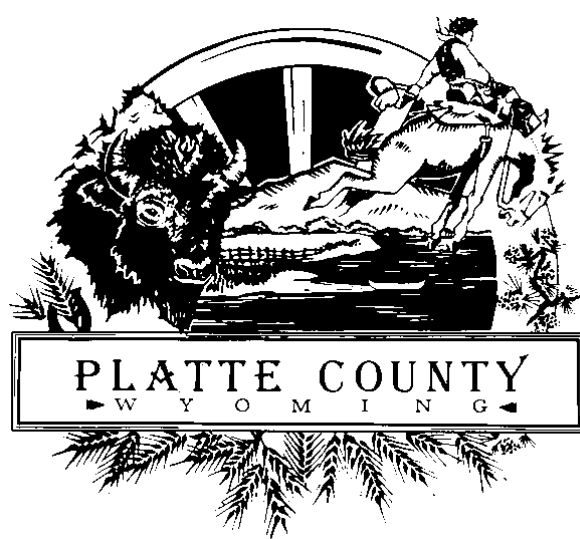


Chamber News

March 2017 Edition



"A Community of Good Neighbors"

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

"To promote, support, and be advocates of the businesses in Platte County."

Serving the Communities of

Chugwater • Glendo • Guernsey • Hartville • Wheatland

Important Update: *Casino Night postponed to Saturday, March 4th!! Rest of the details remain the same. See you there!!*

New Business

The "Good Old Days" are back again at The Stampede Saloon and Eatery in Chugwater...



Years ago there used to be places where you could take the family and friends out to dinner, relax, have a few laughs, reminisce, and maybe have a dance or two...but in these hectic times those places have vanished.

We at the Stampede remember those days and hope to recreate some of those wonderful times for you. Remember.....those memories of dancing with mom and dad, getting together and seeing your friends, meeting new friends, or maybe finally asking that one special person to dance.

Our Friday and Saturday evening buffets, and Sunday lunch buffets almost remind you of the big family "get together dinners" where everybody brought a dish. And, the menu's offering of hot beef and hot hamburger sandwiches and chicken fried steaks plus dozens of other mouth-watering specials remind you of the great old "family dinners".

Come on down to the "Stampede Saloon and Eatery", bring your friends, your family, the people you work with... kick back, relax... have a bite to eat and kick up your heels. Oh, and don't forget the laughs...Lots of Laughs...after all, isn't that what life's all about?

Phone us at 307-422-3200 for schedules and answers to your questions, and visit us on Facebook.



Kit's Korner

Isn't it just crazy how fast time flies!! It seems like school just started and now we're nearing the end of basketball and wrestling season!! And our seniors are now beginning preparations for college. WOW! Do you remember their first day of kindergarten just like it was yesterday? CRAZY!

Your Chamber is working hard to grow our Scholarship Fund. Our goal this year is to award a scholarship to one senior from each Platte County High School!!

The amount of the scholarships will be dependent upon how much we raise during the Silent Auction at Casino Night as well as fund raising efforts during the Annual Chamber Event, Wine & Whiskey. So many businesses in Platte County are helping to make this possible, so HUGE kudos to everyone who donated to the Silent Auction at Casino Night.

The application process for the Platte County Chamber Scholarship is NOT a complicated one. You can pick up an application from your respective high school and/or at the Chamber offices in Wheatland. Please, please, please check out this great opportunity. We are here to help you. Give me a call (322-2322) if you would like some more detailed information.

Chamber members renew their 2017-18 membership

A HUGE thank you to the following Members for renewing their membership as of February 16, 2017:

- Jim and Kendall Bohl • Cheyenne Coffee Co. •**
- Chugwater Chili • Southwest Plumbing and Mechanical • Steil Surveying Services, LLC •**
- Stow Away Storage • Wheatland Masonic Family •**
- Wheatland HS Old Grads • Wind River Hotel & Casino**

Your support is so important for the growth and well being of our county.

