfriend. The woman said she was

arguing with her boyfriend, Robert Hill, when he tried to throw her to the ground. When he couldn't, he became frustrated and stomped on her right foot to try to force her down, causing pain and swelling. The woman said Hill then dragged her into their bedroom and hit her

multiple times, telling her she couldn't leave the room. The woman said Hill then picked up a cane with a metal head and stood over her as though he were going to hit her with it. He then allegedly covered her mouth and nose with his hand and held onto her throat, limiting her breath-

ing. The woman said she felt like she was going to pass out. Hill denied all allegations, Stroup said. The woman had bruises on her right leg and foot, along with marks around her neck, face and both arms. Hill was arrested for strangulation of a household

member, a felony, domestic violence, aggravated assault and kidnapping. The woman was evaluated by EMS and released but was ultimately arrested for an outstanding warrant from Sweetwater County for failure to appear on an original charge of forgery, Stroup said.

## Second mule deer in Bondurant hunt area tests positive for chronic wasting disease

JACKSON (WNE) — Another mule deer in a hunt area near Bondurant has tested positive for chronic wasting disease. The deer, which was found dead on someone's property and later tested, is the second mule deer that has tested positive for the fatal neurological condition this year.

The first was harvested by a hunter in September. Mark Gocke, spokesman for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's Jackson office, said the detection is not surprising. Hunt area 154, where the most recent buck was found, is bordered by other hunt areas where the disease has been detected: 142, 152, and 155.

"It's a continuation," Gocke said, "a progression of the disease westward." Chronic wasting disease causes ungulates to lose weight, stumble, drool and exhibit abnormal behavior, like lacking fear of people. Prevalence varies in Wyoming's deer herds from extreme, like in the Project Herd, which had an estimat-

ed 67% prevalence in 2022, to minimal, like in the Wyoming Range herd, which had an estimated 0.8% prevalence in the same year. But even in areas with relatively little chronic wasting disease, wildlife biologists expect it will only spread farther as more animals come in contact with pri-

ons, the virulent agents that spread the disease. Prions can be transmitted through animal's saliva and can survive outside for over a decade. Chronic wasting disease is 100% fatal for deer, elk and moose that have been infected. State wildlife officials and federal health experts recommend that hunters test their animals

for the disease. While there has never been a case of chronic wasting disease transferring to humans, the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention don't want to take the chance. Wyoming Game and Fish says people shouldn't eat contaminated meat.

## BLM announces oil and gas lease sale

CODY (WNE) — The Bureau of Land Management Wyoming

State Office has announced an oil and gas lease sale scheduled for March 5, 2024,

to offer 30 oil and gas parcels totaling 13,417 acres in Wyoming. The BLM completed scoping on these parcels in July 2023 and a public comment period in October 2023 on the parcels, potential deferrals, and the related environmental analysis. A 30-day public

protest period to receive additional public input is open and will close January 12, 2024. The parcels the BLM has analyzed, as well as maps and instructions on how to submit a protest, are available on the BLM's ePlanning website at: <https://eplan->

<https://eplan->ning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2025221/510. As authorized under the Inflation Reduction Act, BLM will apply a 16.67 percent royalty rate for any new leases from this sale. More information about the act is available on BLM's online fact sheet.

Leasing is the first step in the process to develop federal oil and gas resources. Before development operations can begin, an operator must submit an application for permit to drill detailing development plans. The BLM reviews applications for permits to drill, posts them for public review, conducts an environmental analysis and coordinates with State partners and stakeholders. All parcels leased as part of an oil and gas lease sale include appropriate stipulations to protect important natural resources. Information on current and upcoming BLM lease sales is available through the National Fluid Lease Sale System.

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR CARBON COUNTY, WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF )  
Estella Brown, )  
Deceased. )  
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Probate No. 2023-CV-0149

#### APPLICATION FOR SUMMARY ESTATE PROCEEDING UNDER WYO. STAT. ANN. § 2-1-205

The undersigned, being first duly sworn pursuant to Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 2-1-205, makes the following application for a summary proceeding to confirm their title in real and personal property, and states as follows:

