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Quarterly Meeting Focused on Major Economic Driver

What creates more than \$417 million of economic impact each and every year in our community? If you know the answer then you may have read the latest CMU Regional Impact Study. Colorado Mesa University with its 9,500 students, a payroll of \$43 million and local spending on goods and services of \$34 million is an economic powerhouse in addition to a partner with businesses in preparing our future workforce.

Tim Foster, President of Colorado Mesa University will keynote the Chamber's June Quarterly Membership Meeting June 19th, 12:00 PM at Grand Vista, **Hotel.** The University is celebrating its 92nd year of existence this year.

Expanding businesses will also be recognized at this event so if you have made a capital investment and/or added employees in the last twelve months please let us know by emailing info@gjchamber.org). We will present you with an award and buy you lunch in appreciation for what you are doing to grow our local economy.

Thank you to event sponsor: **Conquest Development, LLC**





Reservations for the luncheon can be online at www.gjchamber.org or by calling 970-242-3214. Advanced registration is \$18 for GJACC members or \$23 at the door if space is available.









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Chairman's Column

Jeffrey Hurd 2017 Chairman of the Board

Business Takes Center Stage in May

In the span of just four weeks in May we have the opportunity to recognize the local impacts of small businesses, the critical role of economic development, and the multiple benefits of hosting the best sporting event in baseball right here in the Grand Valley. To use a horse racing metaphor (yes, we get the Kentucky Derby also this month) I'd call that a "Triple Crown" and a big win for all of us.

Our local business community is predominantly small businesses. Here at the Chamber approximately 80% of our members have ten or fewer employees. In the Grand Junction urban area, we have about 8,700 business establishments (defined as a single physical location) according to the online website, Your Economy, and 30% of all of our jobs are in establishments with nine employees or less. For 54 years, the Small Business Administration has been leading a celebration of the huge collective impact of small businesses, and the Chamber plans several activities to celebrate the small businesses during this week. We hope you will join us.

A year ago, the Chamber, GJEP, and the Business Incubator commemorated economic developers' week with a press conference to drawattention to a historic memorandum of understanding that the entities had signed. It spelled out clearly the leadership role of the Business Incubator in business creation, the leadership role of the Chamber in business retention and expansion, and the leadership role of the Grand Junction Economic Partnership in business recruitment. Equally important was



the pledge that each entity would support their partners in all of these activities aimed at strengthening the economy. On behalf of the Chamber I want our community to know that we remain committed to that MOU and to working collaboratively with all of our economic development partners to help grow our economy.

JUCO is celebrating 60 years of baseball, but we all know that JUCO is about much more than baseball! This event brings our community closer together, creates as terrific sense of pride, and offers an economic boost from visitor spending. This year, with the help of sponsor Home Loan, we are offering businesses kits to help them show their support for the event and welcome our out-of-town players, families, fans and coaches.

Springtime is usually a time for rebirth and optimism about the future. These celebrations of small businesses, economic developers, and JUCO give us hope for a prosperous future and that alone is reason to join in the celebrations.

Member Appreciation BBQ May 12th

Without members, the Chamber does not exist. It is the 850 businesses, employing over 37,000 people that give our organization the opportunity to be the business voice and promote economic growth in the Grand Valley. On May 12th, between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM, we want to pause and say "Thank You!" with a casual picnic luncheon in your honor. The Chamber staff will be serving up hot dogs with fixings and side dishes. We urge all members to stop by and spend the noon hour with us.

And, while the luncheon is just one day, please know that we appreciate your support each and every day. Members ARE the Chamber.





2017 Legislative Trip Participants

Legislative Wrap Up Features Lawmakers and More

The Chamber's Annual Legislative Wrap Up, sponsored by Home Loan/Nationwide is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **May 23rd**, **7:30 AM at the Clarion Inn**. Local lawmakers have been invited to attend and share their thoughts on how bills passed this session may impact businesses.