For information on how YOU can become a Platte County Chamber Member, call 322-2322 or email: info@plattechamber.com.

Thank you, from the bottom of our



The many Platte County Businesses and individuals who donated to the Silent Auction at Casino Night – the Platte County Chamber Scholarship Fund recipients thank you!!

Platte County Senior Outreach Center for a GREAT Community Mixer – so much salsa and so little time, not to mention yummy margaritas and whiskey sours!

Connie Inman for updating the Membership wall in the Visitor Center, it looks beautiful – come on in and check it out!

Save the Date!

March 24

Platte Valley Bank will be sponsoring Cajun Night, a fundraiser for the Platte County Relay for Life. The event will run from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tickets run \$20 for adults, and \$10 for 12 and under, and can be purchased at Platte Valley Bank or at the door.

Come enjoy good food, music, and lots of family fun while supporting this great cause.

Please call Platte Valley Bank at 322-9215 for more information. All proceeds go towards the Platte County Relay for Life.

April 22

Guernsey VFW Shrimp Feed

April 28

Platte County Chamber of Commerce will host the Whiskey and Wine Tasting Event: Whiskey, Vodka, and Wine, Oh My! Location is TBD, so keep your eyes and ears open for more details as they come!

April 29

Marge Cares Bingo will be held at the Platte County 4-H Building, starting at 6 p.m.

Coming up...

The total eclipse of the sun is 24 short weeks away! Lodging accommodations for the weekend of August 18 are slim. If you have lodging or camping facilities that you would like to rent out for this event, send your information to Kit at kit@plattechamber.com so we can share it with visitors wanting to come to Platte County!



Did you know?

All Platte County Chamber of Commerce Members can use the Bulk Mailing Stamp available at the Chamber.

Wyoming State Park Annual Passes

2017 Wyoming State Parks & Historic Sites Annual Park Passes have arrived. They are in and on sale NOW at the Chamber.

Platte County Pride Certificates expire one year after date of issue. Please remember to endorse your certificates.

From September –May, the Human Resource Coalition meets once a month. HRC is not about personnel, payroll, or anything else having to do with that kind of stuff. HRC is a group of community organizations that get together to discuss different ways for working together for the betterment of Platte County. These meetings are open to the public. The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 17 at the Chamber office at 8:30 a.m. Please call Kit at 322-2322 if you are interested in attending.



FRAN'S STORY TIME

**Tuesdays 10:30 at your library with
Frances Heller
Stories, Activities, Crafts and Snacks**



Magic Days of March

March 7—RIDING MARCH WINDS

Become a part of the March winds with kite flying activities, making little kites and listening to stories about kites. Enjoy a yummy theme based snack.

March 14—DR SEUSS BIRTHDAY PARTY

A Dr. Seuss birthday party will be celebrated today with the always loads of fun Dr. Seuss rhymes and books. Our crafts will be Dr. Seuss themed, and a delicious Dr. Seuss themed snack highlights our party.

If you're lucky you'll find a pot of gold (our snack for the day), listen to Saint Patrick Day stories to stretch your imagination, and make cute little leprechauns to take home. Be sure to wear your green!

March 28—MARCH INTO SPRING

Our celebration of spring may begin with seeing and petting animals, and enjoying animal poems and games. Then we'll gather around to hear stories about baby animals and enjoy a spring craft, planting something to take home. Everyone will enjoy a munchie veggie snack.

Regulations are killing the heartbeat of America

By Senator Mike Enzi, R-Wyo.

Regulations imposed by the government can have sweeping effects on businesses large and small. And though federal agencies are supposed to look at the potential impact of a proposed rule, there are instances where they have used unfair loopholes to skirt those responsibilities, leaving businesses with a raw deal.

