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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.

Hello JESSICA,

Welcome to the SWMP newsletter!

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UPCOMING EVENTS



SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 3, 2023

8am-11am

HOLIDAY INN • PATIO ROOM
ROCK SPRINGS, WY

STRUGGLING TO FIND A *TRAINED* WORKFORCE?
LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO FIND A *SOLUTION*!

The Southwest Wyoming Manufacturing Partnership will be holding a workshop to discuss the challenges we face as business owners, industry leaders, educators, and public partners in Southwest Wyoming and how we can work together to overcome them.



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GOALS OF THE WORKSHOP

- Learn about what the partnership has accomplished over the past several years.
- Engage students with the industries of Southwest Wyoming and help them learn what steps it takes to work for them
- Prepare for the growth that is coming to Southwest Wyoming.

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SAVE *the* DATE

NOVEMBER 2, 2023

in

Craig, Colorado

Hosted by

Colorado Northwest Community College

The day-long forum will provide updates on all tasks and plans for the future.

Optional social hour November 1.

Book your room now! Deer Park Hotel & Suites

Group rate \$125/night | November 1-2

Group name: CORE-CM Annual Meeting

Book by October 1, 2023 | (970) 824-9282

Annual Forum **GREATER GREEN RIVER BASIN AND WIND RIVER BASIN**

**CORE-CM | Carbon Ore, Rare
Earth, and Critical Mineral**

Mark your calendars for the GGRB-WRB CORE-CM Annual Meeting in Craig, Colo., November 2, 2023!

The School of Energy Resources is leading a Department of Energy funded grant examining the potential of a new Rare Earth Element Industry in the Greater Green River and Wind River Basins. The intent of the initiative is to advancing strategies for Carbon Ore, Rare Earth Element, and Critical Mineral (CORE-CM) Resource Development in Wyoming and Colorado's largest coal producing basins.

As part of the project, we are hosting an Annual Forum in Craig, Colo. November 2, 2023. The day-long conference will bring together industry professionals and project stakeholders to provide project updates and an opportunity for robust discussions to advance the project. It will also feature additional, optional activities including tours of existing infrastructure and mines in and around the Yampa Valley.

REGISTRATION:

Registration is open!!! Please register to ensure your spot and to receive updates about the event! <https://forms.gle/hKJ6q1oHUujCgL8e6>

CONFERENCE WEBSITE AGENDA:

The conference website is now live and the draft agenda is posted! Check back for updates on speakers and updated versions of the agenda! <https://www.uwyo.edu/ser/events/conferences/core-cm-annual-forum/index.html>

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Ask about opportunities to sponsor a meal or break at the event! Contact Christine Reed

PERKINS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Student led Round Table

Fall 2023

YOU'RE INVITED!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN UPDATE OF THE GRHS CTE PROGRAMS AND PURCHASES
AND to meet with the outstanding students in CTE at Green River High School

When: Thursday November 9th @ 6:00 PM

WHERE: The Commons at Green River High School

Park in the front of the building in the visitor parking and enter the main door on the front of the building. The door will be open, so continue down the main hallway until you pass the main office and the Commons will be on the right.

We will have a short summary of the grants and then you will have the opportunity to meet with our outstanding students from each of the programs as they will share to you some of the things we are doing at GRHS. This will be a student led discussion and you will get to learn from them. Instructors will be present to help and answer any questions you may have.

We hope you can all come. Thanks for supporting us!

SCHEDULE:

6:00: Introductions and Grant information

6:15 Dinner and round table discussions with students and instructors

7:00 Meeting adjourned

WHAT'S NEW

MANUFACTURING MAKES AMERICA STRONG



**MFG
DAY**





Manufacturing Day event hosts over 600 students and educators

Western Wyoming Community College's Outreach Department, in partnership with Southwest Wyoming Manufacturing Partnership, hosted a Manufacturing Day event on Friday, October 6th.

It was our 2nd Annual Manufacturing Day was held at the College. Students, educators, and community members had a chance to interact with area manufacturers, tour the labs as well as engage hands-on activities to spark their interest in advanced manufacturing.

Regional business manager for Rocky Mountain Power and business champion for the Southwest Wyoming Manufacturing Partnership (SWMP) Ron Wild said the event is a good learning opportunity for the participating students.

The college and the partnership "have partnered together to bring in as many of the industries that wanted to participate to try to increase the awareness of educational and employment opportunities intertwining and supporting each other. This is one of the goals for SWMP," Wild said. "We want to provide as much career awareness in the community so our future generation knows their potential."

Western's dean of outreach and workforce development, Amy Murphy, said hosting this type of event is important for everyone who participated in the event. Counselors and teachers have the chance to interact with employers to determine the type of careers available and what educational requirements align with those positions.

