



FEBRUARY 2022

Chugwater Community Newsletter

2022 CHUGWATER TOWN COUNCIL

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COMMUNITY SOUP & PIE SUPPER

Please come and enjoy a meal together on February 17, 2022 at the Chugwater Community Center at 5:30 PM

The Chugwater Study Guild is graciously providing soup and would like to invite everyone to the Community Center for a wonderful meal and the opportunity to visit with friends.

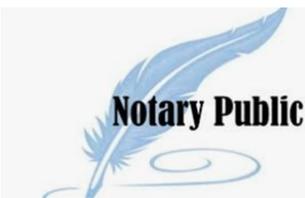
Please bring a relish tray, cheese and crackers, or pie to share. We will have coffee and iced tea.

We have the special opportunity of seeing some of Josh Hopkin's photography on the TV screen.

We look forward to seeing all our friends there for a lovely dinner.

Notary Public at the Town Hall

Our Clerk/Treasurer, Jennifer Clark, is a Notary for the State of Wyoming.



Happy New Year! We are starting this year off with High Spirits and High Hopes.

On Friday January 21, 2022, Town Leadership held a workshop which was open to the entire community. There were three topics covered.

First, we discussed this year's (2022) spring clean up. - While much was accomplished last year, there is far more to do. As the saying goes, "one man's treasure is another man's junk". How do we move forward and be fair to all? There are buildings that are unsafe and unsightly, discarded items that need to be removed. Under a separate mailing, we will address the individual Ordinances that dictate to the Residents and Town Leadership what the guidelines are. This is a touchy subject but must be addressed for the benefit of all community members.

In April, we will bring in dumpsters for the Town Resident's use. To help effect this positive change, Lance & Nicole from the Town Maintenance Team will be working on making arrangements for personal dumpsters at a reduced cost to individuals who have a significant amount of materials to remove. We will be providing you with a list of Community Members who have special equipment and are willing to help at a minimum rate.

If you are one of those Members who would like to work on this effort, please Contact me personally at 307-630-3411 or leave a message at Town Hall, 307-422-3493. In order to avoid misunderstandings and hard feelings, we will have an All Community Meeting to address these tough issues with the Town's Attorney present to answer questions.

Second, We addressed the issue of Conex Buildings being placed in Town Jurisdictional Boundaries. This topic of conversation is being addressed in a number of communities throughout our State. Information has been gathered and work has begun to define for Our Chugwater Community what will be allowed and under what conditions. The discussion thus far is that they make a better storage container than a typical shed but we want to avoid feeling like an industrial park. This leads us to find the best of all worlds and formalize it in an ordinance.

Finally, we addressed the Downtown Main Street as it pertains to the Trees, Planters, Signs, Light Pole Flags and the general first impression of Our Main Street. We are working closely with Ellen Welty who is Chugwater's representative on the County Wide Main Street Group. Your opinion is important.

Please be a part of this movement towards improvement by voicing your concerns, suggestions and being at the All Community Meeting in March. The Information about that meeting will be in the next news letter and posted in as many places as possible. All voices will be heard.

Your Mayor, Carol

ON A PERSONAL NOTE: Thank you all! Your notes, comments, calls, cards, contributions to the Fire Department, Contributions to Phil's Memorial Service, shared memories ...the list goes on...are really appreciated. Hugs! - Carol

SNOW STORM CAUSES STRANDED MOTORISTS TO STAY OVERNIGHT IN CHUGWATER

The snowstorm on January 5th caused the Interstates to be closed which stranded travelers in Chugwater. With limited accommodation with the Hotel being full; Jennifer Clark, Lance Wedemeyer, Nichole Clark and Councilperson Eric Marlatt all pulled together and opened up the Community Center offering a warm place for people to stay. Tim Ash was out directing traffic and assisting people to make sure they were safe and warm. A total of 12 individuals that stayed overnight; we were able to supply Cots, blankets, Hot Coffee/Cocoa and water. Jennifer provided them with an evening snack and a warm breakfast in the morning. The roads re-opened at 1:20 PM on January 6th and everyone was back on the road to continue to their destinations. Numerous Thank you cards/donations have been received from these individuals. Included is a copy of a thank you card that was received from one of the families. It is a great feeling when a community is able to pull together and turn a inconvenience into a positive experience.

February 2022 Calendar of Events

Feb 7	Town Council Meeting	7:00 PM	Town Hall
Feb 11	Community Dinner/Volleyball	5:30 PM-8:00PM	Chugwater School
Feb 15	CHED	7:00 PM	Community Center
Feb 17	Community Soup & Pie Supper	5:30 PM	Community Center
Feb 18	Town Council Workshop	9:00 AM	Town Hall
Feb 21	CHUG	7:00 PM	Community Center
Feb 21	Presidents Day	Town Hall Closed	

FOOTBALL IN CHUG

The 4-Year Experiment

From its early years, Chugwater's High School Basketball team routinely competed against other small towns in the area. Chugwater was truly a "basketball town," with the entire community turning out for games, and flooding the gym with the loyal and boisterous shouts. Yet, there was another sport that appeared in school and town-FOOTBALL. It only lasted for four years, 1954-58. With discarded hip and shoulder pads obtained from Wheatland, and the football field at the baseball diamond, six-man football began for the Buffalos. Unfortunately, the team did not win a single game in those four years under three different coaches. Looking back, football in Chugwater might be termed an "experiment" that just "did not take."

Submitted by—Don Hodgson, 1958 CHS Graduate

CLASS OF 2025 COMMUNITY BAZAAR

April 2, 2022

9:00AM-3:00PM

Chugwater School Gym

If you would like to participate as a vendor please contact Andrea Leinen at andrea.leinen@platte1.org or text her at 307-223-1548.

Space is available for \$20 and set-up will begin at 7:00 AM on the day of the Bazaar.

The Students would like to thank the Community for supporting their efforts!

Chugwater Branch Library

422-3275

Mon & Fri 1:00PM-4:00PM

Wed 11:00AM-2:00PM

Book Club will meet on Feb 2, 2022 and Feb 16, 2022 at 1:00 PM.

This month's book is

The Guernsey Literary Potato Peel Pie Society by Annie Barrows and Mary Ann Shaffer

Please contact Darla @ 422-3275 for a copy of the book and join us in February.

We would love to see you there!

Everyone is welcome to attend and discuss the book.

February Community Ed Class & Chug Valley Gym

Beginning Pottery Class on February 26, 2022 at the Chugwater School (High School Science Classroom) from 9:00-10:30AM. Bryce Cushman will be teaching pottery techniques using a pottery wheel to make your own work of art. The cost is \$30. Please contact Dana Cushman for more information at dcushwoman@gmail.com

Chug Valley Gym Membership are available for \$10/month or \$100/year. Gym Applications are available online at <https://www.chugwater.com/gym.aspx> or at Town Hall

Zumba Classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 PM, Saturday 8 AM Fee: \$4/class, \$20 for 6 class punch card. Contact LaVerna Anderson at 307-241-0731 for details.

Quilting Group meets Sunday Afternoons
Contact Jody at 307-422-3501