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OUR MISSION AND GOALS INCLUDE:

Awareness of career opportunities.

Alignment of education and skill development for career paths.

Planning for what is needed now for future opportunities.

Results for how to measure success.

Greetings!

Welcome to the SWMP newsletter!

Send info or questions to swmpnewsletter@gmail.com

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ENERGY EXPOSITION



JUNE 22, 2022 STARTING AT 9:00 AM TILL 4:00 PM

OIL & GAS HIRING EVENT

ATTEND IN PERSON - BRING ID & RESUME

Wyoming Center CAM-PLEX | 1635 Reata Drive | Gillette, WY 82718

This is a free service offered to Wyoming companies that work in the Wyoming Energy Industry.

Companies wishing to advertise their services can purchase a 10x10 foot exhibit booth.

www.energyexposition.com/workforcehiringevent.com

UPDATE FROM WESTERN WYOMING COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Western Wyoming Community College is offering a NEW three-credit hour course this fall titled "Principles of Cybersecurity"



PRINCIPLES OF CYBERSECURITY

August 22 – December 12, 2022



(CSEC 1505)". This is an introductory course in cybersecurity focusing on an examination of the fundamental principles that lay the foundation of the discipline. The course will examine how these principles are interrelated and how they are typically employed to secure computer systems and networks. The course will also examine how failures in the fundamental security design principles can lead

to system vulnerabilities that can be exploited. The course will include an examination of topics such as cryptography, authentication, authorization, firewalls, intrusion detection/protection, computer network attack and defense, incident response, forensics, critical infrastructure protection, perception management, operational security, and the legal issues governing cyber law and cyber operations.

The course is conducted online, and it will begin on August 22 and end December 12, 2022.

For more information, contact Beth Gard at bgard@westernwyoming.edu.

Register
Today

Grant Funds Available to Business Owners

Great news for business owners from the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services (DWS): Training Grant limits have been increased for two of their mainstay programs.

Business Training Grant limits increased from \$1,500 to \$5,000 per trainee, per state fiscal year, for preferred industries (Construction, Finance and Insurance, Healthcare and Social Assistance, Manufacturing, Technology, Hospitality, and Tourism). Limits for non-preferred industries increased from \$1,000 to \$4,000 per trainee, per state fiscal year. Plus, business entities are now eligible to apply for, and receive, up to \$200,000 per state fiscal year.

Internship Grant limits increased from \$12/hr to up to \$25/hr, with wages supported by labor market industry averages. Businesses can host up to 6 internships per state fiscal year, based on demonstrated need, and the ability to offer quality work experience for each intern.

DWS TRAINING GRANT AMOUNTS INCREASED

Learn More & Apply
wbc.pub/DWS_TrainingGrants

BUSINESS TRAINING GRANTS
\$5,000/TRAINEE (PREFERRED INDUSTRIES)
\$4,000/TRAINEE (NON-PREFERRED INDUSTRIES)
UP TO \$200K PER BIZ/YEAR

INTERNSHIP GRANTS
UP TO \$25/HOUR
BIZ CAN HOST UP TO 6 INTERNS/FISCAL YEAR



Apply Here



The Mobile Pantry Food Distribution



White Mountain Mall has been hosting monthly Mobile Pantry Food Distributions for the Food Bank of Wyoming since October 2021 and plans to continue through the end of 2022.

At each distribution we are helping feed an average of 400 households, giving out over 55 lbs. of food to every family that comes to the mobile pantry looking for help.

5,143 Sweetwater County

residents have been identified as food insecure so we are excited to be able to continue providing space and coordinating the monthly food distributions.



We are only able to do this with our amazing volunteers who come out each month to help. It takes 35-45 volunteers per distribution to run smoothly.

Volunteers help direct traffic, sign-up families, set the distribution stations up, help bundle food once the truck is unloaded, load vehicles with food as they come through and then tear everything down when we're done.

Rocky Mountain Power and Sweetwater County Search & Rescue have been participating monthly since October. Genesis Alkali, Ciner, and Alliance Physical Therapy have provided volunteer groups. Members of the Unknown Saints RC have volunteered at our last three distributions.



And then we have all the individuals who volunteer nearly every month with two of them coming all the way from the Park City, Utah area. The dedication of these volunteers is incredible and so needed to make these distributions happen.

The Mobile Pantry Food Distributions are on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 11am – 2pm.

If you are interested in helping,
please contact Debbie Orr
at debbie.orr@bpretail.com or
307-362-1022



Brownfields Job Training (JT) Grants

The Brownfields Job Training (JT) Grants allow nonprofits, local governments, and other organizations to recruit, train, and place unemployed and under-employed residents of areas affected by the presence of brownfield sites. Through the JT Program, graduates develop the skills needed to secure full-time, sustainable employment in various aspects of hazardous and solid waste management and within the larger environmental field, including sustainable cleanup and reuse, and chemical safety. These green jobs reduce environmental contamination and build more sustainable futures for communities.

More Information



Local Business Champion Spotlight



Silver Star Communications' rich history began in **1912** by a group of ranchers and businessmen, and today we continue our mission to connect our customers to the technology that enriches their lives.

Silver Star Communications invests in its fiber-optic network by delivering cutting-edge communications, including internet, voice, and business solutions. Silver Star prides itself with exceptional local customer service and actively participating in the rural Wyoming communities it serves.