Chamber members on the Governmental Affairs
Committee have taken positions as of press time on 39
pieces of legislation affecting businesses. Among the
bills the Chamber has supported are several that seek
to lower the regulatory burden on small businesses.
Additionally, the Chamber has opposed several measures
that make it more difficult for employers to screen and
hire individuals. A complete list of all positions taken
and the outcomes of those bills will also be distributed at
the breakfast.

Advanced registration \$15 for GJACC members or \$20 at the door and reservations can be made online at www.gjchamber.org or by calling 970-242-3214.

YEA! Saunders Scholar Selected

Autumn Henderson, CEO of In A Pinch Products is the Grand Junction Area Chamber Saunders's Scholar for 2017. She and her mother will be attending the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) Semi-Final Competition in Rochester, NY the first week in May to compete for up to \$50,000 of scholarship funding. Autumn is a freshman in high school, who is homeschooled. She gives 100% in things that she believes in, and is a hard worker which was evident in her business plan and presentation. She is active in her church, and volunteers at community events, through her mom's place of employment. Her product consists of a compact bag filled with emergency supplies for women that retails for \$15.00. It can also be customized at a cost of \$20 and her goal is to sell 45 pouches in 2017 and have the product available in two stores locally. Looking ahead the company hopes to expand into a men's pouch and even a pet's pouch.

In looking back on her journey through YEA! the budding CEO commented, "My YEA! experience has been great. When I first went in I was just thinking that all I would have to do is just tell some people what my ideas are and then I would be in a business. There is a lot of work that needs to be done, but if you are really passionate about your idea and business you will make it through the hard part (aka the business plan writing). This is the best thing I have ever done in my life." In addition to being named a Saunders's Scholar, Autumn secured \$1,100 of start-up funding from an Investor Panel composed of sponsors of the YEA! program locally.

Other individuals that pitched their startup companies and received funding from the Investor Panel included:

Raleigh Abbott, high school junior (Home School) Abbott Company

Wendy Espinoza, high school junior (Central) Foggles

Autumn Green, high school sophomore (Central) Green Stream

Makayla Martinez, high school senior (GJHS) Rover Sentinel

Jaxon Monroe, high school freshman (Grande River) Urban Nature Products

Zachary Smith, sixth grader (Home schooled) ZacPacs

Kearstyn Williams, high school junior (Central) Bats for Life



Investors Panel with Saunders Scholar Autumn Henderson

The Investor Panel was composed of:

Amanda McCain, Bank of Colorado
Debbie Salcedo, Capco
Dennis Derrieux, Home Loan Insurance
Jerome Gonzales, JG Management Systems
Matt Diers, School District 51
Curtis Englehart, Mesa County Workforce Center
Brandi Pollock, Fisher's Markets
Ben Sawyer, StarTek USA
Jon Labrum, OBJ Group
Randall Cupp, US Bank
Dean VanWinkle, VanWinkle Enterprises
Tara Bunnell, Mesa County Business Education
Foundation

Kitchen Remodel

The Chamber building was completed in 1984 and the kitchen area which gets daily use has never been updated . . . until now!

Thanks to the following Chamber members our kitchen no longer has an "antique" feel.

FCI Constructors
Good Shepherd Flooring
ProRooter
Sunshine Painting
Sutherlands
Appliance Service and Parts

We are loving the new look, Thank you all.



Leadership Class Applications Due the end of May

Anyone interested in participating in the next Mesa County Leadership Class which begins in early September is urged to submit their applications soon. The deadline is May 31st and the class is limited to 20 individuals.

Those chosen for the class will spend about one day a month in various community settings learning about what makes the community "tick" and how various sectors interact and affect other sectors. Also, included in the program is an overnight leadership retreat and attendance at the Chamber's two-day Grand Junction trip to the state capitol in late February.

View more information or complete an application online at www.gjchamber.org. The cost is \$1,050 for the entire session including overnight trips.



Water in the West



Education Day

Mark Your Calendar ~ Details & Registration online at gjchamber.org

MAY 2 | 7:00 AM Legislative Videoconference GJACC Conference Room Advance Registration

Advance Registration Requested. No cost for GJACC members.

