

## "What's Up Downtown"

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### Downtown Business Notices & Specials

#### The Bead Shop Wishes its Customers a Wonderful 2009!

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Dear Kim

Happy New Year Laramie! There's a lot going on downtown this month -- please read on and mark your calendars. Also be sure to check out our website at [www.laramiemainstreet.org](http://www.laramiemainstreet.org).

Thank you for subscribing to the monthly Laramie Main Street Program e-newsletter -- as always, please call (742-2212) or email ([mainstreet@laramiewy.org](mailto:mainstreet@laramiewy.org)) if you have news for the February newsletter.

### Happy 2009 Laramie!

It has truly been an eventful 2008 for the Laramie Main Street Program. We would like to thank all the many volunteers and donors who have helped turn our program into such a success. During 2008, we successfully ran an Upstairs-Downtown Tour, laid the ground work for a community plaza and the lighting of the Garfield Street Footbridge, assisted the DLBA and LEDC with many endeavors to enhance the vitality of downtown Laramie and have promoted and informed the downtown area to the general public.

While much has been accomplished, there is a good deal of work to be done in 2009. With your help in 2009 we will: create a landscaped public plaza in downtown Laramie, install lighting on the historic Garfield Street Footbridge, advocate for a transit system linking downtown Laramie to destinations throughout the city, continue to host downtown events that serve the entire community, be a clearinghouse of information about downtown Laramie for residents and visitors, promote the re-use of upper floors, and most of all strengthen relationships throughout our community.

Our goals are lofty, but with your support they can be accomplished for the improvement of all Laramie and Wyoming. Please visit our website at

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### Grand Avenue Pizza

Grand Ave Pizza and Bistro is delivering from 11:30am-1:30pm and 5-9pm. Also beginning January 6th we are having a lunch buffet from 11:30am-1:30pm featuring pizza, pasta, salad, garlic bread and soup.

Please visit our website at [www.grandavenuepizza.com](http://www.grandavenuepizza.com) for a complete menu.  
 Phone 721-2909

### Cowgirl Yarn Offers Classes

Cowgirl Yarn will have new classes starting the week of January 27th. Classes will be posted on the web soon.

Cowgirl Yarn, formerly In Sheep's Clothing  
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[info@cowgirlyarn.com](mailto:info@cowgirlyarn.com)

[www.laramiemainstreet.org](http://www.laramiemainstreet.org) to learn more about how you can help revitalize and strengthen YOUR downtown!

### Laramie Main Street Searching for Qualified, Permanent Executive Director

We here at Laramie Main Street have experienced a good deal of change with the new year. Our previous executive director has left, leaving a large hole to fill. All of us at Laramie Main Street wish former director Cara Griffin the very best in all her future endeavors and send a hearty thank you for all her hard work.

Due to the vacancy, Laramie Main Street is pushing ahead and continuing to labor on the behalf of downtown Laramie. We are currently searching for a permanent executive director with experience and the desire to help preserve Laramie's greatest treasure, our downtown. In the meantime, Jo Korpitz will be acting as interim director for Laramie Main Street. Jo is currently serving as the Vice-chair of the Streetscape Committee here in Laramie. She has previously served as the Vice Chair on the Laramie Main Street Board and as the President and Treasurer of the DLBA. We are very excited to work with Jo and know that her passion for enhancing our downtown will only make Main Street stronger. Here's looking forward to an eventful 2009!

### Letter from the Board Chair

"The Laramie Main Street Program's director, as the organization's sole paid staff person, plays a key role in what Main Street can get accomplished. Our director coordinates the work of 45 volunteers, manages all administrative aspects of our program, and serves as the point of contact for the organization.

Because of the work of Jane Daniels and of Cara Griffin, we've gotten a lot done in our first three years. Cara Griffin has recently submitted her resignation, effective at the end of December.

As always, leadership of the program still resides with the Board and we will continue to set the program's course. While staff turnover can be a challenge for any organization, challenges can also present opportunities for growth. I am confident that this will be an opportunity to reexamine and reaffirm the program's direction and the dedication of our volunteer Board and Committee members.

Jerry Schmidt  
 Board Chair"

For a position description and information on how to apply, visit [www.laramiemainstreet.org](http://www.laramiemainstreet.org).

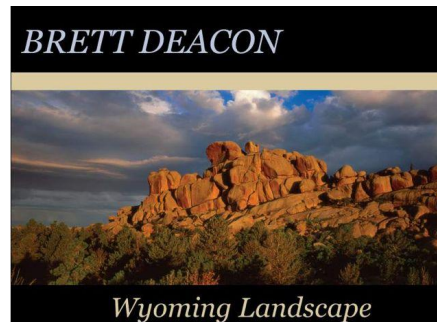
### KEAG Gallery Exhibits Local Artist's Work

"KEAG Gallery is excited to exhibit the work of photographer, Brett Deacon. Opening reception for his collection Wyoming Landscape is Friday, January 9th from 6 to 8 pm. His show, entitled Wyoming Landscape, will be on display through February 3rd.

A Laramie resident, Brett captures images of the natural world from the red rock formations of Vedauwoo to the alpine lakes of the Snowy Range. He hopes his work imparts one with a "sense of wonder, respect, and stewardship for our country's wild places." Brett is contributing a portion of all proceeds to the Biodiversity Conservation Alliance."

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