

# **ACCREDITATION EVIDENCE**

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### **Outreach Responses to HLC :**

#### John Anderson: Sublette BOCES

We have started a speaker's series and it has been built around two University of Wyoming series. We participate in the Saturday U program and typically bring it twice a year. We also have an arrangement with the Berry Center and bring young researchers to do a Science Cafe twice a year. In addition, we have brought in speakers from the local area or those with local ties. We had a special evening with the Skinner Brothers and showed some film of their adventure camp (they pioneered what NOLS copied), and had roughly 165 people attend. We have also brought in Dr. Bob Smith to talk about the Yellowstone Volcano and Dr. Todd Surovell to talk about living in Mongolia. Typically, our events have about 60-70 attend and we are pleased with them.

BEEP is our early childhood program (BOCES Early Education Program = BEEP). We provide infant through Pre-K for the district's teachers and community members. BEEP is one of five centers in the community and we have woven that network together to the point where the district joined the Hot Springs County Early Childhood BOCES so they could hire an Early Learning Liaison (ELL). We support that position and give her one of our rooms as well as support with grant writing and her efforts to make sure every child in the community is Kindergarten ready.

The Discovery Camp is a long tradition that takes Middle School children into the mountains to explore science, art and technology. Alongside that program, we also run an after school program that serves families with elementary-age children, and it is STEAM based. In essence, both programs are based on STEAM.

#### **Angie Clifford: Big Piney**

We sponsor the local hunter safety course and then we put on some adult woods and welding courses that can be quite popular. We were trying to do some personal finance stuff but weren't getting the participation and then when everything got shut down, we had to cancel anyway.

#### Please see attachments

#### **Bridget Stewart: Kemmerer**

The Oyster Ridge BOCES strives to help the community grow and learn. The Oyster Ridge BOCES puts a Career Fair on for the Kemmerer High School/ New Frontier High School Students. This is a great event that brings in many different people from the surrounding communities to enlighten our students on the many different careers out there. We facilitate this event every other year and in the opposite year we provide the REALITY Town. This event is where our students get the opportunity to get a taste of what it is like to get a paycheck once a month and pay rent and utilities and make life choices. Students learn a great deal from this opportunity. We bring in professionals that volunteer to help the students through this process of buying cars, and having enough insurance, and having to pay for a surprise hospital visit. Reality town is a wonderful event that everyone loves to participate in. In addition to the previous

two events, the Oyster Ridge BOCES also organizes the high school business class mock interviews by inviting community professionals to participate in interviewing the high school students.

The Oyster Ridge BOCES offers a variety of classes throughout the year. We have started a new series of Take & Quake which is educational science experiments that we can offer in person or they can do at home via zoom. We offer a Safe-Sitter class, CPR classes, Excel Classes, Concealed Weapons, seasonal craft classes, Fly Tying and Fly-Fishing Classes, Gymnastics, and many other community education classes.

In addition to community outreach classes Oyster Ridge BOCES also offers personal career development services, college advising, proctoring, and continued educational support for students of all ages. This includes our ABE and Hi-set program as well as assistance for our students taking college classes. BOCES also helps lead the local Interact youth service group and aids area organizations with projects when requested.

#### https://www.kemmereroutreach.com/

#### Jennifer Moore: Rawlins

CCHEC hosts political forums every two years for both the primary and general elections to help the public stay informed on the candidates and issues. Since Covid, we have had to do this year's forums as Facebook Live only events that have been moderated by staff members, but in 2018 and 2016, we facilitated having student moderators for the forums and did them as in person and Facebook Live events. I am attaching a few photos of political candidates from 2018 and 2016 with the student moderators and a photo of CCHEC staff with Rep. Liz Cheney and former Vice President Dick Cheney at one of our forums. I am also attaching a couple of flyers about these events.

Last year, we partnered with the Carbon County Prevention Network to host a Community Call to Action Series, which featured expert speakers on topics such as the Neurobiology of Addition, Addiction & Recovery in Wyoming, Knowing Your Rights, Health and Human Services, and the Wyoming Safe2Tell program. We hosted these as in person events that were also streamed via Facebook Live. I am attaching a couple of flyers for these events.

In 2018, we also helped to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rawlins Territory through several educational events, but the one that stands out and was the most popular was hosting a tour of the town of Carbon. I am attaching a flyer and a few photos for that.

We also do host art shows regularly, both with local artists, including students, and with traveling art from the University of Wyoming and the Wyoming State Art Museum.