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Building a Stronger Economy in 2017!

As the calendar and Chamber year come to a close in the next 30 days, it is time for a look back at how this Chamber advocated for business and a stronger local economy in 2017. Shown below are some of the notable accomplishments the organization was able to achieve with your help.

- Over 110 local businesses had direct contact from our business retention/expansion specialist with twelve of them receiving follow up assistance that led to the creation of over 250 jobs.
- Workforce Development efforts in collaboration with the Mesa County Workforce Center, School District 51 and Western Colorado Community College helped 40 unemployed young adults find business internships through KickStart, eight individuals land apprenticeships with area industries through Job Connects, nine middle and high school students start their own businesses through the Young Entrepreneurs Academy and Mesa County gain accreditation by ACT as the first Workforce Ready Community in the state of Colorado.
- Building on the economic impact and workforce development impact of Colorado Mesa University, CMU20000 was launched with a mission of growing the university student enrollment and community engagement. Over 500 community members have become CMU20000 supporters this year.
- As the voice of local business, the Chamber took positions on over 40 state and federal bills with an overall success rate of 64% on the state level. Additionally, the Chamber advocated for ballot issues to better fund K-12 education and public safety that all passed in 2017.
- Assistance for businesses in navigating the changing world of health insurance benefits was provided by a Health Care Summit, the first event aimed specifically at educating the business community on this complex topic.
- The Sunrise Seminars Series was launched to assist small businesses become more efficient and successful, joining a host of other programs and networking events already offered by the Chamber including Business Connects (with Mesa County Library), Tools for Business, Leads Groups, Business After Hours and Networking at Noon.









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Creating a Strong Local Economy

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Providing Networking Opportunities to Build Business Relationships

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Chairman's Column

Jeffrey Hurd 2017 Chairman of the Board

The End of 2017—Already?!

Time flies, doesn't it? The 18th century Irish novelist Laurence Stern once wrote that "Time wastes too fast: every letter I trace tells me with what rapidity life follows my pen. The days and hours of it are flying over our heads like clouds of a windy day never to return more—everything presses on." Another (more contemporary and just slightly less poetic) thinker, Ferris Bueller, put it this way in the classic 1986 movie Ferris Bueller's Day Off: "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

Those quotes come to mind as I think back on this past year as your Chamber Chairman of the Board. It has been a blur, and I can hardly believe my tenure as Chairman is about to

come to an end. The agony ... the ecstasy ... and all the meetings about the North Avenue name change!

In all seriousness, one thing I've come to see as Chamber Chairman is that the high-visibility items (such as North Avenue) represent a small fraction of what the Chamber does, and there are countless lower-profile Chamber initiatives and programs that bring value to our members, which benefit the entire community, and that drive economic development.

Last month at its annual board planning session, the Chamber Board had an opportunity to consider the question of "What if the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce didn't exist?" (Along the lines of, I suppose, the classic Christmas film It's a Wonderful Life.) Without the Chamber in 2017, these things—among many others—may NOT have gotten done:

- Passage of ballot question 2B, wherein voters approved directing certain Riverside Parkway funding
 from debt reduction to immediate Grand Junction street repair and reconstruction needs. The
 Chamber and WCBA spearheaded the "yes on 2B" campaign effort. (As an aside, the Chamber's role
 in infrastructure economic development matters is well-established: Did you know, for example,
 that the Chamber was at the center of the original 2003 vote to build the Riverside Parkway itself including serving as treasurer for the "yes" campaign?)
- The CMU20000 initiative would not have been launched, strengthening a partnership between the community and Colorado Mesa University that will lead to greater prosperity and boost the quality of life for all citizens.
- Countless networking events, training activities, business referrals, and business-building activities.
- 120 businesses were individually visited and provided with information and tools to help them expand. One company added 200 jobs. Another saved over \$45,000 due to the efforts of the Chamber's Business Retention/Expansion Specialist in partnership with the City of Grand Junction.
- Mesa County became the first ACT Certified Workforce Ready Community in Colorado, due to help provided by Chamber members to the Mesa County Workforce Center.
- "CareerWise" launched successfully, with high school students in multiyear apprenticeships that will begin to address the future talent needs of local businesses.
- Countless meetings with local, state, and federal legislators and staff members with the goal of
- fostering an even stronger economic climate that will benefit business.

