



# Chamber Connection

July, 2011

Your guide to the business community & the Craig Chamber Of Commerce



## Upcoming EVENTS

### July 1 - 4 • Little Britches Rodeo 2011

**Location:** MoCo Fairgrounds  
**Contact:** Dave Fleming (970) 824-8762  
**Fees/Admission:** Free to the public.

### July 1 - 3 • Cottonwood Classic golf tournament

**Website:**  
[www.yampavalleygolf.com](http://www.yampavalleygolf.com)  
**Location:** Yampa Valley Golf Course, 2179 Hwy 394  
**Contact:** Pro Shop (970) 824-3673

### July 1 • Christian Simmons band

**Time:** 9 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.  
**Website:**  
[www.christiansimmons.com](http://www.christiansimmons.com)  
**Location:** Mather's Bar, 420 Yampa Ave.

## Chamber/visitor center offices closed for minor renovation

The Craig Chamber of Commerce and Moffat County Visitor Center will be closed July 7-11 for minor renovations funded through a partnership of the Chamber of Commerce and Moffat County Tourism Association in support of the services and area marketing provided by the visitor center. Renovations are also made possible by generous donations from [Best Western Deer Park Inn and Suites](#), [TLC Carpet One](#) and [Anson Excavating](#), as well as volunteer time from Chamber board and staff members.

### Open house

See the visitor center's new look and help the Craig chamber of commerce celebrate its 65th birthday from **5 p.m. to 7 p.m. July 14**. Food will be catered by Gino's Neighborhood Pizzeria and there will be tons of great door prizes. RSVP by calling (970) 804-5689, by e-mailing [office@craig-chamber.com](mailto:office@craig-chamber.com) or online at [www.craig-chamber.com/events](http://www.craig-chamber.com/events).

Renovations will include new carpeting and tile at the entryways, a fresh coat of interior paint and new displays and cabinetry.

"This renovation, minor as it seems, is going to make the visitor center look and feel more updated," Executive Director Christina Oxley said. "Even though we get a great many compliments on our facility, it will be great to have a new look. We consider it our 65th birthday gift to the Chamber and to the visitor center."

The Chamber will celebrate the completion of the project with an open house on July 14.

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## Your Chamber at work

### June, 2011

Walk – ins:	532
Phone calls:	488
Mail outs:	28
Visits to member web pages:	6,168

## Contact us:

**Chamber staff:** (970) 824-5689  
**Sportsman info:** (970) 824-3046  
**Visitor center:** 1-800-864-4405  
**Board of directors:** Visit [www.craig-chamber.com/aboutthechamber](http://www.craig-chamber.com/aboutthechamber) for a full listing of the current board of directors.



Friday Fish Fry \$12.95  
 Prime Rib Buffet \$21.95  
 (Saturdays 5:30-9 p.m.)

 300 S. Hwy. 13,  
 Craig, CO  
 970.824.4000

# July EVENTS

## **July 4 • July fourth parade & BBQ**

**Time:** Noon - 2 p.m.

**Location:** Parade starts at the VFW, go west on Victory Way, north on Yampa Ave. and east on 6th St. and end at the City Park where the barbecue will be held.

**Contact:** Johnny Garcia (970) 629-3345

Fees: No fee to enter the parade or for the BBQ.

## **July 5 - 7 • Fuller Center Bicycle Adventure**

**Details:** Cyclists raising funds and awareness for the Fuller Center for Housing will stop in Craig will work on the Fuller Center's home building project and will participate in a community barbecue.

**Website:**

[www.fullercenter.org/blogs/bikeadventure](http://www.fullercenter.org/blogs/bikeadventure)

**Contact:** Neil Folks (970) 824-0312

## **July 8 - 9 • Taylor's Bayou live**

**Location:** Holiday Inn's Sports Page Bar, 300 S. Hwy 13

**Contact:** (970) 824-4000

**Date/Time:** Band starts at 9 p.m. both nights.

**Admission:** None

## **July 9 • Dirty Hippy Party & ribbon cutting**

**Details:** Bring something to tie-dye. Games and prizes. Palisade Brewing Company will bring Dirty Hippy Beer and other flavors of beer to check out. Also, to celebrate the new ownership of Carelli's, the Craig Chamber of Commerce will be over to host a ribbon cutting.

