



# JULY 2022

## Chugwater Community Newsletter

### 2022 CHUGWATER TOWN COUNCIL

Carol Ash-Mayor  
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Due to extreme dry weather conditions and potential Fire Hazard, Fire Chief Tim Ash has **banned** Fireworks in the Town of Chugwater. There is also a Fire Ban in effect for Platte County.

### Tri-County Mercantile

The Mercantile is officially open for business Tuesday-Saturday from 9AM-6PM.

They have stocked the store with a wide variety of items. Grocery items include beef from Chugwater Beef Co., milk, eggs, cheese, etc. Over-the-counter pharmaceuticals are also available, as well as Ranch and Automotive essentials.

They are still under construction but will continue to provide updates for the Community.



A PROPOSED CHARTER SCHOOL SLATED TO OPEN FALL 2023.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT:

[WWW.PRAIRIEVIEWSCHOOL.ORG](http://WWW.PRAIRIEVIEWSCHOOL.ORG)

Charter School Community Informational Meetings will be held on July 6th from 4:00-5:00 PM and July 15th from 7:00-8:00 PM at the Community Center.



### Services for Seniors Meals

If you are planning to eat lunch please contact Tammy no later than 9:30AM the day you plan to eat lunch. This allows her to plan the meal accordingly.

There are also frozen meals available for purchase; the cost is \$2. Anyone interested needs to call Tammy at 422-3430.

The July menu is included for your convenience.

## July 2022 Calendar of Events

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| July 4  | 4th of July Holiday  |         |
| July 5  | Town Council Meeting | 7:00 PM |
| July 19 | CHED                 | 7:00 PM |

Town Hall Closed  
Town Hall  
Community Center

### CHUGWATER'S FIRST, ATTEMPTED BANK ROBBERY

Who hasn't said, "I need to rob a bank!" In late August of 1921, two men, ages 55 and 26, left their own community in Bushnell, Nebraska, intent on robbing the State Bank of Chugwater. At that time the bank was located in a separate room within the lobby of the Chugwater Hotel.

Needing money and in debt, the two entered the bank with revolvers drawn, and ordered the teller Robert Lollier to put up his hands. Frightened, the teller ran into the hotel lobby, but was pulled back, and then managed to get away and run into a nearby garage outside. The garages' owner, Louis Schnell (previously a deputy sheriff), grabbed his shotgun and started shooting. He wounded the older man, but the younger robber escaped, and took off on foot, and hid in a thicket perhaps close to Chug Creek. The wounded robber was put in jail, while his younger partner was able to pick up a ride to Cheyenne, and his home in Bushnell. The next day he was arrested, and both men were placed in the Wheatland jail to await trial.

The penalty for robbery was one year up to fourteen years in jail. In a newspaper article, the Wheatland sheriff commented that the "two men sit gloomly in their cells . . ." Since the bank robbers did not succeed, it becomes an "attempted robbery."

\*The other bank in town was the Chugwater Valley Bank, which was founded in 1912.

Submitted by Don Hodgson  
1958 Chugwater High Graduate

### CHUGWATER BRANCH LIBRARY

Mon & Fri 1PM-4PM Wed 11AM-2PM

Book Club will be meeting at 1PM, July 6th and July 20th. We are reading books to fill our Summer Reading BINGO sheets. The book selections for July are classics and books published the year of our birth. Summer Reading book reviews and BINGO sheets are due back to Wheatland Library by July 27th. Please feel free to put them in the drop box at the Chugwater Branch or leave them with our Librarian, Cathy Wilson.



### New Chugwater Billboards

New billboards welcoming I-25 travelers to Chugwater will soon be seen on Northbound and Southbound I-25. Permission was graciously granted to the Town by former Chugwater teacher, Margaret Jensen. Ms. Jensen and her students painted it as a mural which can be seen in the Gym at the Chugwater School. We would like to extend a "Thank You" to Ms. Jensen and her students for allowing to use their artwork for the new updated billboards.

### 2022 Chugwater Chili Cook-off

The Chugwater Chili Cook-off was once again very successful. The preparation and work that goes into this event is seen and heard by comments long after it has been cleaned up and gone for another year. All Volunteers who spent hours finalizing details and Town employees who helped with the park and streets should be very proud of their achievement for a wonderful day full of activities and music.