

# What goes on at LCCC?

- Student to faculty ratio has become the worst among Wyoming colleges at 24:1, yet the Board has resources for numerous other projects. Best practices would lower this ratio as far as possible.
- A recent Wyoming Community College audit found significant deficiencies in LCCC internal control systems; significant deficiencies in internal control of Federal programs; and, reportable non-compliance of Federal programs.
- Yet, the Board of Trustees rewarded the President with a 21% pay raise using taxpayer money!

The current LCCC Board of Trustees does not represent the taxpayers nor provide adequate oversight.

Vote for a fresh LCCC Board of Trustees. Vote for:

**Bill Dubois**  
**Matt Kruse**

**A New LCCC Board -- A Fresh Start!**

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## Vote "No" on Prop A and Prop B

Rootin' Tootin'  
Straight Shootin'  
PETE LAYBOURN  
YOUR WARD 1  
CITY COUNCILMAN  
Paid for by Pete Laybourn for City Council

## A "must read" column

The Cheyenne Herald does not have time to interview all of the candidates for elective office and does not feel qualified to tell voters all to vote for or against, as the WT-E does. Furthermore, voters should make up their own minds for whom and what to vote, hopefully based on knowing enough about the candidate or issue to cast an informed vote.

We may here, at times, ask that you vote for or against an issue (constitutional amendment, specific purpose tax, etc.) and for a candidate.

While it is not terribly important that other advertising-controlled daily newspapers agree or disagree with the stands taken here or words written here, sometimes it does provide a sense of confirmation when a paper like the *Rocky Mountain News* finally "gets it."

In John Temple's Saturday, October 18th column (Temple is the publisher of the *Rocky Mountain News*), headed "Input, not endorsement," one of the two principal daily newspapers of this region has adopted the Cheyenne Herald's position about candidate endorsements.

The Wyoming Tribune-Eagle is not likely to follow because their erstwhile "picks" are one of the few things they do that generates a spark of interest for that dying publication. Dying journalistically, not profit-wise. The ever-increasing number of inserts from national and regional retail and restaurant chains keep them alive.

Temple leads off his column by remarking that he is often asked when their endorsements will be published this year. That is in keeping with the tradition of the printed word being very important during political campaigns. Unlike broadcast, the printed words can be lengthy, detailed and sometimes even without bias.

He admitted in his recent column that we live in "a media landscape dramatically altered by the Internet." He should have added cable television, as well.

"At the start of this decade you would have found me making an impassioned argument about the importance of a newspaper taking a clear position as a leader in its community," Temple wrote.

Contrary to the WT-E's self-promoted feeling of importance, he wrote, "rather than recommending how you should vote on partisan races, we better serve you by providing perspective that may help you shape your own opinion."

We couldn't have stated it better. That is what the Cheyenne Herald has tried to do for the nearly seven years it has been published.

Temple reminded readers that the *RMN* motto is: "Give light and the people will find their own way."

Would it be that newspapers truly felt that way and practiced that motto. But, as Cheyenne's daily has written on numerous

occasions, their objective is to set the local agenda and force government to follow it without argument or exception.

Temple wrote about his paper's lack of access to candidates. Then, after writing about the wealth of information from different sources that is available to voters today, he wrote, "if anything, what they [readers] need is a trusted source to help them evaluate that information and come to their own conclusions."

"That's why, from here on out, it will be the exception for you to read an editorial endorsing a candidate in the *Rocky*," its publisher wrote.

Here's a conclusion he reached: "In fact, it's clear that they value opinion writing a great deal. What they do resent is evidence that their newspaper is in the tank for one political party or the other."

Temple admitted in his column that the ability to criticize a candidate for a stand they take during a campaign was tempered by whether the *Rocky* had already decided to endorse that candidate later. Honesty in journalism is a refreshing thing. The WT-E's ownership should try it. Here, it isn't practiced but it could once again be with different leadership and direction from the WT-E ownership.

The Cheyenne Herald thanks the *Rocky* for joining us in not making endorsements. Even if they reached their decision for reasons apart from ours, it's the right one.

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