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**Leadership Class 2015 Graduates 20**

The following individuals are being honored on **Thursday, June 4th, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Golf Club at Redlands Mesa** for successfully completing the 2014-2015 course of classes and field trips associated with the Mesa County Leadership Program. Any member is welcome to join us in celebrating the achievement of these current and future leaders of our community. Please RSVP by emailing [info@gjchamber.org](mailto:info@gjchamber.org) or by calling 970-242-3214.

We honor:

**Kelsi Breidel**  
Ute Water Conservancy District

**Ken Brownlee**  
Mesa County Assessor

**Jennifer Fogarty**  
Kolorado Resources

**Taylor Grant**  
Cranium 360

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**Christian Herrera**  
KREX-TV

**Benjamin Hoffman**  
Ute Water Conservancy District

**Peter Icenogle**  
Blythe Group+ Co

**Clay Marshall**  
FCI Constructors, Inc.

**Jaime Martinez**  
Dalby, Wendland & Co., P.C.

**Nicole Millican**  
ANB Bank

**Carmen Moyer**  
St. Mary's Hospital Foundation

**Matt Price**  
State Farm Insurance

**Nathan Rhodes**  
Timberline Bank

**Norma Roberts**  
StarTek USA, Inc.

**Frank Whidden, Ph.D.**  
Mesa County

**Trevor Wickersham**  
Hilltop Community Resources, Inc.

**Peggy Wilson**  
US Bank

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## Chairman's Column Working Together To Strengthen Economy



Through some unprecedented cooperation among multiple local and regional economic development partners, seventeen representatives of private

business, governments and non-profits will be headed to Calgary in a few short days to attend and exhibit at the Global Petroleum Show.

It has been exciting to see this effort come together since last November for a large energy related show with over 2,000 exhibitors and worldwide attendance. Our goals for the show are to:

- Help some of our local businesses make connections with potential customers that could ultimately lead to their expansion and job creation
- Visit with manufacturing businesses related to the energy industry that may be looking for a Central Rocky Mountain region to establish branch locations for servicing their customers
- Locate potential investors for partnership with firms already active in the region to deliver natural gas. The partnership between Encana and Nucor Steel being one example of opportunities that may be available to assist the industry in Western Colorado
- Visit corporate headquarters of companies that already have a presence on the Western Slope to thank them for their contribution to our area economies and see if there is anything we can do to assist them

Diane Schwenke, Dave Cesark, Mike Anton and I will be attending from the Chamber and we will be joined by Grand Junction Mayor Phyllis Norris, Mayor Pro Tem Marty Chazen, Mesa County Commissioner John Justman, Garfield County Commissioner Mike Samson, Jeff Kirtland, WPX, Sandy Kent, Encana and ED Partner staff from the Business Incubator Center, GJEP, City of Grand Junction, Mesa County, WSCOGA and AGNC.

I am personally excited to visit the corporate headquarters of Chamber member Encana and to attend a meeting with Veresen, the developers of the Jordon Cove LNG export terminal that is currently in the review process. Energy is a key part of the Western Slope economy but there are many aspects to it outside of extracting the resource from the many rock formations that surround us. It is time to look beyond that side of the business to what we can do to assist our existing manufacturing base that services the industry grow and explore opportunities for recruiting more manufacturing to the Valley that can serve the regional market and put our people back to work.

I want to thank the City of Grand Junction, Mesa County, Garfield County, Rio Blanco County, WPX and Conquest Development for providing the financial resources to purchase exhibitor space and the trade show amenities and materials needed to show everyone that Western Colorado is indeed "open for business."

We will share our experiences with Chamber members and discuss the outcomes of this effort at the August Energy Briefing on August 19th as we will know a lot more about how successful we have been by then...eh?

