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Laramie Main Street finds director[Print Page](#)**By Boomerang Staff**

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Laramie Main Street will have a new director beginning this spring.

Kim Skidmore from Starke, Fla., will begin on March 5. Skidmore initiated and ran a Main Street Program for approximately four years in Starke, and visited Laramie last week.

She "was very much taken with our downtown and greater community," interim Main Street Director Jo Korpitz said in an e-mail. "She is an avid skier and looks forward to spending her off time in the outdoors."

Skidmore is one of only 200 certified Main Street Directors in the nation, Korpitz said.

Main Street projects include plans for a downtown community plaza at the corner of Grand Avenue and First Street. Russell Mills Studios, the landscape architectural firm designing the plaza, presented the final plan for the plaza at both a special Main Street board meeting and a city council work session on Oct 28.

According to www.laramiemainstreet.org, the Main Street program is a nationwide program that works to revitalize historic downtowns. The National Trust for Historic Preservation created the Main Street program in 1977 in reaction to economic decline and threats to traditional architecture in core commercial districts. Laramie became a pilot community of the Wyoming Main Street program in January 2005, and in June 2005, the Laramie Main Street program was formed. It follows the national approach.

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