The average small-business owner is spending at least \$12,000 every year dealing with regulations. More than half of small businesses have held off on hiring a new employee due to regulatory burdens. Regulatory burden falls squarely on the small-business owner, as they handle the bulk of federal regulatory compliance. Fourteen percent of small-business owners report they spend more than 20 hours per month on federal regulations. This needs to change.

Congress is working on nullifying some of the last-ditch regulatory efforts of the Obama administration. One is the Department of the Interior's "stream protection rule" which was aimed at limiting coal production. Another regulation Congress would like to roll back is the Bureau of Land Management's venting and flaring rule, which add unnecessary requirements for businesses that already have to comply with air quality regulations mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Currently only a few agencies are required to take into account the impact of new regulations on small businesses. If all agencies had to take a look at how their rules effect small businesses and adjust accordingly, imagine how we could help our nation's small businesses expand and grow, creating good jobs and spurring innovation.

We need to promote small businesses, the heartbeat of America, not stifle them with burdensome regulations. When a small business flourishes, so does the surrounding community.

**2017-2018 Directories for the
64th Wyoming Legislature are available
at the Chamber office at 65 16th Street.**

STATISTICS - January 2017

BUSINESS REFERRALS	374
CHAMBER REFERRALS.....	837
GENERAL BUSINESS INQUIRIES	634
RELOCATION INQUIRIES.....	6
TOURIST FACE TO FACE.....	32
VISITATION.....	35
ALL OTHERS, i.e. Email, Fax, Mail.....	1230
TOTAL.....	3150

PRIDE PROGRAM:

\$2570 was redeemed at 25 different member businesses in the month of January 2017.



Chamber of Commerce sponsors Community Mixers

There will be a Community Mixer the 3rd Thursday of every month from 5-7 p.m. Everyone in Platte County is invited to attend, and the event is free of charge.

We hope to see all of you there!

Donations for PCCC Scholarship Fund gratefully accepted at the door. Call Kit at 322-2322 if you are interested in hosting an upcoming mixer.

Welcome bags given to new Platte County Residents

We gave away a total of 4 welcome bags in the month of January to new residents of Chugwater, Glendo, Guernsey and Wheatland.

Thank you to the following Chamber Member Businesses for donating to the Platte County Welcome Bags:

Kiwanis • Anderson Dental • Bellwood Boats • Bob Ruwart Motors • Chugwater Chili • Cinema West • Eastern Wyoming College • Farm Bureau Financial Services • Farm Credit Services • First State Bank • Impact Ministries • The Kindness Ranch Animal Sanctuary • J G Elliott Insurance Co. • Missouri Basin Power Project • Mustang International • Platte County Chamber of Commerce • Platte County Economic Development • Platte County Parks & Rec • Platte County Public Health • Platte County Record Times • Platte Valley Bank • If you're reading this sentence, you need to call Kit or Connie at 322-2322 to claim your prize!! • Project SAFE • Services for Seniors • Shopko • State Farm Insurance- Lynda Lenz • Town of Wheatland • Wheatland ACE Hardware • Wheatland REA • Wheatland Workforce Center • Wind River Hotel & Casino

For new residents in Chugwater, Glendo, Guernsey, Hartville, Wheatland and all of Platte County who have not picked up a Welcome Resident Bag, please stop by the Platte County Chamber of Commerce at 65 16th Street in Wheatland, Monday-Friday 8AM-4PM. Welcome Bags are limited to one per household.