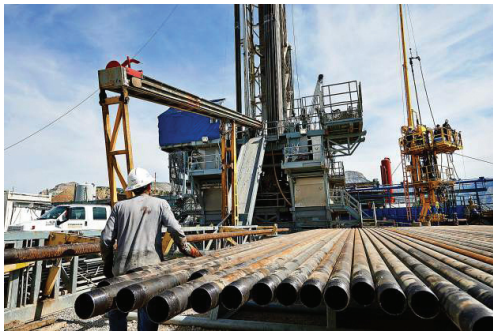
**Jeff Franklin, Chairman**



# Energy Briefing Luncheon

## Vital For Colorado

- Status of recommendations from task force on oil and gas
- Current political state of play in Colorado
- Future legislative or political battles



**Date:** Wednesday, June 3, 2015  
**Time:** 12:00 Noon  
**Location:** Mesa County Workforce Center  
 512 29 1/2 Road  
**Cost:** \$15/person GJACC Members  
 \$20/person General Admission

### Energy Briefing Luncheon - June 3, 2015

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Attending (Names): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment:  Bill My Chamber Account:  Check Enclosed

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Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Chamber Seeks Young Entrepreneurs

While school is officially out for the summer we are hoping that some budding entrepreneurs between the ages of 11 and 18 will use their new found free time to apply for the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!). The deadline for submission of applications is July 31st or until the class is filled which has a capacity of 24.

Chamber members, who know of middle or high school students that could benefit from being in the class and starting their own enterprises, are urged to provide the names and contact information of those students to Chamber staff by emailing [diane@gjchamber.org](mailto:diane@gjchamber.org). We will follow up with them and provide more information on the program.

Over the course of the next several months Chamber staff will also be confirming sponsorships to help fund YEA! student businesses start up costs, tuition scholarships and volunteers to assist with instruction, mentoring and other key roles for the program that show area students the value of being in business in the Grand Valley.

If you are interested in being a volunteer or in supporting the program financially, please contact Diane ([diane@gjchamber.org](mailto:diane@gjchamber.org)). You can learn more about the program at [www.gjchamber.org/young-entrepreneurs-academy-yea](http://www.gjchamber.org/young-entrepreneurs-academy-yea).

# Expansion

## Is Your Business Growing?

Did you build a new building, open a second location or add employees in the past year? The Chamber wants to know! If your business is growing and adding employees we want to congratulate your company on that singular achievement and buy you lunch! Every three months during our Quarterly Membership Meeting we take time to share the good business news and present a small award to company representatives that tell us they have grown. It is good publicity for the businesses being recognized and good news for the rest of us as we look for signs of a strengthening economy. Please take time to submit the expansion form you can find at online at [www.gjchamber.org](http://www.gjchamber.org) or by calling 970-242-3214 and letting us know how your business has expanded and who from your company will be joining us for lunch on **Thursday, June 18th, 12:00 PM at the Mesa County Workforce Center.**

Featured speaker this quarter is Fiona Arnold, Executive Director, Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade.



## CMU Wants To Hear From YOU!

Colorado Mesa University will soon be initiating a process to update its current strategic plan, last revised in 2010. The impetus for revisiting the plan is two-fold. First, the increasingly shorter nature of the institution's planning horizon, for which most have no more than a five year timeframe, is due to the rapidly changing environment in which higher education currently functions. A second purpose for evaluating the University's plan is related to a second process that Colorado Mesa University (CMU) will begin next fall: the initial phase of CMU's next reaffirmation of accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). Because of the new Standard Pathways process that HLC is implementing, all institutions recognized by the Commission are scheduled to complete an assurance review (formerly known as a comprehensive self-study) and conduct a site visit four years following its most recent reaffirmation. Because institutional mission is the primary context for the assurance review, an update to CMU's strategic plan – also driven by role and mission – coincides with needs of the accreditation process.

As part of this process, the university needs to review the institution's progress over the past five years and update the goals and objectives as needed. They need input from the University's various internal and external stakeholders as part of shaping a plan for the University to continue moving forward and improving.

Chamber members specifically are being asked about what they value about Colorado Mesa University, what may be limiting its growth, and what should be its priorities for the next five years? Please take a few minutes and share your perspective by completing a survey at the link listed below. Your individual responses will be confidential; the aggregated information will be used as the basis for the planning committee's work over the next six months.