MAY 3 | 7:30 AM

Sunrise Seminar: "Drive By" ADA Litigation, What it Means for Your Business

GJACC Conference Room

Advance Registration Requested. No cost for GJACC members.

MAY 4 | 6:30 AM YPN Before Hours

Pufferbelly Restaurant

Register online at ypnmesacounty.org

MAY 9 | 7:30 AM

CMU Community Partnership Initiative 2017

Colorado Mesa University

Advance Registration Requested. No cost to attend.

MAY 12 | 11:00 AM Chamber Member

Appreciation BBQ GJACC Parking Lot

No cost to attend.

MAY 17 12:00 Noon

Networking@Noon

Golden Corral

Advance Registration Required: \$18 for GJACC members.

MAY 17 | 2 - 4 PM

Mesa County Libraries Business Connect

GJACC Conference Room

Advance Registration
Requested. No cost for GJACC

MAY 23 | 7:30 AM

Legislative Wrap-up Breakfast

Clarion Inn

Advance Registration: \$15 for GJACC members.

MAY 23 | 5:30 PM

Business After Hours

Colorado E Bikes

Advance Registration: \$10 for GJACC members.

MAY 27 - JUN 3

NJCAA Junior College Baseball World Series - JUCO jucogj.org

JUN 7 | 7:00 AM

YPN Before Hours

Spoons Bistro & Bakery

Register online at ypnmesacounty.org

JUN 7 | 7:30 AM

Sunrise Seminar: Marketing For Success"

GJACC Conference Room

Advance Registration Requested. No cost for GJACC members.

JUN 8 | 12:00 Noon

Mesa County Leadership Class Graduation

Location: TBD

Advance Registration Requested

JUN 19 | 12:00 Noon

Quarterly Membership Luncheon: CMU Economic

Driver

Grand Vista Hotel

Advance Registration Required: \$18 for GJACC members.

JUN 21 | 12:00 Noon

Networking@Noon

Buffalo Wild Wings

Advance Registration Required: \$18 for GJACC members.

JUN 21 | 2 - 4 PM

Mesa County Libraries
Business Connect

GJACC Conference Room

Advance Registration
Requested. No cost for GJACC

JUN 27 | 5:30 PM

Business After Hours

DoubleTree by Hilton

Advance Registration: \$10 for GJACC members.

JUL 21 | 12:00 Noon

Networking@Noon

Community Hospital

Advance Registration Required: \$18 for GJACC members.

JUL 21 | 2 - 4 PM

Mesa County Libraries
Business Connect

GJACC Conference Room

Advance Registration
Requested. No cost for GJACC

JUL 25 | 5:30 PM

Business After Hours

Sooper Credit Union

Advance Registration: \$10 for GJACC members.

SAVE THE DATES:

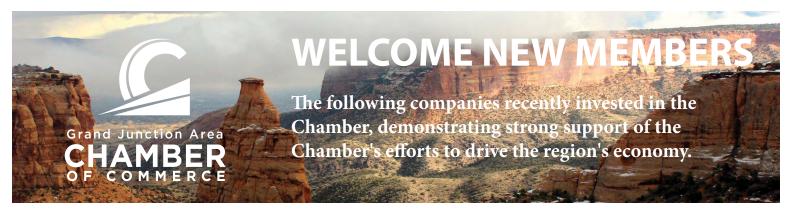
SFP 29

Chamber Golf Tournament

OCT 31

Business Showcase

GJACC Events	Registration Form: May, Ju	ne & July 2017		
☐ Videoconference - 5/2/17	☐ Business After Hours - 5/23/17	☐ Business After Hours - 6/27/17		
☐ Sunrise Seminar - 5/3/17	☐ Sunrise Seminar - 6/7/17	■ Networking@Noon - 7/21/17		
☐ CMU Initiative - 5/9/17	Leadership Graduation - 6/8/17	■ Business Connect -7/21/17		
■ Member BBQ - 5/12/17	☐ Quarterly Lunch - 6/19/17	☐ Business After Hours - 7/25/17		
■ Networking@Noon - 5/17/17	■ Networking@Noon - 6/21/17			
■ Business Connect - 5/17/17	☐ Business Connect -6/21/17			
☐ Legislative Wrap-up - 5/23/17				
Company Name:	Contact Person:			
Attending (Names):				
Phone:	Fax:	Email:		
Payment Method: Bill my Chamber Account Check Enclosed				
☐ Charge my MC/VISA/Discover/	Exp Date			
Security Code	Authorized Signature:			



