



## 2022 CHUGWATER TOWN COUNCIL

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## CHUGWATER CHILI COOK-OFF & ROUNDUP

Chugwater Chili Cook-off & Roundup is looking for community volunteers to help with our 36th Annual Event. We have many exciting additions this year including a Cobbler Cook-off, Ranch Rodeo, Chuckwagon Dinner and Street Dance! We need as many volunteers as possible to make this year's event a success, even if you can only volunteer for one hour. All volunteers are welcome and appreciated. All volunteers will receive free admission, a T-shirt, and a "Thank-You" dinner once the event has been concluded. This is a great opportunity to get involved and help the Town of Chugwater continue to flourish! Please contact Ryleigh Vaughn via text (208-419-6554) or via email (chugwaterchilicookoff@gmail.com) We will meet on April 13, 2022 at 5:30PM at the Community Center.

## Community Easter Egg Hunt

**April 14, 2022 at 2:00PM  
at the Chugwater Park**

**Chugwater Community  
kids ages Pre-School-  
5th grade can  
participate**

# APRIL 2022

## Chugwater Community Newsletter



As Pastor Mike and Lynne Baber were sorting and packing for their move to their new Church Assignment in Washington, Lynne found a copy of the April 2010 Newsletter where we welcomed them into our community. Twelve years later, we say good bye and wish them well.

While they were with us, they had a major, positive impact in our Community. They faithfully attended to our Spiritual and Practical needs. Whether it was a heartbreaking, life changing moment, or a helping hand in a variety of ways, these two special individuals served us with joy and at a moment's notice, in spite of whatever plans they had for themselves. We will miss them!

The legacy that they leave differs from one Community Member to another. We each have our own special story to tell of how they impacted our life. As we move forward, let us be mindful that each of us can have that same impact. The Spirit and Beauty of our Chugwater Community is that we all are like a large family of Friends and Neighbors. Let's continue Mike and Lynne's work in our Community by loving and serving each other as the need arises.

Let's reach out and "Love thy Neighbor".

Your Mayor,  
Carol Ash



## ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Please join us in the Chugwater Park on April 29, 2022 at 9:00 AM for our Annual Arbor Day Celebration. We will be planting trees with the help of our Chugwater School Students.

The Arbor Day Proclamation will be read to begin our Celebration.

## April 2022 Calendar of Events

Apr 2	Community Bazaar	9:00 AM-3:00 PM	Chugwater School Gym
Apr 4	Town Council Meeting	7:00 PM	Town Hall
Apr 13	Chili Cook-off Meeting	5:30 PM	Community Center
Apr 14	Community Easter Egg Hunt	2:00 PM	Chugwater Park
Apr 15	Town Council Workshop- Insurance Review	9:00 AM	Town Hall
Apr 18	CHUG	7:00 PM	Community Center
Apr 19	CHED	7:00 PM	Community Center
Apr 29	Arbor Day Celebration	9:00 AM	Chugwater Park

### CHUGWATER HOTELS

In past years, during a blizzard, Chugwater's two-story, brick hotel was a welcome sight for travelers on Highway 87. That might also have been the same for prospectors in the 1870s and 80s. Following the Cheyenne-Deadwood Trail, hundreds of prospectors were part of the historic gold rush to the Black Hills. Reaching the Chugwater area, they had the opportunity to stay in one of two hotels. On the east side of Chug Creek was a two-story hotel built by John "Portugee" Phillips. Using a bridge over the creek was a second hotel that had been built by Hiram "Hi" Kelly, which came to be known as the "White House."

"Portugee" Phillips was well known for his 236 mile ride in the winter of 1866 to reach Ft. Laramie with the news of the Fetterman Massacre. "Hi" Kelly was equally well-known for his honesty, character and success in cattle ranching along Chug Creek. His two-story house about a mile on down the creek from the hotel still stands today. In 1884 he sold his ranch to the Swan Land & Cattle Company, and moved to Cheyenne.

Submitted by Don Hodgson

Chugwater grad, 1958

### FIRE

The men & women of the Chugwater Fire Department are our friends, our neighbors and our relatives. They are brave volunteers giving their time and risking themselves to protect us and our property. They work on less than a shoestring budget. They support us! We need to support them! Equipment wears out and breaks down. It costs money to fix, maintain or replace. That money needs to come from us; the protected. I ask everyone to donate to the Chugwater Fire Department. Any amount will help and I will match up to \$5000 with whatever the Town will raise. Donations can be dropped off at the Town Hall and checks can be made payable to the Chugwater Fire Department.

Thank you for your support.  
Anonymous Donor

### **CLASS OF 2025 COMMUNITY BAZAAR**

**April 2, 2022**

**9:00AM-3:00PM**

**Chugwater School Gym**

*There are over 20 vendors bringing a variety of items including baked goods, local honey, handmade jewelry, Wyoming cowboy gifts, soaps, lip balms, decorative gourds, spices, sauces, homemade noodles, tie-dyed, screen printed and embroidered clothing items, wooden animals and so much more!*  
*Lunch will be provided by the Booster Club and proceeds from lunch go to that organization.*

**Contact Andrea Leinen at  
[andrea.leinen@platte1.org](mailto:andrea.leinen@platte1.org) or  
text her at 307-223-1548**

### **COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES**

**Intro to Spanish** Dana Cushman-Instructor  
April 4, 11, 18 and 21 from 3:30-4:30 PM  
at the Chugwater School Commons. Fee is \$30

**Beginning Pottery** Bryce Cushman-Instructor  
April 30 from 9:00-10:30 AM  
at the Chugwater School Science Room .Fee is \$30

**Basis SMAW (stick) Welding**  
Jon Williams-Instructor  
April 9 from 9:00 AM-12:00PM. Fee is \$35

**Basic MIG Welding** Jon Williams-Instructor  
April 23 from 9:00AM-12:00PM. Fee is \$35

Sign up is required for all classes.  
Please contact Dana Cushman at 719-964-0796 or  
at [dcushwoman@gmail.com](mailto:dcushwoman@gmail.com) to sign up or for more  
information. There are class requirements for the  
welding classes so reach out to Dana for that info.