Note that the **survey closes Friday, June 5th.**

<https://intranet.coloradomesa.edu/survey/plan/plan.htm>

# Mark Your Calendar ~ Details & Registration online at [gjchamber.org](http://gjchamber.org)

**JUN 3 | 7:00 AM**  
**YPN Before Hours**  
 Mountain Grind Coffee  
 RSVP via YPNMC.org

**JUN 3 | 12:00 Noon**  
**Energy Briefing**  
 Mesa County Workforce  
 Business Center  
 Advance Registration:  
 \$15 for GJACC members.

**JUN 17 | 12:00 Noon**  
**Networking @ Noon**  
 Dos Hombres Redlands  
 Advance Registration  
 Required: \$18 for GJACC  
 members.

**JUN 17 | 2 - 4 PM**  
**Mesa County Libraries  
 Business Connect**  
 GJACC Conference Room  
 Advance Registration  
 Requested. No cost for  
 GJACC members

**JUN 17 | 5:00 PM**  
**YPN After Hours**  
 Volley's  
 RSVP via YPNMC.org

**JUN 18 | 12:00 Noon**  
**Quarterly Membership  
 Luncheon**  
 Mesa County Workforce  
 Center  
 Advance Registration  
 Required: \$18 for GJACC  
 members.

**JUN 30 | 5:30 PM**  
**Business After Hours**  
 The Commons of Hilltop  
 Advance Registration:  
 \$10 for GJACC members.

**JUL 8 | 7:00 AM**  
**YPN Before Hours**  
 Mihaela's Bakery  
 RSVP via YPNMC.org

**JUL 15 | 12:00 Noon**  
**Networking @ Noon**  
 DoubleTree by Hilton  
 Advance Registration  
 Required: \$18 for GJACC  
 members.

**JUL 15 | 2 - 4 PM**  
**Mesa County Libraries  
 Business Connect**  
 GJACC Conference Room  
 Advance Registration  
 Requested. No Cost for  
 GJACC members.

**JUL 16 | 4-7 PM**  
**New Member  
 Showcase**  
 Holiday Inn & Suites  
 Advance Registration  
 Requested. No Cost for  
 GJACC members.

**JUL 28 | 5:30 PM**  
**Business After Hours**  
 DoubleTree by Hilton  
 Advance Registration:  
 \$10 for GJACC members.

**AUG 5 | 7:00 AM**  
**YPN Before Hours**  
 The Artful Cup  
 RSVP via YPNMC.org

**AUG 19 | 12:00 Noon**  
**Networking@Noon**  
 Rib City Grill - North Ave  
 Advance Registration  
 Required: \$18 for GJACC  
 members.

**AUG 19 | 2 - 4 PM**  
**Mesa County Libraries  
 Business Connect**  
 GJACC Conference Room  
 Advance Registration  
 Requested. No cost for  
 GJACC members

**AUG 25 | 5:30 PM**  
**Business After Hours**  
 Thunderstruck Valley  
 Advance Registration:  
 \$10 for GJACC members.

**AUG 29 | All Day**  
**YPN Pub Crawl**  
 Downtown Grand  
 Junction  
 RSVP via YPNMC.org

**SEP 25 | 7:30 AM or 1 PM**  
**Chamber Golf  
 Tournament**  
 Golf Club at Redlands  
 Mesa  
 Don't miss THE  
 tournament of the season.  
 Sponsored by Shaw  
 Construction and Bank of  
 Colorado. Corporate Team  
 \$600, Individual Player  
 \$110.

## GJACC Events Registration Form: June, July & August

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> YPN Before Hours - 6/3      | <input type="checkbox"/> YPN Before Hours - 7/8      | <input type="checkbox"/> Networking@Noon - 8/19      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Briefing - 6/3       | <input type="checkbox"/> Networking @Noon - 7/15     | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Connect - 8/19     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Networking@Noon - 6/17      | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Connect - 7/15     | <input type="checkbox"/> Business After Hours - 8/25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Connect - 6/17     | <input type="checkbox"/> New Member Showcase - 7/16  | <input type="checkbox"/> YPN Pub Crawl - 8/29        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YPN After Hours - 6/17      | <input type="checkbox"/> Business After Hours - 7/28 | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Tournament - 9/25      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly Luncheon - 6/18   | <input type="checkbox"/> YPN Before Hours - 8/5      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business After Hours - 6/30 |  |  |

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Attending (Names): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Quarterly Membership Luncheon

Join us as we hear from Fiona Arnold, Executive Director of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade discuss her perspective on statewide economic development issues and programming.



