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# Phil Ellis Elected President-Elect of National Cattleman's Beef Association

Phil Ellis, rancher and stockman from Chugwater has been elected president-elect of the National Cattleman's Beef Association. Ellis held several positions within the company including vice-president. Phil is also active in the Wyoming Stockgrowers Association for over 20 years and was president of the organization for two years until 2005.

NCBA is the oldest and largest association od U.S. beef producers and is the marketing organization and trade association for America's cattle farmers and ranchers.

"I am very honored to be selected to this position of leadership in NCBA and to be able to lend my efforts to advance the beef cattle industry. This is a great industry, using natural resources wisely to provide the world with the best protein, and one they increasingly demand. And my family has been continuously raising beef in Platte, Goshen and Laramie counties for over 130 years," said Phil.

One of Phil's goals is "to continue to strengthen and enhance the state/national partner-ship with our affiliates." Phil Ellis has been involved with in the Chugwater community, serving as president of the Platte County Chamber of Commerce from 199-2001 and on the board of Chugwater Economic Development, Inc. from 1999-2012 as well as serving on the Chugwater Valley Church council several times over the past 25 years.

Source: Platte County Record-Times, article from February 26th, 2014, Whitney Helm, Editor



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# Community Center Events

April 5th: Pancake Breakfast, 10 a.m. May 11th: Mother's Day Brunch, noon May 25th: Mexican Fiesta, noon

Contact Mary Bloom for more information



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# Stage Stop Arts & Crafts Center

The Stage Stop Art & Crafts Center is a nonprofit multi-purpose arts facility located in downtown Chugwater in the Business Building across the street from the Chili Office.

The Stage Stop opens March 20th at 10am. The Center will be open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10am until 4pm.

The Stage Stop will be featuring Wyoming Artists from the surrounding area. All the merchandise sold will be original works. Some key artists and crafters will be Western Skies (skin care products), Country Girls Embroidery, Baker Farms, Oma's Bakery, Patti Pierson (crafts and jewelry), Judy West (Quilting), Just Dreams (Fine Art, Photography, and Crafts), Tricia Sagner (Photography), and Strahan Pottery.

The Purpose of the Center is to support and encourage artists and crafters in our community and to increase public awareness of the arts. Through the Center artists will have an opportunity to sell products as well as take art classes. We will be offering art classes in the summer.

Come join us for the Grand Opening April 5th 10am until 4pm. We will be offering goodies, music, and festivities.

Submitted by Mary Bloom

### 2014 CHS Reunion

The following listed people have had their invitations returned as undeliverable because of faulty addresses. Any help to get corrected addresses would be greatly appreciated.

Please e-mail Pete Remster: cbchief13@gmail.com

1942 Rex Olson

1943 Charles Weldon Arnold

1951 Joyce Pennock Brown

1958 Richard Duvall, Jr.

1960 Carlene Albach Johnson

1961 John Dayton

1962 Betty Rhoades Stewart

1963 Neil Miller

1965 Russell Matz

1966 Sandra Johnke Schubitzke

1967 Twila Gillaspie Townsend

1974 Peggy Brown-Clark

1976 Bonnie Cozad Kuhns

1986 Dale Duvall

1982 Michele White

1990 Tammy Maddox





# Platte County Library Book Sale

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# **Chugwater Church Services**

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Services at 11:00 A. M.

United

Methodist Church

Corner of 6th St & Clay Ave

Worship 9 A.M.

Chugwater Valley Church 120 3rd St.

> Worship 11:00 A.M. Sunday School 10 A.M.

## Cynthia M. Johnke

October 1, 1958-February 28, 2014

Cynthia M. Johnke, 54 of Wheatland died February 28th, 2014 in Cheyenne after a year-long fight with small-cell lung cancer. Cindy was born October 1st, 1959 in Laramie and was promptly adopted by Anna Rose and Olie L. Mendenhall. She grew up in Wheatland and graduated from Wheatland High School in 1978. She married Ron Johnke on August 11, 1979, in Chugwater.

Cindy worked as a certified nurse's assistant and later a dining assistant and housekeeper at Platte County Memorial Nursing Home before being diagnosed with cancer. Those who knew and loved her will forever remember her compassionate, selfless and, above all, unflinchingly loyal.

Cindy is survived by her husband, Ron of Wheatland; mother, Rose; son, Jeremiah of Cheyenne, his wife, Elizabeth, and their children, Jerrick and Elayna; and son, Joshua of Lynchburg, VA., his wife, Tiffany, and their daughter, Kyla. She was preceded in death by her father, Olie, and adopted

A celebration of life was held at Platte County Memorial Nursing Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that friends make donations to Platte County Memorial Nursing Home or the cancer center at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center.

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### Chugwater gets Gun Range

At February 3rd Council meeting it was announced the Platte County Commissioners approved the request to allow Chugwater to build a shooting range on the 405 acres 2 miles west of Chugwater.

The approval was based on four conditions:

- 1. A map with designated area for the gun range be submitted to the Planning and Zoning office in Wheatland.
  - 2. No class 3 weaponary including silencers, tracers, armor piercing ammunition.
  - 3. Certified line leaders will be at the range at all times.
  - 4. Any building built costing over \$50,000 or over 2500 square feet must be submitted to the commissioners per county requirements.

Chugwater was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the NRA Foundation. A board will be put into place to oversee the gun range, along with putting in place safety rules and regulations. Chugwater is working with the NRA, Camp Guernsey and Platte County Sheriff's Department.