Recently, Silver Star was awarded the designation of a Smart Rural Community (SRC) provider by the NTCA/Rural Broadband Association. The Rural Broadband Association sets these criteria, allowing Silver Star to be a member-provider that works tirelessly to keep small-town America connected.

SRC providers lead and collaborate on broadband-enabled projects that provide technology for distance learning, enhance state-of-the-art health care through telemedicine, and encourage entrepreneurship and economic development. These initiatives, among others, help connect rural communities and keep them advancing towards a future-proof sustainable infrastructure.

More information available at silverstar.com



Become a Business Champion!

It's simple to sign up!

Send us a short write-up, 3-4 photos, your logo, and contact information.

Email us @ swmpnewsletter@gmail.com
-or call 307-389-1510

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

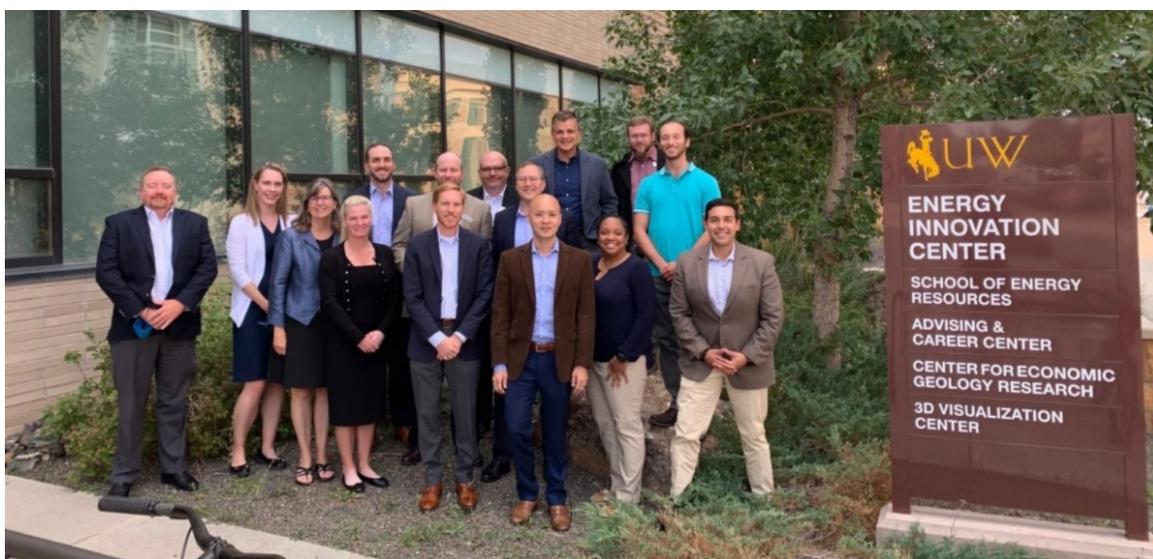
Explore the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services website for current job openings or to post an opening within your company.



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Williams handles 30% of the natural gas in the United States that is used every day to heat our homes, cook our food and generate electricity. We work with customers to provide infrastructure that addresses unique challenges to serve growing markets and safely deliver natural gas products to reliably fuel the clean energy economy.



Williams owns and operates a variety of energy infrastructure in Wyoming including natural gas gathering and processing and transmission facilities. Primarily serving producers in the Greater Green River Basin. With 4,602 miles of total pipeline in Wyoming, Williams delivers value to our employees, investors, customers, and communities by running our business with authenticity and a safety-driven culture.

Our 191 employees in Wyoming have district offices in Opal, Wamsutter, Green River, Big Piney, and Kemmerer.

Williams is also a key supporter of a new center dedicated to applied hydrogen research at the University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources (SER). We've committed to giving \$500,000 over five years to support the center and growing hydrogen industry in Wyoming. In the fall of 2021, Williams was a recipient of a grant from the Wyoming Energy Authority as part of the Wyoming Hydrogen Pilot.

Learn more at williams.com

What is our Purpose and How do we Get There?

Purpose:

Improve outcomes for our students and those seeking career changes

- **Business, Educators, Government Services and the Community working together to improve**
 - **Awareness** of career opportunities
 - **Alignment** of education and skill development for career paths
 - **Planning** for what is needed now and for future opportunities
 - **Results** for how to measure success
- **Awareness**
 - Increase awareness of career opportunities within our community
 - Students, Educators, Counselors, Government Agencies, Parents and the Community
 - Engagement events and opportunities
 - Career Fairs,
 - Jr. High and High School events
 - Mentoring and job shadowing etc.
 - Engagement & Dialog with the stakeholders
- **Alignment to better prepare our students for careers in our community and beyond**
 - Direct from high school including career technical training
 - Secondary education, certificate programs, two-year degrees, CTE
 - University alignment (pathways and career paths)
- **Planning**
 - What is needed now,
 - Where will the opportunities be
 - What will we do to prepare and fill the pipeline?
 - Promotion, Communication processes, Scholarships, etc.
 - Measurements; Create metrics such as % Secondary Education, % successful career changes
- **Membership**
 - **Southwest Wyoming: Carbon, Fremont, Sublette, Sweetwater, Uinta, Lincoln**

Membership:

Core Business Champions: Fred von Ahrens, Ron Wild, Craig Rood, Matt McQueen, Carl Lembke, Lauren Schoenfeld, Kim Dale, Kelly McGovern, Craig Barringer, Joan Evans, Jed Vigil, Marty Carollo

Core Co-Conveners: Bridget Stewart, Lacey Bluemel, Tosha Garner



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