

CHEYENNE HERALD Policies

Bylines -- Bylines do not appear on all stories. In fact, bylines now appear on few stories. As has been explained here previously, readers can assume that everything appearing without a byline of some sort was written by Dave Featherly. You may not always be right but most of the time (97%-98%), you will be.

Announcements, etc. --As the popularity of the Cheyenne Herald has grown, so have the requests to place an announcement of one sort or another on our pages. With 12 pages to work with, not all submitted can be published. To adopt a fair and reasonable policy, brief announcements from charitable organizations [501(c)(3)], particularly groups offering services in public health or safety areas and for the needy and children will be considered first. Contact me with any questions. 637-2879.

"On-the-Street" -- It is my goal to have the printed papers out by midday on the scheduled publication date (Tuesdays, except if Monday is a Holiday). It is also my goal to have several pages posted to my website by noon on that same publication date. In both cases, timing is not totally within my control and those goals may not be met. *Under recent arrangements with the printer, the paper has been available Monday afternoon.*

Stories -- Generally, stories of local interest are what we pursue. The Herald will not be used as a "get even" publication between neighbors. If the story does not, or could not, interest many in Laramie County or the State of Wyoming, it likely won't appear on these pages. Again, as the Cheyenne Herald has gained strength and standing, it is more incumbent on me to be careful about what is written and with the words used. There is a place for anonymous, hateful and untrue writings - it is called an internet forum. And even on the pages of the WT-E.

Not using names in our stories - It is the practice here to tell the stories without [always] naming names. Public employees and elected officials are exceptions - drawing a public paycheck waives anonymity. Other exceptions to the policy are rare and I will keep it that way. Damaging people is not my goal - telling a story in greater detail is.

Pick-up locations -- Ideally, I'd have a dozen well-placed distribution points around town. I do not seek unlimited pick-up points. It is just too time-consuming to have the Herald stocked in a hundred places. In seven years, there have been three places that have asked us to remove the Herald - while many have asked for them to be placed in their business location. One of those three has asked for the papers to again be available at their business. The local Hospital has recently forbidden our papers from being available at CRMC Health & Fitness.

Dave Featherly

Herald -- n. An officer whose business was to proclaim war ... He was invested with a sacred and inviolable character. A proclaimer; one who publishes or announces; A forerunner; a precursor; a harbinger. v. To introduce, or give tidings of ... To proclaim, to announce, to foretell, to usher in.

They can remove the "Yes" button from Cynthia's desk in the U.S. House

True, she's only been in Washington a few months. It is a bit premature to judge her political future by her first few votes.

But, at the rate she's going, she doesn't need a "Yes" button in front of her.

Granted, Republicans are feeling the venom they had spit on the Democrats while they held power, but there is no legislation to this point that Cynthia Lummis felt benefited Wyoming more than it offended the Republican Party and according to the regular e-mails recaps sent to apprise me of our congressional delegation's votes, she only knows how to jangle her necklance.

Lummis voted "no" on all but one:

Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education (GIVE) Act - Vote **Passed** (274-149, 8 Not Voting) The House agreed to the Senate amendments to this national service bill, sending it to the president.

To amend the executive compensation provisions of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 - Vote **Passed** (247-171, 1 Present, 12 Not Voting) On Wednesday, the House passed this bill intended to curb bonuses of executives at financial institutions that receive Troubled Asset Relief Program money.

Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act - Vote **Passed** (298-112, 21 Not Voting) The House passed this bill that would give the FDA regulatory authority over tobacco, but would not allow the agency to ban cigarettes or other tobacco products.

Congressional Budget for Fiscal Year 2010 - Vote **Passed** (233-196, 3 Not Voting) The House passed their version of the national budget for fiscal year 2010.

Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 - Vote **Passed** (285-140, 6 Not Voting) The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 146, sending this package of public lands, national parks and water development legislation to the president.

Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education (GIVE) Act - Vote **Passed** (321-105, 6 Not Voting) The House passed this bill to reauthorize and reform national service programs.

To impose an additional tax on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients - Vote **Passed** (328-93, 10 Not Voting)

The House passed this bill that would enact an additional income tax on bonuses given to employees or former employees of companies that received Troubled Assets Relief Program money.

Omnibus Public Land Management Act - Vote **Failed** (282-144, 6 Not Voting)

Because this bill required a 2/3 majority vote, the House failed to pass this package of legislation related to public lands, national parks and water development.

Water Quality Investment Act of 2009 - Vote **Passed** (317-101, 13 Not Voting)

The House passed this legislation to authorize funding for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, which helps states build water treatment facilities.

Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009 - Vote **Passed** (234-191, 7 Not Voting)

The House passed this bill intended to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability.

Making further continuing appropriations for FY2009 - Vote **Passed** (328-50, 53 Not Voting)

The House passed this resolution to continue funding most government programs for fiscal year (FY) 2009 at FY 2008 levels through Wednesday, in anticipation that the Omnibus Appropriations Act will be passed by then.

↑ SHE VOTED YES! SHE VOTED YES! ↓

Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 - Vote **Passed** (245-178, 8 Not Voting)

The House passed this bill that would fund government programs through September 30, 2009.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 - Vote **Passed** (246-183, 1 Present, 3 Not Voting)

The House gave final approval to this stimulus bill.

Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 - Vote **Passed** (290-135, 8 Not Voting)

The House gave final approval to this bill that reauthorizes and expands the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

DTV Delay Act - Vote **Passed** (264-158, 10 Not Voting)

The House passed this bill that will delay the transition to digital television signals until June 12.

Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009 - Vote **Passed** (250-177, 6 Not Voting)

The House gave final approval to this wage discrimination measure.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 - Vote **Passed** (244-188, 1 Not Voting)

The House passed this \$819 billion bill providing for additional 2009 fiscal year appropriations.

TARP Reform and Accountability Act - Vote **Passed** (260-166, 7 Not Voting)

The House passed this bill to block release of the remaining \$350 billion in the Troubled Assets Relief Program.

Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 - Vote **Passed** (289-139, 6 Not Voting)

The House passed this bill to expand the Children's Health Insurance Program to cover an estimated total of 11 million children.

The only bill Cynthia Lummis has cast a positive vote on was a spending bill. For those bills that would help someone in need, she has consistently voted "Nyet."

After the 2008 election, there are 255 Democrats in the House, 173 Republicans and 7 Undecided. In the votes with fewer than 173 on one side or the other, Lummis didn't even vote with all the other Republicans. She must believe she is in step and as many as 328 of her colleagues in the House are out of step.

Wyoming will be without representation in the House for the foreseeable future. Not only is Cynthia in the minority, she is not a leader and has no chance of being heard on behalf of residents of Wyoming.

Don't blame me. I worked on the Winney for Congress campaign.

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