# Chug Valley 4-H

#### Cake Decorating Classes:





Classes run from 1:00-3:00 p.m. each day and will be held in the conference room at the Extension Office. Participants may bring basic cake decorating supplies and practice icing, but are not required to. For more information, please contact Anna Thornton at (307) 421-8143 or <a href="mailto:athornt

### Fair Entry Deadline:

Entry deadline for county fair is **Thursday July 10, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.**No entries will be accepted after that date. However, you are encouraged to get entries done prior to the deadline.

# Chugwater Cemetery Memorial Wall



THE MEMORIAL WALL IS NOW COMPLETE!

#### Honor your loved one with a Memorial Plaque

Contact Kate Jackson at 307-422-3329 or any of the other Cemetery Board Members for additional information and forms. The 2013 cost for each plaque is \$350.

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### Chugwater Town Council February 1 1926 Meeting Minutes

The Council met in regular session this date, there being present Councilmen Olson, Broeker, Ireland and Mayor Haney. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor.

The minutes of the last regular meeting held December 7, 1925 were read and approved.

The resignation of Councilman Dowler was read and a motion was made by Councilman Olson and seconded by Councilman Ireland it be accepted. Motion carried.

Mayor Haney appointed John M. Van Wyngarden to fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the resignation of Fred Dowler.

A motion was made by Councilman Olson and seconded by Councilman Ireland that the appointment be confirmed. Motion carried.

The following bills against the Town were read:

H.W. Broeker, labor	\$19.80
Wm. D. Morrison, auditing town books	\$ 65.00
Chugwater Light Plant, street lights for Jan.	\$30.00
Gerald J. Tucker, salary for clerk for Jan.	\$15.00

A motion was made by Councilman Olson and seconded by Councilman Ireland that the bills be allowed as read. Motion carried.

The auditors report on the Town of Chugwater books and the Chugwater Light Plant books were read and a motion was made by Councilman Olson and seconded by Councilman Ireland that they be accepted. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman VanWyngarden and seconded by Councilman Broeker that Gerald J. Tucker be relieved of a shortage of \$23.10 on the Light Plant Books, and that Frank A. Beard be relieved of a shortage of \$4.80 on the Town Treasurers books and that warrants be drawn to cover said shortages. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Olson and seconded by Councilman Ireland that the Monday morning electric service be discontinued and that the Light Plan run Tuesday morning only for convenience of ironing. Motion carried.

There being no other business to come before the Council a motion was made by Councilman Broeker and seconded by Councilman Olson that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

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# Chugwater Town Council March 1 1926 Meeting Minutes

The Council met in regular session this date, there being present Mayor Haney, Councilman Olson, Broker, Ireland and Van Wyngarden. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor.

The minutes of the last regular meeting held February 1, 1926 were read and approved.

The following bills were read:

The Chugwater Light Plant, street lights for February \$30.00 Gerald J. Tucker, salary as Town Clerk for February \$15.00

A motion was made by Councilman Olson and seconded by Councilman Broeker that the bills be allowed as read. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Broeker and seconded Councilman Olson that a warrant for \$40.00 be drawn in favor of Wm. DeVere, receiver for the Cheyenne Construction Co. of Cheyenne, Wyoming as payment in full of account due the Cheyenne Construction Compnay. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Ireland and seconded by Councilman VanWyngarden that a warrant be drawn for \$675.00 in favor of the Chugwater Valley Bank to renew warrant No. 158 now past due, said warrant to draw 8% interest per annum until paid. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Olson and seconded by Councilman Broeker that the meeting adjourn until eight o'clock Tuesday evening March 2, 1926. Motion carried.

## Tuesday March 2 1926 Meeting Minutes

Ways and means for getting electric current from Wheatland Wyoming were discussed and a motion of Councilman Ireland and seconded by Councilman VanWyngarden the meeting adjourned.



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### **National Poison Prevention Week**

### March 16th-22rd, 2014

Nebraska Regional Poison Center, 8401 West Dodge Road, Suite 115 Omaha, NE 68114 1-800-222-1222 or 1-402-955-5555, <a href="https://www.NebraskaPoison.com">www.NebraskaPoison.com</a>

**What is a poison?** A poison is anything that someone eats, breathes, gets in the eyes, or on the skin, that can cause a sickness or death.

A poison can be a drug or medication, which involves over half of the calls to the poison center. The fastest growing drug problem in the United States is the abuse of prescription medications. It is estimated that 30,000 Americans will die from prescription drug abuse and overdoses this year. Poisonings are the leading cause of unintentional injury deaths for ages 15 to 59, largely resulting from unintentional drug overdoses of prescription medications.

A poison can be a household, garden or personal care product; chemicals at home and work; plants; bites and stings; food poisoning or any item that can give an individual an unwanted or unexpected reaction.

You shouldn't wait for symptoms to develop-even if you aren't sure an individual was poisoned. If you wait for symptoms, look up information on the internet, call your physician's office or local emergency room- you are wasting precious time.

The number to your poison center is 1-800-222-1222. This number should be programmed into and located near every phone in the United States. Nine out of ten calls to the poison center will be managed at home. There is unlikely any other number you program into your phone that will save you more money or time. You will immediately talk to a registered nurse who is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year.

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"I just took my medicine and forgot I took it earlier!"

"I was just stung by a bee!"

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