

Things to Do in September

Free Concerts in the Park:

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 7 pm

Bunning Park in Rock Springs

Farmers Market: until Sept 14

Every Wednesday at 4 pm

Uinta Drive, Green River

BMX Races:

Every Thursday, 6:00 pm

Events Complex

Boys and Girls Club presents Sawyer Brown in Concert!

September 9th, 7 pm Events Complex

Monster Truck Show

September 17th 7:30 am
Events Complex



Ribbon Cuttings/ After Hours

FedEx Ground

September 19th, 11 am - 4 pm

Ribbon Cutting 1 pm

2830 Killpecker Dr.

Rock Springs, WY 82901

Ribbon Cutting: Waddell and Reed



L to R: Angela Shutran, Lisa Herrera, James Chaves,

The Green River Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting for James Chavez of Waddell and Reed on July 20, 2016.

James Chavez Says, "As a Waddell & Reed Financial Advisor, my goals are simple: to know my

clients well, to treat them with respect and to measure my success by their success. To meet those goals, I develop financial plans tailored specifically to the individual needs of each of my clients. I value long-lasting client relationships, and advise my clients through every stage of their financial journey. Call today for a free, no obligation consultation. (307) 382-2944" Give James Chavez and Waddell and Reed a warm welcome to our community!

Ribbon Cutting: The UPS Store

The Green River Chamber of Commerce welcomed new owners Marc and Molly Hammond to The UPS Store on August 24, 2016.

The UPS Store is open Monday through Friday 8 am to 6 pm, Saturday 8 am to 4 pm. The UPS Store says, "We support small businesses with the products and services they

need. We're locally owned too. And while we know you love being on your own, with us, you're not alone." They are located at 1993 Dewar Drive STE 1, Rock Springs, WY 82901. Reach them by phone at (307) 382-8228.



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	July 2016	Year to Date
Relocation Packets	4	38
Vacation Packets	6	32
Convention Packets	0	720
Wyoming Pins	0	0
City of Green River Pins	0	158
Gift Certificates	508	3,323
Dollar Amount	\$23,800.00	\$98,741.68
Brochure Racks	2,055	7,962
Chamber Kiosk	1,210	5,731
Walk Ins	2,892	10,911
Web Site Hits	65,799	502,122
Web Site Sessions	2,687	16,457
E-Mails	901	6,343
New Facebook Likes	48	1,721

Sales Tax Disbursements—June 2016

County	\$1,718,288
Green River	\$790,267
Rock Springs	\$1,488,617

Lodging Tax Sweetwater County —June 2016

County	\$7,214
Green River	\$11,425
Rock Springs	\$55,025

Labor Force

Employment Sweetwater County

June 2016	20,283
May 2016	20,604
June 2015	21,462

Unemployment Sweetwater County

June 2016	1,480
May 2016	1,381
June 2015	1,147

Statewide Employment

June 2016	287,820
May 2016	282,529
June 2015	298,696

Statewide Unemployment

June 2016	17,023
May 2016	16,277
June 2015	13,154

Mission receives Quality Award



L to R: Dee Vasquez, Shauna Erramouspe, Sue Sanchez, Margaret Dillon, Heidi Schuh, Hayley Castillo, Gary Kelso, Angie Tynsky, Joe Clem, Paul Stumph, Joy Clem, Amanda Vasseur, Gene Drozd, Larry Dankert, Bobbi Jo Drozd, Triston Drozd, Frosty McWilliams, Tonya Keister, Robin

The Green River Chamber of Commerce celebrated Quality Day with Mission at Castle Rock on July 23, 2016. Mission at Castle Rock Rehabilitation Center has been recognized as a 2016 recipient of the *Bronze – Commitment to Quality Award* for its dedication to improving the lives of residents through quality care. The award is the first of three distinctions possible through the National Quality Award Program, presented by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL), the leading association for long term and post-acute care. The program honors providers across the nation that has demonstrated their commitment to improving



**09/29/2016
FRAUD PROTECTION**

Fraud Protection: how to prevent and recognize fraud

Join us for the 5th Green River Business Enhancement Training on Thursday, September 29th from 7:30 – 8:30 AM at the Green River Police Department.