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2017 Ribbon Cuttings

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RECENT RIBBON CUTTINGS



Brick & Mortar Mercantile 510 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501 (970) 985-4244 - **New Business** *Retail*



Flower Extraordinaire (970) 216-6764 - New Business Florist



Rib City Grill 2830 North Aveue, Grand Junction, CO 81501 (970) 255-7330 - **Business Expansion** *Restaurants*



Vivax Pros 591 25 Road, Grand Junction, CO 81505 (970) 216-2330 - New Location Painting Contractors



JOIN US FOR THE NEXT NETWORKING@NOON Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Hosted by

Golden Corral 1100 Independent Avenue



\$18 for GJACC Members

Advanced Reservations Required (Space is Limited)

Contact Trisha today for more information or to reserve your seat!

Trisha@gjchamber.org or 970-263-2912

YEA! Sponsors and Volunteers Feted

The fourth class of the Chamber's Young Entrepreneurs Academy will graduate on May 9th, 6:00 PM at Chez Lena, at WCCC and members are invited to attend and cheer on these newly minted small business owners aged 11 to 18. None of this would have been possible without the tremendous outpouring of support from the business community that took many forms in 2016 -2017.

It is time to officially recognize these organizations and individuals that have made that possible. Our sincere thanks and appreciation goes out to:

Partner Organizations:

- Mesa County Valley School District 51
- Western Colorado Community College
- Business Incubator Center
- Mesa County Workforce Center
- Courtyard Marriott/Residence Inn
- Grand Valley Transit

Major Sponsors:

- City of Grand Junction
- Home Loan and Investment
- JGMS
- Mesa County Workforce Center

Supporting Sponsors:

- Capco
- Mesa County Business Education Foundation
- US Bank
- Chick-fil-A
- Alpine Bank
- Fisher's Markets
- Bank of Colorado
- Mesa County Valley School District 51
- Community Banks of Colorado
- OBJ Group
- StarTek USA
- VanWinkle Enterprises

Instructors and Mentors:

- Christian Herrera, (Instructor), X106.9 FM
- Heather Lambeth, (Instructor), New Image Realty
- Steve Hudson, (Instructor), Office Max
- Ashlie Zimmerman, (Lead Mentor), PeopleCare
- Meredith Cromer-Agbande, (Mentor), Colorado Mesa University
- Sherri Davis-Hafer, (Mentor)
- Ann Hartter, (Mentor), Hartter Education, LLC
- Ed Hokanson, (Mentor), First Colorado Corp.
- Pat Howery, (Mentor), Colo. West Otolaryngologists
- Kelly Johnston, (Mentor), Autopaychecks, Inc.



2017 YEA! Students Participate In Investors Panel

- Kim Last, (Mentor), Kimberley A Last Financial Serv.
- Trisha Martinez, (Mentor), GJ Area Chamber of Commerce
- Stephanie Motter, (Mentor), Monument Health
- Amanda Nicksic, (Mentor), Colorado Mesa University
- Chris Riley, (Mentor), Office Depot

Graphic Designers, Website Developers, Guest Speakers, and Field Trip Hosts:

- Cranium 360
- Cobb Marketing
- Rayne Creative
- Inspeyered
- Dalby, Wendland & Co.
- Kain & Burke, PC
- Reynolds Polymer
- Chick-fil-A
- The Salon Professional Academy
- ANB Bank
- Super Bird Creations
- State Farm Insurance
- Decadence Gourmet
- Capital Business Systems
- Home Loan Insurance
- No Coast Sushi
- Cold Stone Creamery
- Hammerhead Paint Services
- Business Incubator Center

The recruitment process for sponsors and students for the next class starting this fall has begun. If you are interested in helping support this program or recommending a student for the next class, contact Terri for more information. The new student application form is now available online at www.gjchamber.org.

