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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.



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Greetings!

Welcome to the SWMP newsletter!

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**Western's Welding Fabrication
Team Wins State at SkillsUSA**



On April 11th & 12th, Korbin Serano, Aaron Ortiz, and Andrew Nicholson competed in a post-secondary fabrication contest in Casper, Wyoming. The three of them built a wall tent wood stove in 6 hours following the schematics they were given the same day. As part of the competition, the students did not know what they were building until they arrived to compete. In addition, the students had an interview session and written exam.

The students were able to win first place in the State of Wyoming, earning them a gold medal and a chance to go compete in nationals held this summer in Atlanta, Georgia, on June 20th-24th. This is the first time Western has won a welding competition. Western is fairly new to Skills U.S.A. with only competing a total of two times.

IMPACT 307 Video

Please share this video to help get the word out about what IMPACT Sweetwater is working on and how you can be part of it.

Reminder: the application period closes May 20th!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PD5sydLN1N4>



Solvay Partners with Western to Provide Real-World Experience for Students

Western's industrial maintenance students, Jason Starkey and Matt Seymour, worked at Solvay as co-ops throughout the spring semester. The students did their final presentation sharing what they learned with the

Solvay leadership team, and upon completion of their presentation, Maintenance Superintendent JT Price offered both students contingent offers for employment.

Co-ops are an opportunity to provide real-world experience to college students, and it is also a 3-12 month interview for the students. These students worked hard, and it paid off!



Jason Starkey



Matt Seymour

Front row: Tonja Yakovich, Carlton DeWick – WWCC, Matt Seymour – WWCC Student, Jason Starkey – WWCC Student, JT Price, Faith Schuler, Erin Bradley, Mark Winkel – WWCC, Joe Gutierrez. Back Row: Ryan Schmidt, Todor Kostadinov, Jim Wagner, Wayne Cook, Mike Crum, Rich Paravicini - WWCC.



Western Wyoming Community College had the opportunity to host the Wyoming Community College Commission, Wyoming Community College Presidents and Vice Presidents to showcase our Powerline Technology and CDL program on Wednesday, April 20th.



Employees from Rocky Mountain Power provided a climbing demonstration for the attendees, and explained the safety aspects involved to ensure the safety of not only themselves but their fellow co-workers. A special thank you to Rocky Mountain Power for installing the poles for the program and for providing a demonstration to the attendees. In addition, a special thank you to JFC Engineers and Surveyors for their time to assist Rocky Mountain Power for the installation of the poles.

Co-Op Walker Gonzalez Gains Practical Experience at Church & Dwight



Photo Caption: Front row: Jake Mannikko - WWCC, Dan Pond, Technical Manager – Church & Dwight, Carlton DeWick – WWCC, and Mark Winkel – WWCC. Back Row: Ryan Slagowski, Maintenance Supervisor – Church & Dwight, Walker Gonzalez – WWCC Co-op Student, Derek Voliva, Maintenance Planner – Church & Dwight, Rick Paravicini - WWCC.

For the past several years, Church & Dwight has provided our students from Western Wyoming Community College's industrial maintenance program an opportunity to work at their facility to gain the hands-on, practical experience.

This year was no different. Walker Gonzalez worked this past semester, and at the completion of his co-op, he presented what he learned during his time with Church & Dwight. Gonzalez shared in details his experiences at Church & Dwight, and how his education helped him perform the tasks that were required

Local Business Champion Spotlight

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ExxonMobil's Southwest Wyoming operations have contributed thousands of dollars each year to a wide range of non-profit organizations. These include focus on community events, STEM programs in local schools, projects to protect our environment and supporting United Way of Southwest Wyoming. ExxonMobil and our employees are also proud to donate time through the company's Volunteer Involvement Program. Employees participate in United Way's "Helping Hands" days and Golf Tournaments. Employees also make personal contributions through the yearly ePledge Campaign.



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Bringing Earth's Resources to Life

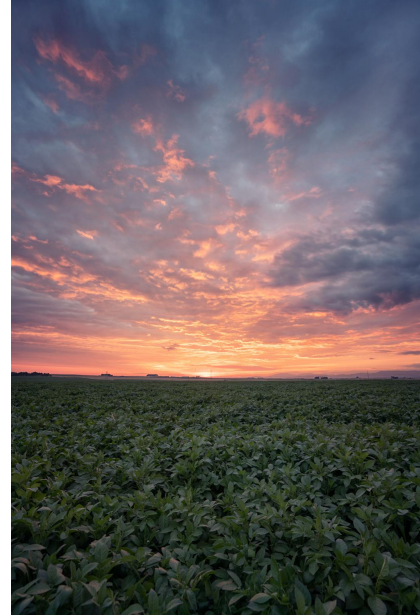
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Friendly Reminder

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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