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Update on Grand Valley Drainage District Challenge

The Chamber is now averaging 3 to 6 calls a day from citizens and businesses asking about the status of the Chamber and Mesa County's legal action to challenge the validity of the charges being assessed by the Grand Valley Drainage District. As reported to the Chamber Board, a Complaint has been filed with the Mesa County District Court, and along with that Complaint, a Motion for Preliminary Injunction was filed, asking that the Court preclude the Grand Valley Drainage District from collecting any amounts it believes are due until the validity of the charges has been determined. The Grand Valley Drainage District has recently filed its Answer to that Complaint, and next week, it will be responding to the Motion for Preliminary Injunction. Upon receipt of the Grand Valley Drainage District's Response, the Chamber and Mesa County will be filing a Reply as quickly as possible so the Motion for Preliminary Injunction is fully briefed and before the Mesa County District Court.

At that point, it is the Chamber's understanding that the Mesa County District Court will decide whether it can issue an Order based upon the briefs that were submitted or whether a hearing needs to be scheduled on the Motion for Preliminary Injunction before an Order is issued. Given the current status of the briefing on the Motion for Preliminary Injunction, it is unlikely that we will know the outcome of that Motion before the May 31st due date for the invoices that businesses, nonprofits, and residences inside the boundaries

of the Grand Valley Drainage District received.

That being said, the Chamber's position continues to be that our organization will not pay the invoice pending a final determination as to the legality of the Grand Valley Drainage District's actions. We will continue to update you as the case moves forward.

Calling All Energy Companies

The Chamber will be hosting our second "Industry Roundtable", **June 22nd, 7:30 – 9:00 AM in the lower level conference room at the Chamber offices.** This discussion will be focused on the energy industry. Chamber staff would like to hear from companies engaged in solar, natural gas, oil, and coal production along with providers and service companies. The purpose of the event is to hear about the current state of this economic sector and learn about the challenges to job creation that our economic development partners may be able to address by bringing resources to the table.

The "Industry Roundtable" is not just for members of the Chamber of Commerce. It is for any business within the energy specific sector that would like to join the discussion and be part of this interactive session.

A continental breakfast will be offered for those in attendance. Reservations are not required, but are appreciated and can be made by email (cj@gjchamber.org) or phone (970-263-2917).

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- Creating a Strong Local Economy
- Representing the Interests of Business with Government
- Promoting the Community
- Providing Networking Opportunities to Build Business Relationships
- Political Action

Chairman's Column



Let me let you in on a few little secrets about the Chairman's Column: yes, I actually write it myself (thankfully I have help proofing it), I always need a not so gentle

nudge that I need to write a new one about two days before it is due, but most importantly, there is never a shortage of things to write about. I always want to start off each column with "your Grand Junction Chamber has been very busy this month" however, we are always very busy working for our members and I would end up repeating this every time I sat down to pen one of these things.

With that preamble, let me do a quick overview of not only what we have been busy working on but some of the accomplishments we have had this month as well. In the past, all of the Economic Development partners were working very hard but not necessarily with the best coordination. Based on the recommendations of the North Star Study, The Chamber along with The Business Incubator and Grand Junction Economic Partnership have grown more coordinated and stronger in addressing the needs and opportunities of growing our economy. A great example of this coordination is the recently signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the three organizations. This MOU lays out in writing the leadership and supporting roles these organizations play at various times, depending on the needs in various economic efforts.

Although the formalization of the MOU was important, even more important are the results that these coordinated efforts are starting to deliver. The results we are seeing are happening in a manner that is more streamlined for the businesses involved and gives us confidence for our growing economy moving into June. The 2016 Chamber Leadership Class is also graduating this June. This program provides a comprehensive look at various aspects that form our community, including local government, public lands, health care, education and human services. This interactive learning

program requires dedication from the students for 10-months and over 70 hours of classes. The commitment and effort the students put in is well worth their efforts because they come out of this program having both a better understanding of our community and are more prepared to take on leadership roles on various boards and committees and to run for local office. Besides the positive impact this program has on our community, those that graduate often become influential leaders in their organizations and positively impact the organizations culture and bottom line. This positive impact is evidenced by the number of companies that regularly invest in their employees by sending them through this program.

