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AUGUST 2007

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Atlantic City Community-Wide Open House

Saturday, August 11 11:00am—4:00pm

Atlantic City welcomes visitors for its first community-wide open house. Experience the first annual “artist’s walk” that highlights local talent, and visit local shops and restaurants. Children’s events include duck races, and some fun with fire hoses, courtesy of the Atlantic City Volunteer Fire Department.

Miner’s Delight Inn Bed and Breakfast will host their Grand Opening as well. This historic inn also sports “Miss Ellen’s Gallery”, a Fremont County artists showcase, and Riverton Art Guild president, Sali Allard, will be on hand to demonstrate watercolor techniques.

Stop at the Atlantic City Historical Society, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary, and pick up a free brochure for a self-guided tour of the town. This event is sponsored by Miner’s Delight Inn Bed and Breakfast, Atlantic City Volunteer Fire Department, Atlantic City Mercantile, and Miner’s Grubstake.

For more information contact Barbara Townsend at 307-332-0248, or Jo Trumble at 307-332-0915



Balloon Rally Gets Underway on Saturday, July 21, 2007

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

The month of July was busy! I had the pleasure of experiencing the Rendezvous events for the first time. I attended the 1838 Rendezvous, the Rodeo, Demo Derby, Day in the Park, and helped on a crew at the Balloon Rally. It was wonderful to see so many community members at the events, and I had great fun. It is important to remember that most of the people helping make these events happen are volunteers – from concessions to behind the scenes planning – no one is getting a paycheck. Volunteers are what builds community and makes Rendezvous, Wild West Winter Carnival, and other activities possible. If you enjoy participating, or just being a spectator, please consider also being a volunteer. The time commitment is minimal compared to the rewards you will receive.

I will be attending the American Chamber of Commerce Executives conference the first week of August. This should be an excellent event that is geared specifically to the Chamber industry and will allow for a great deal of learning and networking with other Chamber professionals. I look forward to sharing what I have learned when I return.

Please mark your calendar for the Riverton Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting. The Meeting will be on Thursday, September 6 at 6:00pm at the Riverton library. This is an opportunity for open discussion about Chamber activities and the direction that the Chamber is moving. I hope to see you there.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Central Wyoming Realty
Clark's Meat House
College Hill Apartments
Kirkham & Associates, LLC
Sapores

Ranking Member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee

By U.S. Senator Mike Enzi, R-Wyo.

Are you or one of your employees counted among the 46 million Americans without health insurance? Are you afraid of becoming part of this statistic? I don't want you to be and I want this number slashed. To that end, I've assembled a 'greatest hits' bill made up of state of the art health care proposals.

In July, after careful consideration and examination of the entire health care system, I introduced a bold and comprehensive solution that addresses our health care crisis. Ten Steps to Transform Health Care in America, S. 1783, holds several solutions to bring down the cost of health insurance. Eliminating unfair tax treatment of health insurance for all Americans, allowing families to convert the value of government program benefits into private health insurance, providing market-based pooling to reduce costs and increase access, increasing health information technology, and ensuring appropriate development of rural health systems, are just some of the important steps in this bill that will ultimately give individuals more control over their health care. *Continued on page 7*



Chris Smolik, Riverton Hospital CEO, County Commissioner Dennis Heckert, Dr. Steve Rotholz, Josephine Gilpatrick, and Mayor John Vincent at the Riverton Memorial Hospital Groundbreaking and Ribbon Cutting on July 17.



Do you know someone that just moved to Riverton?

Have them call Western Welcome to get **FREE** information and gifts to help them get settled.

Kimberley Orbell, Hostess

Western Welcome of Riverton

2nd ANNUAL SUMMER REVIVAL

**Way of the Cross Church
presents
Dr. Randy Caldwell**

Sunday, August 12, 2007

10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Monday & Tuesday,

August 13 & 14

7:00 p.m.

Dr. Caldwell is a dynamic minister of the Word of God. His humor and passion will delight and move you. Come hear the truth you need from the heart of God!