**Time:** 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

**Location:** Carelli's, 465 Yampa Ave.

**Contact:** Carelli's (970) 824-6868

**Time:** Games from 2 - 4 p.m., tie-dye station and drink specials all day and ribbon cutting 2 p.m.

## **July 14 • How to Start a Business 101**

**Location:** Moffat County Courthouse second floor conference room. Please use the North door.

**Time:** 6:30 - 9 p.m.

**Contact:** Darcy Owens-Trask (970) 826-2039

**Email:** [director@cmdep.com](mailto:director@cmdep.com)

**Fees:** Free - Sponsored by CMEDP



*photo courtesy Michelle Balleck/Craig Daily Press*

*J.W. Snacks owners Danny and Teri Griffith, center, accept the Chamber Select award from Craig Chamber of commerce board and staff members.*

## **J.W. Snacks earns prestigious “Chamber Select” designation**

The Craig Chamber of Commerce board of directors recognized J.W. Snacks for its outstanding service, quality food and clean environment by making the restaurant the first recipient of the Chamber Select award.

“We wanted a mechanism for recognizing our local businesses that exemplify those traits that demonstrate a commitment to quality,” Chamber Executive Director Christina Oxley said. “We have so many businesses that really set a high standard for business practices and are an example to other businesses in our community. These are Chamber Select businesses.”

Chamber Select businesses must receive three nominations from employees, customers, other businesses or the Chamber board of directors or can self-nominate if they have invested in employee training such as time management, leadership or customer service.

To earn the Chamber Select designation, the business must:

- Demonstrate exemplary customer service.
- Demonstrate a desire to improve or an adherence to best business practices.
- The business must be clean and organized; both inside and out.
- Hours of operation must be customer friendly, posted and adhered to.
- Business must have the ability to process payments in a customer-friendly way, which includes accepting major credit cards and providing receipts with purchase.
- Employees greet customers upon entry.
- Service-based businesses keep appointments and stay on time.
- Service-based businesses are willing to provide references regarding the quality of their work.
- Business demonstrates a strong sense of community involvement, donating at any level either time or money.

“The quality, service and high standards at J.W. Snacks made them a shoe in as a Chamber Select business,” Oxley said. “Now, we’re hoping that other businesses are nominated and meet the criteria so that local residents and visitors can see just how many businesses in Moffat County go above and beyond to serve the community and their customers.”



# July EVENTS

## July 14 • Chamber mixer hosted by Craig Chamber of Commerce

**Time:** 5 - 7 p.m.  
**Location:** 360 E. Victory Way  
**Contact:** RSVP by calling (970)  
824-5689 or email  
**Email:** office@craig-chamber.com  
**Admission:** Free

## July 15 - 16 • Relay For Life

**Time:** 6 p.m. - 9 a.m.  
**Website:**  
www.craigrelayforlife.com  
**Location:** Moffat County High  
School, 900 Finley Lane  
**Contact:** Ryan at (970) 620-2191  
**Email:** YampaVal-  
leyRFL@yahoo.com

## July 30 • Mud Splash - 2011

Entry fee includes six t-shirts and  
a guaranteed two games in a  
double-elimination format tourna-  
ment. Limit 16 teams. Additional  
t-shirts available for \$10 per shirt  
and must be ordered in advance.  
**Time:** 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
**Website:** www.craig-  
chamber.com  
**Location:** Loudy-Simpson Park  
west of the soccer fields.  
**Contact:** (970) 824-5689  
**Email:** director@craig-  
chamber.com  
**Fees:** Cost is \$200 per team.

# Ribbon CUTTINGS




*chamber photo*  
The Craig Chamber of Commerce welcomes the Northwest Colorado Parrot Head Club, a non-profit dedicated to preserving and enhancing the environment and the local community. They provide social interaction among people interested in the lifestyle and music of Jimmy Buffett and who love life in the Rocky Mountains. Call (970) 824-7410 for more information or to join.



