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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Patrick G. Davidson, City Administrator
RE: General Information
DATE: November 22, 2019

The following meetings are scheduled for the week of **November 23 – November 29, 2019**

Tuesday, November 26th

5:30 p.m. City Council Work Session, Agenda Attached

- Follow-Up Discussion from Council Development Workshop – Mary Kelley
- City Hall – 3rd Floor Conference Room

Thursday, November 28th

Thanksgiving Holiday – **City Offices Closed**

Friday, November 29th

Employee Appreciation Day – **City Offices Closed**

1. **City Administrator Davidson** will be **Out of the Office November 27-29**, **Finance Director Henderson** will serve as **Acting City Administrator** in his absence.
2. Attached please find the **Wyoming Sales, Use, and Lodging Tax Revenue Report: FY 2019** dated **November 19, 2019** provided by the **State of Wyoming Economic Analysis Division**.
3. Attached please find a **press release** regarding **Stag Arms Announces Wyoming as Its New Home** dated **November 19, 2019** provided by the **Office of Governor Mark Gordon**.
4. Attached please find a **news release** regarding **BLM Announces Public Scoping Meetings for the Wyoming Pipeline Corridor Initiative** dated **November 19, 2019** provided by the **BLM Wyoming State Office**.
5. Attached please find a **press release** regarding the **2019 Holiday Lighting Contest** dated **November 19, 2019** provided by **Communications Manager Palazzari**.
6. Attached please find a **revised press release** regarding **2019 City of Gillette Christmas Pin is Now Available** dated **November 21, 2019** provided by **Communications Manager Palazzari**.
7. Attached please find a **press release** regarding **City Offices Closed November 28th and 29th** dated **November 21, 2019** provided by **Communications Manager Palazzari**.
8. Attached please find a **press release** regarding **Landscape Beautification Award Winners Announced** dated **November 21, 2019** provided by **Communications Manager Palazzari**.
9. Attached please find **information** regarding **Voices of the Powder River Basin from the Black Hills to Yellowstone Presentation** on **November 23, 2019** at the **Rockpile Museum** provided by the **Rockpile Museum Association**.

10. Attached please find a **proclamation** regarding the **Official Arrival of Santa Claus** on **November 27, 2019** signed by **Mayor Louise Carter-King**.
11. Attached please find a **proclamation** regarding **Plaid Friday** and **Small Business Saturday** signed by **Mayor Louise Carter-King** on **November 19, 2019**.

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	Work Session Tuesday, November 26, 2019 Meeting: 5:30 p.m. 3rd Floor Conference Room

Agenda Topics:

- Follow-Up Discussion from Council Development Workshop – Mary Kelley
- Executive Session

Upcoming Work Session Topics:

December 10

- Wastewater Capital Finance Options
- Electronic Wager Machines
- Review December 17th Agenda
- Executive Session

December 24 – Canceled

December 31 – Canceled

January 14

- Review January 21st Agenda
- Executive Session

January 28

- Review February 4th Agenda
- Executive Session

February 11

- Review February 18th Agenda
- Executive Session

February 25

- Review March 3rd Agenda
- Executive Session

City/County/Town Budget Meeting

Upcoming Council Pre-Meeting Topics

December 3

- Blessings in a Backpack Overview
- ACO and City West Construction Updates
- Retiree Trust Committee Discussion
- Review December 3rd Agenda
- Executive Session

December 17

- Audit Discussion
- School Resource Officer Expansion Discussion
- Review December 17th Agenda
- Executive Session

January 7

- Introduction of New Citizen Advisory Board Members
- Review January 7th Agenda
- Executive Session

January 21

- Review January 21st Agenda
- Executive Session

February 4

- Review February 4th Agenda
- Executive Session

February 18

- Review February 18th Agenda
- Executive Session

Upcoming Activities

December 2 – Santa Night, 5:30 p.m., City Hall Lobby

December 13 – Annual Awards Banquet, 6:00 p.m., Pronghorn Center

December 18 – GALI Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., 2nd Floor Community Room

December 19 – Senior Center Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Senior Center

Agenda Items for December 3, 2019

1. Council Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize and Appoint a Committee to Act as Administrator for the City of Gillette Retiree Health Benefit Plan and Trust and Designate Committee Members.