Fiona Arnold

**Date:** June 18, 2015  
**12:00 Noon**

**Location:** Mesa County Workforce Center  
**512 29 1/2 Road**

**Cost:** \$18/person GJACC Members  
 \$23/person General Admission

## Quarterly Membership Luncheon - June 18, 2015

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Shaw Construction and Bank of Colorado Sponsor Golf Tournament



The Chamber is pleased to announce that **Shaw Construction and Bank of Colorado** will be name sponsors of the Chamber's annual golf tournament which will be played in two flights on **Friday, September 25th at the Golf Club on Redlands Mesa**. And, while the major sponsorships have been reserved there are still several other opportunities to create top of mind awareness among a select group of 200 business leaders during the day. They include:

- **Golf Cart Sponsor:** Includes sponsor's name and logo on every cart for both the morning and afternoon flight. **\$1000**
- **Range Ball Sponsor:** Includes registration for one player, logo and name on range ball machine. **\$400**
- **Keg Sponsor:** Includes company name and logo at the keg site and the option to pour for golfers along with registration for one player. **\$400**
- **Lunch Sponsor:** Includes company name and logo displayed prominently in the Clubhouse and on napkins along with registration for one player. **\$625**
- **Dinner Sponsor:** Includes company name and logo along with opportunity to announce golf awards. **\$400**

If you are interested in any of these sponsorship opportunities, contact Candace at [Candace@gjchamber.org](mailto:Candace@gjchamber.org) or 970-263-2919. The Chamber is also accepting registrations for the tournament and donations for the goody bag to be distributed to players.

## Briefing Over Breakfast Offered By Health Department

Today it seems there is little an employer can do to help stem the tide of rising health insurance premiums for their employees or offer assistance to help them lead healthier lives and cut down on health care costs. But in this case perception is NOT reality. Mesa County Health Department personnel are inviting area business leaders to attend a complimentary breakfast briefing on all of the free

and low-cost worksite wellness program resources available through county and state government to employers, with a particular focus on free tobacco cessation resources. The event takes place on **June 4th, 7:30 to 8:30 AM at the Mesa County Workforce Center, 512 29 1/2 Road in Conference Room C**. You will receive breakfast and tips on creating a healthier environment for your employees. To register, email [kasey.macintyre@mesacounty.us](mailto:kasey.macintyre@mesacounty.us) **before June 2nd**.

## Candace Carnahan Joins Chamber Staff

Candace Carnahan joined the Chamber staff in mid May as the Events and Program Manager, a position previously held by Shari Milholland who retired at the end of April. Candace is a Grand Junction native who has lived throughout Colorado including Estes Park and most recently, Glenwood Springs. She was Operations Manager at the Hotel Denver prior to accepting the position with the Chamber.

Candace will be the "go to person" for planning Business After Hours events, special events like the Golf Tournament, Business Showcase and Annual Banquet. "I am pleased to welcome Candace onboard," noted Diane Schwenke, President and CEO. "She has already seen ways that we can improve our processes and our member experiences and will be a valued member of our team."



## Recent Ribbon Cutting



### Junction West RV Park

793 22 Rd, Grand Junction, CO, (970) 245-8531 - **Business Expansion** - "Junction West RV Park now has a dog run to accommodate four-legged travelers."