These are just two examples of what we have been busy working on this month. Rest assured that next month as I go to write this column I will want to start off with "your Grand Junction Chamber has been very busy this month" but I will remind myself that it is not just this month, but every month.

Matthew Breman, Chairman

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 6, 2016.

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 one high school elective credit for the class and, up to three high school elective credits for WorkKeys (with a higher level score).

Class is offered from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, from June 6 – June 24, 2016. Register at wccc.coloradomesa.edu/cec or call 970-255-2800.

Meetings Set To Gather Feedback For Broadband Planning

Businesses in Mesa County are invited to a meeting to gather input for county and region-wide broadband planning on **June 2nd, 3:00 to 4:30 PM at the County offices**, 544 Rood Avenue.

The goal is to develop a plan that fully leverages current broadband resources, while improving the availability of high-speed Internet throughout the region.

Officials are asking for input from all Internet users – business professionals, community and health services providers, educators, government officials and citizens – to ensure comprehensive Internet development. Primary goals are to maximize broadband availability and cost savings, while taking full advantage of available funding opportunities. For more information, please call Rick Corsi, Mesa County Government at 970-244-1796.

If you cannot attend the meeting for business and industry other meetings will be held:

- June 2, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., community, 544 Rood Ave.
- June 8, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m., community, De Beque Community Center, 381 Minter
- June 8, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., community, Collbran Fire House, 2004 Elm Ave.
- June 9, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., community, Fruita Civic Center, 325 E. Aspen Ave.

More Than A Lemonade Stand!

Do you have a budding entrepreneur sitting at home this summer plotting how to be the next Bill Gates? If so, you may want to pack them up and bring them by the Chamber office on **Tuesday, June 7th, anytime between 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM** for an open house to learn more about the Young Entrepreneurs' Academy hosted by the Chamber along with a several workforce development entities and sponsored by a host of area businesses.

Applications from middle and high school students interested in being the CEOs of their own companies are being accepted NOW with class size limited. The program begins in the fall and continues for 30 weeks with students actually starting their own companies. During the open house students can visit with past class participants, meet instructors, ask questions, obtain an applications and actually submit completed applications.

Can't make it on the 7th? Contact Terri Smatla (970) 263-2916 for a one on one session at the Chamber that is convenient for you.



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Business Visitations Reveal Job Growth Potential

Since the beginning of the year, Chamber staff have been active in seeking out primary employers in a variety of industries to determine how the community can retain them and help them expand in accordance with the Chamber's role in economic development locally. Initially such efforts were undertaken by Diane Schwenke, CEO but with the addition of fulltime Business Retention/Expansion Specialist, C.J. Rhyne, in March, the rate of visitation has increased substantially.

In a report to funding partners, Mesa County and the City of Grand Junction given last month the Chamber was pleased to share the following:

Activities:

- 16 Advance Manufacturing Firms Visited
- One Industry Roundtable held with Tech Sector
- Joint hosting of Denver delegation of business leaders
- One application prepared and submitted for Business Personal Property Tax rebate on \$5 million investment by Powderhorn Ski Area
- Workforce Initiatives Conducted with Partners including YEA!, Hire Me First, Kick Start and ACT Workforce Ready Community Application

Outcomes:

- Four companies contemplating expansions which could create up to 350 new jobs within 3-5 years
- One company working on a joint venture opportunity that could lead to expansion
- One company retained
- 60 companies mentoring 18-24 year olds in paid internships
- Eleven new businesses started through YEA!