(Other - Consent)

2. Council Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application to the Wyoming Parks and Cultural Resources Commission Under the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the Governing Body of the City of Gillette, Wyoming, for the Purpose of the Energy Capital Sports Complex Splash and Play Facility Project in the Amount of 150,000.00.

(Other – Consent)



Fwd: Wyoming Sales, Use, and Lodging Tax Revenue Report: FY 2019

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Tue, Nov 19, 2019 at 8:53 AM

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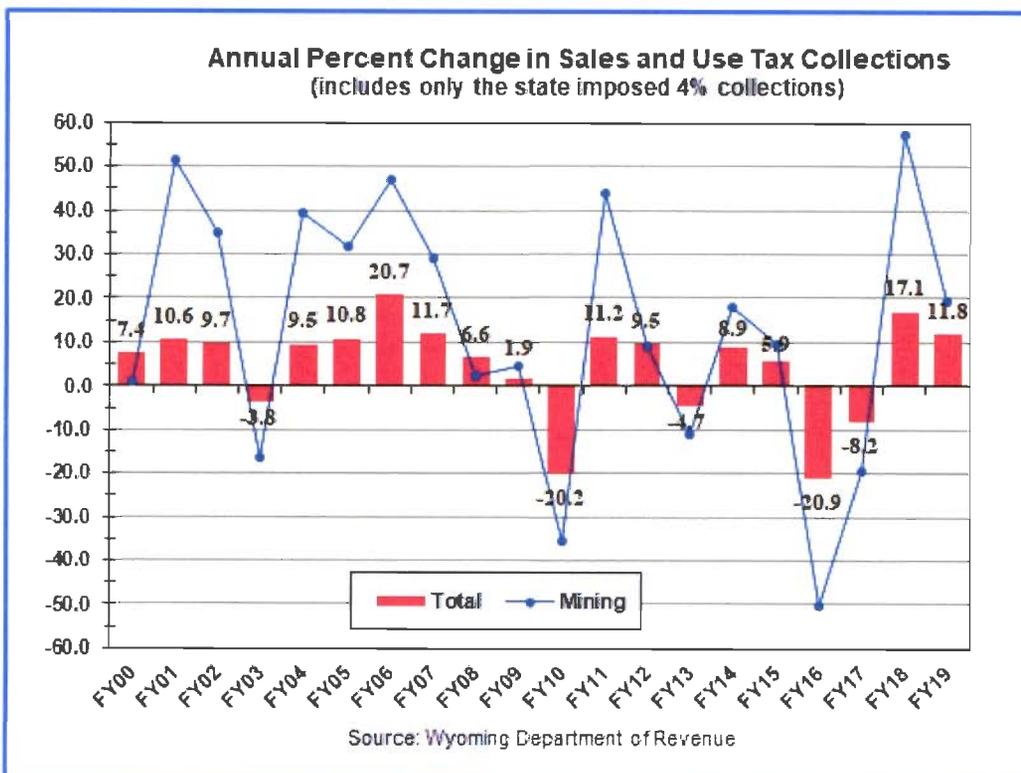
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Subject: Wyoming Sales, Use, and Lodging Tax Revenue Report: FY 2019

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SALES AND USE TAX COLLECTIONS INCREASED 11.8 PERCENT IN FY 2019

CHEYENNE -- Total sales and use tax collections in fiscal year (FY) 2019 continued to rebound at a strong pace, according to an annual report released by the Economic Analysis Division. The report (44th edition), entitled “Wyoming Sales, Use, and Lodging Tax Revenue Report,” is produced annually and contains sales and use tax collection information categorized by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) super sector. In addition, sales tax collections for the retail trade sub-sector components, and for the accommodation and food services sector are provided in the report. Also included in this publication are yearly lodging tax collections by local entity.