# Chamber Positions and Legislative Votes 2015

## Overall Chamber Success Rate: 44%

House Bills	HB-1006	HB-1040	HB-1057	HB-1063	HB-1065	HB-1157	HB-1158	HB-1172	HB-1177	HB-1205	HB-1217	HB-1221	HB-1227	HB-1231	HB-1258
<b>Chamber</b>	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Support	Support	Oppose
<b>Rep. Dan Thurlow</b>	Yes	NA	Yes	Yes	NA	Yes	Yes	NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	NA	No	No
<b>Rep. Yeulin Willett</b>	No	NA	Yes	Yes	NA	Yes	Yes	NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	NA	No	No
<b>Senator Ray Scott</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Yes	NA	NA	NA	NA

House Bills Continued	HB-1264	HB-1286	HB-1287	HB-1288	HB-1290	HB-1291	HB-1300	HB-1314	HB-1331	HB-1366
<b>Chamber</b>	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Support
<b>Rep. Dan Thurlow</b>	NA	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	NA	NA	Yes
<b>Rep. Yeulin Willett</b>	NA	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	NA	Yes
<b>Senator Ray Scott</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	Yes	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

**Ray Scott = 85%**  
**Dan Thurlow = 86%**  
**Yeulin Willett = 76%**

Senate Bills	SB-044	SB-069	SB-096	SB-120	SB-133	SB-141	SB-177	SB-185	SB-215	SB-232	SB-244	SB-255	SB-258	SB-269	SB-282
<b>Chamber</b>	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	Oppose	Support	Support	Oppose	Support	Support	Support
<b>Rep. Dan Thurlow</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	No	NA	NA	Yes	No	NA	NA	NA
<b>Rep. Yeulin Willett</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	No	NA	NA	Yes	No	NA	NA	NA
<b>Senator Ray Scott</b>	Yes	Yes	NA	NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	NA	NA	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Yes

<b>HB-1006: Support*</b>	Invasive Phreatophyte Grant Program
<b>HB-1040: Support</b>	Modify HOA Management Licensing Requirements
<b>HB-1057: Support*</b>	Fiscal Impact Statements on Initiatives
<b>HB-1063: Support*</b>	Prohibited Communications Concerning Patents
<b>HB-1065: Support</b>	Regulatory Reform Act of 2015
<b>HB-1157: Support</b>	Working Group for Economic Development in Distressed Regions
<b>HB-1158: Support</b>	Sales & Use Tax Refund for Data Centers
<b>HB-1172: Support</b>	Repeal Punitive Damages Employment Discrimination
<b>HB-1177: Support</b>	Rural Economic Development Initiative Grant Program
<b>HB-1205: Oppose</b>	Creation of Tax Expenditure Evaluation Committee
<b>HB-1217: Support*</b>	Local Government Input Liquor Sales room Applications
<b>HB-1221: Oppose</b>	Employee Leave Attend Child's Academic Activities
<b>HB-1227: Support</b>	Tax Credit for Employers that Pay Student Loans
<b>HB-1231: Support</b>	Enhanced Unemployment Compensation Benefits
<b>HB-1258: Oppose</b>	FAMILY Insurance Program Wage Replacement
<b>HB-1264: Support</b>	Homeless Persons' Bill of Rights
<b>HB-1286: Oppose</b>	Police Misconduct Court Require Prosecution
<b>HB-1287: Oppose*</b>	Police Officer Training Improvements
<b>HB-1288: Oppose</b>	Updates to Profiling Prohibition
<b>HB-1290: Oppose*</b>	Stop Police Interference Cop Incident Recordings
<b>HB-1291: Oppose</b>	Prohibit Peace Officer Use of Chokehold
<b>HB-1300: Oppose</b>	Local Government Minimum Wage
<b>HB-1314: Support</b>	Endowment or Institutional Fund Gift Tax Credit
<b>HB-1331: Oppose</b>	Colorado Overtime Fairness for Employees Act
<b>HB-1366: Support*</b>	Expand Job Growth Tax Credit for Higher Education Projects