Overtime Rules Take Effect December 1st

Late last month the Department of Labor unveiled the new overtime regulations. The Chamber joined other business organizations under the leadership of the U.S. Chamber to weigh in on the rules during their comment period late last year. Here are the bullet points of the new rules:

- The salary threshold will be increased to \$47,476 annually (\$913/week)-an increase of slightly more than 100% from the current threshold of \$23,660 annually (\$455/week).
 - o The proposed level was \$50,440 annually (\$970/week).
- There will be no changes to the duties test.
 - o The DOL had indicated it was considering adding a quantification component similar to California's that would have required employers to show an employee was performing exempt duties a certain percentage of time to qualify under the specific exemption.
- The salary threshold will be updated every three years and tied to the 40th percentile of full time salaried workers in the lowest wage region of the country (currently the Southeast).
 - o The proposal had the automatic updates happening annually but was unclear on the methodology for the updates.
- Employers will have until December 1, 2016 to come into compliance with the new requirement-a period of about 200 days.
 - o The proposal did not include an implementation period but there were suggestions it could be as short as 60 days.
- No indication about how commissions/bonuses/incentive based pay will be treated.
 - o The DOL sought comments on whether to give a 10% credit for these types of compensation.

For further information, check out the US Chamber blog. <https://www.uschamber.com/above-the-fold/icing-overtime-cake-plaintiffs-bar-getting-ready>

The fight over this rule-making is not over. Republican lawmakers in Congress have vowed to block the rule during a mandated congressional review period, with backing from business groups and a court challenge may also be in the works. Employers would be wise however to plan for how to comply with the current rule in case those efforts fail or do not take place in time to affect the December 1st effective date.

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Diane Schwenke, Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce CEO will also share insights on local economic trends.

- Date:** June 21, 2016
- Time:** 12:00 Noon
- Location:** Colorado Mesa University
South Ballroom, University Center
- Cost:** \$20/person

Four convenient ways to register: (Space is limited so register early)

- Mail: GJ Area Chamber, 360 Grand Ave., GJ, CO 81501
- Phone: (970) 242-3214
- Fax: (970) 242-3694
- On-line: www.gjchamber.org

All events require pre-registration and pre-payment. Registration fees are non-refundable two business days prior to event. Substitutions may be made at any time. If special assistance is needed, you must notify the Chamber four days prior to the event. Photographs will be taken at all Chamber events.

Shaw Sponsors Golf Tournament

The Chamber is pleased to announce that Shaw Construction will be the name sponsor of the Chamber's annual golf tournament which will be played in two flights on **Friday, September 30th at the Golf Club on Redlands Mesa**. If you are interested in being a name sponsor with Shaw, please reach out to the Chamber staff to learn more about this opportunity. In addition to the major sponsorships, there are 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. **\$1,000**
- **Range Ball Sponsor:** Includes registration for one player and 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 970-263-2919 or candace@gjchamber.org. The Chamber is also accepting registrations for the tournament and donations for the swag bag to be distributed to players.

Congratulations Leadership Class!

Members are encouraged to join us in celebrating the graduation of the 2015-2016 Mesa County Leadership Class **on Thursday, June 9th, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Golf Club at Redlands Mesa**. This is the 17th class to graduate from a program that has offered community leadership training to 275 individuals in the business and nonprofit sector. The next class will begin in September.

Congratulations to:

Megan Brito - Community Hospital

Scott Burnham - Alpine Bank Grand Junction

Gabe Conner - FCI Constructors, Inc.

Matthew Cook - Rocky Mountain Health Plans

Todd Desmarais - Ute Water

Brandi Ehlers - Hilltop Community Resources, Inc.

James Grant

Lindy Hodges - United Way of Mesa County

Trisha Martinez - Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce

Brad McCloud - EIS Solutions

Gabriel Perez - Ute Water Conservancy District

Jennifer Rhamy - St. Mary's Hospital & Regional Medical Center

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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 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 **Tuesday, June 21st at Colorado Mesa University Center.**

Featured speaker this quarter is **Matt Rosenberg**, CMU Professor and Principal of RoseCap Investments looking at the global economy and **Diane Schwenke**, GJ Chamber offering a local economic perspective.

Make June Your Network to Success!

