

# Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

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Chamber Mission: "The Chamber Enhances the Community Through Advocacy and Partnerships."

## 2019 Green River Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors



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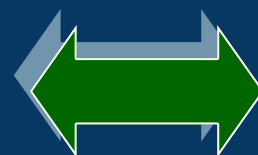
Angela Shutran  
(Past President)

### Meet the 2019 Board at January 16th Lunch and Learn

# Did you know?

## As a member you can:

Did you know as a member you are able to use the Chamber Bulk Mail permit? For more information please contact us!



Did you know as a member you get free faxing? Please contact us with more information!

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**Angela Shutran**  
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(Left to right: Kayleen, Megan, Shari, Brad, Nanette, Miranda)

### "Taking Care of People"

For 21 years, State Farm agent Brad Cutler and staff have been serving the insurance needs of Sweetwater County residents by helping them: manage the risks of every-day life, recover from the unexpected and realize their dreams. We do this by offering customers the best combination of product, price and service, backed by one of the strongest financial institutions in the industry. We offer a variety of property casualty

and financial services products. Our experienced staff are insurance licensed and provide personalized and knowledgeable customer care. We pride ourselves in "being there" when clients need direction or advice. We specialize in helping customers design plans to protect their most valuable assets and to replace lost income should an income stream be discontinued due to injury, sickness or death. We are a 24x7 team oriented organization that is active in the community and focused on providing added value to our customers. It is an honor to live in South West Wyoming and serve the great people who call this home. No-body care's like we do!



**Hampton Inn 12:00pm-1:00pm**  
**\$12 for members \$15 for non-members**

(Lunch is included in admission cost.)

Please **RSVP by 10am January 14th** online  
[www.grchamber.com](http://www.grchamber.com) or call (307) 875-5711

## Lunch & Learn

**January 16th**  
**12:00PM**

### Featuring:

- **Meet the Board Members!**
  - **Dave Divis SWCO. Assessors Office (personal property tax)**
- Soup bowls and salad will be served**



Check out the events calendar  
for Sweetwater County at the link below!  
<https://www.tourwyoming.com/calendar>

Check out the events calendar for Sweetwater Events Complex at the  
Link: <https://www.sweetwaterevents.com/events>

Thank you to the Rock Springs UPS Store for printing our monthly newsletter!

**The UPS Store** 

### Senator Enzi's December Chamber of Commerce Submission

Working to help small businesses throughout the year

By U.S. Senator Mike Enzi

Running a small business is rewarding, but challenging. Washington, D.C. should not be making it even more difficult. Throughout 2018, I worked to help make small business ownership a little easier. In June, the Department of Labor announced a rule that makes it easier for small businesses to join together to create Small Business Health Plans. This lets small businesses pool together to provide health insurance and helps to provide negotiating power that small businesses would not have on their own. I have championed this idea for nearly 20 years and previously introduced legislation in the Senate similar to the Department of Labor's rule. I also held a hearing on the proposed rule earlier in the year to discuss how the change could help small businesses lower the costs of providing insurance to their employees. This rule is a big win for small businesses and employees alike. The Senate held several hearings throughout the year focused on helping small businesses; an important one was about the opportunity zone program included in tax reform. An expert at the hearing explained how opportunity zones were designed to benefit small businesses. He said this program can help provide a lifeline to entrepreneurs in underserved and overlooked areas in our country – including in Wyoming, where we have 25 opportunity zones. In August, the president signed the National Defense Authorization Act into law, which included my bipartisan legislation with Maryland Senator Ben Cardin to accelerate payments to small contractors doing business with the federal government. Wyoming has many small businesses that contract with the Defense Department, and ensuring that they receive their payments promptly for their work seems like a common sense decision. As a former small business owner, I know that receiving timely payments on a contract can make a world of difference. Small business lending is an important pillar for community banks. In May, Congress passed the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act which rolls back cumbersome regulations intended to regulate Wall Street after the 2008 financial crisis but adversely affected our smallest lenders. This law improves access to capital and mortgage credit for community banks and credit unions, which foster economic growth on Main Street. Every year, I host an Inventors Conference and co-host the GRO-Biz Conference in Wyoming. At the Inventors Conference, small business owners and inventors come to learn about patent processes, business planning, funding options and marketing. GRO-Biz helps business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs learn about government contracting and different methods of business management. These events are near and dear to my heart, and I invite you to attend an upcoming conference. Now is the time to empower our nation's entrepreneurs because they have the expertise, energy and initiative to lead our economic growth and lead us on a path of recovery. I will continue my efforts to promote small businesses and look after **their** interests in the years to come.