Services for Seniors March Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Quarter Bingo Mondays cards are free winners will receive a quarter	Dollar Cash Bingo Fridays cards are \$1 each all money collected will be divided for prizes **WIN CASH**	1 Tai Chi 9:00 Art Class 9 - 10:30 Prize Bingo 1:15 (free to play)	2 Strong Bones 10:00 Crafts 1:00	3 Line Dancing 9:00 Tai Chi 10:00 Dollar Bingo 1:15 (\$1 per card)
6 Strong Bones 10:00 Quarter Bingo 1:15 (free to play)	7 Cinnamon Rolls 8:30 Bible Study 8:30 Cribbage 1:00	8 Tai Chi 9:00 Art Class 9 - 10:30 Prize Bingo 1:15 (free to play)	9 Strong Bones 10:00 SFS Board Meeting 1:00	10 Line Dancing 9:00 Tai Chi 10:00 Dollar Bingo 1:15 (\$1 per card)
13 Strong Bones 10:00 Shriners Card Club 12:30	14 Cinnamon Rolls 8:30 Bible Study 8:30 Cribbage 1:00	15 Tai Chi 9:00 Art Class 9 - 10:30 Prize Bingo 1:15 (free to play)	16 Wellness Breakfast 8:00 Strong Bones 10:00 Beltone Hearing 11 - 1:00 Crafts 1:00	17 Line Dancing 9:00 Tai Chi 10:00 Dollar Bingo 1:15 St. Patrick's Day Edition (\$1 per card)
20 Strong Bones 10:00 Quarter Bingo 1:15 (free to play)	21 Cinnamon Rolls 8:30 Bible Study 8:30 Cribbage 1:00	22 Tai Chi 9:00 Art Class 9 - 10:30 Prize Bingo 1:15 (free to play)	23 Strong Bones 10:00 Crafts 1:00	24 Line Dancing 9:00 Tai Chi 10:00 Dollar Bingo 1:15 (\$1 per card)
27 Strong Bones 10:00 Quarter Bingo 1:15 (free to play)	28 Cinnamon Rolls 8:30 Bible Study 8:30 Cribbage 1:00	29 Tai Chi 9:00 Art Class 9 - 10:30 Prize Bingo 1:15 (free to play)	30 Strong Bones 10:00 Crafts 1:00	31 Line Dancing 9:00 Tai Chi 10:00 Dollar Bingo 1:15 Evening Movie 6:00 (dinner 5:00 at Main Center)

Pride Certificate Program

Platte County Pride Certificates are available in 1, 5, 10, 20, and 25 dollar denominations. They make great gifts for anyone on your list. If you are stumped on what to give that special person, visit us at 65 16th St. to purchase the perfect gift: Platte County Pride Certificates. They can be used at over 200 local businesses.

The Chamber has had a tremendous amount of Pride Certificates redeemed over the last few weeks. This is good for the Chamber businesses of Platte County and we are happy you are doing well. Please remember Chamber businesses that have paid their dues within 90 days of receipt are eligible to redeem the Platte County Pride Certificates.

Stay informed!

Make sure that we have your email address. There is a lot of valuable information that is shared by the Chamber via emails. This is also a great way to get our weekly "Pass On" which gives a listing of weekly events and meetings. Send your email (and your co-workers') addresses to kit@plattechamber.com to make sure we have you on our distribution list. Important Note:

We do NOT sell your personal information to marketing companies - your info is safe with us!!



County Calendar!!

Submit your meetings and events by the 15th of the month in order to have meetings and events published in the following month's newsletter.

