



MAY 2022

Chugwater Community Newsletter

2022 CHUGWATER TOWN COUNCIL

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Nichole Clark has worked for the Town of Chugwater almost a year and has excelled in her training. She just passed her Well System Examination and is now a Certified Water Operator. She is continuing her education and is in the Apprenticeship Program with Wyoming Rural Water Systems. She is a wonderful asset to the Town!!

Thanks, Nichole, for your hard work and dedication.

Community Flower Planting

May 21, 2022
1:00 PM

Community Center

Terri Skiba has graciously volunteered to coordinate our flower planting for Spring! We will be planting flowers in our Town Planters to make Chugwater ready to welcome visitors and tourists. Come have refreshments before we head out to our assigned planters and make them beautiful for Spring!



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April 27, 2022

Mayor Carol Ash
PO Box 243
Chugwater, WY 82210

Re: Best Tasting Drinking Water in Wyoming

Dear Mayor Ash,

On behalf of the membership of the Wyoming Association of Rural Water Systems I want to congratulate your water system for winning the finals for the Best Tasting Drinking Water contest held recently at our 31st Annual Spring Technical Conference and Industry Trade Show. Your system's drinking water was judged by a distinguished panel to be the best from entries from around the state.

Your system's drinking water scored highest in the categories of Clarity, Odor and Taste. The finals judges were: Ms. Jackie King, State Director for US Sen. Cynthia Lummis; Mr. Glenn Pauley, USDA RD Wyoming State Director, Mikki Munson, Wyoming Office of Homeland Security Cybersecurity & Critical Infrastructure Protection Program Manager and Mr. Phil Combs, Vice President of National Rural Water Association.

Your organization has shown a consistent winning attitude towards operating standards and quality assurance. Your water operations staff, headed by Lance Wedemeyer and Water Operator (and apprentice) Nichole Clark, should be commended for winning in the 2022 finals. The win shows a strong commitment to "Quality on Tap" by your organization and all of your professional certified water operations specialists. I note this is the second win for the Town.

We look forward to cheering on your system at the National Great American Taste Test in Washington DC during February of 2023. The Association will pay for all travel costs for one person from your system to attend the national taste test and enter your water at that time.

Congratulations again!

Sincerely,

Mark Pepper
Executive Director

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO WATER TOWN PLANTERS

Please help keep our flowers around Town watered and cared for. Our Town Planters will be filled with beautiful flowers and we would like to keep them looking good all summer. If you would like to adopt a planter please let us know. Most of the Planters are on 1st Street but there are planters at Town Hall, Community Center, Library and the Park. Sign up for one or more. Decorations can also be added such as pinwheels for a touch of whimsy. Let's make this a fun summer-long project. Your help is needed and very appreciated.

May 2022 Calendar of Events

May 3	Town Council Meeting	7:00 PM	Town Hall
May 11	Book Signing-Lee Marfell	1:30 PM	Community Center
May 11	Chili Cook-off Meeting	5:30 PM	Community Center
May 13-23	Town Clean-Up Days		Town of Chugwater
May 16	CHUG	7:00 PM	Community Center
May 17	CHED	7:00 PM	Community Center
May 20	Town Council Workshop – 2022/2023 Budget	9:00 AM	Town Hall
May 21	Flower Planting	1:00 PM	Community Center
May 30	Memorial Day Celebration		

RATTLESNAKE RAIN

In the early 1960's the State was working on extending I-25 highway on north of Cheyenne. Several miles from Chugwater, the workers had to make a large cut through the hillside that was filled with rattlesnakes, most likely from a den. As they worked, they were continually killing the rattlers with their shovels.

Growing tired of this routine, and perhaps uneasy about getting bit, the workers' foreman came up with a novel solution—*dynamite* the den! Preparing for the charge, the workers hid behind rocks and cheered with enthusiasm when the explosion went off. No more rattlesnakes!! Suddenly, within seconds, large numbers of angry rattlesnakes were raining down on the workers.

