



Newsletter

April - June 2016

Mission:

Platte County Economic Development Corporation promotes and facilitates business and industry endeavors for current and future generations.

Vision:

Platte County Economic Development is a well respected and proactive professionally staffed organization which acts as a positive force in promoting and supporting a positive business environment and our prosperous communities.

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Town of Chugwater - Gas Station Project

The last quarter of 2015 saw the light at the end of the tunnel in the gas station saga. The Wyoming Business Council approved a grant application from the Town of Chugwater to purchase the fuel and gas station property and assist a developer with rebuilding the station. Most of you remember the Horton's Corner Gas Station was burned to the ground after a person drove his vehicle into the station starting it on fire. It is the hope for the Town that the station project will go to bid within the next month and construction would start shortly thereafter. The paperwork is complete, and the Town is now moving forward with the bidding process. Submitted by: Karen Guidice, Chugwater Economic Development

Guernsey/Hartville - Using Music to Promote Business

Music is being used to help some of our businesses in Guernsey this winter season. The summer concerts have been so successful that a Winter Concert Series was developed this year to accomplish two things. First, the desire to have live music during the winter, as well as the summer, was expressed by the community. Second, we looked for a way to bring business activity into some of our businesses during this slower time of the year. Three concerts were scheduled with two already done and one more set for the end of March. Guernsey Economic and Tourism Development Corporation funded the concerts. The first concert, an SRO event, featured local musician, Jerry Sellars at the Miners & Stockmen's. Owner Scott Harman stated that it was great as it brought people to his business that had not been there before. The second music event was at Twister, and was a full house. The last concert will feature Hank Cramer back at the Miners & Stockmen's on March 30th. The concerts were very well received by both the community and the businesses.

Submitted by: Bruce Heimbeck, Guernsey Economic Development and Tourism



16th Street Corridor Study - Wheatland

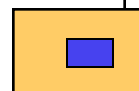
16th Street is the main entrance into Wheatland from both the North and South via I-25. The road was not initially constructed for the purpose that it now serves; as the major business sector corridor in Wheatland. In 2014 PCED secured a grant to fund a Planning Study which was awarded to AVI Engineering. After Months of work, this study is scheduled to be completed by mid-summer 2016. Some of the issues to be addressed include: rough road surface, irregular widths, traffic control, lighting, lack of curb/gutter/sidewalks, drainage problems, pedestrian access and beautification. The project came about as a result of the 2008 and 2012 Wheatland Community Assessments, where citizens viewed 16th Street as a high priority. The study will address the corridor issues and submitted concerns; chiefly, providing improvements within existing right of ways, and as a guideline for the design phase.



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PCED's Newest Members

**Capstone Industries LLC
KC & Brook Murphy**

**Great Western Engineering
& Development LLC
Jack Tubbs, II, PE, MBA**



Lockman's Lunchbox Opens in Guernsey

Brenda and Kevin Lockman have purchased the Lunchbox business in Guernsey and are operating the family business seven days a week. Opening at 5:30 in the morning, people can stop by anytime for breakfast, lunch or dinner. In fact, breakfast can be served anytime. Since their July opening, the Lockmans have improved the seating, added to the menu and are gearing up for their first full summer in Guernsey. The Lunchbox has always been a favorite stopping place for ice cream treats and that is still the case. Guernsey welcomes the addition of Lockman's Lunchbox, they make a great addition to the Guernsey business community.

The Platte County Chamber of Commerce & Platte County Economic Development

Are jointly hosting a quarterly Professionals Luncheon!
Watch for time and place details for the next gathering in April!
Don't Miss Out!

From the Director

I recently attended the Wyoming Economic Development Winter Conference where the main topic of discussion was the economic downturn in Wyoming with oil companies pulling out, and the EPA battle over coal fired power plants. The state is making major cuts in many areas of the budget that will effect us all. The Towns and Counties across the State are having their budgets cut along with the Wyoming Business Council. In Governor Mead's closing comments at the conference, he talked about how this is affecting Wyoming's economy. It seemed very ominous at first, but then Governor Mead said that Wyoming has seen boom and bust cycles before. The private sector will now have to get savvy about doing business. Business is not just about handouts from the government, which were helpful at times; business is about investment and strategic risk taking. At this time in our economic cycle, we need economic development more than ever to keep revenue streaming into the community and our economy functioning. PCED is here to help you with business by connections, training, and working with local and state leadership to address the issues that hinder business growth. Come by the office and talk to me about your ideas for business expansion.

Daphanie Taylor

Platte County Economic Development Membership 2015-2016

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Bob Ruwart Motors	Steve & Vicki Parmley	Triple Crown Commodities Cooperative
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Platte County!**

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and have an ECONOMIC IMPACT!**

Daphanie Taylor
Executive Director

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Spring is in the air!
Plant seeds of growth!