March 2017 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 • Kiwanis @ Guadalajara @ noon	2	3 • TOPS #303 @ Guernsey @ 8 a.m. @ Peggy Briner Reading Room	4 TOPS #253 - Guernsey 9:15-10:15 a.m. @ Peggy Briner Reading Room
5 Guernsey VFW Auxiliary Bingo @ 1 p.m.	6 • John Prince #15 Aux. Legion 7 p.m. @ Glendo Town Hall - all veterans welcome. • Chugwater Town Council Meeting @ 7 p.m.	7 • Fran's Storytime, 10 a.m. @ Platte County Library • Platte County Commissioners 8 a.m. @ Courthouse • Lion's Club 12/noon @ Wheatland Country Club • American Legion Auxiliary Unit 15 @ 4 p.m. @ Glendo Town Hall • Guernsey TC Meeting @ 6 p.m. @ Guernsey Town Hall • Wheatland VFW 7:30 p.m. @ VFW Hall	8 • Kiwanis @ Guadalajara @ Noon • Glendo Town Council Meeting @ 7 p.m. • Wheatland Old Grads	9 • American Legion Post #10 Meeting @ noon @ Wheatland Country Club • PV Bank Ambassadors Bingo @ 9 a.m. • Platte County Lodging Tax Board Meeting 11 a.m. @ Chamber Office	10 • TOPS #303 @ Guernsey @ 8 a.m. @ Peggy Briner Reading Room	11 TOPS #253 - Guernsey 9:15-10:15 a.m. @ Peggy Briner Reading Room
12 • Guernsey VFW Auxiliary Bingo @ 1 p.m.	13 • TOPS #198 - Wheatland 5-7 p.m. @ PCMH Conference Room • Wheatland Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m. @ Wheatland Town Hall	14 • PC Memorial Hospital District Board Meeting • Fran's Storytime, 10 a.m. @ PC Library • Lion's Club, noon @ Wheatland Country Club • Guernsey Economic Development, 5:30 @ Guernsey Town Hall • Wheatland Ladies VFW Auxiliary	15 • PCED, 7 a.m. @ FSB Conference Center • PC Main Street, 9 a.m. • Kiwanis @ Guadalajara @ noon • PC Shooting Assn. @ 6:30 p.m.	16 • Laramie Peak VFW Ham and Bean Supper • If you're reading this sentence, you need to call Kit or Connie at 322-2322 to claim your prize!!	17 • TOPS #303 @ Guernsey @ 8 a.m. @ Peggy Briner Reading Room	18 • TOPS #253 - Guernsey 9:15-10:15 a.m. @ Peggy Briner Reading Room
19 • Guernsey VFW Auxiliary Bingo @ 1 p.m. • Laramie Peak VFW Post 3558 Ladies Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast Buffet 8 a.m. -12 p.m. • Just Me Again 1 p.m. @ Wheatland Bible Church Potluck and Fellowship - all widows welcome	20 • TOPS #198 - Wheatland 5-7 p.m. @ PCMH Conference Room • PC Living & Coping with Arthritis, Fibromyalgia and Lupus Support Group, 7 p.m. @ Senior Center contact Patricia Young @ 322-4477 • PC Chamber Board Meeting 12 p.m. @ Chamber	21 • Fran's Storytime, 10 a.m. @ PC Library • Lion's Club, noon @ Wheatland Country Club • PAWS Meeting, 6 p.m. @ PC Library • PC Commissioners, 8 a.m. @ Courthouse • Guernsey TC Meeting @ Guernsey Town Hall, 6 p.m.	22 • Kiwanis @ Guadalajara @ noon	23 Platte Valley Bank Ambassador Movie, 9 a.m. @ Cinema West	24 • TOPS #303 @ Guernsey @ 8 a.m. @ Peggy Briner Reading Room • Cajun night, 5:30-8:30 p.m. @ 4-H Building - Relay for Life Fund-raiser	25 • TOPS #253 - Guernsey 9:15-10:15 a.m. @ Peggy Briner Reading Room
26 • Guernsey Auxiliary Breakfast 7-11 a.m. @ VFW Hall • Guernsey VFW Auxiliary Bingo @ 1 p.m.	27 • TOPS #198 - Wheatland 5-7 p.m. @ PCMH Conference Room	28 • Fran's Storytime, 10 a.m. @ PC Library • Lion's Club, noon @ Wheatland Country Club • Platte County Historical Society, 7 p.m. @ PC Library	29 • Glendo Blood Drive, 2-5:30 p.m.	30	31 • TOPS #303 @ Guernsey @ 8 a.m. @ Peggy Briner Reading Room	

Platte County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, 2016-2017

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*Board Meetings are held the third Monday of each month.
 Board Meeting Minutes and Budget are available upon request at the Chamber Office.*