<b>SB-044: Support</b>	Electric Renewable Energy Standard Reduction
<b>SB-069: Support</b>	Repeal Job Protection Civil Rights Enforcement Act
<b>SB-096: Support</b>	Governor Appointed Public Trustees
<b>SB-120: Oppose</b>	Electric Grid Modernization Plans
<b>SB-133: Support</b>	Compensation Report Prepared by State Personnel Director
<b>SB-141: Support</b>	Personal Property Tax Credit Increase
<b>SB-177: Support</b>	HOA Construction Defect Lawsuit Approval Timelines
<b>SB-185: Oppose*</b>	Police Data Collection & Community Policing
<b>SB-215: Oppose</b>	Changes to Assessments in Public Schools
<b>SB-232: Support</b>	CO Federal Land Management Commission
<b>SB-244: Support*</b>	Transfers Related to Federal Mineral Lease Recoupment
<b>SB-255: Oppose*</b>	Deposit Severance Tax Revenues in General Fund
<b>SB-258: Support</b>	Coordinated Review of CO2 Emission Reduction Measures
<b>SB-259: Support</b>	Out-of-Network Health Care Provider Charges
<b>SB-269: Oppose</b>	Independent Contractor Unemployment Insurance
<b>SB-282: Support*</b>	Tax Friendly Colorado
<b>US Senate Bill 280: Support</b>	Federal Permitting Improvement Act of 2015
<b>US Senate Bill: Support</b>	Trade Promotion Authority

**Bills marked with a \* were passed**



## New Members!

### **Abstract & Title Co. of Mesa County**

605 25 Rd Ste 201  
Grand Junction, CO 81505  
Gar Kennedy - (970) 242-8234  
[www.abstracttitle.biz](http://www.abstracttitle.biz)  
*Title Companies*

### **Angels in the Making, LLC**

2591 Legacy Way  
Grand Junction, CO 81503  
Teri Thomas - (970) 263-8634  
[www.angelsinthemaking.com](http://www.angelsinthemaking.com)  
*Dog Trainer - Certified*

### **Bellezza Laser Aesthetics**

2470 F Rd Ste 8  
Grand Junction, CO 81505  
Hope Carlton - (970) 254-1195  
<http://imcwc.com/bellezza-laser>  
*Laser Clinic (Skin)*

### **Bocas Venezuelan Grill**

683 Horizon Dr Ste 112  
Grand Junction, CO 81506  
Yofran Pirela - (970) 245-0420  
*Restaurants*

### **Center For Independence**

740 Gunnison  
Grand Junction, CO 81501  
Linda V. Taylor - (970) 241-0315  
[www.cfgj.org](http://www.cfgj.org)  
*Human Service Organization*

### **Chili's Grill & Bar**

584 24 1/2 Rd  
Grand Junction, CO 81505  
Scott Coolbaugh - (970) 257-1800  
*Restaurants*

### **CJ Electric, Inc**

PO Box 755, Fruita, CO 81521  
Candy & Joshua Carpenter  
(970) 589-8485  
[www.cj-electric.com](http://www.cj-electric.com)  
*Electrical Contractor*

### **Cristina's Quality Care Service**

Cristina Ortega - (970) 773-1493  
[www.cristinaqcs.com](http://www.cristinaqcs.com)  
*Home Care: Non Medical*

### **Crown Supply Company**

380 28 Rd  
Grand Junction, CO 81501  
Tammy Medaris - (970) 434-9888  
[www.crownsupplyco.com](http://www.crownsupplyco.com)  
*Employment: Staffing/Training Service*

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### **Elite Events, LLC**

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Grand Junction, CO 81502  
Gina L. Bishop - (970) 245-1303  
[www.eliteevents.biz](http://www.eliteevents.biz)  
*Rentals: Events/Parties/Weddings*

### **Gelu Italian Ice LLC**

619 Main St Unit 170  
Grand Junction, CO 81501  
Karin R. Gookin - (970) 986-9535  
[www.geloice.com](http://www.geloice.com)  
*Gourmet Foods*

### **Grand Junction Funeral Home**

1022 Grand Ave  
Grand Junction, CO 81501  
Anthony "TJ" Garcia - (970) 549-1114  
[www.grandvalleyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.grandvalleyfuneralhomes.com)  
*Mortuary/Funeral Homes/Crematory*

### **Great American Estate Sales & Services LLC**

Amy Carlton - (970) 216-8326  
[www.gjestatesales.net](http://www.gjestatesales.net)  
*Estate Liquidation*

### **Key Property Solutions**

Dave Lord - (970) 234-6407  
*Property Managers*

### **Microsearch Laboratory Inc.**

Grand Junction, CO 81503  
Carrie Howe-Carlson - (970) 241-1446  
[www.mslabs.com](http://www.mslabs.com)  
*Laboratories*

