

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

MUD MADNESS



Twelve teams participated in the 2010 Chamber of Commerce Mud Splash mud volleyball tournament July 31. Right, the team from Mathers' Bar had no qualms about getting down and dirty. Above, a Back 9 player goes in face first to return a serve.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PHOTOS



Above, one player practices his backstroke through the mud. Left, a crowd gathered to watch the event, bringing a camper and lots of coolers as they prepared to spend the day watching teams play in the mud. Several people even had pizza delivered to the site. This year's first-place trophy went to the team "We're from the Valley." Second place went to the Mud Sharks and Back 9 earned third place.



Extend your influence on the Internet through Chamber membership

One significant benefit Chamber member receive is an enhanced Internet presence through their listing on the Chamber's Web site.

This benefit offers an Internet presence for those businesses that do not have their own Website and enhanced visibility for those that do.

And now the Craig Chamber of Commerce has increased that benefit for its members.

All Chamber members are listed in the Chamber's online business directory. That listing includes information about that business and contact information as well as a map to that business.

Members who have selected

an enhanced Web site listing can also post their business logo and pictures as well as additional information about their products and services and an increased number of keywords to enhance searchability.

This directory gets up to 8,000 hits a month.

Starting in August, the

Chamber's business directory will be searchable through all Internet search engines. So now, a person searching for lodging in Craig on Google, for example, will see direct links to the Chamber's business directory for our member lodging properties.

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Your Chamber works for you

CHAMBER SERVICES

◆ More than \$280,000 a year stays in Moffat County and is spent at local businesses because of the Craig Chamber of Commerce's spree dollar program.

◆ As home to the Sportsmen Information Center and the Moffat County Visitor's Center, the Craig Chamber of Commerce offers "one-stop-shopping" for visitors, new residents and businesses.

◆ The Craig Chamber of Commerce staff, board and ambassadors work with community groups to host special events for residents to enjoy and to draw visitors.

◆ Event planners and visitors go first to the Craig Chamber of Commerce for the community's best source of event information. The Chamber manages a centralized calendar of events.

◆ Live, work and play in Moffat County — The Craig Chamber of Commerce has extensive information for businesses, residents and visitors.

◆ Register your OHVs and snowmobiles at the Chamber office and pick up your annual state park pass.

◆ Looking for maps? The Chamber of Commerce has city, county, forest service and BLM maps.

◆ We sell national forest wood-cutting and Christmas tree cutting permits.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

◆ Information about your business is available at www.craig-chamber.com, one of Moffat County's most-visited Web sites. Increase your presence with banner ads.

◆ Better your business. The Craig Chamber of Commerce offers several educational seminars throughout the year on topics ranging from customer service to marketing strategies.

◆ Get the jump on your competitors. Chamber members have access to information on people or businesses considering relocating to Moffat County.

◆ The Chamber is the county's premier networking association. Get mailing lists, business information and make connections at seminars and social events.

◆ Free notary services for members.

◆ Have a mass mailing? Save time by using the Chamber's folding machine. Automated single and triple folding.

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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.

AUGUST EVENTS

June 1 - August 13 • Moffat County Libraries Summer Reading Program

The Moffat County Libraries' Summer Reading Program begins runs through Aug. 13. Sign up any time during the program. The reading program offers reading levels, prizes and activities for every age group.

Youth (ages 0 to 5th grade): The theme is "Make a Splash! Read" and the emphasis is on having fun reading! Story times and craft and game nights are just a few of the fun things planned. Teens (6th to 12th grades): The theme is "Make Waves" and the emphasis is on challenge. We've raised the bar for older readers and added bigger prizes to win. We will host a weekly Youth Club with cool crafts and activities geared toward teens. Adults (ages 16 and up): The theme is "Water your Mind! Read" and the emphasis is on keeping it simple. Sign up online. Then, for every book you read, simply put your name in a drawing for the prize of your choice.

Website: www.moffat.lib.co.us/
Location: 570 Green St.
Contact: (970) 824-5116
Fees/Admission: Free

Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26 • Moffat County Library Story Times

Summer story time at the fairgrounds. Bring a lunch or just enjoy stories, skits and guests at the Moffat County Fairgrounds covered picnic area.

Time: 11 a.m. - noon
Website: www.moffat.lib.co.us/
Location: Moffat County Fairgrounds covered picnic area
Contact: 824-5116
Date/Time Details: Thursdays
Fees/Admission: Free

Aug. 2 - 15 • Moffat County Fair

92nd annual Moffat County Fair; Ackerman Blue Grass Band, 4-H/FFA/open class exhibits, miniature bull riding, team roping, rabbit & dog agility contest, wiener dog races and many other traditional fair activities.