*chamber photo*  
The Craig Chamber of Commerce welcomes The Dog and I, located at 2023 W. Victory Way. Call them owner April Rubley at (970) 824-5778 to make an appointment to get your dog groomed. They groom all sizes and all breeds.

# July ANNIVERSARIES

Craig Conoco Service	1997
Jackson's Office Supply	1998
Boys & Girls Club of Craig	2003
Whole Body Alignment	2004
Ridgeview West Apartments	2004
Hoque, Don & Dee	2005
First Congregational United Church of Christ	2005
Northwest Colorado Dental Coalition	2005
Bull Run Ranch	2008
Village Profile	2008
High Tech Audio Video, Inc	2008
Mountain View Furniture	2009
B & B Welders Supply, Inc.	2009
Land Title Guarantee CO	2009
Farmers Insurance Group/ E.J. Bunk	2010
Intermountain Appliances	2010



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# Business SPOTLIGHT

# Ribbon CUTTINGS



## Anson Excavating & Pipe Inc.

P.O. Box 777, Craig, CO  
970-824-0382

**Number of employees:** 10-30 depending on the season.

**Number of years in business:** 13

**What is your specialty?** Excavation, over-lot grading, underground utilities, road building and maintenance, pond building and cleaning, snowplowing, and have recently started doing oilfield services.

### **What is your business or organization philosophy?**

We pride ourselves on doing it right the first time. We are easy to work with, have a friendly and knowledgeable staff and are available when you need us to be. We love what we do and it shows.

### **Is there something your business or organization offers that people don't seem to know about?**

We are willing to try about anything. We recently have learned and completed a project doing pipe bursting. This is a new way of replacing water and sewer lines with minimally ground disturbance, it allows us to replace long runs of pipe without digging a trench in yards or streets. We also have been trained in the latest technology of Geo Thermal Heating and Cooling. This is where you would use the use of ground to heat water instead of energy. We do work for anyone from big municipalities, companies and individuals.

## Draper Insurance



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The Craig Chamber of Commerce welcomes Cody Draper and **Draper Insurance**, a full-service insurance agency providing coverages and services for auto, home, business, health and life with more than 20 companies represented. Locally owned and operated since 1993. Stop by their offices at 115 W. Victory Way or call (970) 824-8663.

## Mally Js



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The Craig Chamber of Commerce welcomes Mallory Johnston, owner of **Mally Js Salon**, located at 19 W. Victory Way. Mally Js is a full service salon that offers tanning, nails, hair in a relaxed setting. Call (970) 701-3019 for an appointment or stop by. Walk-ins are welcome.

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## Job Search

Post any job opening on [www.craig-chamber.com](http://www.craig-chamber.com) at no charge and reach local and national markets.

A link to job postings appear on every page of the chamber of commerce Web site and job postings are viewed by nearly 2,500 people a year. And now, with the Chamber's partnership with RealMatch.com, your job posting is seen across the nation.

There's nothing to lose. It's FREE!

To post your job, log on to your member account by visiting [www.craig-chamber.com/memberinformation](http://www.craig-chamber.com/memberinformation). Click "member's only login" and post your job.

If you don't have your member log-in information, call the Chamber at (970) 824-5689.

## Support Relay for Life

The Craig Chamber of Commerce is selling pencils, bracelets and cups filled with peanuts or pretzels to support Relay for Life.

When you stop by for information, area maps, OHV permits or business information, check out our selection and help us contribute to a great cause.

