

## This Month's Featured Business

### CHUGWATER SODA FOUNTAIN

The Chugwater Soda Fountain is housed in one of the oldest standing buildings in town. Constructed in 1914, the original building was destroyed on December 12, 1916, when strong winds spread a fire through the Chugwater business district. The soda fountain was rebuilt shortly after.

Pharmacist William Corry took ownership in 1919. During this period, the iconic fountain bar arrived. The bar was originally built in England and installed in a business in Rock Creek, Wyoming. In 1927, it was dismantled and hauled via wagon to Chugwater where it was installed in Corry's Pharmacy and remains to this day. The mirror and glass are all original, as are the pharmacy cabinets on the south wall.

Lee R. Snyder purchased Corry's Pharmacy in 1938 and changed the business' name to Snyder's Drug Store. "Wendell" the elk arrived at Snyder's Drug Store in 1947. Wendell was shot near Jackson, Wyoming in 1946 and has overlooked the soda fountain since his installation in 1947.

Lee Snyder sold his business to Sheldon Latta in 1954 and Snyder's Drug Store became Latta's Drug Store. Snyder owned the store until 1968 when he sold it to John and Irma Bode. Since there was no longer a pharmacist in residence, the soda fountain stopped operating as a drugstore and shifted to offering food and other supplies. It has changed hands a number of times since then.

Most recently, it is owned by Christian and Jill Winger who renovated it completely in 2021. They built a full-scale commercial kitchen and refurbished the historic cabinets and soda bar to ensure they last another 100 years. The soda fountain has been featured in many publications including the New York Times, Strong Towns, Cowboy State Daily, Wake Up Wyoming, Yellowstone National Parks Guide, and Real Food Traveler.

Would you like to be next month's featured business? Send us an article...

## Chug Creek Cultivators Garden Club



The Chug Creek Cultivators have been busy planting flowers around Chugwater, bringing vibrant color and beauty to our town. Special thanks go to Cathy Wilson for coordinating with the town on our efforts,

ensuring everything ran smoothly. Leah Bratton and Susie Graves generously supplied a significant portion of the flowers from their own starts. Our dedicated team, including Leah Bratton, Nathan Graves, Susie Graves, Chase Maddox, Cheryl Maddox, Cathy Wilson, Julie Balzan, and Robert Balzan, worked together to make this project a blooming success.

Our own, Leah Bratton has been honored with the prestigious National Garden Club Award: Member Award of Honor, recognizing her exceptional volunteer efforts over the past five years. This distinguished accolade, given to one member in each region, celebrates Leah's outstanding contributions to her club and community. Her dedication and passion for gardening have not only beautified the surroundings but also inspired others to participate in community improvement projects. Leah's commitment and hard work have truly made a significant impact, earning her this well-deserved recognition.

Leah is also a member of the Prairie Garden Club in Cheyenne and was a driving force in starting and establishing the Chug Creek Cultivators Garden Club.



The Town of Chugwater Newsletter will include dates of Town Meetings and Community Events as well as community related information. To get your information added to the Newsletter, please email it to: [townofchugwater@chugwater.com](mailto:townofchugwater@chugwater.com)  
Deadline to submit articles/info is 20th of month

## TOWN OF CHUGWATER

### A Message From Your Mayor

**SEE INSERT...**

### BUSINESS/RECREATION CENTER

- Gym Membership  
Fob \$25/one time fee  
Cost \$10/month or \$100/year



### THOUGHTS...

"In a small town, you learn that honesty, hard work, and integrity are not just abstract concepts but real-life values that guide your daily life." - unknown

"Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you." - unknown

## CHUGWATER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### AUGUST 2024

- 1-4 Platte County Fair & Rodeo @ Wheatland  
- July 26 thru August 4
- 5 Public Hearing—Land Deannexation  
- 7:00pm @ Town Hall
- 5 Town Council Meeting  
- 7:30pm @ Town Hall
- 7 Library Book Club  
- 1pm @ Library
- 13 WY State Fair @ Douglas  
- August 13-17
- 14 Water Wars for Children 14 and younger  
- 1pm @ Library
- 14 Chug Creek Cultivators Garden Club Meeting  
- 6pm @ Staats Park
- 18 Chugwater Community Swim Party  
- 6-7:30pm @ Wheatland Pool
- 19 CHUG Meeting  
- 7pm @ Community Center
- 20 2024 Primary Election
- 20 Prairie View Community School  
- Students First Day!
- 21 Library Book Club  
- 1pm @ Library
- 27 CHED Meeting  
- 7pm @ Community Center

## Happenings at the Library

### CHUGWATER BRANCH LIBRARY HOURS

- ◆ Monday & Friday 1pm-4pm
- ◆ Wednesday 11am-2pm

Come check out our repaired walkway, and get some books, and DVDs to relax away these hot summer days.

Thank you, Town of Chugwater Council Members, and Mayor for approval of funds to repair the walk to Library door. Huge Thank You to Pete Delgado for his assistance with this project. Thank You Aaron Wombaker for keeping the lawn and flowers in top shape.

Water Wars for kids, 14 years old and younger is scheduled for August 14th 1:00pm at the Chugwater Branch Library. Beverage and Treats after.

~ C. Wilson

## PRIMARY ELECTION AUGUST 20, 2024

### ABSENTEE VOINTING

Primary—begins July 23rd and ends at 5pm on August 19th

### POLLING PLACES

Polls are open from 7am to 7pm @ Community Center

### PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT

- Mayor—4 year term—Vote for 1
  - Joshua Hopkins
  - Steven Kelley
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  - Write-In
- Councilmembers—4 year term—Vote for not more than 2
  - Benjamin V Glenn Jr
  - David E Graves
  - Josh Hansen
  - Russell Kirlin
  - Vicki R Klein
  - Myra J Wombaker
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  - Write-In
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- Write-In

Elections are the most fundamental, and important function of our Republic. VOTE!

## PRAIRIE VIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT for PVCS is August 19, from 4-7pm. Come meet your teachers, bring school supplies (lists posted on website), complete registration, and enjoy some light refreshments.

FIRST DAY of SCHOOL is August 20 at 8:30am. We can't wait to see you at school!

PVCS WEBSITE: [admin@prairieviewschool.org](mailto:admin@prairieviewschool.org)

## Your Town Government

- Carol Ash—Mayor  
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307-630-3411
- Eric Marlatt—Council Member  
307-331-4017
- John Burns—Council Member
- Steve Kelley—Council Member/Mayor Pro Tem  
chugcars@yahoo.com  
307-287-1866
- Joe Schirmer—Council Member
- Vicki Rae Klein—Town Clerk
- David Clough—Town Treasurer
- Pete Delgado—Water Operator  
307-331-2361
- Aaron Wombaker—Maintenance  
307-331-7393
- Keith Miller—Backup Water Operator

## CHUGWATER MUSEUM HOURS

- ◇ Memorial Day thru Labor Day
- ◇ Open Saturday & Sunday, 1-4pm

