

# Senior services

LARAMIE COUNTY Senior Services invites seniors to attend special events this week. Please RSVP to 635.2435 for the activities you want to attend or for further information.

**Mall Walk**, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m.

**Fitness Class**, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m.

**Chinese New Year/Tea With Friends**, Monday, 2 a.m.

**Shakespeare Discussion Group**, Monday, 6 p.m.

**Chess**, Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.

**Line Dancing**, Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.

**Quilting Class**, Tuesday, 2 p.m.

**Bridge Lessons**, Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.

**Bridge Games**, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

**Women Play Pool**, Wednesday, 9 a.m.

**Caregivers Support Group**, Wednesday, 1 p.m.

**Pinocle**, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

**Texas Hold'em**, Thursday, 1 p.m.

**Travel Movies**, Thursday, 1:30 p.m.

**Bingo**, Friday, 1 p.m.

**Pool tables open week days**, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. & weekends, 8 a.m. to noon

**Fitness Center open Monday-Thursday**, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. & Friday, 8 a.m. to noon

# Haggard: Double CD album set to come out soon

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## How did music become "The angel on your shoulder" when you were younger and doing petty crimes to rebel?

"I've been leaning on music since I was about 14 or 16 years old. I had gotten in some trouble with the law because I didn't have a father. My mother was working, and I was lonely, and it was more fun in jail than it was outside."

## How did you get your first guitar?

"My mother bought it for me. She bought me a cheap, inexpensive guitar. I think it cost \$65, which was a lot of money in 1950 or so. That was my first good guitar."

## Do you still have it?

"No, I hocked that many years ago," he said and laughed.

## Is that a good memory of yours, that your mom helped you with your music?

"Yeah, she did all she could. She was a lady that was left as a widow and happened to have a good education."

"She got a job as a book keeper for a meat company, but it was awfully lonely at home with nobody but

her. She was working all of the time, and I got into trouble."

## Do you ever regret getting into trouble now?

"You know, it was like the military in some ways. You have to learn rules and regulations and laws and honesty and things of that nature."

"Some people learn it in the military, and I learned it in institutions. When I finished my 'schooling,' which was when I was 23, I understood the law and straightened up and never went back."

"People want to know about the prison years, 41 number one songs are second place to what happened in prison. I don't know why that is. So many people go to jail now, that it shouldn't be so unusual."

## What was it like when you reached your 40th number one song?

"At that point, it seemed like it would never end. We had 100 songs in the top 100. We had 63 songs in the top three. The number ones, we had like nine in a row. Then a number two, and another nine and a number two, so, we were consistently in the top charters for about almost 30 years."

## Are you still working on new songs?

"Continuously. That's me, my life, that's what I do, always."

## Care to share about songs that you're working on?

"I'm just finishing a double CD that will be available in Wal-Mart."

"One CD is all on-the-road humor. The other is a new studio CD."

(Haggard's publicist said fans can look for this project in the future, but there isn't a set release date right now.)

## What do you think about the way country music has changed?

"I don't care for it."

## Merle Haggard in two area concerts

### In Cheyenne

**When:** Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Cheyenne Civic Center, 510 W. 20th St.  
**Tickets:** \$42-\$50  
**More info:** 637-6363 or www.cheyenneciviccenter.org

### In Casper

**When:** Feb. 11, 7:30 pm  
**Where:** Casper Events Center, Number One Events Drive, Casper  
**Tickets:** \$42-\$52  
**More info:** 307-577-3030, 800-442-2256 or www.caspeventscenter.com.  
**Merle Haggard:** www.MerleHaggard.com

"It's so perfect, and there are no surprises. Everything is going to be perfect, and I can't even hear someone breathe. That's just my opinion. The electronic digital computer, anyone can do a record, nowadays. You don't have to stay in key or they'll put you in key."

"You don't really know who can sing or can't until you see them in person, then you're like, 'Oh my God, what happened?'"

"It's kind of sad in some ways. I don't hear any songs, or anything that's spectacular like you used to hear."

"Like where's the 'Ring of Fire,' where's 'The Gambler,' or the 'Okie From Muskogee,' where's those songs that didn't go wrong for 40 years. I don't hear those."

## Do you pay attention to any of the newer country artists, and if you do, do you have one that you like?

"You have to get past the belly buttons and the videos and somewhere in there there's some kind of music."