School is out for the summer but businesses don't take a summer vacation. In fact, if things are slowing down a bit in your business this is the ideal time to engage in some networking activities to build your client and referral base. The Chamber has multiple opportunities for you to utilize this month:

- **Networking@Noon**, our popular once a month, meet for lunch and relationship building event will take place on **Wednesday, June 15th** at A Taste of Heaven, 2817 North Avenue. The event features assigned seating at small tables of 4-6 individuals from different businesses along with conversation starting questions. From there it is up to you to get know each other and make that business connection. Every effort is made to seat individuals with different business representatives each month of the year. For more information, contact Trisha at trisha@gjchamber.org.
- **Quarterly Membership Meeting, June 21st at CMU.** In June you have a bonus opportunity to network as we host our Quarterly Membership Meeting sponsored by ANB Banks. This month, our co-host is Colorado Mesa University with Matt Rosenberg, a CMU Professor and co-owner of RoseCap Investments sharing insights on the global economy along with a local economic perspective offered by Diane Schwenke, Chamber CEO. Expanding businesses will also be recognized. Register online at www.gjchamber.org.
- **Business After Hours**, our most attended regularly scheduled networking event takes place on **June 28th** at our downtown hotels; Fairfield Inn, Hampton Inn and SpringHill Suites. Normally attended by over 200 members, this event offers plenty of opportunities for dialogue in a relaxed setting. Register online at www.gjchamber.org.
- **Leads Groups** are the Chamber's ongoing weekly long term networking venue. Up to 25 members of non-competing businesses get together for one hour to offer one minute updates from the businesses and hear an in depth business presentation from one of the members. The groups meet on Thursday morning, Thursday noon or Friday morning and interested members are invited to attend a meeting with the group they are interested in prior to applying to ensure that it is a good fit. For more information, contact Trisha at trisha@gjchamber.org.

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JUN 9 | 5:00 PM
Mesa County Leadership Class Graduation
BrightStar Redlands Mesa

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JUN 15 | 12:00 Noon
Networking @ Noon

A Taste of Heaven
 Advance Registration
 Required: \$18 for
 GJACC members.

JUN 15 | 2 - 4 PM
Mesa County Libraries Business Connect
GJACC Conference Room

Advance Registration
 Requested. No cost for
 GJACC members.

JUN 21 | 12:00 Noon
***Note Date Change**
Quarterly Membership Luncheon

CMU University Ballroom
 Advance Registration
 Required: **\$20** for GJACC
 members.

JUN 22 | 7:30 am
Energy Industry Roundtable
GJACC Conference Room

No cost to attend.
 Space is limited.

JUN 28 | 5:30 PM
Business After Hours
Hampton Inn / Fairfield Inn & SpringHill Suites

Advance Registration:
 \$10 for GJACC
 members.

JUL 20 | 12:00 Noon
Networking @ Noon
No Coast Sushi

Advance Registration
 Required: \$18 for
 GJACC members.

JUL 20 | 2 - 4 PM
Mesa County Libraries Business Connect

GJACC Conference Room
 Advance Registration
 Requested. No cost for
 GJACC members.

JUL 26 | 5:30 PM
Business After Hours
The Wag Resort

Advance Registration:
 \$10 for GJACC
 members.

AUG 17 | 12:00 Noon
Networking @ Noon
Buffalo Wild Wings

Advance Registration
 Required: \$18 for
 GJACC members.

AUG 17 | 2 - 4 PM
Mesa County Libraries Business Connect

GJACC Conference Room
 Advance Registration
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AUG 30 | 5:30 PM
Business After Hours
Sooper Credit Union

Advance Registration:
 \$10 for GJACC
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GJACC Events Registration Form: June, July & August 2016

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Networking@Noon - 06/15/16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Connect - 07/20/16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Connect - 08/17/16 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Connect - 06/15/16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Business After Hours - 07/26/16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Business After Hours 08/30/16 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly Luncheon - 06/21/16 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Roundtable - 6/22/16 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business After Hours - 06/28/16 | | |

Company Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

Attending (Names): _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Payment Method: Bill my Chamber Account Check Enclosed

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Authorized Signature: _____

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Legally challenged the Grand Valley Drainage District on imposing a fee that we believe violates the Taxpayers Bill of Rights



Voted to weigh in on a dozen pieces of state legislation that will impact all employers

Opposed Amendment 69, the ballot initiative that would create a single payer health insurance plan in Colorado that would give our state the highest income tax rate in the nation and drive away good paying jobs in the health care industry



We are standing up for you! Will you stand up with us?