### **Mutual of Omaha - Linda Wethington**

Linda Wethington - (843) 801-1672  
[www.lindawethington.com](http://www.lindawethington.com)  
*Insurance*

### **Pacific Steel & Recycling**

2365 River Rd  
Grand Junction, CO 81505  
Weston Kons - (970) 241-2551  
[www.pacific-steel.com](http://www.pacific-steel.com)  
*Recycling*  
*Steel: Warehouses/Fabricators/ Shelving/Supplies*

### **Prostar Geocorp.**

760 Horizon Dr Ste 100  
Grand Junction, CO 81506  
Page Tucker - (970) 242-4024  
[www.prostarcorp.com](http://www.prostarcorp.com)  
*Energy*

### **Purified Water To Go**

2889 North Ave Ste 8  
Grand Junction, CO 81501  
Tom Guido - (970) 243-5744  
*Water: Bottled/Delivery*

### **Shattered Image LLC**

344 North Ave  
Grand Junction, CO 81501  
Sheila Blackwell - (970) 241-0224  
*Cellular/Wireless Phones*

### **Wabi-Sabi**

248 S 4th St  
Grand Junction, CO 81501  
Trysta Delimont - (970) 216-7672  
[www.facebook.com/WabiSabiFitness](http://www.facebook.com/WabiSabiFitness)  
*Yoga: Classes/Teacher Training/ Therapy*

### **Westfall O'Dell Truck Sales of Western Colorado**

711 Raptor Rd  
Fruita, CO 81521  
Mike Eigbrett - (970) 858-5400  
[www.wotruckwest.com](http://www.wotruckwest.com)  
*Transportation*



# Business Barometer

## April 2015

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

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Sales & Use Tax Revenue Collections			
April	2015	2014	% Change
City of Grand Junction	\$3,648,596	\$3,655,213	2.7%
Total YTD	\$13,920,550	\$13,625,821	3.0%

Building Permits				
April	2015	Total Value	2014	Total Value
New Single Family Residence	53	\$12,685,714	39	\$9,016,490
New Commercial	3	\$2,224,860	0	\$0
Other	156	\$5,902,472	141	\$5,606,671
Totals	212	\$18,813,046	177	\$13,721,292
YTD Totals	582	\$53,989,228	598	\$52,853,164

MLS Statistics - Quarterly		
1st Quarter	2015	2014
Total Sold	656	563
Dollar Volume	\$131,926,547	\$109,489,220
Total Sold YTD	755	577
Dollar Volume YTD	\$152,630,409	\$111,926,720

Source: Grand Junction Area Realtor Association

Hotel/Motel Occupancy		
April	2015	2014
Occupancy Rate	58.1%	64.3%
Average Daily Room Rate	\$78.83	\$73.53

Mesa County Foreclosures		
Year	Number Filed	Number Gone to Sale
2012	1,272	847
2013	781	564
2014	539	403

Source: Mesa County Public Trustee

G J Regional Airport		
April	2015	2014
Enplaned Passengers	16,189	17,145
Deplaned Airfreight	537,480	526,134
Enplaned YTD Passengers	62,112	69,317
Deplaned YTD Airfreight	2,278,256	2,474,634

Labor Market Statistics		
April	2015	2014
Civilian Labor Force	73,526	75,520
Total Employment	69,089	70,339
Total Unemployment	4,437	5,181
Unemployment Rate	6.0%	6.9%

## 2015 Chairman's Circle Members

Alpine Bank  
ANB Bank

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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- A Healthy Business Climate Creates a Sustainable Community
- Representing and Advocating for Business is a Member Expectation
- Professional Connections and Networking Opportunities Build Business
- Quality of Life is Integral to our Economic Vitality
- Being Proactive & Innovative Improves our Effectiveness

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**June 17, 2015**

**Dos Hombres Restaurant, 421 Brach Drive  
11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**\$18 GJACC Members/\$23 Future Members  
Advanced Registration Required**

**Networking@Noon** is an excellent way for business people to make new connections over lunch and discuss with 5-6 other business people what works (or doesn't) in their businesses.

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