Total sales and use tax collections for FY 2019, reached \$1,018.9 million, an increase of 11.9 percent from the previous year level. The year over year growth rate for the state-imposed 4% tax collections was 11.8 percent, in contrast to a growth rate of 15.3 percent in the previous year. “Even with the two consecutive fiscal years of increases, the amount of total sales and use taxes for fiscal year 2019 was still about 5.0 percent lower than that of fiscal year 2015, before the economic downturn in the state,” said Dr. Wenlin Liu, Chief Economist with the Economic Analysis

Division. Because locally imposed optional taxes often change during a fiscal year, an accurate comparison should only include the state-imposed 4% taxes to reflect changes in taxable sales over time.

As supply and demand rebalance, oil prices, though still fluctuated and relatively low, have rebounded considerably since early 2016. Consequently, activities in oil exploration continued to recover, particularly in the eastern Wyoming, as evidenced by the increase of active oil drilling rigs in the state from fifteen in January 2018 to twenty-two in January 2019. Production was boosted by approximately 18 percent between fiscal year 2018 and fiscal year 2019. As a result, total collections in sales and use taxes experienced year-over-year increases in every month for fiscal year 2019. All industrial super sectors experienced growth. The state's pivotal industry - mining (including oil & gas extraction) demonstrated an increase of 19.5 percent, where most of the growth were attributed to use tax collections through the purchase and construction of oil pipeline structures. The State does not impose a sales tax on the production of minerals, but on supplies and equipment used in mineral extraction. Additionally, certain services rendered within an oil or gas well site are subject to sales and use taxation, as are services rendered under contract for mining and crushing minerals. Other industries that are closely associated with the mining sector, such as manufacturing, transportation & warehousing, and financial activities (including automotive, machinery, and equipment leasing and rental) experienced at least double-digit increases, each. Collections from the retail trade industry, the largest in terms of sales tax contribution, also experienced a significant increase of 13.0 percent from a year earlier (partially attributed to tax submissions by more remote sellers). The public administration sector, where sales and use tax collections primarily reflect automobile purchases, grew 6.6 percent.

Annual sales and use tax collections in twenty-one of Wyoming's twenty-three counties expanded from previous year levels. Converse County recorded the fastest increase of 53.4 percent, followed by Platte County's 28.3 percent, and Weston County's 27.4 percent from the fiscal year 2018 level. Carbon, Crook, and Goshen counties also showed boost of over 20.0 percent, respectively. "The strong expansions in these counties were mainly driven by increased oil drilling and utility structure construction activities," commented Liu. Only Sublette and Fremont counties experienced annual declines in fiscal year 2019, -17.3 and -1.1 percent, respectively. This was mostly due to reduced activities in conventional natural gas drilling caused by weak prices.

Total lodging tax collections, \$21.6 million for fiscal year 2019, were up significantly from the \$20.2 million collected in the previous year, or 6.7 percent. Converse County experienced the fastest growth, at 48.1 percent, followed by Weston (30.4%) and Goshen (26.5%) counties. Five other counties, Campbell, Carbon, Natrona, Platte, and Sweetwater, also demonstrated robust double-digit growth rates, respectively. However, Teton County, the largest in terms of lodging tax collections due to its geographical inclusion of national parks, Yellowstone and Grand Teton, experienced a moderate growth of 3.8 percent, the slowest pace since 2011 when the lodging tax was reinstated. Lodging taxes in Sublette and Lincoln counties showed the largest declines, -5.7 and -5.5 percent, each, in fiscal year 2019.

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Stag Arms Announces Wyoming as Its New Home

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 19, 2019

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Stag Arms Announces Wyoming as Its New Home

CHEYENNE, Wyo. – Governor Mark Gordon announced today that firearms manufacturing company Stag Arms LLC will be relocating to Cheyenne, Wyoming by the end of the year.

The relocation is the latest move by a firearm company opting to take advantage of Wyoming's business-friendly environment. Stag's decision to relocate to the state follows similar recent moves by other firearms companies, including Weatherby, which relocated to Sheridan from California in 2018, and Magpul, which moved from Colorado to Cheyenne in 2014.

"I am pleased to welcome Stag Arms to Wyoming and to know that our state came out on top of a broad look at potential new homes for a sought-after company," Governor Gordon said. "We have a deep-seated commitment to the Second Amendment that I will continue to uphold. I believe this announcement is an affirmation that Wyoming is continuing to cultivate a culture that allows private enterprise to flourish. My administration will

work collaboratively with the Wyoming Business Council and Cheyenne LEADS to ensure Stag’s move goes smoothly.”