"I'm still a fan of the realists, the Johnny Cashes, or the Hank Williams. I can't find anyone who sings better than those guys."

"If you really want to hear some music those people still top everybody that's doing it now, I think."

"Who's going to be Elvis? Who is going to be better than Nat King Cole, or Frank Sinatra, or Bing Crosby?"

"Who are the girls you can name that are better than the girls in the past?"

"Carrie Underwear, or Underwood, I mean. I like her, but where's the songs?"

## What do you think about 'American Idol'?

"I don't give it much thought - it doesn't entertain me. I guess I'm stuck in the past."

## What has been one of the most memorable moments in your life or your career?

"Probably music-wise, the 1970s, the night I won everything, the biggest. 'I believe it was 1970 - I won six BMI awards, four CMA (Country Music Association) awards, Entertainer of the Year, Album of the Year and there were two more, but I'm not sure what they were.'"

According to the CMA's official Web site, in 1970 Haggard was nominated for nine Awards, which was a record at the time, and won four: Entertainer of the Year, Male Vocalist of the Year, Album of the Year for "Okie From Muskogee" and Single of the Year for "Okie From Muskogee."

## What did that feel like that day?

"It's overwhelming to have all that bestowed upon you ... It's kind of like a dream come true."

## What was your speech like?

"We had a long list of people to thank. I thanked everyone to the president to the plumber that worked on my sink."

## Over the past 71 years, what do you feel you learned about life?

"God, I learned a lot. I started out with no knowl-

edge at all. I made my first appearance on a stage when I was 16 years old in Lefty Frizzell's band, all the way where it is now."

"I got to be friends with all the famous people that you could name."

"Let me say something about these new kids - they're getting it done and doing it well. Maybe I just don't understand."

## Why do you like writing "story songs"?

"Writing songs about love is the oldest story in song writing, and to write something about something that happened in your life is a sound bite of your past."

"It's interesting to people to know that I had a family, a mother, a dad, a sister and a brother. I have kids and I write songs about all of them. People seem to identify because they have the same, you know."

## Do you have a favorite song that you like performing out of all of yours?

"I do a song that's called, 'Footlights' that describes me better than those songs. It wasn't a big hit or anything, but it always goes well in live performances."

## How does it describe you better than any of your other songs?

"I live the kind of life that most men only dream of."

"I make my living writing songs and singing them. 'I'm 41 years old/ and I ain't got no place to go when it's over.'"

"It's kind of cool."

## How do you feel about being called a legend?

"It's just another way to describe an old act."

"It's a compliment and appreciated, but I think it's over used."

"I don't know, it's just a phrase and a description. Sometimes, it may be correct, when it's referred to yourself and you look away, you don't want to drink too much bath water."

"You got to keep your mind on things that are real and not what people think. Nothing really changes. I'm still trying to do it. It's harder and harder and gets harder with every year."

17<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Cheyenne Bridal Expo**  
Proceeds to Benefit Youth Alternatives  
**Sunday, January 25, 2009**  
Noon to 3:00  
Plan your entire wedding in one day.  
Holiday Inn - 204 W Fox Farm Road  
Free Admission - Prizes Drawn Hourly  
Questions - Please Call Lori at  
Dan D Party Corner 638-0442  
Register to Win 3 Day Honeymoon Cruise  
over 30 vendors