On a final note, our Saunders Scholar Autumn Henderson, will be competing in the semi-final competition in New York State on May 5th and we wish her all the best. We know she will represent our program well and be a strong contender in the competition.

We Are Floating Across The Valley In Honor Of Small Business Week

April 30-May 6, 2017 is Small Business Week, this is a time to celebrate and support small business and the impact that they have on our communities, partnering with the Business Incubator, Downtown Development Authority, Palisade and Fruita Chambers of Commerce we will be "Floating Across the Valley". May 1st and 2nd we will be at the following locations giving away free root beer floats furnished by Gelato Junction. All of these locations are in the heart of small business districts, our hope is that you will join us for a free float and great giveaways then visit the small businesses that are in the area.



- Monday, May 1, 11:30 am 1:00 pm
 Business Incubator Center, 2591 Legacy Way
- Monday, May 1, 2:30 pm 4:00 pm
 Palisade Plaza at the corner of 3rd and Main, Palisade
- Tuesday, May 2, 11:30 am 1:00 pm at the Corner of 5th and Main Street, Downtown Grand Junction
- Tuesday, May 2, 2:30 pm 4:00 pm 130 East Aspen Avenue, Fruita





Office Space Available at the Chamber

A long-term tenant of the Chamber is leaving the end of May and the organization now has a total of 1840 s.f. of office space available for rent. This space is on the second floor of the building which also boasts gigabyte service. For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Diane at the Chamber office (970-263-2915 direct line or diane@gichamber.org).

High School Students Can Job Shadow In June

High School students looking for a Career Exploration Opportunity can take part in the Hire Me First class offered at Western Colorado Community College, starting on June 5, 2017.

Designed to take students on a journey of career exploration, workplace skill development and job place immersion that will put them first when it comes to applying with an employer. It is one thing to get a job, it is another thing to keep that job and excel in the work environment. Learn what it takes to be successful at work. Students today will need special, important skills to be successful in the 21st century. Are you prepared to cultivate these skills and step into your own unique role of leadership? Students may receive up to three high school elective credits for WorkKeys Assessments (with a higher level score).

Class is offered from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, from June 5 – June 23, 2017. Register online at wcc.coloradomesa.edu/cec or call 970-255-2800.

The Smart Choice

We are excited to announce the launch of a new health insurance plan for small employers in the Grand Valley.

You have seen University of Utah Health and Community Hospital collaborate on quality clinical care. Find out more about what we are doing for small businesses in our community!

TO LEARN MORE, CONTACT:

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VP of Business Development
Community Hospital
970-644-3016 | tespinoza@gjhosp.org







Get Into the "SPIRIT", it's Time to Celebrate JUCO!

The Chamber and Home Loan/Nationwide are excited to be promoting "JUCO Spirit Week" and hope you and your business will join in the festivities! This national tournament that has been bringing visitors and dollars from across the country to our community for 60 years and it's important that the business community shows support! We are seeking "business boosters" that are willing to display Welcome to JUCO signage in their stores, and share the JUCO "spirit" with their customers on this, the 60th anniversary of the tournament. Packets will be assembled with free materials that you can utilize to be a more visible supporter. All you have to do is "say yes" to being a business booster of the best college baseball tournament on the planet. If you are willing to be part of this "home run" for all of us, contact Candace at the Chamber office, 970-263-2919 and we will make sure you get a packet and instructions on how to be a player in this effort.