Stag’s Board of Directors conducted a rigorous process to find a new location for the company, comparing dozens of potential sites against a stringent set of criteria. Stag began working with Cheyenne LEADS, the economic development organization for Cheyenne and Laramie County, in June of this year after they reached out offering their assistance. Cheyenne LEADS assisted with site location, workforce evaluation and navigating the community.

“Cheyenne came out on top on most of the individual criteria,” said Elie Azar, Founder and CEO of White Wolf Capital, LLC, which owns a controlling interest in Stag Arms. “And considering our requirements as a whole, it was by far the superior site. Not only is Wyoming an incredibly hospitable place to do business, it is also a top destination for outdoor recreation, including hunting and shooting sports, which reflects its citizens’ unwavering support for the Second Amendment.”

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Fwd: BLM News: BLM announces public scoping meetings for the Wyoming Pipeline Corridor Initiative

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Subject: BLM News: BLM announces public scoping meetings for the Wyoming Pipeline Corridor Initiative
To:

News Release

BLM Wyoming State Office

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 19, 2019

Contact: Brad Purdy, bpurdy@blm.gov, 307-775-6328

BLM announces public scoping meetings for the Wyoming Pipeline Corridor Initiative

CHEYENNE, Wyo. – The Bureau of Land Management and the State of Wyoming are hosting a series of public meetings to answer questions and provide more information on the Wyoming Pipeline Corridor Initiative. The meetings will be held 4:30–6:30 p.m. at the following locations across the state.

Cheyenne

December 9, 2019

Laramie Community College

Centennial Room 130 in the Center for Conferences and Institutes building

1400 E. College Drive

Cheyenne, WY 82007

Casper

December 10, 2019

BLM Casper Field Office

2987 Prospector Dr.

Casper, WY 82604

Thermopolis

December 11, 2019

Big Horn Federal Savings Bank

643 Broadway St.

Thermopolis, WY 82443

****NOTE:** no parking allowed in bank parking lot; please park nearby or in the Carquest lot.

Rock Springs

December 12, 2019

Western Wyoming Community College

Room 3650A
2500 College Dr.
Rock Springs, WY 82901

The Wyoming Pipeline Corridor Initiative is a proposal from the State of Wyoming to designate almost 2,000 miles of pipeline corridors across private, state and BLM-managed lands in Wyoming. Approximately 1,150 miles of the proposed corridors are located on BLM-managed lands. The project would designate a statewide pipeline corridor network for future development of pipelines associated with carbon capture, utilization and storage, as well as pipelines and facilities associated with enhanced oil recovery. The project will not authorize any new pipelines or construction, but will amend several BLM Resource Management Plans across the state to make future analysis of project specific proposals more efficient.

Public scoping comments can be submitted at any of the public meetings or on the BLM's WPCI ePlanning project webpage at https://link.zixcentral.com/u/090219ad/EsToZ-sK6hGs3lYUh3soMg?u=https%3A%2F%2Fgo.usa.gov%2FxpCMr_ Comments must be received by December 16, 2019.

- BLM -

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land located primarily in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. In fiscal year 2018, the diverse activities authorized on BLM-managed lands generated \$105 billion in economic output across the country. This economic activity supported 471,000 jobs and contributed substantial revenue to the U.S. Treasury and state governments, mostly through royalties on minerals.

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2019 Holiday Lighting Contest

Nominate yourself, a neighbor, a friend!

The nomination period is now open for the 2019 Holiday Lighting Contest.

Post Date: 11/19/2019 4:00 PM

The nomination period is now open for the 2019 Holiday Lighting Contest. You can nominate yourself, a neighbor, a friend... anyone in the Gillette city limits!

RULES

- The contest is only eligible to houses/addresses inside Gillette City Limits.
- You must be 18-years-old or older to participate.
- You must be nominated to have your house judged - you can nominate yourself, a friend, or a neighbor.