Sponsored by:



Fraud Protection

**Come join us for the
Green River
Business
Enhancement
Training**

**Breakfast will be
provided
Special thanks to
Trona Valley FCU**

**REGISTER BY CALLING
THE GREEN RIVER
CHAMBER**

(307) 875-5711

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September 2016

Sun

Mon

Tue

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Fri

Sat

				1 Team Roping 8 am EC SW WY BMX Race 6 pm EC	2 Team Roping 8 am EC Gov't Affairs 8 am VC	3 Team Roping 8 am EC
4 Team Roping 8 am EC	5 Team Roping 8 am EC Chamber Closed	6 Team Roping 8 am EC City Council GR	7 Team Roping 8 am EC Farmer's Market	8 Team Roping 8 am EC SW WY BMX Race 6 pm EC	9 Team Roping 8 am EC Sawyer Brown	10 Team Roping 8 am EC
11 Team Roping 8 am EC	12 Team Roping 8 am EC	13 Team Roping 8 am EC Board Mtg 7:30 am VC Spain Travel	14 Team Roping 8 am EC Farmer's Market 4 pm Uinta Dr	15 Team Roping 8 am EC	16 Team Roping 8 am EC Stock Car Race 7 pm EC	17 Team Roping 8 am EC Stock Car Race 7 pm EC
18 Team Roping 8 am EC	19 Team Roping 8 am EC	20 Team Roping 8 am EC WWCC Dog Obe- dience classes 6	21 Team Roping 8 am EC	22 Team Roping 8 am EC	23 Team Roping 8 am EC	24 Team Roping 8 am EC
25 Team Roping 8 am EC	26 Team Roping 8 am EC	27 Team Roping 8 am EC WWCC Dog Obe- dience classes 6 pm EC Lunch and	28 Team Roping 8 am EC	29 Team Roping 8 am EC Fraud Preven- tion training 7:30 am GRPD	30 Team Roping 8 am EC	

Save the Date!



GREEN RIVER BUSINESS SHOWCASE AND SANTA PAWS

NOVEMBER 19, 2016

11 am - 3 pm

GR PAVILION

View insert to apply for a booth!

NO COST for members

Wilkins Peak - "Most popular mountain bike trails"

MOST POPULAR MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS UNITED STATES & CANADA 2016



Singletracks.com

Wilkins Peak in Green River was listed as the "Most Popular Mountain Bike Trail in Wyoming 2016" on Singletracks.com.

Each year Singletracks ranks the most popular mountain bike trails based on the number and quality of Singletracks members' reviews, along with the number of visits rid-

11 Days **March 14, 2017**

The Green River Chamber of Commerce presents

Spain and Portugal Highlights



Booking Discount*: \$3,895 pp double

***BOOKING DISCOUNT**

Make your Final Payment by check prior to the Final Payment Due Date & receive

Reserve your spot Today!

Highlights

- Lisbon City Tour
- Alfama Quarter
- Evora
- Seville City Tour
- Cathedral of Seville
- Granada City Tour
- Alhambra Palace & Generalife
- Toledo
- Toledo Cathedral
- Madrid City Tour
- Madrid Royal Palace
- High Speed Train Madrid to Barcelona
- Barcelona City Tour
- Leisure Day in Barcelona

Travel Night: Green River on September 13th at 5:30pm.

Call 875-5711 for a full itinerary and to reserve your spot!


Green River URA/Main Street Agency's

Trunk or Treat



Saturday, October 8th
11:00am to 1:00pm
Flaming Gorge Way

Games & Races
 Swamp Fishing
 Cake Walk
 Photo Booth
 Pumpkin Hunt

Costume Contests:
 Prizes for Cutest, Scariest, Pets, Family & Baby (1 year & Under)



For More Information
 Call Jennie at 307-872-6141
 or email jmelvin@cityofgreenriver.org

