

Your Guide To The Business Community And the Craig Chamber Of Commerce

showing appreciation



Chamber ambassadors Laurie Ogden (left, Mountain West Insurance) and Delaine Voloshin (center, School-to-Work Alliance) go over their Member Appreciation Day delivery route with Chamber staff member Rebekah Greenwood.



Chamber board member Gail Severson (Severson Supply and Rental) ties balloons outside of Paintdabbers.



Chamber executive director Christina Currie



Chamber board president Joe Bird (Cook Chevrolet service manager).

our members matter

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PHOTOS

The Craig Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 4th annual Member Appreciation Day March 23 by hand-delivering more than 900 balloons and 300 gift bags to its Craig-area members. Chamber board members and ambassadors were an integral part in the event's success. Chamber members contributed goodies to the bag which was distributed, either in person or by mail, to approximately 370 Chamber members. Any member who is interested in including items in next year's deliveries should contact the Chamber at (970) 824-5689 for more information.

We're on a mission

The Chamber's mission is to build a strong economic environment which contributes to business success by:

- ◆ Supporting public policy which create a viable business community.
- ◆ Providing quality membership services.
- ◆ Supporting aggressive economic and tourism development programs.



APRIL EVENTS

Now - April 30 • Win the big game hunt of your dreams!

The Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with some of our hunting industry members, is offering you a chance to win a quality hunt for the price of a raffle ticket. Northwest Colorado is home to the two largest migrating elk herds in the United States and is abundant with other wildlife.

- Triple Track Outfitters is offering a fully guided 5 day bull elk hunt for 3rd season! This is a chance in a lifetime hunt including food and lodging. You can buy a bull elk tag during 3rd season over the counter so the winner is guaranteed access to a license. Units 11, 12, 13, & 211.

- Elkhorn Outfitters www.elkhornoutfitters.com is offering two guided youth hunts, one for a bull elk and one for a buck deer. These hunts are chances of a lifetime that your youth will always remember. Ranching for Wildlife vouchers are included. The winner will be guaranteed a license.

- Norman Ranch is offering trespass hunts for an archery buck pronghorn and a muzzle loading buck deer. A ca.m.per or a trailer will be available for lodging. To obtain access to this high-quality hunting area, contest winners must have obtained a license through the DOW limited license drawing process or possess a leftover license. The ranch will extend these hunts until 2011 if the winner doesn't draw a tag in 2010. Units 4 & 301. Learn more by visiting www.normanranches.com

- Y Lazy S Ranch www.ylazysranch.com is offering trespass hunts for a buck pronghorn, doe pronghorn, 2nd season buck deer, doe deer and a cow elk hunt. To obtain access to this high-quality hunting area, contest winners must have obtained a license through the DOW limited license drawing process or possess a leftover license. The ranch will extend these hunts until 2011 if the winner doesn't draw a tag in 2010. Unit 301.

Website: www.craig-chamber.com
 Location: Craig, Colorado
 Contact: (970) 824-5689
 Email: assistant@craig-chamber.com
 Fees/Admission:
 Youth bull elk - \$25
 Youth buck deer - \$20 Guided bull elk - \$25
 Archery Pronghorn buck - \$15
 Muzzle loading buck deer - \$20
 Rifle buck deer - \$20
 Rifle doe deer - \$5
 Rifle Pronghorn buck - \$15 Rifle Pronghorn doe - \$5
 Cow elk - \$15
 Limited number of tickets are available.

April 1 • Wake-Up Craig Breakfast - hosted by the Boys and Girls Club of Craig

Let us see your sunny side! Craig Chamber of Commerce informational breakfast sponsored this quarter by Craig Daily Press and hosted by the Boys and Girls Club of Craig. Come see the remodeled Boys and Girls Club facility, hear about their exciting programs and network with your fellow Chamber members.