The list could go on, but you get the idea. I am proud to say that the 2017 Chamber was a champion for the business community. And I suppose it's appropriate that this year seems to have flown by. The tenure of any one chair, after all, is but a blink of an eye in the Chamber's history: as I noted in my first Chairman's Column, we started in Grand Junction in 1884 (yes, 1884) as the Board of Trade. I am proud to have had a small part in advancing the Chamber's core mission of promoting the economy and serving as the voice of business.

Of course, none of this would have happened without the incredible team at the Chamber: volunteers, board members, staff and, most of all, those of you who put your faith in what we can and will do by investing in the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce as members. Thank you for your confidence in our organization, and for your confidence in our community.

I will see you at the Annual Banquet, January 26, 2018, as we celebrate together the success we all shared in 2017!











\$18 in Advance for GJACC Members, \$23 at the Door or Future Members

To RSVP call 970-242-3214 or email info@gjchamber.org

Serving Up the Economy for Lunch Dec. 18th

We all hoped for a sustainable and steady recovery in 2017 and while it didn't happen immediately it appears we will be ending the year in a stronger economic position that when we began 2017. What is on the horizon for 2018? More good news?

Find out what others are predicting at the Chamber's last quarterly membership meeting of 2017 on December 18th, 12:00 PM at the Mesa County Workforce Center. Back by demand for the eighth year in a row is Dr. Richard L. Wobbekind, Director of the Business Research Division and Associate Dean for MBA and Enterprise Programs at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He will provide insights and thoughts about what might lay ahead for businesses in Colorado and on the Western Slope.

His presentations are always valuable and insightful and we thank title sponsor Bank of Colorado, Quarterly Membership Meeting Sponsor Conquest Development, and featured sponsor, Bray and Company for helping to cover the costs associated with having this renowned economist address the Chamber membership.

Join us December 18th, 12:00 PM at the Mesa County Workforce Center 512 North 29 1/2 Rd, Grand Junction, CO 81504 Luncheon cost is \$18 for members in advance or \$23 at the door Reservations can be made online or by calling 970-242-3214

We will also be recognizing expanding companies at this event so if you have grown your business by adding improvements and/or employees please give us a call or email us with information on the nature of your expansion and who will be our guest at this luncheon. To submit the information online email diane@gjchamber.org.

Get Ready for the "Ride of Your Life!"

It's banquet planning time at the Chamber and we are having a tough time corralling our excitement about Annual Banquet 2018 slated for January 26th, 6:30 PM at Two Rivers Convention Center. Invitations will be in the mail this week and the theme will then be revealed but we promise a foot-stomping good time so make plans now to buy your tickets and circle the date on your calendar!

Here is how you can help us plan the biggest, best Annual Banquet EVER in the next 30 days!

Nominate a deserving business or individual for our Business and Citizen of the Year awards. Forms are available in the newsletter and online with a deadline of January 5th. Donate an item to the Chamber's silent auction as the proceeds help fund our Young Entrepreneurs Academy and Leadership program. It is great publicity for you and it helps two outstanding programs that help create small business owners and business leaders willing to step forward.

Our wish list for the auction includes:

- Tickets to professional sporting events
- Hotels, overnight stays, and weekend getaways
- Time Shares at fun locations
- Cool Tech Items like a new Fitbit or Apple watch
- Restaurant gift cards
- Rounds of Golf
- Sporting Equipment
- Concert Tickets
- Jewelry
- Underwriting Support for the Live Auction

Participate by volunteering to serve on the auction committee, entertainment host, or set up and decorating committee. To volunteer, donate and/or sponsor contact Candace at candace@gjchamber.org or call 970-263-2919.













Nominees Sought for Business/Citizen of the Year

In keeping with our yet to be revealed (but soon) theme for the January 26th Chamber Annual Banquet we are seeking nominations of businesses and citizens that "go above and beyond" to help to make our community special. A panel of past recipients including those from last year, Kannah Creek Brewing Company, All Metals Welding and Steve and Ann Meyer will be meeting shortly after the deadline of January 5th to select two deserving businesses and one deserving individual that will be recognized at the Annual Banquet. Copies of the nomination forms are available online and can be accessed by clicking here.

