

MARCH 2022

Chugwater Community Newsletter



2022 CHUGWATER TOWN COUNCIL

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CHUGWATER SCHOOL NEWS

TeamMates Mentoring Meeting

If you are interested in mentoring a middle school student please attend the TeamMates Mentoring Meeting on March 8, 2022 at 5:30PM at the Chugwater School. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Kellie Jo Williams at kelliejo.williams@platte1.org

Chug Trap Club

This club is for students Grades 6-12. If you are interested or would like more information contact Jon Williams at 307-275-4088

Chugwater Business Directory

If you would like your business added to the Chugwater Business Directory please contact Linda Webster at lwebster@chugwater.com or call 307-554-6299 with your business information.

One of the hardest parts of being a Member of Town Leadership, whether it is as Mayor, Council Person or Staff, is making decisions that may make someone unhappy while preserving the rights of others.

We are guided by the Federal, State, County Laws and Local Ordinances which includes Zoning Plats. On **March 18th at 9:00 am** there is a Town Council Workshop to continue the discussion regarding Conex Buildings in Town. Town Attorney, Eric Jones was at the last workshop and will be with us on March 18th. We will have a **Special Council Meeting following the workshop** to vote on a request for a Variance and Permit to place a Conex on a Town Property.

Your Council Members are good listeners and they want and need your input to make the right decision for the entire community. Many of you own properties within the Town Jurisdiction in the form of a home, rental, business or, you contribute to the well-being of the Town in some way. The Dictionary defines a community as:

1. *A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common*
2. *A feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals*

When I reference the term community, it is in this context. You have a voice and as the old saying goes, "speak now or forever hold your peace!"

April is just around the corner. In the next newsletter, we will lay out a detailed plan for spring clean-up and plans for improving our Main Street (First Street). We'll be working on the Town Budget and formalizing Town projects for the next fiscal year which goes from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

If you have an activity that should be on the Town Calendar or you wish to highlight an event, please let us know and we will help get the word out. Sometimes, folks get the impression that people don't care because they don't participate. Not everyone sees the Bulletin Boards in Town. Let Linda Webster know by the 21st of March if you want to be included in the April Newsletter. See her contact info under Chugwater Business Directory in this newsletter.

You are important! - Let's "Spring forward" together,

Your Mayor,

Carol Ash

FAREWELL TO PASTOR MIKE AND LYNNE BABER

Please join us in "showing" them with our love and best wishes. We will miss them. They have been such a blessing to us and our community. Sunday morning worship starts at 11:00AM followed by lunch at 12:30PM.

Please bring a dish to share and say Good-Bye to our wonderful friends and neighbors!

March 2022 Calendar of Events

Mar 7	Town Council Meeting	7:00 PM	Town Hall
Mar 8	TeamMates Mentoring Meeting	5:30 PM	Chugwater School
Mar 13	Daylight Saving Time		
Mar 14-18	Chugwater School Spring Break		
Mar 15	CHED	7:00 PM	Virtual (Philip Ellis 331-0451)
Mar 18	Town Council Workshop	9:00 AM	Town Hall
Mar 18	Special Meeting	Following Workshop	Town Hall
Mar 21	CHUG	7:00 PM	Community Center

CHILD OF THE SWAN

One of the largest ranches in the West was the Swan Land & Cattle Company, formed in 1883 and financed with Scottish money. The company's name appropriately recognized Alex Swan, who created and managed this three-million dollar cattle company. The headquarters for the company, whose open range stretched from near Rawlins to the Nebraska line, was along with Chugwater Creek; its remains still visible today at the edge of town. Three years later (1886) when Cheyenne-Northern RR built a line north of Cheyenne along Chug Creek, officials from the Swan and the railroad joined together and platted (boundaries) the town of Chugwater on the east side of the tracks. The intent was to sell plots, but unfortunately aside from the Swan's ranch buildings, a town did not develop. Not until homesteaders began coming in the years after 1900, did any sort of town develop. Since the buildings were on the other side of the tracks, the town was re-platted in 1914, west of the tracks.

The Swan Company continued to have a strong influence on the town. Of long-standing importance, the Chugwater Valley Bank was started in 1912 by John Clay, manager for the Swan Company. Realistically, the town of Chugwater was a "Child of the Swan."

Submitted by Don Hodgson

Chugwater grad, 1958

CLASS OF 2025 COMMUNITY BAZAAR

April 2, 2022

9:00AM-3:00PM

Chugwater School Gym

Artists & Crafters Wanted

The deadline to reserve a table is
March 15, 2022

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.

Chugwater Study Guild Soup & Pie Supper

Nearly 40 people turned out to gather together for the Community Soup and Pie Supper on Thursday, February 17th, held at the Chugwater Community Center. An array of delicious homemade soups, pies, breads and relishes provided for a hearty meal.

Josh Hopkin's Photography Slide Show was the featured event for the evening as he narrated his sampling of Wyoming Snapshots, that weave together a glimpse of the culture, landscapes and lifestyles of rural America through the artistic black and white lenses that Josh uses to develop his photographs. Chugwater Study Guild (Wives' Study Guild) hosted the non profit event and would like to thank everyone who contributed. The success of the night was measured by the crowd who came together to visit across the table and share their evening as neighbors. For more info or to be included on the Study Guild Club monthly Email, please text Peggy Jackson at 307-332-1840.

We'd love to have you join us!

Chugwater Branch Library

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

Wed 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Book Club will meet on March 2nd, March 16th
and March 30th
at 1:00 PM at the Library**

This month's book is American Rebel by Marc Eliot

Please join us if you can!

Call Darla for details at 307-422-3275