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(Wyo.) - Infamous Yellow Hotel burns in Lusk



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LUSK, Wyo. - Many people noticed a fire in Lusk on Friday afternoon. Some may have recognized the burning building as a piece of history.

The old Yellow Hotel.

The building is rich in history. And although the bright yellow paint eventually faded and the building has since burned, it's memories will live on for many Lusk residents.

It's packed with the name Dell Burke, who ran one of the most successful brothels in the area for six decades. She passed in 1980 at the age of 92 and was one of the most respected residents of the community. She was known for getting girls that "weren't too shiny" and turning them into desirable ladies.

The property sold in 2007. It was broken down into nine properties and four people purchased various parts of the property.

On Friday the building was up in flames as part of a controlled burn, according to the Lusk Police Department.

The building has burned to the ground, but the memories of Dell Burke and her girls will continue to burn in the minds of many.