Keep your eyes on the mail in early December as invitations will be cruising your way. Seating is assigned on a first

Forms Available On Following Pages







Nomination Form

Submit your nominations by January 5, 2018

Awards Available in 2 Categories: Less than 25 Employees Over 25 Employees

	Nominee Company N	Name:	
	Address:	City:	Zip:
	Chief Executive's Na	me & Title:	
	Phone:	FAX:	
	E-mail:		
C	oes this business have n	more than 25 employees? Yes	No
ls	this business a member	r of the Chamber? Yes No	
Н	las this business been in	operation at least five years? Yes	No
Wh	at makes this business o	deserving of business of the year awar	d?
	w has this business and i	its leadership/employees displayed the	e characteristics of a
		ed by:	
	Phone:	Email:	

Submit entries to Diane Schwenke Email: diane@gjchamber.org Fax: 970-242-3694 Mail: 360 Grand Ave, Grand Junction CO 81501







Nomination Form

Submit your nominations by January 5, 2018

Nominee Name:		
Place of Business (option	al):	
Address:	City:	Zip:
Phone:	Fax:	
Email:		
vibrant community?		tion Area a stronger and more
Why do you believe t	his individual should be awa	arded Citizen of the Year at this
	-	

Submit entries to Diane Schwenke Email: diane@gjchamber.org

Fax: 970-242-3694

Mail: 360 Grand Ave, Grand Junction CO 81501





Chamber Prepares for Legislative Session

Chamber is gearing up to be the voice of business at the State Capitol in

Chamber offices in the lower level conference room beginning promptly at

The calendar and sponsors of these sessions are:

1/16/2018 – Charter Spectrum Business Services 1/30/2018 – Rocky Mountain Health Plans

2/13/2018- Home Loan Insurance

3/6/2018 - Bechtel and Santo

4/17/2018 - XCEL Energy

5/1/2018 - James R Alvillar and Associates

Registration is now open for the trip and can be made by calling



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The General Assembly Session hasn't started yet but we know this will be an interesting year under the dome (election years always are!). Funding transportation, simplifying sales tax, expanding cottage industry markets, and talent attraction are just some of the issues likely to have related

Join us for the Chamber's Annual Trip to the Capitol on February 22-23. The restaurant is booked, hotel rooms reserved, and speaker requests submitted to the Governor and key members of his cabinet. All we need to make our planning arrangements complete is having you make your reservation to go with us! To sign up email candace@gjchamber.org



\$217,000 in Ten Weeks **Makes TRC 2017 Successful!**

The Chamber's Total Resource Campaign, a ten-week effort to secure the needed resources to manage multiple programs and events for the business community in 2018 was even more successful in Year 2, which just wrapped up. The volunteers and involved companies (numbering over 100) blew past the goal of \$200,000 to generate almost \$217,000 of support.

Co-Chairs of the Campaign Donna Hardy, Dalby Wendland and Co., and Susan Alvillar, James Alvillar and Associates provided inspiration, motivation, and leadership for the 35 volunteers who



reached out into the community and beyond to demonstrate the value of Chamber programming to businesses of all sizes. New programming ideas identified by members such as a Leadership Summit and State of the Valley Luncheon were well received by potential funders along with returning favorites such as the Chamber's legislative activities and the Health Care Summit. "Our goal was a bit of a reach this year but our volunteers and our businesses showed that what we do is of value to them," noted Diane Schwenke, President and CEO. "The response was humbling and we pledge to put these resources to work creating a strong economy and being the business voice in creating a healthy business climate and better community."

If you are a business that was not contacted during that campaign that is interested in membership and/or supporting the major initiatives and program/events of the Chamber, please give Trish a call, 970-263-2912 or email her Trisha@gjchamber.org.