Website: www.craig-chamber.com
 Location: Boys and Girls Club of Craig, 1324 E. US Hwy 40
 Contact: RSVPs online or by calling (970) 824-5689
 Email: assistant@craig-chamber.com
 Time: 6:47 a.m. to 7:47 a.m.
 Fees/Admission: \$5

April 1 • Friends monthly meeting

Friends of Northwest Colorado meets monthly to discuss events and issues.
 Time: 6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
 Location: Conference room, 529 Yampa Ave. Craig
 Contact: Sasha at (970) 824-5241
 Email: sasha@cecenviro.org

April 2, 9, 16, 23 30 • Elks Bingo

Come enjoy an evening of bingo at Elks Lodge #1577. One pack of cards is \$15, two packs is \$25 (\$10 for the second pack), after the second pack it's \$5 a piece for each new pack you buy. You can also try it out for \$7.50 for half a pack.
 Time: 6:00 p.m. - 10 p.m.
 Location: Elks Lodge #1577, 43 W. Victory Way
 Contact: Frank Sadvar (970) 824-6131

April 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30 • Fellowship Group Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. Meetings every Monday and Friday.
 Time: 7-8 p.m.
 Location: St Marks Episcopal Church, 657 Green St.
 Contact: Susan S.
 Email: suzat2421cr64@gmail.com

April 5 • Weight Loss 101

This 12-week program is geared around the Calorie King and Awesome Recipes. Classes will be taught by certified Wellness Coach, Susan Hucke, and assistant coach, Trish Foster. Drop-ins are welcome. Private online classes may be available.
 Website: meetup.com
 Location: 350 Bondured Ave.
 Contact: Susan Hucke (970) 824-9284
 Email: suebecat@msn.com
 Date/Time Details: Class starts at 7

p.m.
 Fees/Admission: \$29 Sign-in fee, non-refundable

April 6 • 2010 Grow Right: SCORE Success Steps

SCORE Success Steps. Business Growth & Success Training. Marketing for free! Using e-mail to grow your business.
 Time: 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.
 Website: www.score.org
 Location: Moffat County Courthouse
 Contact: (970) 826-2039
 Email: director@cmdep.com
 Fees/Admission: \$15 - includes lunch
 FREE for Chamber and CMEDP Members!

April 6 • Yampa Valley PieceMakers Quilt Guild Board Meeting

PieceMakers Quilt Guild board business meeting.
 Time: 6:30 - 8 p.m.
 Location: TBA
 Contact: Linda Pinnt (970) 824-5219 or (970) 846-8773
 Date/Time Details: 1st Tuesday of every month.
 Fees/Admission: Free

April 6, 13, 20, 27 • Intercambio

This is a free, conversational group for English and Spanish language learners of all levels. Come interact with people of all walks of life in a very casual and relaxed environment! The group meets every Tuesday at the Boys and Girls Club of Craig.
 Time: 7-8 p.m.
 Website: www.ciiccolorado.org
 Location: 1324 E US Highway
 Contact: Eveline Bacon
 Email: learn@ciiccolorado.org

April 7, 14, 21, 28 • Aging Well - Wellness Wednesdays

The Aging Well Program sponsors Wellness Wednesdays for adults 50 years old and older. Options include art, writing and exercise classes. Lunch is served at each week's lunchtime presentation. Register for activities before each Wednesday.
 Time: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 Location: American Legion Post, formerly the Shadow Mountain Clubhouse.
 Contact: (970) 871-7676
 Fees/Admission: none

April 7 • Yampa Valley Sewing Guild Meetings

The Yampa Valley Sewing Guild meets the first Wednesday of each month. All seamstresses are invited to attend regardless of skill level.
 Time: 1 to 3 p.m.
 Location: KS Creations
 Contact: Pat Pearce
 Email: ppattyann@wildblue.net
 Fees/Admission: No charge

April 10 • Celebrate Children Festival - 2010

A carnival atmosphere that provides different booths and stations with fun activities for children and free information for parents. Free activities for children ages 2 to 8. All children must be accompanied by an adult.
 There will be lots of free goodies (prizes, food, arts and crafts).
 Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Location: Centennial Mall, 1111 W. Victory Way in Craig
 Fees/Admission: Free

April 10, 24 • American Legion Post #62 Bingo

The American Legion Post #62 has bingo every other Saturday evening. All are welcome to attend.
 Time: 5:30 to 10 p.m.
 Location: Elks Lodge @ 43 W. Victory
 Contact: Frank Sadvar at (970) 620-0874 or the Post (970) 824-3625
 Fees/Admission: Minimum \$15 for the full event

April 13, 27 • Craig City Council

The Craig City Council meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Log on to www.ci.craig.co.us for meeting agendas and minutes.
 Time: 7:30 p.m.
 Website: www.ci.craig.co.us
 Location: City Hall, 300 W. 4th St.
 Email: jferree@ci.craig.co.us

April 20 • Bright STARTS (Sales Techniques and Retail Trade Strategies)

If you own a retail business, sell any product or service or work with the public, Bright STARTS (Sales Techniques and Retail Trade Strategies) is the discussion group for you. Topics are tailored to the needs of participants. The group will work as a team to help you and your employees bolster your sales techniques, promotional materials and retail displays. The group will be limited to no more than 12 participants.
 Time: 8-8:50 a.m.
 Location: Serendipity Coffee Shop, 576 Yampa Ave.
 Contact: Please R.S.V.P. to Christina Currie (970) 824-5689
 Email: director@craig-chamber.com
 Date/Time Details: Bright STARTS meets the third Thursday of each month.
 Fees/Admission: This educational opportunity is FREE.