# June Fast Facts - Economic indicators

*Courtesy of Yampa Valley Partners  
For more Fast Facts or other economic indicators, visit  
[www.yampavalleypartners.com](http://www.yampavalleypartners.com)*

### Employment

The employment situation continues to improve in both Moffat and Routt counties. The improvement in May 2011, although minor, continues the positive trend that began in January of this year. The eco-

nomical stress factor due to unemployment is approaching zero which means that a balance between the size of the workforce and the number of jobs are in balance. The 4th quarter of 2010 census of establishments by industry was updated this month by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment. Overall the number of establishments with employees dur-

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## Ribbon CUTTINGS

### Three Sons Construction & Complete Detail



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The Craig Chamber of Commerce welcome Jarrod and Tona Ogden, owners of Three Sons Construction and Complete Detail, located 1121 E. Victory Way. **Three Sons Construction** specializes in industrial, commercial and residential construction including new construction, additions, remodels, garages, decks, fences and more. No job is too small, call (970) 326-8128 for your free estimate today. If you can get it dirty, **Complete Detail** can get it clean! They detail automobiles, boats, RV's, campers and more. Call (970) 326-8128 for pricing and appointments.

# State sales tax service fee restored

Courtesy of Jones  
and Associates

The Colorado state sales tax Service Fee (also known as the Vendor's Fee) has been restored and the rate is now 2.22%. The fee may be claimed on timely filed and paid sales tax returns submitted on or after July 1, 2011 beginning with sales tax returns for June 2011 and 2nd quarter 2011 due on July 20, 2011.

This applies to state sales tax, state retailers use tax, and Regional Transportation District (RTD), Scientific and Cultural District (CD), Football District (FD), Baseball District (BD) sales tax. The service fee rates for state-collected cities, counties and other special districts are not changed. Service rates for state-collected local jurisdictions are listed in the publication Colorado Sales/Use Tax Rates (DR 1002). The service/vendor's fee does not change the Colorado state sales/use tax rate which is 2.9 percent.

Single location businesses will receive new DR 0100 coupon books in early July. If the new the booklet does not arrive in time to prepare and file the return, change the state and district column vendor fee rates on the existing coupon to 2.22%. Multiple location retailers, seasonal filers, and annual filers will receive pre-printed forms that will have the 2.22% rate. XML format or Excel spreadsheet filers need to verify that their rate for state, RTD/CD/FD/BD has been changed to reflect the service fee change for the June 2011 or 2nd quarter 2011 returns due on July 20, 2011.

The service fee may be kept by the licensee ONLY if the tax return is filed and paid on time.

Welcome new members

## The Dog & I

2023 W. Victory Way  
Craig, CO 81625  
(970) 824-5778  
thedog\_i@yahoo.com  
*We groom dogs of all shapes and sizes. Give us a call to schedule an appointment.*

## Lube Plus

317 W. Victory Way  
Craig, CO 81625  
(970) 824-3690  
kawcak@hotmail.com  
*Craig's only no appointment necessary full-service oil change provider. Specializing in transmission flushes, radiator flushes and much more. Family owned and operated.*

## Pankey's Smoked BBQ

1740 E. Hwy 40  
Craig, CO 81625  
(970) 826-9793  
cherrenergy@gmail.com  
*The taste of Louisiana Cajun BBQ right here in Craig. Pulled pork to brisket to spicy sausage. Looking to satisfy a sweet tooth? Try our malts, shakes, sticky buns, cheese cake or many other goodies.*

## Pro-Auto

95 S. Ranney St.  
Craig, CO 81625  
(970) 824-6362  
pro\_auto1@yahoo.com  
*We perform auto repairs on foreign and domestic vehicles as well as gas and diesel vehicles.*

## My Time. My Memorial.



—Joan Spicer, Craig resident

“Eleven years ago I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I was treated and cancer-free for a number of years. Then in 2007, scans revealed tumors in my lungs, liver, bones and brain. Ever since then I've been getting chemotherapy. My husband, Bill, used to drive me to Grand Junction for chemo once a week, and it took the entire day. Now I have chemo every Monday at The Memorial Hospital. The same oncologist I've had for years prescribes the treatment, but I'm able to receive it right here in Craig. **It's so much more convenient. I'd rather spend my time gardening than driving back and forth to Grand Junction.**”



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# Economic indicators: Retail sales posts increase

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ing the 4th quarter of 2010 was lower than the same quarter in 2009. In Moffat County there was a decline of 3.4% and in Routt County a decline of 5%. During these same comparative periods the average weekly wage in both counties increased. Although the increase was very small in both counties, it highlights that what jobs do exist, few of them are part-time.

