

Laramie County Fair Presents

"An Introduction to the Future Laramie County Fairgrounds"

Friday, July 10 - Tuesday, July 14
Events and Activities for the Whole Family!



July 10
Tiny Twisters
Miniature Bull Riding and
Mutton Bustin' for Kids!
Bulls to Match Age & Skill Level
Available to Kids 14 Years & Under

Admission
\$5.00
/ Carload
on July 10

FREE
Admission
all other
days



July 11 -12
Saturday & Sunday

Craft Show - Gun Show
(and Demonstrations)

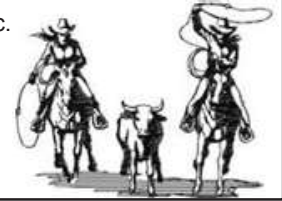
Gun & Craft Show Booth Space Available
Call 637-4534 for details

July 11, 12, 13, 14

4H & FFA Horse Show

Including Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Riding, etc.

Team Roping
Cow Penning



Everyone is Invited and Everyone will be Welcome!

To be held at the Archer Complex - Take I-80 or US30 to Archer, South to the
Entrance to the Future Laramie County Fairgrounds (Signs will direct you)

Please call 637-4534, the Laramie County Fair Office, with Questions or Entries

Billboards

Apartment dwellers are now second-class citizens in Cheyenne?

Members of Cheyenne's governing body (with the exceptions of Amber Ash and Rick Kaysen) are trying to extricate themselves from an embarrassing position they created involving billboards.

In some tortured bit of legislating, the council screwed up the sign ordinance in 2006 and made it so no new billboards could be placed in the city. Granted, many residents applauded the mistake but that surely was not what the majority of council members and that mayor intended to do - eliminate billboards.

Four permits were issued illegally after the ban and a neighborhood group forced the removal of one of those. There are three remaining - two are in commercial areas and it is highly unlikely that a business owner would initiate litigation to force removal of either of those two.

The third one placed illegally is on a city

councilman's property on Dell Range - at the Bicycle Station, owned by Patrick Collins.

Now the game plan appears to be to change the ordinance to one that allows billboards again and also tries to make the change retroactive.

No can do.

Of course, they can do as they have a tendency to do - and that is ignore their own ordinances. After all, they were voted into the office by you, the voter, and they take that to mean that they are ordained to do your bidding and expect that you will endorse their any and every action.

Should they decide to follow their own rules (laws), City Code Section 17.148.100 reads: "In case of a conflict between this zoning ordinance or any part of this ordinance, and any

part of any other existing or **FUTURE ADOPTED ORDINANCE** of Cheyenne, Wyoming, or adopted resolution of Laramie County, Wyoming, the more restrictive provision in all cases shall apply." A new rule or new language won't get them off the hook. (*Bold and underlining by the Cheyenne Herald.*)

In an effort to "make it right" for the billboard company (again, not even a Wyoming corporation), the governing body will likely allow them to place electronic billboards and possibly require them to remove some unsold and unnecessary billboards. For example, the billboard on Ames by the underpass that has had a Drew Hill political ad on the north side and a Rick Kaysen political ad on the south side - campaign billboards still in place seven and a half months after the election.

Giving that one up won't hurt much.

Wyoming is a wide open state with the potential to present great scenery to visitors. But, driving south on I-25 proves a lack of concern for that beauty by billboard blight. Between Exit 7 (Love's/Flying J) and the state line are endless ugly billboards. Imagine what travelers must think. The 12 giant billboards just into Wyoming bear witness to the state's disinterest in beauty or scenery. Once into Colorado, there are no billboards, with two inconspicuous exceptions, until Fort Collins. Does that make Colorado wrong and Wyoming right? With a show of hands, who is proud of the billboard pollution in the first seven miles of Wyoming from the south? Me neither.

And the governing body plans to make an exception for billboards placed over apartment buildings? That is an obvious move to protect the one that provides the means for Collins to continue to receive his lease payments.

What is the Cheyenne Herald? It is a bi-weekly publication that I hesitate to refer to as a "newspaper" but calling it only an Opinion/Commentary publication does not adequately describe it, either. While much of what appears on these pages is in an opinion, commentary, essay and/or writing mode, there is also no denying that much of it is breaking news. When we disclosed that Cheyenne Police Chief Bob Fecht had purchased, with public money, a master's degree in criminal justice from an unaccredited diploma mill in Mississippi that was never authorized to issue degrees, that was not opinion. That was not commentary. That was fact. That was news. On the other side of the coin, when I opine that Danica Patrick is a very good race car driver, that is my opinion. The long and short of it is that the Cheyenne Herald is many things to many people. I will explain what each story is if challenged. Otherwise, it is what you will make of it. Pages will no longer be headed with a description of the words on that page. They are what readers make of them.

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