April 20 • Yampa Valley Piecemakers Quilt Guild

Join the Yampa Valley quilt guild in their monthly meetings the presentation this month is a trunk show on cowboy quilts. The guild meets the third Tuesday of every month. This

meeting will be a birthday party to celebrate the guild's 1 year anniversary in Craig.

Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
 Location: Sunset Meadows
 Contact: Linda Pinnt (970) 824-5219

April 22 • Greater Sage Grouse Forum

Public forum with experts describing the history, recent science and future management for sage grouse.
 Contact: Sasha at (970) 824-5241
 Email: sasha@cecenviro.org

April 23-24 • Spring Cottonwood Restoration Trips

Celebrate Earth Day by planting trees along the Green River!
 Contact: Sasha at (970) 824-5241
 Email: sasha@cecenviro.org

April 28 • Member Benefit Briefing

Are you a member of the Chamber and don't know what the Chamber does for your business? Are you interested in joining the Chamber but don't know exactly what we do? Come join us for an informal session to discuss what we do and how we can help you grow your business.
 Time: 7 a.m. or noon
 Website: www.craig-chamber.com
 Location: Craig Chamber of Commerce, 360 E. Victory Way
 Contact: Christina Currie (970) 824-5689
 Email: director@craig-chamber.com
 Date/Time Details: There will be 2 sessions the 4th Wednesday of each month. The first will be at 7 a.m. The second session will be at noon, bring your own lunch.
 Fees/Admission: Free

April 30 • Horizons 3rd Annual Casino Night

Play Texas Holdum, Black Jack, Roulette. Eat some great food at the appetizer buffet. Cash bar available. Bid on silent auction items. Have Fun while supporting your friends and neighbors with developmental disabilities!
 Location: Holiday Inn of Craig
 Contact: Call Vickie at 824-7804 or Kay 879-4466 X110
 Email: kayathorizons@yahoo.com
 Date/Time Details: 7 to 10 p.m.
 Fees/Admission: \$25 in advance \$30 at the door. Purchase tickets in advance at the Horizons office, 439 Breeze St.

To include your event, or to see additional events, log on to www.craig-cha.m.ber.com and click the "Events" button. Choose "submit your own event!" and fill out the event details. It's that easy!

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Business Spotlight

Mountain View Furniture

34309 N. Hwy. 13, Craig
(970) 824-6066

Number of employees: 2

Number of years in business: 3 years in Craig, 7 years in California

What is your specialty? "We build furniture for the whole house: tables, chairs, hutches, dressers, chest of drawers, beds, armoires, sofa tables, coffee tables, and end tables, book shelves, regular desks, roll-top desks, gun cabinets, cradles and more."

What is your business philosophy?: "We strive to build a product that will last your lifetime and your children's"

Something about your business that people don't seem to know about? "We do not use any particle board in our furniture. We use only solid wood except plywood on drawer bottoms and backs of cabinets and book shelves."

Anything else? "We build furniture of many kinds of woods: oak, maple, alder, cherry, aromatic cedar, ash, polar, knotty pine, and beetle kill pine."

April Anniversaries

Craig Daily Press1998
Museum of Northwest
Colorado1998
Shepherd & Sons, Inc1998
Moffat County School District
.....1998
Mathers' Bar1998
Village Inn1998
Country Living Realty1999
Craig Mental Health Center
.....2000
Great Divide Cleaning2001
Bresnan Communications ..2001
Arrowhead Auto &
Collision Repair.....2004
Block Wall Landscaping2004
Maybell Women's Club2004
Calvary Baptist Church.....2004

Craig Christian Church2006
Homestead Hunts2006
Craig Concert Assn.2006
L. R. Sheep2007
CO Environmental Coalition
.....2008
Cugino's Italian Restaurant
.....2008
Triple M Electric2008
Golden Cavvy2008
Peggy Gonzales.....2009
SendOutCards2009
Colorado Student Care Inc.
.....2009
Vallarta's Mexican Restaurant
.....2009
Herod Industries/Roto Rooter
.....2009

Business Briefs

Hundreds coming for FFA convention

The blue jackets are coming! The Colorado FFA Convention is coming to Craig June 8-10. This is an annual event where more than 1,500 young people, their parents, sponsors, and guests join to together to celebrate youth involved in agriculture. The Convention not only makes an impact on the attendees through workshops, motivational speakers, and competitions but also makes a significant economic impact on a community.