Call 970-242-3214 or email trisha@gjchamber.org to learn how your membership can help us be your voice with government!



Chamber Positions and Legislative Votes 2016

Overall Chamber Success Rate: 51%

House Bills	HB-1001	HB-1020	HB-1073	HB-1114	HB-1119	HB-1139	HB-1166	HB-1275	HB-1299	HB-1301	HB-1302	HB-1310	HB-1337	HB-1355
Chamber	Oppose	Oppose	Support	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	Oppose	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	Support	Oppose
Rep. Dan Thurlow	No	NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	NA	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA
Rep. Yeulin Willett	No	NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	NA	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA
Senator Ray Scott	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Yes	NA	NA	NA	NA

House Bills Continued	HB-1361	HB-1372	HB-1382	HB-1388	HB-1403	HB-1407	HB-1420	HB-1421	HB-1425	HB-1430	HB-1433	HB-1435	HB-1441	HB-1450
Chamber	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Support	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Oppose	Support
Rep. Dan Thurlow	Yes	NA	NA	No	NA	Yes	Yes	NA	Yes	No	NA	No	No	Yes
Rep. Yeulin Willett	No	NA	NA	No	NA	Yes	No	NA	Yes	No	NA	No	No	Yes
Senator Ray Scott	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Senate Bills	SB-002	SB-046	SB-054	SB-067	SB-076	SB-081	SB-097	SB-143	SB-178	SB-194	SJR-039
Chamber	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Oppose	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support
Rep. Dan Thurlow	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rep. Yeulin Willett	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Senator Ray Scott	Yes	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Ray Scott = 83%

Dan Thurlow = 90%

Yeulin Willett = 90%

HB-1001: Oppose	State Contr. Certify Compliance With Equal Pay Laws
HB-1020: Oppose	No Drones Near Airports Or Jails
HB-1073: Support*	Electrical Industry Safety And Training Act
HB-1114: Support	Repeal Duplicate Reporting Requirements
HB-1119: Support*	Modify Sales & Use Tax Exemption For Aircraft
HB-1139: Support	Allow Electronic Cmt Participation During Interim
HB-1166: Oppose	Prohibit Seeking Salary History For Job Applicants
HB-1275: Oppose	Taxation Of Corp Income Sheltered In Tax Haven
HB-1299: Support	Attorney Fees & Costs in Employment Discrimination Cases
HB-1301: Support	Business Income Tax Credit Offer Apprenticeships
HB-1302: Support	Align With Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act
HB-1310: Oppose	Operators Liable For Oil And Gas Operations
HB-1337: Support	Appellate Process For Decisions about Groundwater
HB-1355: Oppose	Affirm Local Gov Siting Auth Oil & Gas Facilities
HB-1361: Oppose	Patient Choice In Pharmacy
HB-1372: Support	Work Opportunity Tax Credit
HB-1382: Oppose	Divert Water Piscatorial Aesthetic Beneficial Use
HB-1388: Oppose	Employer Hiring Criminal History Employee
HB-1403: Oppose	Colorado Secure Savings Plan
HB-1407: Support*	Extend Medicaid Payment Reform & Innovation Pilot
HB-1420: Support	CO Healthcare Affordability & Sustainability Enter
HB-1421: Support	Allocate Additional FY 2016-17 Gen Fund Revenues
HB-1425: Support	Immunization Records for Temporary Daycare
HB-1430: Oppose	Local Government Drilling Plans
HB-1433: Support	Retain and Reserve Severance Tax Dollars
HB-1435: Oppose	Corporate Responsibility Act
HB-1441: Oppose	PUC Consider Full Cost Carbon For Elec Generation