Wyoming Almanac, Sixth Ed. Roberts Brothers, 2010
Submitted by Don Hodgson
CHS Class of 1958

The CLASS OF 2025 would like to thank everyone who participated and visited the Bazaar on April 2, 2022. 28 vendors participated with a huge variety of items for sale. The school groups collectively raised \$1703. Chugwater Buffalo T-shirts were available and items were raffled at the end of the day. Thank you all for your generosity! The Class of 2025 will be donating the raffle funds toward the playground. We hope to have enough funds to add some basketball hoops with a concrete pad that can be used for 4-square and hopscotch.

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY

Our Community should be very proud of their generosity and support of our tireless men and women of the Chugwater Fire Department. Because of your generous donations to the Chugwater Fire Department a total of \$3760.00 has been raised so far by the Community. Our anonymous donor has pledged to donate the full \$5000.

Donations are still being accepted to meet our pledged amount. A very heartfelt Thank You to all who donated and all who help and support our team of volunteers and Fire Chief, Tim Ash. A very sincere THANK YOU to All Who Donated! A very Special Thank You to Our \$5000 Donor!!

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

May 30, 2022

The Memorial Day Celebration will begin at the Legion Park in Chugwater at 9:00 AM. There will be a 21-Gun Salute after the Pledge of Allegiance. The Service starts at 10:00 AM at the Iowa Flats Community Building (Cemetery) where the service will be followed by a gun salute. Afterwards everyone is welcome for a roast beef dinner at the Community Center being served between 11:30AM-12:00PM. The meal is provided by the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary and donations for the meal will be accepted and very appreciated. Proceeds fund the Girls State Delegates and Scholarships for the Chugwater Seniors.

TREASURES ALONG THE PLATTE

June 10,11 & 12, 2022

The Platte County Main Street Project is hosting the 5th Annual *Treasures Along the Platte*. This is a County-wide yard sale, which can include garage sale items, arts & crafts, antiques etc. If you choose to participate please complete the Registration Form which is included in this Newsletter and return to the Town Hall or to Dan Brecht as quickly as possible. A list of garage sales in the County will be created and sent out. You can either set up on 1st Street in Chugwater or be included on the list so you can set up at your home. Donations are welcome to help with the expense of advertising. Please make checks payable to Platte County Main Street.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Webster at 307-554-6299.

CHUGWATER CHILI COOKOFF AND ROUNDUP

May 11, 2022 at 5:30PM

The Chili Cookoff is still looking for volunteers. Please join them at the at the next Chili Cookoff meeting on May 11, 2022 at 5:30PM at the Community Center and help support our Community. All volunteers will receive free admission, a free T-Shirt and a free volunteer's dinner. Please contact Ryleigh Vaughn for more information at 208-419-6554 or at chugwaterchilicookoff@gmail.com



2022 RURAL WATER CONFERENCE

Lance, Nichole and Gerry attended the Rural Water Conference held on April 19-22, 2022 in Casper. They returned with not only a wealth of information but also with the 2022 Award for Best Tasting Water in Wyoming. This qualifies them to compete in the National Water Tasting Competition to be held at the National Water Conference in Washington DC in February of 2023. While at the Conference, Lance and Nichole competed in the Zenner Meter Challenge where Lance took 1st Place and Nichole took 2nd Place !

Way to Go Team Chugwater!!

CHUGWATER CLEANUP DAYS

May 13-23, 2022

It's that time of year where we are busy preparing for Spring! The designated dates for Roll-offs to be in Town are May 13-23, 2022.

On Saturday, May 14, 2022, all volunteers will meet at the Community Center at 9:00AM. Mayor Ash will have donuts and coffee to start the day.

Please call the Town Hall at 422-3493 if you need assistance with lifting, moving and hauling big items to the dumpsters.



Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.

BOOK SIGNING

May 11, 2022 at 1:30 PM

Please join us in welcoming Lee Marfell, former resident of Chugwater and author of his first novel, *Twilight Assignment*, for a book-signing afternoon. Lee will be at the Community Center on May 11, 2022 at 1:30 to sign his book and give us a chance to visit with him on his writing experience.

Books will be for sale and refreshments will be served.