Our thanks to the following businesses that have already pledged to support the TRC:

Ace Hardware of Clifton **Allcomm Data Supply** Alpine Bank ANB Bank Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield Autopaychecks, Inc. **Bank of Colorado** Bank of the San Juans **Bechtel and Santo Brady Trucking Bray Real Estate Budget Blinds** Bud's Signs **Buffalo Wild Wings** Capital Business Systems Chadwick, Steinkirchner, Davis and CO, PC **Charter Spectrum Business** Services Coldwell Banker

Colorado Canyons /Family Health West **Commercial Specialists Community Banks of Colorado Community Hospital** CommWest **Conquest Developments CPCNeuteck** Cranium 360 **CWOA** Dalby, Wendland and CO Ed Bozarth Chevrolet and Buick **EIS Solutions Enstrom Candies Express Employment Professionals** Famous Dave's Legendary Pit Bar- B-Que Fisher's Liquor Barn **Grand Valley Power**

Hammerhead Paint Services Hilltop Community Resources Home Loan Insurance Hoskin Farina & Kampf, PC HRL Compliance **Humphrey RV and Trailer Impact Promotional Products** Ireland, Stapleton Prvor and Pascoe, PC **Iron Mountain Hot Springs** James R. Alvillar and Associates John Williams KKCO 11 News Landmark Staffing Major Mortgage MB Insurance Mesa County Workforce Center Monument Health Munro Supply **OBJ** Group Pinnacol Assurance **Quality Health Network Redlands Dos Hombres Retirement Outfitters** Rocky Mountain Health Plans **Rocky Mountain Promotional Products and Apparel Rocky Mountain Sanitation**

Schauenburg Flexadux Corp. **Shaw Construction** Shear, Inc. Sooper Credit Union Spectrum Reach **Teltech Communications** The Madsen Group at Merrill Lynch The Trophy Case **Tony Prinster Tuck Communications Unite Private Networks United Companies Ute Water Conservancy District** Vivax Pros **WBS** Coatings **Wealthsource Partners** Wegener, Scarborough, Younge and Hockensmith Western Metals Recycling Western Slope Auto Whitewater Building Materials Xcel Energy



Susan Alvillar Nina Anderson Jodie Atchley Dale Beede Tom Benton Robert Bray Matthew Breman Joseph Burtard Chris Campbell

Erik Cornelison

THANK YOU Volunteers! Ian Curtis Tyler Daniels Ryan Ellington Tom Espeland Rich Fiala Sarah Fischer Ed Forsman Mike Foster Sonya Foster Kathy Hall

Stuart Hall Kelly Hardrick Donna Hardy Chris Higgins Melissa Hoaglund Sabrina Hoyt Jeffrey Hurd Chuck Johnson Lisa Kollar Heather Lambeth

Jennifer Landini Darin Mack Jeanne O'Conner Paula Reece Kat Rhein Matthew Rosenberg **Brandon Schuette Stacey Stewart** Chris Thomas

Ianie Van Winkle Nathan Wallace Tiffany Welch Linda Wethington Tim Whitney Sam Williams



Event Details & Registration Online at gichamber.org

DEC 8 | 7:30 AM All Leads Group Holiday Party GJACC Conference Room

Advance Registration Requested. No cost for Leads Group Members.

DEC 18 | 12:00 Noon Quarterly Membership Luncheon / Annual Economic Outlook

Mesa County **Workforce Center**

Pre-registration: \$18 for GJACC members or \$23 at the door.

DEC 20 | 12:00 Noon Networking@Noon SpringHill Suites Food provided by Zoup!

Advance Registration Required: \$18 for GJACC members.

JAN 16 | 7:00 AM Legislative Videoconference **GJACC Conference Room**

Advance Registration Requested. Space is limited.

JAN 17 | 12:00 Noon Networking@Noon Clubhouse 2325

Advance Registration Required: \$18 for GJACC members.

JAN 17 | 2 - 4 PM **Mesa County Libraries Business Connect**

GJACC Conference Room

Advance Registration Requested. No cost for GJACC members.

JAN 26 | 6:00 PM 2018 Annual Banquet **Two Rivers Convention Center**

Advance Registration Required. \$79/ individuals / \$890 table

JAN 30 | 7:00 AM **Legislative Videoconference GJACC Conference Room**

Advance Registration Requested. Space is limited.

JAN 30 | 5:30 PM **Business After Hours Western Colorado Community** College

Advance Registration Requested: \$10 for GJACC members.

FEB 6 | 7:00 AM **Legislative Videoconference GJACC Conference Room**

Advance Registration Requested. Space is limited.

FEB 14 | 12:00 PM **Energy Briefing** The DoubleTree by Hilton

Advance Registration Requested: \$15 for GJACC members.

FEB 21 | 7:30 AM **Directory Delivery Breakfast Covote Cafe**

Advance Registration Requested.