Here's how the contest works:

NOMINATIONS

Turn in a nomination form by Tuesday, December 10th. Printed applications can be found in the News Record (fill it out and send it to the News Record or drop it in the basket in the Customer Service office at City Hall)

OR you can nominate electronically by filling out the [Online Lighting Contest Entry](#).

OR you can send an email to holidaylightingcontest@gillettewy.gov and include:

Name

Address

Phone number

Email address

JUDGING for JUDGE'S CHOICE AWARDS

On Wednesday, December 11th, judges from the Campbell County Senior Center will judge all the houses that have been nominated and will select their three Judges Choice winners. (1st place receives \$300, 2nd place - \$200, 3rd place - \$100) The Judges Choice Winners will be announced via a press release on Sunday, December 22nd.

The judges will also select the top ten houses that will be judged for the People's Choice Awards. On Sunday, December 15th, the News Record will run an article with pictures of the top ten houses. The News Record and City of Gillette will also post photo albums of the top ten homes on their respective Facebook pages (these are the ten homes the judges selected).

VOTING for PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

You can vote by liking the photos in the Facebook photo albums on the [News Record page](#) and on the [City of Gillette's page](#). These photos will be posted on Facebook on Sunday, December 15th.

The 'likes' for each home/address on the [News Record Facebook](#) photo album and the [City's Facebook](#) photo album will be added up, along with hard copy ballots that can be cut out of the News Record and turned into the News Record offices. You must use an official ballot if submitting a hard copy.

The deadline for voting (both on Facebook and via hard ballot) is Wednesday, December 18th at 9 a.m.

At that time, the total number of likes that each house/address has will be counted as votes. The votes from both the [News Record](#) Photo album and the [City of Gillette](#) photo album will be added up, and added to any hard copy ballots that the News Record has received.

You can vote/like for a house in each photo album (both on the News Record Facebook page and the City's Facebook page), and you can vote for as many houses from the top ten as you would like.

The homes/address with the top three total votes are the People's Choice winners. (1st place receives \$300, 2nd place - \$200, 3rd place - \$100)

Gift cards will be available in the City Administration office for winners on December 26th.

Many thanks to the Senior Center for organizing the judging and to the News Record for co-sponsoring the Holiday Lighting contest.

PUBLICITY

By participating, each entrant grants Sponsor permission to use his/her name, likeness or comments for publicity purposes without payment of additional consideration, except where prohibited by law.

CONTEST SPONSORS

City of Gillette (Government)
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Any questions regarding the 2019 Holiday Lighting Contest should be directed to Communications Manager Geno Palazzari at holidaylightingcontest@gillettewy.gov



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Fwd: Gillette, WY: REVISED: 2019 City of Gillette Christmas Pin is Now Available

1 message

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Thu, Nov 21, 2019 at 10:37 AM

For GI. Replace previous press release with this one.

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To: <genop@gillettewy.gov>

REVISED: 2019 City of Gillette Christmas Pin is Now Available

Congratulations to Libby Clements from Buffalo Ridge Elementary School for the winning design.

The City of Gillette and Mayor's Art Council would like to congratulate Buffalo Ridge Elementary School student Libby Clements for having her design chosen for the 2019 City of Gillette Christmas Pin.

Post Date: 11/21/2019 10:30 AM



The City of Gillette and Mayor's Art Council would like to congratulate Buffalo Ridge Elementary School student Libby Clements for having her design chosen for the 2019 City of Gillette Christmas Pin. Her design was chosen from over 300 hundred 6th grade students in the Campbell County School District. Her art teacher is Ms. Christina Baysinger.



(Pictured above: Back Row: Councilman Shawn Neary, Councilman Nathan McLeland, Councilman Billy Montgomery, Mayor Louise Carter-King, Councilman Tim Carsrud, Councilman Bruce Brown, Councilman Shay Lundvall. Front Row: Libby Clements, Ms. Christina Baysinger)

The 2019 City of Gillette Christmas Pins are available free of charge in the Mayor's Office on the 3rd Floor of City Hall, 201 E. 5th Street. One pin per person.

For more information, contact [Communications Manager Geno Palazzari](#) at (307) 686-5393.