## EAT MY WORDS

By Robert H. Wolfe, North Woodmere, New York

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                          | 64 AEC word                              | <b>DOWN</b>                     | 60 Somewhat                    |
| 1 Accompanies                          | 66 Herb's organic processes?             | 1 Different                     | 61 Machinery part              |
| 8 Character on "The A-Team"            | 71 Cocktail crustacean                   | 2 Window ledge                  | 62 Trellis                     |
| 11 UFO crew                            | 74 Squirmy catches                       | 3 Corp. bigwigs                 | 63 ___ now or never!           |
| 14 Brother of Rebecca                  | 75 Under the most negative circumstances | 4 Old music halls               | 65 Part of Austral.            |
| 19 Do little or nothing                | 79 Paint layer                           | 5 Stick up                      | 67 Baseball grouping           |
| 20 Driveway stain, perhaps             | 80 Winged                                | 6 Traitor                       | 68 Got together                |
| 22 Beatles song from "The White Album" | 82 Honey                                 | 7 Trapping gadget               | 69 Early sch.                  |
| 23 Junk carrying fruit?                | 85 Coloration                            | 8 Wee thing                     | 70 "I Remember Mama" character |
| 25 Paroxysm                            | 86 Operate                               | 9 Rivers in Mexico              | 71 Rub hard                    |
| 26 "Lohengrin" heroine                 | 87 Few: pref.                            | 10 RN's forte                   | 72 Family dwelling             |
| 27 Joyce Kilmer classic                | 88 Mushroom stem?                        | 11 Literary afterwords: var.    | 73 Indian royalty              |
| 28 Lena of "Chocolat"                  | 89 Erect, temporarily                    | 12 Novelist Morrison            | 76 Valerie Harper sitcom       |
| 29 Kind of duck                        | 96 Inca land                             | 13 "South Park" kid             | 77 Sullenly ill-humored        |
| 30 Well in France                      | 97 Brain box                             | 14 Well-read elite              | 78 Heads of France             |
| 31 Fam. member                         | 98 Veggies' contemporaries?              | 15 Spinning                     | 81 Wood: pref.                 |
| 32 Damaged mdse. tag                   | 101 Incursions                           | 16 Shuttlecock                  | 82 Three from Berlin           |
| 33 Fatality faker                      | 102 Boat mover                           | 17 Soothing plant               | 83 Architect Saarinen          |
| 37 Freeing a pungent plant?            | 103 ___ and outs                         | 18 Dodger, in MLB jargon        | 84 Corundum relative           |
| 45 ___ State Building                  | 104 Tear or rain unit                    | 21 Clipped                      | 87 Church player               |
| 46 Very wide shoe width                | 106 Musician Isaac                       | 24 Most nervous                 | 89 Chooses                     |
| 47 Meager                              | 109 Change abode                         | 30 Baby-feeding follow-up       | 90 Lacking in development      |
| 48 Light starter?                      | 111 Rutger of "Blade Runner"             | 31 Coffin holder                | 91 Inside info                 |
| 49 Force exerted by a fruit?           | 113 "Maggie" creator                     | 32 Put that out of your mind    | 92 Panama preposition          |
| 52 French possessive                   | 122 Set sail                             | 33 Enliven                      | 95 In on                       |
| 53 SRO indication                      | 123 Cyst                                 | 34 Last of Socrates?            | 99 Twisting force              |
| 54 That's nasty!                       | 124 Shoelace tip                         | 35 Pitcher Warren               | 100 Wind: pref.                |
| 55 Quit it!                            | 125 Paul Anka's "___ Beso"               | 36 Letter starter               | 105 "Still Me" writer          |
| 56 Barry Levinson movie                | 126 Light gray                           | 38 Miguel's money               | 106 Hindu deity                |
| 58 Pockmark                            | 127 School                               | 39 Sign on for another hitch    | 107 Math subj.                 |
| 59 Cure-all                            |  | 40 Playground retort            | 108 James ___ Jones            |
| 63 Places to stay the night            |  | 41 Title                        | 109 Loan letters               |
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|  |  | 43 "Dallas" name                | 111 Hastens                    |
|  |  | 44 Poker pot                    | 112 Asian nursemaid            |
|  |  | 50 Actor Morales                | 113 Writer Ambler              |
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|  |  | 57 Incoming, as a train (abbr.) | 115 Brewer's grain             |
|  |  | 58 Display model                | 116 Out of the wind            |
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# THE Sunday Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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## Senior menu

**Monday**  
Baked Chicken; scalloped potatoes; corn O'Brian; salad bar; whole wheat bread; tropical fruit

**Tuesday**  
Ground Beef and Green Bean Casserole; potato rounds; salad bar; whole wheat bread; fresh banana; cookies

**Wednesday**  
Hamburger on a Bun; lettuce; tomato; pickle; onion; hash browns; baked beans; pears

**Thursday**  
Pork Chops; celery sauce; sweet potatoes; green beans; salad bar; whole wheat bread; applesauce

**Friday**  
Hot Beef Sandwich; whole wheat bread; mashed potatoes; gravy; corn; sunshine salad; ice cream

**Saturday**  
Ham and Potato Omelet; green beans; V-8 juice; cinnamon roll; plums

**Sunday**  
Macaroni and Cheese; stewed tomatoes; salad bar; whole wheat bread; fresh orange; butterscotch pudding