River Festival 2016 Overview

**Thank you to the 2016
River Festival Sponsors**



The 15th Annual River Festival was held on August 19th and 20th, 2016 with the majority of the events taking place on the historical Expedition Island. The event was held in conjunction with Art on the Green. Overall participation exceeded 3,000 participants from all over Wyoming and 28 different States. Friday night was chilly and windy but we still came close to selling out and we cooked over 900 pounds of shrimp. Over 125 people competed in the Run with the Horses Marathon. Beer sales were slower this year due to the winter like weather but sponsorships were up by over 15%! There were 14 Hand Craft Vendors, two food vendors, a shaved ice vendor, two bands, a Micro-Brew Garden, a Duck Race, and the Run with the Horses Marathon, a River Walk, Dog Fetching Competitions, a Dog Show, and a Car Show. There was plenty of entertainment for all ages! This year we added in a trout decorating contest. We sold wooden trout cutouts to local businesses and individuals. Each business decorated their fish and the participants at the River Festival had the chance to vote on their favorite decorated fish. The winner this year was Trona Valley Federal Credit Union, they did a fabulous job! There were over 245 votes for all the fish combined. Thank you to all who participated. This will definitely become a part of the festival for years to come. We would like to thank all of our volunteers and all of our sponsors for the 15th Annual River Festival; without them,

Gold Sponsors

- Hampton Inn
- Rocky Mountain Power
- Summit Physical & Sports Therapy
- Castle Rock Realty
- Wind River Hotel & Casino
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- Longhorn Construction, Inc.
- Western Wyoming Community College
- ExxonMobil - Shute Creek Facility
- UPS Store
- Solvay
- Weatherford
- Castle Rock Medical Center
- Tata Chemicals

Silver Sponsors

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- Green River Cable TV
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- Oak Tree Inn
- Sweetwater Technology Services, Inc
- Aflac/Tiffany Phillips
- HydraFab
- O'Reilly Auto Parts
- Union Cellular
- Donna Little-Kaumo
- Ohio Snap Photography
- Mission at Castle Rock
- Arctic Circle



Business Profile– Wyoming



Wyoming Financial Insurance was established in 1990 and currently has 11 locations throughout the state. We are a full line insurance agency offering insurance protection for Personal Lines, Commercial Lines, Life & Health, as well as Surety. WFI is 100% Wyoming owned and is the largest contract bonding agency in Wyoming.

Personal lines includes Homeowners, Renters, Automobile, Boat, ATV, RV, Motorcycle, and Personal Umbrella. Commercial consists of Contractors, Professional Services, Oil & Gas, Trucking, Restaurant, Auto Services, as well as many others. Surety includes Contract, Fidelity, Public Official, License & Permit, and Notary Bonds. We are an independent agency with carriers like Liberty Mutual, Safeco, Travelers, Nationwide, Foremost, MetLife, EMC, Progressive and many more.

We currently have two Personal Lines Producers in our Rock Springs office, Tanya Wolf-Zambai and Mary Taylor, with two Personal Lines Account Managers, Raquel Walker & Kris Adams. The Commercial Department also has two Producers, Jessica White & Rob Zotti, with their Account Manager Charlene Pflieger. Our knowledgeable staff has years of insurance experience and are dedicated to assisting our clients with all their needs and concerns. We have a very strong focus and dedication to educating staff through the National Alliance Program to keep up with the ever changing industry.

Red Carpet Award Nominations - "Promoting the Community"



Name: Rebecca Morrison

Business: Penny's Diner

Why: Rebecca is always smiling and extremely pleasant no matter how busy it is. When we go in she greets us by name (which is rare in most businesses) she knows what we drink and has it to our table immediately. I have seen Rebecca go out of her way to help people. Rebecca is an outstanding employee.

Nominated by: Terry Swanson

Name: Ursula Krentz

Business: Acute Hairstyles Salon

Why: She's an amazing, fun, and sweet person who really knows how to do her job.

Nominated by: Aubree Myers

Name: Alycia and Perry Rubeck

Business: Fish Bowl

Why: The Rubecks establishment is friendly and family oriented. They also hire and support students from Expedition Academy.