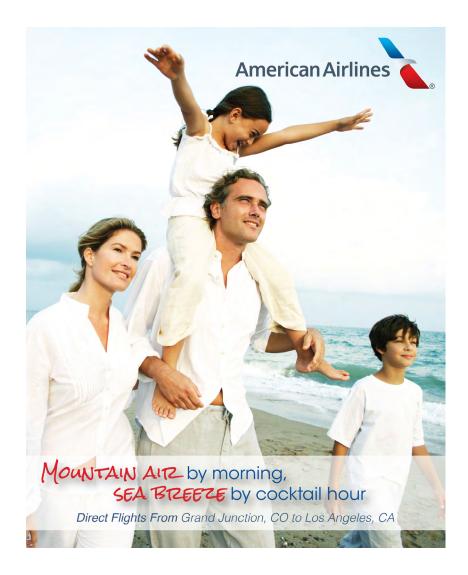
Sunrise Seminar to Focus on ADA Compliance and Litigation

On Wednesday, May 3rd the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a panel of experts from various Chamber Member Businesses to discuss ADA compliance, as well as the mass filings of ADA litigation, and what they mean for your business. The seminar will start at 7:30 AM, at the Chamber office. Contact Candace at or 970-263-2919 for more information.

Economic Development Partners Kick Off Week-Long Celebration in May!

The Grand Valley region celebrates Economic Development Week May 8-13. Economic Development Week was created by The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) in commemoration of its 90-year anniversary as the largest professional membership organization for economic developers.

Economic developers are charged with generating economic growth, creating better jobs for residents and facilitating an improved quality of life. The goal of Economic Development Week (EDW) is to increase awareness for local programs that create jobs, advance career development opportunities and increase the quality of life. The Grand Junction Area ED Partners will once again band together to promote and host events during the week to feature businesses and how important Economic Development is to Colorado's Grand Valley. The schedule of activities for the week will be available soon.





Business Barometer

March 2017

A gauge of Grand Junction's economic indicators published by the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce.

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Sales Tax Revenue Collections				
March	2017	2016	% Change	
City of Grand Junction	\$2,927,365	\$2,947,129	-0.7%	
Total YTD	\$10.301.111	\$10.356.177	-0.5%	

Source: City of Grand Junction

MESA COUNTY Building Permits Issued				
March	2017	Total Value	2016	Total Value
New Single Family Residence	39	\$9,325,175	38	\$9,589,341
New Commercial	0	\$0	0	\$0
Other	317	\$8,006,761	275	\$20,144,220
Totals	356	\$17,391,936	313	\$29,733,561
YTD Totals	828	\$50,111,817	710	\$54,813,715

Source: Mesa County Building Department

MLS Statistics - Quarterly				
4th Quarter	2016	2015		
Total Sold	1217	1055		
Dollar Volume	\$277,585,177	\$231,204,945		
Total Sold YTD	3783	3418		
Dollar Volume YTD	\$868,412,103	\$742,947,444		

Source: Grand Junction Area Realtor Association

Hotel/Motel Occupancy			
March	2017	2016	
Occupancy Rate	54.3%	55.6%	
Average Daily Room Rate	\$74.13	\$75.46	

Source: Grand Junction Visitor and Convention Bureau

*Please Note: Starting January 2017, the Hotel/ Motel Occupancy statistics are
calculated using a larger sample of the market and will compare differently to previous years

G J Regional Airport			
March	2017	2016	
Enplaned Passengers	19,540	18,023	
Deplaned Airfreight	660,118	347,511	
Enplaned YTD Passengers	52,914	49,267	
Deplaned YTD Airfreight	1,711,791	994,459	

Source: Grand Junction Regional Airport

YTD Mesa County Foreclosures			
March	2017	2016	2015
Foreclosure Filings	50	52	55
Foreclosure Sales	25	33	17

Source: Mesa County Public Trustee

Labor Market Statistics			
March	2017	2016	
Civilian Labor Force	71,232	72,629	
Total Employment	68,518	68,356	
Total Unemployment	2,714	4,273	
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	5.9%	

Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

2017 Chairman Circle Members

Alpine Bank
ANB Bank
Bank of Colorado
Community Hospital
FCI Constructors, Inc.
Grand Junction City
Government

Holiday Inn & Suites
- Grand Junction
Airport

Rocky Mountain Health Plans

> St. Mary's Hospital & Regional Medical Center, Inc. US Bank Wells Fargo Bank



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MISSION:

"The Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce will represent business and promote economic growth."

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- A Healthy Business Climate Creates A Sustainable Community
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