FEB 21 | 12:00 Noon Networking@Noon LaQuinta Inn & Suites

Advance Registration Required: \$18 for GJACC members.

FEB 22-23 | All Day **Legislative Days at the Capitol** Denver, CO

Advance Registration Required. \$375 for GJACC members.

Space is limited. FEB 27 | 5:30 PM

Business After Hours Mesa Mall

Advance Registration Requested: \$10 for GJACC members.

MAR 7 | 7:30 AM **Annual Healthcare Summit** The DoubleTree by Hilton

Advance Registration Requested: \$55 for GJACC members.

GJACC Events Registration Form: December 2017, January & February 2018

☐ Annual Banquet - 01/26/18 □ Networking@Noon- 02/21/18 ☐ Leads Holiday Party - 12/08/17 ☐ Qrtly Luncheon - 12/18/17 ☐ Leg Videoconference - 01/30/18 ☐ Legislative Days Trip - 02/22/18 □ Networking@Noon - 12/20/17 ☐ Business After Hours - 01/30/18 ☐ Business After Hours - 02/27/18 ☐ Leg Videoconference - 01/16/18 ☐ Leg Videoconference - 02/06/18 ☐ Healthcare Summit - 03/07/18 □ Networking@Noon - 01/17/18 ☐ Energy Briefing - 02/14/18 ☐ Business Connect - 01/17/18 □ Directory Delivery - 02/21/18 Company Name: _____Contact Person: ____ Attending (Names): Phone: ______ Fax: _____ Email: _____ Payment Method:

Bill my Chamber Account

Check Enclosed ☐ Charge my MC/VISA/Discover/AMEX #______ Exp Date _____

Security Code_____ Authorized Signature: _____



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Governor's Healthy Small Business Award Applications Open Statewide

The Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) is accepting applications for the Governor's Healthy Small Business Award for 2017. Applications will be accepted from small

businesses with fewer than 500 employees until Friday, December 15, 2017.



The award will honor one small business statewide making great strides supporting the health and wellness of their employees, while simultaneously impacting their business vitality. The award advances the winner's reputation in the community by spotlighting its health and wellness efforts, which can assist in recruiting efforts in a competitive market statewide.

Benefits of the Award:

Governor's proclamation of being the healthiest small business in the state Press release from the Governor's office sent out to media outlets statewide Feature story on OEDIT's website (choosecolorado.com) and social media channels Health and wellness consultations from OEDIT's Health and Wellness Strategist

Applicants will be evaluated on the business' health and wellness excellence, community involvement and collaboration, and evaluative outcomes. Final candidates will be evaluated through an on-site interview process by OEDIT. The winner will be recognized publicly at an award event.

Applications will be accepted through Friday, December 15th at https://oedit.secure.force.com/oedit/.

For additional information visit www.choosecolorado.com/forcolorado. Inquiries should be directed to Jamie Hackbarth, Health and Wellness Strategist, Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade, at Jamie.hackbarth@state.co.us.



Grand Junction Area Chamber of Comerce

Healthcare Summit

Exploring the relationship of Healthcare and the Business Community

March 7, 2018 | 8:00am - 2:00pm

The DoubleTree by Hilton | \$55 per person for GJACC Members (includes lunch)

Join us as we discuss employer health care options, Workplace Wellness Programs, EAP Programs, Mesa County Health Statistics, and more!



Are you interested in working with or recruiting students from CMU? Colorado Mesa University would like to invite you to use Handshake, a modern platform that enables employers to search for and manage relationships with top talent at universities across the country. Whether they be credit-bearing or not, paid or un-paid, Handshake allows you to easily post your internship/job opportunity, recruiting to the entire student body of CMU. In order to do so, simply create an account by going to https://app.joinhandshake.com/login, and follow the prompts. Once an employer account is created, you can easily begin posting your internship/job opportunities with a few clicks of a button. Handshake even allows you to filter the applicants by graduation date, GPA, and major preferences. Accessing Handshake is easy and better yet, it's free!

For more information on Handshake and how it can help you find your next student intern or employee, contact the Colorado Mesa University Career Services department at 970-248-1404 or career@coloradomesa.edu.

Internship Funding Available

If you are an employer in an innovative industry the state of Colorado may help you with your internship costs. They will fund up to \$5,000 per intern for an intern with a minimum of 130 on-the-job training hours completed in 6 months. The next application cycle opens January 1, 2018.