Community involvement is welcome and needed. Local businesses are encouraged to consider partnering with the local FFA program by becoming a sponsor of the state convention. Sponsorship opportunities are available at several different levels. Contact Don Thorn at dthorn@coloradoffafoundation.org or by phone (719) 829-4483 with any questions.

Help available for college preparation

Colorado Student Care helps families through the "maze" of college preparation by offering the following:

- One-On-One Assistance
- PSAT / SAT / ACT Exam Training & Enhancement
- Career Interest & Ability

Assessment & Research

- College Search & Readiness
- Grant & Scholarship Searches
- NCAA Sports Eligibility Filing
- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Job Shadowing & Mentoring
- Homeschooled Assistance
- Tutoring in math, English, & reading specializing in grades 9th - 12th.

Contact George Avgares at (970) 824-9580 for more information.

Volunteers needed for Disability Awareness Day

The Independent Life Center will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act during the last week of July.

The Disability Awareness Days Committee will be meeting soon. If you would like to help, contact Anna Adams at 824-8316 or Evelyn Tileston at 826-0833. All interested parties are welcome to join the committee and help with the event.

Social Security benefits application specialists on hand

The Benefits Advocates at the Independent Life Center (ILC) are trained to help the applicant make sense of the process and to fill out the correct forms in the correct way and at the correct time, to get the best chance at a

successful application.

On March 18-19, they learned that three of their applicants had been awarded their benefits.

If any area resident needs assistance in applying for social security disability benefits, they should contact Catherine or Debby at (970) 826-0833 for assistance.

Habitat gets new name, new support

Five years ago a group of interested residents started the Moffat County Chapter of the Routt County Habitat for Humanity. They have now decided that The Fuller Center for Housing is the best suited organization to partner with and continue their mission in keeping with what The Fuller Center founder, Millard Fuller, calls, "The Economics of Jesus."

All of our assets acquired through donations and gifts have now transferred to MCFCFH to benefit projects in Craig and Moffat County. Anyone who had designated contributions to Moffat County Habitat through United Way and the payroll deduction process, please change that designation as soon as possible to the new organization, Moffat County Fuller Center for Housing an ecumenical Christian non-profit started in 2005 by Habitat for Humanity founder Millard Fuller. Visit www.FullerCenter.org for more information or contact local board members Neil Folks @ 824-0312 and Pastor Bob Woods @ 824-6836.



Michelle Bell

New employee joins Copy Shop team

The Copy Shop Computer Corner is proud to introduce Michele Bell.

Michele is the new customer service representative and is happy to assist customers with any copying needs, comb-binding, stapling, sorting, etc.

With a good attitude and great smile Michele loves helping people get their project completed on time and at the lowest costs in town.

No job is too big or too small, Michele can handle it all. The Copy Shop Computer Corner is proud to be Northwest Colorado's only BBB member for business machines sales and service since 1997.

Shaklee and U.S. Ski, Snowboarding Teams partner

Shaklee Corporation, the leading natural nutrition company in the U.S., would like to congratulate the U.S. Ski and Snowboarding teams for taking home an astounding 21 medals, including six gold medals, at the

games in Vancouver. Since 1980, Shaklee has been the exclusive nutritional sponsor of the U.S. Ski and Snowboarding teams to help these world-class athletes achieve peak performance through optimal nutrition.

"We are so proud to be associated with a company whose heritage has always been about improving people's health and their ability to reach personal goals," said Craig-based independent Shaklee Distributors Sharon and Larry Pletcher. "It's very exciting to be a part of this wonderful achievement."

Working to optimize the athletes' health and performance, the U.S. Ski and Snowboarding Sport Science Director, Troy Flanagan, works closely with Shaklee to create a nutritional regimen that helps to give them an edge over their competition.

