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PRESS RELEASE

The Evolution of the Campbell County Chamber of Commerce

The Campbell County Chamber of Commerce was established in 1956 by a like-minded group of businessmen, including D.A. "Kelly" Swenson. They formed the Chamber to be able to provide a unified voice for business – to do together what couldn't be done alone.

The Chamber office has been in downtown Gillette since inception. Their first home was in an old frame building in the approximate location of Sole Mates at 211 S. Gillette Ave. Their second location was in the Stockman's Café building. In 1966, the Chamber put a downpayment on the current building at 314 S. Gillette Ave.

The Chamber's board of directors realized many years ago that the Chamber was outgrowing the space at 314 S. Gillette Ave. The search for a new office space spanned at least the last 20 years. Money was set aside as it was available and designated as a "building fund". Consideration was given to remodeling and adding on to the office, but the cost was prohibitive.

Many different options were considered over the years, none of which panned out. Recently, a new office space was identified. Debates and discussions were had, pros and cons of moving discussed, and finally a decision was made.

The Chamber is relocating to 409 W. 2nd Street in November of 2023. The new office space is much larger which will allow the Chamber to expand services offered and provide more value to its members and the community. The board and staff are excited to make this move and will continue to be a part of the downtown community while being more visible and easier to access.

In June of 2020, the Campbell County Convention and Visitors Bureau moved into the Chamber office. The two entities co-located in the same building but remained separate entities. The CVB will remain at 314 S. Gillette Ave. to continue to provide great service to our visitors and community members. They will also have more space and will be able to provide more services in the future. The Gillette Main Street organization will join the CVB and will be better able to serve the downtown merchants in a more visible location.

We invite you to stop in at our new office at 409 W. 2nd St. and take a tour of the space!

** The move will take place during the week of November 6. We ask for your patience as we get settled.*

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Chamber Mission:

*Promote * Educate * Advocate*

The Campbell County Chamber of Commerce promotes the growth of commerce, serves as a business advocate, fosters the development of new leaders, and provides programs and services related to the critical needs of its membership.