1. Estella Brown, ("Decedent") died on April 28, 2020, as a resident of Carbon County, Wyoming, owning real property located in Carbon County, Wyoming. More than thirty (30) days have elapsed since the date of her death.
2. At the date of her death, the Decedent was survived by her spouse, Steadman Ray Brown, and her children, Lytria D. Sanders, Kimberly R. Trubetskoy, Raymond L. Brown, and Michelle N. Brown who were adults at the date of death of the Decedent.
3. The value of Decedent's entire estate located in Wyoming subject to administration, either testate or intestate, less liens and encumbrances, does not exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000).
4. All beneficiaries of the Last Will and Testament of Estella Brown, dated May 10, 1999, entered into a Family Settlement Agreement modifying the terms of Estella's Brown Will. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a copy of the Family Settlement Agreement.
5. No application for the appointment of any Personal Representative in the estate of the Decedent is pending or has been granted in any jurisdiction.
6. Kimberly R. Trubetskoy, the claiming distributee, by virtue of this Application, is entitled to a confirmation of their title and interest in and to the following property:
  - Real property located in Carbon County, Wyoming, described below; and
  - Unclaimed property in the name of Estella Brown in the amount of \$21.29 from Bank of Commerce
  - Unclaimed property in the name of Estella Brown in the amount of \$50.00-\$100.00 from ACN Communication Services, LLC
  - Unclaimed property in the name of Estella Brown in the amount of \$50.00-\$100.00 from Carbon County Treasurer
7. The real property to which this Application pertains is described as follows:  
Property No. A  
Lot 4, Block 1, of Second Addition to the Town of Hanna 55.02 ft. x 74.89 ft., x 93.13 ft. x 98.40 ft.  
Lot 6, Block 1, of Second Addition to the Town of Hanna 79.40 ft. x 96.69 ft., x 96.43 ft.  
8. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a sworn report of value based on a broker's price opinion as defined by Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 33-28-102(b)(lxii), made by a person who has no legal interest in the estate, showing the value on the date of the decedent's death of all interests owned by the decedent in real property located in Wyoming, including mineral interests, if any.  
WHEREFORE, the undersigned respectfully prays this Court to enter its Order confirming the sole and exclusive right, title and interest in and to the property described above to Kimberly R. Trubetskoy, the applicant and claiming distributee.

DATED this 14th day of December, 2023.  
-s- Kimberly R. Trubetskoy

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#### Notice of Public Hearing Planning & Zoning Commission Special Use Permit Application

Pursuant to Wyoming Code; notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town of Saratoga Planning and Zoning Commission.

Applicant:  
**Trevor and Hillary Larson**  
1108 West Farm Ave.  
Saratoga, WY 82331

The applicant has petitioned the Town of Saratoga Planning and Zoning Commission for a special use permit. The proosed permit will allow the applicant to host 4-H lambs on their property from May through August of 2024.

A copy of the application is available for review at:  
**Saratoga Town Hall**  
110 E. Spring Avenue  
Saratoga, WY 82331

The Town of Saratoga Planning Commission will conduct a hearing on this proposal at 5:30 p.m. on January 9th, 2024 at Saratoga Town Hall (Council Chambers).

This is an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposal. Written comments may be mailed to:

**Saratoga Planning Department**  
P.O. Box 486  
Saratoga, WY 82331

For questions or information please contact the Saratoga Planning Department at the mailing address above or call 307-47-2882.

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#### NOTICE OF FINAL PAYMENT

Pursuant to Section 16-6-116 of the Wyoming Statutes, latest revision, Notice is hereby given that Town of Encampment (Owner) has been advised that the work on the Encampment Lagoon Improvements Project, Phase 1 has been completed according to the plans and specifications and rules set forth in the Contract between the Town of Encampment, the Owner, and American West Construction, LLC, the Contractor, and said Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore. All persons, firms, or corporations who have any claims for work done or equipment/materials furnished on said work are hereby notified that final payment will be made to said Contractor in accordance with the terms of the Contract after the 41<sup>st</sup> day, January 31, 2024, following the first publication of this Notice. This Notice does not relieve the Contractor and the sureties on their bond from any claims for work or labor done or materials or supplies furnished in the execution of the Contract.

-s- Shannon Fagan, Mayor  
Town of Encampment

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#### NOTICE TO APPROPRIATORS OF WATER

Public notice is hereby given that the following listed water users have submitted proofs of appropriation and/or construction under the following permits as approved by the State Engineer. The below-listed proofs of appropriation or construction will be held open for public inspection from **January 2 through January 5, 2024**, during the hours of 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., at the following location(s): **Board of Control, 510 West 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Torrington, Wyoming;** and **State Engineer's Office, Herschler Building 2W, 122 West 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming.** Any person claiming a water right interest in the same sources of supply to which the below-advertised proofs refer may inform the Water Division Superintendent of his/her desire to contest the rights of the person or persons seeking adjudication. The statement of contest shall be presented within fifteen days after the closing of the public inspection and shall state with reasonable certainty the grounds of the contest. The statement must be verified by the sworn affidavit of the contestant, his/her agent or attorney. If no contest is initiated as allowed by Section 41-4-312, Wyoming Statutes, 1977, the advertised proofs will be submitted to the State Board of Control for consideration during its meeting beginning on **February 5, 2024**, with the Division Superintendent's recommendation that certificates of appropriation or construction be issued.

CLAIMANT	PERMIT NO.	FACILITY	PRIORITY DATE	SOURCE OF SUPPLY	AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION	USE(S)
Ark Land WR LLC	P14501R	Finch Reservoir	May 13, 2016	Song Bird Draw, tributary Seven Mile Lake (A Closed Basin), tributary First Sand Creek, tributary Allen Lake (A Closed Basin), drainage of Medicine Bow River, tributary North Platte River	3.493 AF	Industrial (Mining); Stock

CORY RINEHART, SUPERINTENDENT  
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