"Manufacturing Day is really important because it gives us an opportunity to celebrate and share how far manufacturing has come. In addition, this event provided the awareness of the various careers available within the manufacturers and the businesses that are here in the community. It's also helpful to understand what's needed to get those careers and the education that goes along with it," Murphy said.

She also said that the event was held for 8th-12th grade students and over 600 students were in attendance. The following schools participated in the event:

- Green River High School
- Kemmerer Junior/Senior High School
- Lincoln Middle School
- Lyman High School
- Pinedale Middle School
- Pinedale High School
- Rock Springs High School
- Skyline Academy

"The earlier you can educate them on what's important to do and what classes they need to take in high school, the better. If they need to further their education, they know what the pathway to do that is," Murphy said. "On behalf of education and industry, we have an obligation and responsibility to provide them with the possibilities, as well as the environment to learn and build the skills needed to be successful." Wild said that the event was also important for people that have already left high school. "Regardless of what grade you're in, even if you've graduated and you're just raising kids, always continue your education," Wild said. "It's only through additional education and learning that we can position ourselves for a better future."



TWE Project and CCSM Project continue to advance in Carbon and Sweetwater Counties



Following a ceremonial groundbreaking event held in June in Carbon County, early construction work began Sept. 19, 2023, on the high-voltage TransWest Express Transmission Project in Wyoming.

The 2023 TWE Project construction scope is intentionally limited to grading several miles of access roads and grading select transmission structure pads. Barnard Wilson Joint Venture is TransWest's construction partner for the transmission line and AC substations.

Among its many economic, electrical and environmental benefits, the interregional TWE Project will deliver wholesale supplies of electricity to be generated by the Chokecherry and Sierra Madre Wind Energy Project, under construction on a cattle ranch south of Rawlins. The CCSM Project is planned to provide about 3,500 MW of nameplate capacity and generate about 12 million MWh of electricity

each year, making it the largest power plant in Wyoming.

Communications director Kara Choquette spoke to the Powerline Technology class at Western Wyoming Community College on Oct. 5 about both projects, and about the jobs they create in the electric utility sector. For example, the CCSM Project has six substations and over 600 turbines planned. The TWE Project in Wyoming includes 93 miles of high-voltage HVDC line in Carbon and Sweetwater counties, plus an HVDC terminal to be constructed south of Rawlins.

The TWE Project is planned to be in service by the end of 2027, along with the first phase of the CCSM Project. According to 2023 Wyoming Workforce data that Choquette shared with the class, the mean annual wages for these occupations were:

- \$93,354 for “electrical and electronics repairers, powerhouse, substation and relay” jobs.
- \$90,441 for “electrical power-line installers and repairers” jobs.
- \$64,298 for “wind turbine service technicians” jobs.

The construction and operations of the wind power and transmission line projects will create hundreds of direct and indirect jobs in Wyoming.



Heavy equipment operators and environmental compliance monitors began construction activity on the TWE Project on Sept. 19 in Carbon County, Wyoming. GIS data and stakes help assure that all activity stays within authorized areas.

Rock Springs High School Hosts Career Fair

Rock Springs High School hosted their annual career fair on Wednesday, September 20th. Over 50 local and area businesses had booths at this year's career fair. Students from Rock Springs High School, Rock Springs Satellite High School and Black Butte High School attended the event. Both local employers and students had a great time. Rock



Springs High School would like to recognize Rock Springs High School teachers, Lee Anne Reynolds, Christine Pettibone, Jordan Erspamer and Chrystal Richardson for all of their hard work and would also like to thank all of the Rock Springs High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students for all of their help putting on such a wonderful event. Rock Springs High School would also like to thank all local and area business for their participation. We live in a great community and we are thankful for their time and dedication to our students.



Focus on Education

Bridgette Nielsen, Lincoln Middle School Social Studies

Since 2019, Bridgette Nielsen has led 3 groups of seventh and eighth grade students from Lincoln Middle School to tour Washington DC and New York City. This cultural experience has provided hands-on experiences for our students to learn about the world outside of Green River. An average of 55 students and adult chaperones have attended the fast paced tour each time.



The trip happens in June, but planning for the trip begins 2 years in advance. Students work hard completing multiple fundraisers and soliciting sponsors from local businesses, which ensure a variety of students can attend.

About 175 students from Lincoln Middle School have participated in this wonderful adventure to our Nation's capital and surrounding areas. Nielsen says, "I want students to be able to see where our country began, appreciate the sacrifices made, and care about where we go in the future. Being in these places brings history to life. It also gives students a chance to see diversity and big city life. Some love it and some come home appreciating Wyoming a little bit more."



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Companies Offering

INTERNSHIP

OPPORTUNITIES



wants to partner with you to provide our students with real-world experience.

Contact Amy Murphy at
amurphy@westernwyoming.edu
to arrange summer internships.



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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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