"What makes our partnership so successful is our unwavering commitment to nutritional standards and product safety," said Roger Barnett, Chairman and CEO of Shaklee Corporation. "By conducting more than 80,000 quality tests each year, we guarantee the purity and effectiveness of each and every product our athletes and consumers use."

The U.S. Ski and Snowboarding nutrition teams recommend that their athletes take several Shaklee nutritional products to boost their immune systems. The Shaklee nutrient, energy and hydration products help them to perform at the highest level despite rigorous conditions.

For more information, contact Sharon and Larry Pletcher at sewell@bresnan.net.

CHAMBER CONNECTION

Board of directors

The Chamber's 12-member board of directors meets at 11:30 a.m. the second Thursday of each month. Members are always welcome.



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Thoughts from the board

There is something that helps answers be "yes" when asking for donations. Shopping local!

Supporting local businesses is supporting a stronger econo-



my. Remember to Shop Craig First.

Joe Bird

Did you know ...

The Chamber sells four-wheeler, snowmobile and wood-cutting permits?

The Chamber has city, county and state maps available for

free?

The Chamber has telephone books available for no charge?

The Chamber has a place to display your business cards and brochures?

The Chamber has information and knowledgeable staff members available to answer all your questions about Moffat

County and surrounding areas?

The Chamber boasts the area's ONLY hunting information specialist?

The Chamber is a resource for both locals and visitors?

Call or stop by today to see what the Chamber and visitor center have for you!

Gail Severson

Chamber ambassadors

By SHANNON RUSSELL
CHAMBER AMBASSADOR

Chili was the perfect treat at this year's Wyman Winter Festival! As the snowflakes fell the chili warmed the tummies of many.

There were six entries, and each had its own distinguishing flavor, but all were very good.

There was an activity for everyone at the Winter Festival, and a flavor of chili for everyone at the Chili Tent.

With donations from many area businesses the prize winners walked away with smiles on their faces as they pondered when and how to utilize their prizes. We want to say thank you to those businesses who donated supplies or prizes: Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply Store, Flower Mine, Embroidery Shoppe, Amerigas, Village Inn, the Highmark,

We would also like to say "thank you" to the Ambassadors who made this

event happen, Annie MacGregor, Debbie Baum, Vicki Burns, Ryan MacGregor, Lois Wymore, Matt McCarthy, and Shannon Russell. A special thank you to Rebekah Greenwood and Audrey Danner who pitched in throughout the event.

Looking for a few good ambassadors

Are you itching to get out, have some fun and be involved in the community? The Chamber Ambassadors offer just that! This group organizes and helps with several events throughout the year giving its members the chance to interact with the community. You will find the Ambassadors at events such as Whittle the Wood, Winter Festival Chili Cook Off, Grand Olde West Days, Crabfest, State of the County, Chamber mixers, parades and many other events.

You don't have to be a business owner, anyone who works

Chamber ambassadors

Debbie Baum
Backroads Web Development
Renata Beason
The Embroidery Shoppe
Victoria Burns
Brass Key Realty, LTD
Rebekah Greenwood
Chamber of Commerce
Elisa Hayes
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for a Chamber member can do it! Being an ambassador gives the chance to network within the community, and get the inside scoop on upcoming

events. If you are looking to be involved or know someone who is please contact Rebekah at 824-5689.

Member Recognition

Cleaning services

- Great Divide Cleaning Service

Clothing

- Maurices
- New Beginnings Consignment
- Wal-Mart

Clubs & Organizations

- American Legion Post 62
- Calvary Baptist Church
- Colorado Environmental Coalition
- Craig Lions Club
- Craig Rotary Club
- Craig Sea Sharks
- CSU Moffat County Extension Office

•Downtown Business Assn

- Elks Lodge #1577
- Faith Lutheran Church
- Grand Olde West Days
- Committee
- Kiwanis Club
- Maybell Women's Club
- Moffat County Tourism Association
- Moffat County Young Life
- New Creation Church
- The Journey at First Baptist
- VFW #4265
- Yampa Valley Partners

Computer/Internet Services

- Backroads Web Development

Conference/convention services

- Hampton Inn and Suites- Craig

Contractors/ Sand & Gravel

- 3B Enterprises, LLC
- Wagner Corporation

Contractors/Electrical

- Mountain States Company
- Triple M Electric

Contractors/Excavation

- Anson Excavating and Pipe Inc.
- Wagner Corporation

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- Jenison Custom Builders
- Joe Mosciaro Construction, LLC

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