*Way of the Cross is located at
635 S. 2nd W. in Riverton
Free admission—call 856-0111*

NON-PROFIT CAPACITY BUILDING SEMINARS

Join us this September and October for a pair of concise training sessions designed to help non-profit organizations think and work more effectively. The two 90-minute seminars cover the challenge of changing communities and the development of effective non-profit boards to meet these challenges. The full half day (both sessions included) is designed to meet the needs of non-profit management and board members.

Meeting the Challenge of Community Change

- Examine your organization's role in community change
- See how change affects your organization
- Anticipate future changes
- Put a plan in place for dealing with change

Many non-profits find themselves in rapidly changing communities that depend more and more on the services they provide. In order to stay responsive to community needs, organizations need to see the changes happening around them and have the tools to meet those needs. This seminar helps non-profit executive directors and board members anticipate the change occurring in their communities, grasp how that change will affect their organizations, and develop a course of action that will successfully meet the changing needs of the community.

The Non-profit Board

- Build a dynamic team
- Train new and continuing board members
- Keep an effective board

This 90-minute seminar focuses on recognized best practices for building, training, and strengthening non-profit boards. Non-profit boards are comprised of volunteers who have a passion for the organization and want to give back to their communities, but may not have extensive knowledge on how to become a dynamic proactive team. This seminar offers practical exercises in developing your group into a focused effective board.

Cost for the half day: \$75/person (includes both sessions)

Watch the Align website for information on registration at www.alignwslc.com.

PRESS RELEASE—HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, THE WIND RIVER COUNTRY, INC.

Habitat for Humanity, The Wind River Country, Inc. is in the process of obtaining the 305 E. Main Street, Riverton property offered by George Piplica of Home Source Realty. The new space of 5,628 square feet will house the Habitat for Humanity offices plus the newly organizing Habitat for Humanity ReStore operation, a retail facility designed to take in donations of new and used building/remodeling supplies for retail sales to the public. Habitat will be moving its office from 202 Railway Plaza to the Main Street location approximately August 15, 2007, with a projected opening for the ReStore October 1st, 2007. The ReStore will be staffed with volunteers from local Churches. Funds from the ReStore would go directly into the Habitat operation for administrative and future building projects to provide affordable housing for Fremont County low-income families.

Executive Director, Erin Bates Shirley said “This will be quite a challenge and leap of faith for us. Not only in expanding our operation of building more homes but in thinking we can run a retail operation. We will have lots to learn but there are approximately 500 Habitat ReStores across the country, so help and advice is readily available. Jackson has a very successful ReStore and are more than willing to help in anyway needed as we get started and on our feet. That is greatly appreciated.”

Ms. Shirley also voiced concerns about fitting into the downtown environment for the type of visibility that the Chamber would like to see presented in Riverton. She has had numerous discussions with Chamber director Anya Petersen-Frey and has also enlisted the help of Jerry Kintzler of Jerry’s Flowers and Things for design and display advice on the Habitat store front. Ms. Shirley notes “ I think with some planning and policy about what we want to present to the public, we will do fine. We won’t be able to duplicate Jerry’s incredible effort but with his help I think we can come up with something that will help us more or less fit in. As a main street business, which we never thought we would be, we feel we will have some responsibility to present a clean, organized and attractive look for the Main Street traffic of Riverton. We believe we have enlisted the help of several local people who will help us achieve and maintain that. We are excited about this opportunity and look forward to the adventure.”

The Habitat office will be moving from a location of approximately 200 square feet to over 5000 square feet. Some minor renovation to the Main Street location will have to be done but little more than framing in walls for office spaces. In addition to the Executive Directors office, plans for a ReStore office, reception office, and meeting/training space are underway within the space. Ms. Shirley said “It seems like an enormous space to us for right now, but I think once we get up and going we will fill it up very fast. I’m looking forward to having an office where I don’t have to crawl over the stored construction site Shopvac to get to the restroom. Also we have board meetings all over the place since we were so limited in space. Now we can have board meetings in our very own building and I won’t have to haul records and information with me for our meetings, it will be right there in my office.”