## Construction/Real Estate

New residential construction remains at historic lows and will remain there for quite some time. In May there was an increase in the number of homes for sale in both Moffat and Routt counties of 3%. This is not good news as the increase in inventory will continue to put downward pressure on home prices. The median listing price in both counties during May was 12% below listing prices of May 2010.

In Routt County there were fewer homes in the foreclosure process. This was the general trend nationally and reflects a backlog in processing by the lenders rather than an improvement in the overall foreclosure situation locally. We are expecting that the number of homes entering into the foreclosure process will increase for the remainder of the year as the lenders become more efficient in their processing.

## Energy

Oil & Gas production decreased slightly in Moffat County from the previous month and is running down 12% from last year. Routt has no significant change from the prior month and is running about half the wells from last year. Our coal pro-

duction in Moffat became more productive this month by 15%. Twentymile's employment stayed basically the same, however, the production decreased in half from the prior month indicat-

ing some mine maintenance.

## Gross Retail Sales

Both counties had an increase over last year for January 2011. In fact, both Moffat and Routt counties

had better gross retail sales performance for the entire 4th quarter over last year. Moffat January 2011 gross retail sales were up 22.8% and Routt was up 6.4%.






Team name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry fee is \$200 per team, which includes six commemorative t-shirts and a guaranteed two games in a double-elimination format tournament. **Limit 16 teams.**  
 Additional t-shirts are available for \$10 per shirt and must be ordered in advance.  
 Please note t-shirt sizes and quantity below.

_____	_____	_____	_____
Medium	Large	XL	XXL

Entry fee: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Additional t-shirts: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**When:** 11 a.m. Saturday, July 30  
**Where:** Loudy-Simpson Park (west of the soccer fields)  
**Why:** To get dirty, have fun and support the Chamber of Commerce

**Deadline for entries is Friday, July 22**

- There is no limit to the number of players each team can rotate in, but there can not be more than six players at a time on the court.
- The pit referee has the final say on all calls, including defining boundaries. Regulation volleyball rules apply and will be upheld uniformly on both courts.
- All games are rally scoring. First team to 25 by at least two points wins.
- Parents are responsible for the safety of their children at all times. Alcohol may be present at this event.

# IRS increases mileage rate to 55.5 cents per mile

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today announced an increase in the optional standard mileage rates for the final six months of 2011. Taxpayers may

use the optional standard rates to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business and other purposes.

The rate will increase to 55.5 cents a

mile for all business miles driven from July 1, 2011, through Dec. 31, 2011. This is an increase of 4.5 cents from the 51 cent rate in effect for the first six months of 2011, as set forth in Revenue Procedure 2010-51.

In recognition of recent gasoline price increases, the IRS made this special adjustment for the final months of 2011. The IRS normally updates the mileage rates once a year in the fall for the next calendar year.

"This year's increased gas prices are having a major impact on individual Americans. The IRS is adjusting the standard mileage rates to better reflect the recent increase in gas prices," said IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman. "We are taking this step so the reimbursement rate will be fair to taxpayers."

While gasoline is a significant factor in the mileage figure, other items enter into the calculation of mileage rates, such as depreciation and insurance and other fixed and variable costs.

The optional business standard mileage rate is used to compute the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business use in lieu of tracking actual costs. This rate is also used as a benchmark by the federal government and many businesses to reimburse their employees for mileage.

The new six-month rate for computing deductible medical or moving expenses will also increase by 4.5 cents to 23.5 cents a mile, up from 19 cents for the first six months of 2011. The rate for providing services for charitable organizations is set by statute, not the IRS, and remains at 14 cents a mile.

The new rates are contained in Announcement 2011-40 on the optional standard mileage rates.

Taxpayers always have the option of calculating the actual costs of using their vehicle rather than using the standard mileage rates.

## Mileage Rate Changes

Rates	1/1-6/30	7/1-12/31
Business	51	55.5
Medical/Moving	19	23.5
Charitable	14	14

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