Nominated by: Shannon Brichacek

Name: Mike Frink

Business: Sweetwater Trophies

Why: I am new to the area and Mike's shop was referred to me by an employee at Joann's. He helped me so much with my framing needs by really thinking outside the box for me and then added finishing touch-



Sweetwater County Photo Contest

Congratulations to Bob Doak for winning our 2016 Sweetwater County Photo Contest! He was awarded \$100 and a trophy! His photo along with the others that won ribbons, will be

August Renewals 2016

Rocket Miner

2 Years

Green River Businesses see increase in sales and occupancy



Although the oil and gas industry may be down, businesses in Green River are still turning a profit despite the economy. Robert Berg, the manager at Arctic Circle, said Arctic Circle has seen a “phenomenal” summer. Mr. Berg said that the first four months of the year he was down 5% which he expected with the current economy. However, he has been able to turn that decrease into an increase in the last 3 months largely in part due to an influx in visitor traffic. Arctic Circle saw a better summer this year than even last year. Mr. Berg stated that he knows the increase is due to visitor traffic because he is seeing a lot of unfamiliar faces. Mr. Berg also commented about the amount of traffic increase he sees during events like Flaming Gorge Days and River Festival. He said he can always count on those weekends to be busier and he plans for extra staff during those times. Staci Ann Martin, owner of Staci Ann’s Café, said the summer was slower for her resultant but she has seen an increase in traffic in the last month and that overall the restaurant is doing well. Joe Martinez, Sales director for the Hampton Inn in Green River, said compared to the hotels comp set which includes a lot of the larger hotels in Rock Springs, Green River isn’t looking as bad. The comp set is seeing a 9.5% decrease year over year while the Green River Hampton is only down 4.5%. Mr. Martinez said this is in large part due to hotel rooms that were booked in July from Exxon Mobil. Exxon Mobil completed a large turnaround and a massive amount of out of state contractors stayed at the Hampton Inn. Mr. Martinez

New Members - Welcome!

FedEx Services

Debora Knezovich

2002 Sunset

Rock Springs, WY 82901

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Website: www.fedex.com

Chamber Board of Directors

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Tickets for Sale

Boys and Girls Club of Sweetwater County 5th annual benefit Concert
Sawyer Brown-Friday September 9th, 2016. Gates open at 6, concert starts at 7. Sweetwater Events Complex. \$40 before the event, \$45 at the gate. They are accepting Cash, Check and credit cards.

Dancing with The Stars

Sweetwater Family Resource Center -
Dancing with the Stars. Oct 8th
6:30pm \$40.00 per ticket. Takes place
at Santa Fe Trail Accepting check and
cash

★★★ Political Forums ★★★

The Green River City Council political forum will be held on September 29th from 6pm to 8pm at Green River City Hall Council Chambers. The forum will be televised but the public is welcome to attend. If time allows, the audience can present questions to be asked. All questions must follow the guidelines. The Sweetwater County School District #2 School Board forum will be held on September 28th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Green River Council Chambers in City Hall. This forum will also

September Lunch and Learn

Join us for our September State of the City Luncheon held on **Tuesday the 27th** at noon at the Hampton Inn in Green River. The Hampton Inn will be catering, please RSVP by Friday, September 23rd by 10:00 AM. We will hear from Reed Clevenger, Green River City Administrator.

State of the City



We do ask that you **RSVP for each Luncheon to the Green River**

Chamber at 307-875-5711 or email admin@grchamber.com or office@grchamber.com by **Friday, September 23rd by 10:00 AM**. You may also RSVP directly from our Website at www.grchamber.com/pages/LunchLearn. If you know by Friday, September 23rd that you will not be able to attend, please let us know and you will not be invoiced. The Luncheon will be \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members.

July Red Carpet Award

Mike Frink won July's Red Carpet Award. He was nominated by Madeleine Haushaw.

Madeleine had this to say about Mike, "I am new to the area and Mike's shop was referred to me by an employee at Joann's. He helped me so much with my framing needs by really thinking outside the box for me and then added finishing touches that made a big difference! He also welcomed me to the area, gave me a little local history, and gave me some local business recommendations for other needs which I wouldn't have tried otherwise!"

Mike Frink was presented a \$25 Gift Certificate, Red Carpet Pin, as well as other advertisement.

Pictured : Mike Frink accepting his award from Board