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City Offices Closed on November 28th and 29th

Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Post Date: 11/21/2019 11:00 AM

City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Offices will open for regular business on Monday, December 2nd.

The Solid Waste Division will run a double route on Friday, November 29th to pick up Thursday's and Friday's trash and recycling.

The City of Gillette wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday.



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Fwd: Gillette, WY: Landscape Beautification Award Winners Announced

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Landscape Beautification Award Winners Announced

First Interstate Bank and Campbell County High School Recognized

The City of Gillette Park and Beautification Board announced the winners of the 2019 Landscape Beautification Awards at the November 19th, 2019 regular meeting of the Gillette City Council.

Post Date: 11/21/2019 3:00 PM

The City of Gillette Park and Beautification Board announced the winners of the 2019 [Landscape Beautification Awards](#) at the November 19th, 2019 regular meeting of the Gillette City Council.

First Interstate Bank was recognized with the Most Beautiful Award for their landscaping at their Highway 59 branch. They received the "What's Next, Dad?" traveling statute from the Mayor's Art Council to display on their property for one year.



Campbell County High School was recognized as for the Most Improved Award. They will receive \$500 in Chamber Gold Certificates toward continued improvements the their campus.



[About the Landscape Beautification Awards](#)

The Landscape Beautification Awards are presented annually by the Parks and Beautification Board in three categories:

- **Most Beautiful** - This award will honor businesses, institutions, civic groups, and non-profit organizations who contribute to the improvement and beautification of our City. Neighborhoods within the City which have improved landscape in common areas are also eligible to be nominated. Winners will receive a permanent sign, designated the month and year of the award, that can be displayed on their property. Winners will also be featured in local media outlets. From the five monthly winners, one grand prize winner will be selected to receive the traveling trophy for the year.
- **Most Improved** - This award recognizes those businesses, institutions, civic groups, and non-profit organizations that have made significant improvements to their landscaping over the years. Neighborhoods within the City which have improved landscape in common areas are also eligible to be nominated. From the five monthly winners, one grand prize winner will be selected to receive \$500 in Gillette Gold Bucks. The grand prize winners will be asked to submit a final report briefly explaining how the prize funds were used to improve landscaping, including pictures.
- **Go Green** – This award acknowledges those businesses, institutions, civic groups, and non-profit organizations that have made sustainability a key feature of their landscape design. Neighborhoods within the City which have improved landscape in common areas are also eligible to be nominated. Examples may include, but are not limited to: wildlife or pollinator habitat, water-wise gardening techniques (rain barrels, cisterns, drip irrigation), use of native plants, low impact development practices, trees for shading, windbreaks, compost bins, recycling in any form and use of organic/microbiological fertilizers and pesticides in the landscape. Winners will receive a sign, designating the month and year of the award, that can be displayed on their property.

Nominations may come from anyone. Self-nominations are encouraged. The Parks Board will determine winners for the months of May, June, July, August, and September based on applications received. To be eligible for this award, the landscape must be located with the City of Gillette and meet current code as to landscaping regulations. If you would like to nominate, please fill out the [Landscape Beautification Award Nomination Form](#).

For more information, contact [Communications Manager Geno Palazzari](#) at (307) 686-5393.

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News and Event Update from the Rockpile Museum Association

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Award-winning Native Educators Presents "Voices of the Powder River Basin from the Black Hills to Yellowstone" at the Rockpile Museum

The Campbell County Rockpile Museum invites you to join us on Saturday, November 23rd at 11am and 2pm for the next installment of "Black & Yellow Theatre: Voices of the Powder River Basin from the Black Hills to Yellowstone."

Native American Educators, Whitney Rencountre and Jessie Taken Alive-Rencountre will be sharing their culture and history through music, dance, and storytelling as part of the Campbell County Rockpile Museum's "Black & Yellow Theatre: Voices of the Powder River Basin from the Black Hills to Yellowstone" at 11am and 2pm, Saturday, November 23, 2019. In 1990, President George H. W. Bush signed Presidential Proclamation 6230 designating the month of November to be "National American Indian Heritage Month," since changed by Presidential Proclamation in 2009 to "National Native American Heritage Month." November is set aside to pay honor to the history, culture, and contributions of all Native American cultures, and to encourage all Americans to celebrate the contributions of the American Indians and urge the peoples of the United States to learn more about the American Indian cultures. The Rockpile Museum is proud to be hosting the Rencountres in celebration of National Native American Heritage Month.

