

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
Mini 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

Should graffiti be treated like jaywalking?

You've heard this: **Q.** What's the difference between a recession and a depression.

A. A recession is when my neighbor loses his job. A depression is when I lose mine.

Evidently the difference between when people get mad about graffiti is when it's on their property as opposed to when it's on yours.

A local resident took the time to list graffiti on buildings just in the general area of Cheyenne's downtown. He listed the addresses and tried to provide them to the Cheyenne police department as nuisance reports. He was told the city has no ordinance to deal with graffiti.

They do.

And they have a guy whose only job is to deal with nuisance reports. Basically, a nuisance report in Cheyenne is weeds. Not pot. Not marijuana. Weeds growing out of the ground that have reached a measurable height and have not been mowed down to a more tolerable height.

Wouldn't a community more concerned about its appearance consider weeds to be weeds, regardless of their height and maybe be interested in replacing weeds with grass or rocks? Inside of citations.

Property owners do not get the cooperation of local law enforcement when they seek apprehension and conviction of

those who spray paint their buildings - whatever the quality, text or appearance of the graffiti. Obviously, violent crime is a priority and domestic abuse needs to be taken more seriously by the Cheyenne police department, prosecution and courts, but graffiti is vandalism.

Graffiti is becoming more of a problem by the day.

Some property owners have taken the position that there is no point in removing or covering graffiti because it will just come back if the police department is not arresting or charging those doing the tagging. Some don't see the markings as offensive - not embarrassing to our city or to their property.

Still others have tried and remove the graffiti quickly. Few, but some.

Why is there such a cavalier attitude by city officials and law enforcement? Some of the graffiti is on public property. If the economic development folks really believe visiting businesses were impressed by concrete walkways, don't they think those same people would be turned off by the rampant tagging on public and private property? When the Business

Council offices are adjacent to a building with offensive graffiti, what do visiting business executives think about our community? Graffiti should be intolerable. Instead, it is acknowledged, accepted and condoned. Removal and elimination of these acts of vandalism have to start with the mayor. Until he condemns the acts and orders enforcement, they will continue.



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