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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.



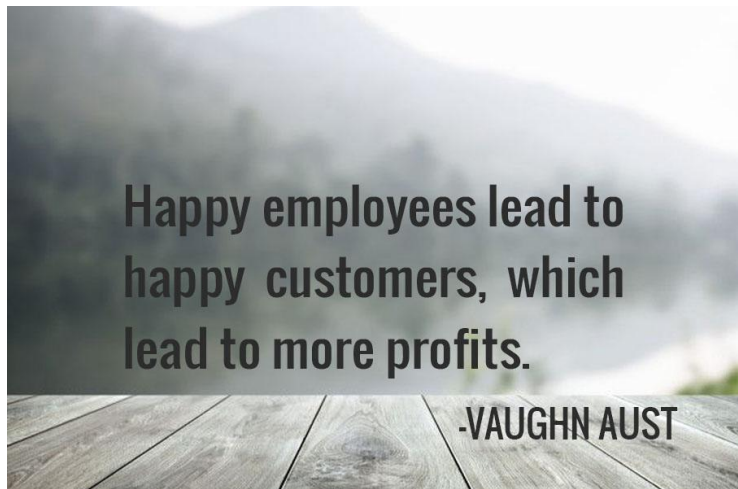
Greetings!

Welcome to the SWMP newsletter!

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**Happy employees lead to
happy customers, which
lead to more profits.**

-VAUGHN AUST



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Rocky Mountain Power Continues the Support for Western's Powerline Program

Rocky Mountain Power donated two transformers to Western Wyoming Community College Powerline Technology Training program. "Rocky Mountain Power is committed to supporting impactful initiatives like Western's Powerline Technology program. Our commitment includes providing classroom equipment, technical experts to support a strong curriculum and working closely with Western's staff to educate the next generation of Wyoming's valuable workforce," said Ron Wild, Rocky Mountain Power's regional business manager. "We couldn't fulfill our goal of safe and reliable operations without a strong employee team. Programs like this help us fulfill that promise to customers and communities."

Western Wyoming Community College offers the only Powerline program in Wyoming. Employment opportunities are available with rural electric cooperatives, municipal and private utility companies, private contractors and many others. The Powerline Technology program at Western provides students with an opportunity to train for a rewarding career in the energy industry. This industry is experiencing tremendous growth as well as a retiring workforce which means that employers are in need of more skilled workers. Students are able to train locally for well-paying and stable careers that are available right here in their local communities.



The Powerline Technology program is currently underway in the recruitment for their first cohort scheduled to begin in August 2022. For more information about the Powerline program, visit www.westernwyoming.edu/powerline.



[Photo: From left to right, Carlton DeWick, Western School of Manufacturing and Industrial Technology Chair; Dean Long, Rocky Mountain Power's District Manager; Lineman Cal Barnes; Lineman Ray Summa; Ron Wild, Rocky Mountain Power's Regional Business

Wyoming Department of Health and
training partner Flitner Strategies present

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TWO CONVENIENT FORMATS

- Live Instructor-led training via Zoom
- Self-guided online program

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WWW.FLITNER.NET/RESILIENCE

DEADLINE: MARCH 31

SPACE IS LIMITED

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Manufacturing Company Grants!

Do you know a small manufacturing company that could use some help after the last two years? TAA for Firms is a federal grant program funded through the Economic Development Administration (EDA), U.S. Department of Commerce and they are looking to support a small manufacturing business in Wyoming. Information and contact info is attached.

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New Opportunity: Wyoming's Tomorrow Scholarship

The Wyoming's Tomorrow Scholarship has passed both chambers of the Legislature, and is now headed to the Governor's desk. This scholarship is designed to support nontraditional students looking to go to college after age 24. The students would have the opportunity to receive up to \$7,200 in assistance, with the main requirements being the student is 24 or

older, holds Wyoming residency for more than one year and agrees to register with the Department of Workforce Services for applicable training assistance.

Unlike the Hathaway Scholarship, students who have been convicted of a crime could apply, as long as they were not incarcerated at the time they sought the financial assist. HB 31 has been supported not only by the University of Wyoming and community colleges across the state, but by industry leaders. This scholarship can be used at the University of Wyoming or at a community college.





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Business Counseling

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Events & Webinars

Engage in virtual learning opportunities, or make new connections at a networking event.



START 307

Attend the START 307 webinar to learn about IMPACT 307, including an overview of the tools and resources available to founders.



Business Incubators

Join a community of founders experiencing similar circumstances in one of our incubator facilities.



Local Business Champion Spotlight



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.



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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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J.R. Simplot had the inherent ability to see possibilities where others saw obstacles, and the resolve to act on them—helping him turn a one-man farming operation into a global food and agribusiness enterprise. This foresight has driven the J.R. Simplot Company for more than 90 years and helped create a company culture where new ideas have a chance to grow and flourish.

J.R.'s ingenuity and determination set his company on its innovative course. His recipe for success: grab opportunity in even the most challenging environments, look at well-known problems for solutions that no one has thought of before, and work harder than anyone else. He had an easy method for judging the right opportunities: If it's not going to pay off for our customers, it's not going to pay off for us.



The J.R. Simplot Company now has major operations in six countries, and our efforts provide food for people around the world. Although J.R. Simplot will remain forever fixed as the founder, leader and inspiration of the company that bears his name, he would be the first to point out that scores of dedicated employees contributed mightily – and still do – to the success of the organization. Our Core Values – Passion for People, Spirit of Innovation, and Respect for Resources – are as relevant now as they were when J.R. began this journey almost 100 years ago. Today, the J.R. Simplot Company has an integrated portfolio that includes phosphate mining, fertilizer manufacturing, farming, ranching and cattle production, food processing and packaging plant, food service brands, and other enterprises related to agriculture. Simplot is based in Boise, Idaho with major



Simplot's Rock Springs fertilizer plant is a key element to the company's efforts. It began production in 1986 and has been a committed and reliable employer in Sweetwater County, celebrating 35 years in 2021. With expansions done in 1996, 1999, 2014, and most recently in 2017 with the addition of a state-of-the-art Ammonia Processing Plant and tie-in package, Simplot has a significant impact on our local economy. There are 286 local residents currently employed and contracts held with additional companies for onsite services in

our community. The Rock Springs plant manufactures and distributes nitrogen and phosphate fertilizer products, anhydrous ammonia, fluoride, and super phosphoric acid to distribute throughout the world; primarily in North America and Australia.

Significant contributors to the facility's ongoing success include a focus on safety, environmental stewardship, community involvement, our highly skilled workforce, and commitment to our values. Today, Simplot is one of North America's major suppliers of crop nutrition. Our Mining and Manufacturing operations are key to this success, building a complementary distribution system to capitalize on our unique phosphate position to achieve Simplot's mission of "Bringing Earth's Resources to Life."



Friendly Reminder

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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