Whitney Rencountre II is Dakota/Lakota, a



Memorial Foundation Educator of the Year Award winner. A graduate of Black Hills State University, he taught Indian Studies at Marty High School from 2007-2009. For the last 10 years, he has been the Director of the Ateyapi Program, a culturally based mentoring program working with over 1,000 students each year in the Rapid City Area School District. He is a life-long singer and promoter of traditional Lakota/Dakota song & dance. Whitney's outlook is to share his culture with others with the goal of creating understanding and fostering positive change in our schools and communities.

Jessie Taken Alive-Rencountre is a Hunkpapa Lakota from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. She is the 2017 Great Plains Emerging Tribal Writer's Award winner for her children's book *Pet'a Shows Misun the Light*. She works as a school counselor for the Rapid City School District and formerly taught the JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) program at Rapid City High School. Her passion is to help students remember their importance in life as well as how to utilize their unique talents and passions to create better communities for themselves and future generations to come. She is also a Lakota Jingle Dress Dancer and loves to educate others about Lakota culture using storytelling as well as song and dance.



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Proclamation

Whereas, Wednesday November 27, 2019 at 2:30pm marks the Official arrival of Santa Claus to the City of Gillette; and

Whereas, Santa's arrival coincides with the recognized beginning of the Holiday Season in Gillette; and

Whereas, Children of Gillette eagerly await Santa's arrival at the Campbell County Fire Station 1; and

Whereas, Rail Link and KOAL 106.1 provide helicopter transportation to Santa Claus each year since his reindeer are at the North Pole preparing for Christmas Eve.

Now therefore, be it resolved that I, Louise Carter-King, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the City of Gillette, County of Campbell and State of Wyoming, do hereby proclaim November 27, 2019, as:

The Official Arrival of Santa Claus in the City of Gillette, Wyoming

Louise Carter-King, Mayor



Cindy Staskiewicz, City Clerk
(Attest)



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, purchasing holiday gifts and shopping year-round with locally-owned businesses supports the economic health and resilience of the community; and

WHEREAS, shopping locally supports our neighbors, friends and family members employed by local businesses; and

WHEREAS, when we support small business, jobs are created and local communities preserve their unique culture; and

WHEREAS, just like the individual, the individual threads are weak on their own but are strong together, so is our community. Together supporting one another while celebrating our uniqueness we are interwoven and strong; and

WHEREAS, Plaid Friday in place of the Black Friday shopping strives to bring back the days when shopping with friends and family during the holiday season was a pleasurable activity; and

WHEREAS, Small Business Saturday is a nationwide campaign to cultivate business for small merchants on the Saturday after Thanksgiving; and

WHEREAS, Plaid Friday and Small Business Saturday celebrate and support small businesses and all they do for Gillette.

WHEREAS, we encourage citizens to consider shopping our small merchants on Plaid Friday and Small Business Saturday as a way to boost the local economy and strengthen our small business community.

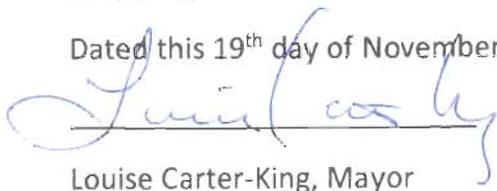
WHEREAS, the City of Gillette, Wyoming supports and joins in this national effort to help America's small businesses do what they do best – grow their business, create jobs, and ensure that our communities remain as vibrant tomorrow as they are today.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Louise Carter-King, Mayor of the City of Gillette, in the State of Wyoming, do hereby proclaim

November 29, 2019 as Plaid Friday and November 30, 2019 as Small Business Saturday

and encourage our residents to recognize and support small businesses within our community by shopping these establishments on the Saturday following Thanksgiving.

Dated this 19th day of November 2019


Louise Carter-King, Mayor




Cindy Staskiewicz, City Clerk (Attest)