The program awards matching grants up to \$5,000 per intern for on-the-job training in the following industries:

- Advanced manufacturing
- Aerospace
- Bioscience
- Construction
- Electronics
- Energy & Natural resources

Engineering Information Technology

Here are the eligibility requirements;

Business Requirements:

- At least 80% of businesses receiving reimbursement must have less than 100 employees
- A business may be reimbursed for up to 5 interns per location
- The maximum amount that a business may be reimbursed for each intern is \$5,000
- Businesses must cover at least 50% of the costs of the internship with a reimbursement cap of \$5,000
- · At least half of the reimbursement amount must be paid to the intern
- Intern must be paid at least \$10/hour
- To be reimbursed, a business must receive approval for the reimbursement from the division prior to the start of the qualifying internship
- The division shall pay the business at least the preapproved amount for a qualifying internship when the internship has been completed

Internship Requirements:

To qualify for reimbursement, an internship must:

Be in an innovative industry and have a physical operation facility in Colorado

- Be for at least 130 hours and last up to 6 months
- Pay the intern at least \$10 per hour and at least half the reimbursement amount
- Provide a supervisor for the intern
- Be in a for-profit or non-profit business (government and schools are not eligible)
- The business must provide worker's compensation insurance

Intern Eligibility:

- Intern must be enrolled full-time in a secondary school, adult education, college (no master's level), or certificate/training program OR a graduate from one of these schools within 6 months post-graduation
- Intern must be a resident of the state of Colorado
- Must not be a current or past employee of a participating business or relative of an owner or operator of a participating business
- Must not displace a current employee of the business

To date, only five rural companies have taken advantage of the program through two funding cycles. The Grand Junction Area Chamber would be happy to assist you with applying for this workforce development funding. Give us a call at 970-242-3214 and ask for CJ or Darcy.



Wednesday, December 20th at Noon

Hosted by Springhill Suites & Zoup!

236 Main St., Grand Junction, CO 81501

\$18 for GJACC Members

Advanced Reservations Required (Space is Limited)

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

trisha@gjchamber.org 970-263-2912







Business Barometer

October 2017

A gauge of Grand Junction's economic indicators published by the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce. info@gichamber.org 970-242-3214

Sales Tax Revenue Collections					
October	2017	2016	% Change		
City of Grand Junction	\$4,211,283	\$3,701,848	9.8%		
Total YTD	\$37,308,317	\$35,188,875	6.0%		

Source: City of Grand Junction

MESA COUNTY Building Permits Issued					
October	2017	Total Value	2016	Total Value	
New Single Family Residence	62	\$9,031,714	52	\$11,184,705	
New Commercial	0	\$0	4	\$631,016	
Other	338	\$4,717618	330	\$8,157,304	
Totals	400	\$13,749,333	386	\$19,973,025	
YTD Totals	3322	\$214,934,850	2738	\$209,905,481	

Source: Mesa County Building Department

MLS Statistics - Quarterly				
3rd Quarter	2017	2016		
Total Sold	1732	1069		
Dollar Volume	\$415,618,722	\$241,227,899		
Total Sold YTD	3388	2899		
Dollar Volume YTD	\$796,574,928	\$662,640,452		

Source: Grand Junction Area Realtor Association

YTD Mesa County Foreclosures				
October 2017 2016 201				
Foreclosure Filings	25	39	43	
Foreclosure Sales	20	25	19	

Source: Mesa County Public Trustee

G J Regional Airport				
October	2017	2016		
Enplaned Passengers	22,511	22,119		
Deplaned Airfreight	418,642	496,089		
Enplaned YTD Passengers	202,490	189,177		
Deplaned YTD Airfreight	5,383,673	5,639216		

Source: Grand Junction Regional Airport

The 2017 Business Barometer is sponsored by



Hotel/Motel Occupancy			
October	2017	2016	
Occupancy Rate	83.83%	65.7%	
Average Daily Room Rate	\$63.4	\$81.21	

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

Labor Market Statistics			
October	2017	2016	
Civilian Labor Force	72,874	73,416	
Total Employment	70,417	70,085	
Total Unemployment	2,457	3,331	
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	4.5%	

Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

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