# Elysha Cook Allstate 1 year Anniversary



Congratulations Elysha on your 1st year Anniversary . Thank you to the Hole in The Wall Gang, Green River Ural Main Street Agency and the community for attending to help celebrate the wonderful business!

Summited by Elysha Cook: “Thank you everyone who joined us to celebrate our 1st Year Chili Cook Off Anniversary of Elysha Cook Allstate. I enjoy being apart of this community and look forward to many more years! If you missed it, we posted photos on our Facebook Page : Elysha Cook: Allstate Insurance. Happy holidays!”

## Support Your Own Spend at Home!



The Chamber of Commerce offers Chamber Gift Certificates in any denomination for a small fee of 50 cents each.

Gift Certificates are redeemable at any business in Sweetwater County and can be used just like cash! Gift Certificates are valid for 365 days from the date of issue. Stop by the Green River Chamber at 1155 W Flaming Gorge Way or call 307-875-5711 ahead of time and we will have them ready for you!

## Tickets for Sale

The 6th Annual Kari's Access Awards Local Fundraiser!

Wine and Beer Tasting \$35 each \$60 for a couple @ Sweetwater Events Complex

January 18th, 2019 6pm-9pm

For sale at the Green River Chamber Of Commerce

## Save Money!

## Buy a Lunch & Learn Punch Card!



The Green River Chamber of Commerce would like to once again offer the Lunch and Learn Punch Card Program. This program is intended to help make the monthly Lunch and Learn more convenient for our members to attend. We understand that everyone has busy schedules and sometimes forget to RSVP or cannot make it after they RSVP. However, when this happens, the Chamber is left with paying the bill. We hope this program will alleviate some of those issues for both the business and the Chamber.

Chamber members can purchase the 2019 Lunch and Learn punch cards. This opportunity will allow our members to pre-purchase 6 meals for \$67, a savings of \$5 or 12 meals for \$134, a savings of \$10. The prepaid cards will be kept on file at the Chamber. The cards will be able to be used by anyone within your organization who has permission to do so. Contact the Green River Chamber of Commerce for more information. 307-875-5711.



# Welcome Our Newest Member VIRS Respite Care

For almost 40 years VIRS Respite has provided in-home personal care to the elderly and disabled of Sweetwater County.

- ⇒ Offers in-home personal care for disabled or ill individuals of any age
- ⇒ Assist's with client's activities of daily living
- ⇒ Relief time for primary caregivers
- ⇒ Allows the client to maintain an independent lifestyle in their own homes and helps avoid costly nursing homes or institutions
- ⇒ Respite Care collaborates with many other service agencies to insure clients receive all available care to fulfill their individual needs



**Thank you For Shopping and Supporting Local Businesses This Holiday Season!**

**I ♥ GR**

## 2018 Adopt-A-Tree Winners

Thank you to all who participated in the 2018 Adopt-A-Tree event! This year was another huge success with all 52 trees selling on Uinta Drive. The entire community, as well as visitors, got to enjoy the beautifully lit trees that created a festive holiday atmosphere. They all looked great!!

1

Business Winner



ACE Hardware

2

Business Second place



3

Business Third place



Fraternal Order of Eagles 2350

1

Individual Winner



The James Shaw Family