For further information about volunteering, donating or just educating yourself about Habitat for Humanity, a Christian Housing Ministry serving Fremont County since April of 1997, please call the Habitat office 857-2997 or visit our website: WindRiverHabitat.org.

Thank You!

*We always appreciate our renewing members!
Here are the renewals for 6-15-07 through 7-15-07*

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The Airport Café
Apex Surveying
Bank of the West
Bear Paw Custom Embroidery
Bloedorn Lumber
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Brunton Company
Buggy Bath
The Bull Steak House
Cabin Creek Homes
Central Bank and Trust
Child Development Services
China Panda
Clifford H. Moore and Company
Corral West Ranchwear
The Cove
Davis Funeral Home
The Depot
Elks Club BPOE #1693
Farmers Insurance
John Ferris, MD
Fremont County Alcohol Crisis
Center
Fremont County Fair Board
Fremont County Shrine Club
Fremont Distributing
Gale's Carpet One
Gases Plus
Girard Law Office
Golden Corral Family Steak House
HASCO Industrial Supply

Hi Mountain Jerky, Inc.
Holiday Inn Riverton Convention
Center
Inberg-Miller Engineers
JB's Restaurant
Jack Pine Motel
Jerry Bornhoft Construction, Inc.
Jerry's Flowers & Things
Jiffy Rental Center
KFC
Kiwanis Club
Kusel's Home Furnishings
Lamar Outdoor Advertising
Lehman Studio
Library, Riverton Branch
Maurices
McDonald's Restaurant
Miner's Delight Inn Bed and
Breakfast
Minter Realtors
NUCOR, Inc.
The Office Shop
Overhead Door Company of
Riverton
Owl Creek Kampground
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Inc.
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Counseling Service
Top of the Hill
Trailhead Family Restaurant
The Travel Place
Traveling Computers
UMETCO Minerals Corp.
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UW West Central Regional
Office
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Vincent Financial Services
White & White, PC
Wind River Electric
Wind River Gallery & Framing
Wind River Mercantile
Wind River Ready Mix
Worcester Furniture Gallery
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Services
Wyoming Mountain Properties
Wyoming Public Television
Foundation
Wyoming Stationary
Wyoming Waste
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MEMBER Q&A

Craig and Tracy Blumenshine

Company:

Teton Athletic Club

Position:

Owners

Owned the business since:

Tracy and Craig purchased in
the club in 1997

Personal Interests:

Supporting the youth of Riverton

*Explain what you
believe is the biggest benefit to
being a Chamber member:*

“We think the Chamber fights for private enterprise in Riverton, and via the Chamber Board and leadership, provides a voice for the private sector to our local, state, and national leaders. A unified Chamber voice that supports private enterprise is important to the economic vitality of the businesses and business owners that are the core of our great community.”

If there was one thing you would encourage people to do to grow their business or career what would it be and why?

“Don’t be afraid to look at the long term and decide where you would like yourself and your business to be. Obstacles pop up all the time, but best dealt with if plans are thought out in advance. It is also important to support Riverton and the great people that call our community home....most every business can do that in a variety of ways.”

Favorite advice:

“Do what you can, with what you have, where your are.”

Theodore Roosevelt

What's Happening?

Daylight Donuts & Ice Cream Shop

August Ice Cream Flavor of the Month is ...

Stop by and find out!

50 cents off the flavor of the month

The Ol'Broker is now open on Main Street.

Hours are 10:00am—10:00pm

307-857-5757

Injury Prevention Resources has moved to a new location:

620 East Monroe, Riverton

307-856-2821

Senator Enzi...Continued from page 3

As a former small businessman I know that small businesses are the backbone of our country and the glue that holds communities together. Small businesses will benefit when this bill is passed. Businesses can band together across state lines and leverage their combined negotiating power to demand the benefits they want, at prices they can afford. By enabling more people to afford private health insurance it would lower costs across the board.

By enacting my ‘greatest hits’ health care bill, in a few years business owners and employees in Wyoming could be dancing to the tune of reasonable health insurance costs.

CHAMBER STATS

Vacation Packets	37
Relocation Packets	39
Welcome Bags	289
Website Visits	82,089

The President's Circle

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