HB-1450: Support	Allocate Additional Available State Revenues
SB-002: Oppose	Health Exchange Voter Approval To Impose Tax
SB-046: Support	Preserve Options Respond EPA Clean Power Plan Rule
SB-054: Oppose	Local Government Minimum Wage
SB-067: Support	Broadband Personal Property Tax Exemption
SB-076: Oppose	Repeal Employment Verification Standards
SB-081: Oppose	Rural Economic Emergency Assistance Grant Program
SB-097: Support	Use Mineral Severance Revenue For Local Govts
SB-143: Support	Reduce Liquor License Fee for Specified Licensees
SB-178: Support	Grand Junction Regional Center Campus
SB-194: Support	Regional Transportation Development Projects

SJR-039: Support	Jordan Cove Liquefied Natural Gas Export Facility
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Bills marked with a * were passed

Recent Ribbon Cuttings



Adams Vacuum & Sewing Center
 2695 Patterson Rd, Grand Junction, CO 81501
 (970) 243-1330 - New Owner/Location



Gelu Italian Ice, LLC
 2405 F Rd, Grand Junction, CO 81505
 (970) 986-9535
 Grand Re-Opening



Landmark Staffing
 1048 Independent Ave, Ste A110
 Grand Junction, CO 81505
 (970) 985-7000 - New Business



Monument Women's Healthcare
 610 25 Rd, Grand Junction, CO 81505
 (970) 986-8900 - New Business



Shelter Insurance
 1236 N 7th St, Grand Junction, CO 81501
 (970) 628-4888 - New Business



Unifirst Mortgage Corporation
 604 25 Rd, Grand Junction, CO 81505
 (970) 241-4453 - New Location



Business Barometer

April 2016

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			
April	2016	2015	% Change
City of Grand Junction	\$3,607,281	\$3,648,596	-1.1%
Total YTD	\$13,963,533	\$13,920,550	0.3%

MESA COUNTY Building Permits Issued				
April	2016	Total Value	2015	Total Value
New Single Family Residence	53	\$11,076,239	53	\$12,685,714
New Commercial	0	\$0	3	\$2,224,860
Other	289	\$19,696,864	156	\$5,902,472
Totals	342	\$30,733,103	212	\$18,813,046
YTD Totals	710	\$85,546,818	582	\$53,989,228

MLS Statistics - Quarterly		
1st Quarter	2016	2015
Total Sold	659	656
Dollar Volume	\$141,083,499	\$131,926,547
Total Sold YTD	889	755
Dollar Volume YTD	\$200,950,620	\$152,630,409

Source: Grand Junction Area Realtor Association

Hotel/Motel Occupancy		
April	2016	2015
Occupancy Rate	64%	58.1%
Average Daily Room Rate	\$82.36	\$78.53

Mesa County Foreclosures		
Year	Number Filed	Number Gone to Sale
2013	781	564
2014	539	403
2015	479	304

Source: Mesa County Public Trustee

G J Regional Airport		
April	2016	2015
Enplaned Passengers	16,884	16,189
Deplaned Airfreight	59,802	537,480
Enplaned YTD Passengers	66,151	62,112
Deplaned YTD Airfreight	1,024,892	2,278,256

Labor Market Statistics		
April	2016	2015
Civilian Labor Force	72,716	73,526
Total Employment	68,448	68,089
Total Unemployment	4,268	4,437
Unemployment Rate	5.9%	6.0%

Sources: Grand Junction Area Realtor Association, Colorado Workforce, Grand Junction City Sales Tax Department, Grand Junction Regional Airport, Grand Junction Visitor and Convention Bureau, Mesa County Building Department, Rocky Mountain Lodging Report

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Alpine Bank
ANB Bank
Bank of Colorado
Community Hospital
FCI Constructors, Inc.
Grand Junction City Government
Holiday Inn & Suites - Grand Junction Airport
OBJ Group
Rocky Mountain Health Plans
St. Mary's Hospital & Regional Medical Center, Inc.
US Bank
Wells Fargo Bank

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