Website: www.moffatcountyfair.com
Location: Moffat County Fairgrounds
(See website for times)
Contact: Carol Haskins 824-9180

Aug. 2 • Culpepper & Merriweather Circus

Clowns, performing animals, trapeze artists and more at the one-ring Culpepper & Merriweather Circus, brought to Moffat County by the Craig Lions Club. Watch the big top go up at 9:30 a.m. and then tour the grounds, see the animals and learn about their care and meet the performers.

Time: 5 - 7 p.m.
Website: www.cmcircus.com
Location: Moffat County Fairgrounds
Contact: Christy Shepherd (970) 824-5814 or (970) 824-3095 or Christina Currie (970) 824-5689
Time Details: Performances at 5 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. The midway opens at 4 p.m.
Fees/Admission: Tickets are \$7 for children and \$12 for adults.

Aug. 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30 • Fellowship Group Alcoholics Anonymous

Meetings every Monday and Friday from 7-8 pm.
Time: 7 - 8 p.m.
Location: St Marks Episcopal

Church, 657 Green St.
Contact: Susan S.
Email: suzat2421cr64@gmail.com

Aug. 3 • 2010 Grow Right: SCORE Success Steps

SCORE Success Steps. Business Growth & Success Training. Effective Website & Social Networking
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!

Aug. 3 • 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: The 1st Tuesday of every month.
Fees/Admission: Free

Aug. 3, 10, 17, 18 • Intercambio

This is a free, conversational group for English and Spanish language learners of all levels. 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.U.S. Highway 40
Contact: Eveline Bacon
Email: learn@ciiccolorado.org

Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25 • 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.-7 p.m.
Location: American Legion Post, formerly the Shadow Mountain Clubhouse.
Contact: Aging Well (970) 871-7676
Date/Time Details: Every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Fees/Admission: none

Aug 4 • 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: 1-3 p.m.
Location: KS Creations
Contact: Pat Pearce
Email: ppattyann@wildblue.net
Fees/Admission: No charge

Aug. 5 • Chamber mixer hosted by the Craig Chamber of Commerce

 The Craig Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors invite you and your staff to a Business After-Hours Mixer hosted by the Craig Chamber of Commerce.
Time: 5-7 p.m.
Location: 360 E. Victory Way
Contact: Please RSVP by calling (970) 824-5689
Email: office@craig-chamber.com

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Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26 • Yampa Valley Chorus of Sweet Adelines practice

Learn the art of barbershop singing! There will be a show next year, and a tour of Hawaii to meet another chorus and have the opportunity to teach them more about barbershop singing.
Time: 7 - 9 p.m.
Location: CMS - come through front side door
Contact: Aaron Gillett
Email: Aaronterry@aol.com
Date/Time Details: Every Thursday, starting at 7 p.m.
Fees/Admission: Only applicable if you join

Aug. 6 - September 11 • Hayden Speedway Race Schedule

Hayden Speedway is a dirt racing track. There is seating available or bring your lawn chair to sit around the track. There is also a booth run by the American Legion of Hayden providing food and drink.

Location: 37900 CR 53 in Hayden
Contact: Justin at 824-3496
Date/Time Details: Friday nights start at 7 p.m. Saturday night races start at 6:30 p.m.
Aug. 6: Sport Stock Madness
Aug 14: Dwarf Cars
Aug. 28 Late Models Madness
Sept 11: Harvest Cup/Sprint Cars
Fees/Admission: Adults \$8, senior citizens \$6, 13 and under \$4

Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27 • Elks Bingo

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: 6-10 p.m.
Location: Elks Lodge #1577, 43 West Victory Way
Contact: Frank Sadvar (970) 824-6131

Aug. 10, 24 • 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
Fees/Admission: None

Aug. 11 • Ribbon Cutting & Tour

Horizons is celebrating the opening of a new group home by holding a ribbon cutting followed by a tour.
Time: 1-1:30 p.m.
Website: www.horizonsnwc.org
Location: 575 Rose Street
Contact: Susan Mizen or Rebecca Hanson
Email: rebecca92967@yahoo.com
Fees/Admission: No charge

Aug. 13 - 15 • Class of 65 Reunion

Moffat County High School Class of 1965 Reunion
Website: moffatcountyhighschool65.com
Location: Fri.- OP Bar & Grill 7 p.m.
Sat. - Hampton Inn 6 p.m.
Sun - Tin Cup Grill, golf course 10 a.m.
Contact: Charles Lieber 760-723-0686 or Deems Utzinger
Email:

charles.lieber@sbcglobal.net
Fees/Admission: Sat. \$30, Sun - \$9

Aug. 13-15 • Michael Martin Murphey's WESTFEST

Avoid the long lines, purchase your tickets in advance, online and SAVE!
All Events and activities downtown are free.
Musical Performances and Special Guest Appearances from:
Craig Morgan, James Otto, Trailer Choir, Patti Loveless, Sarah Murphey, Cowgirl Poet James Burton, Waddie Mitchell, Buckaroo Poet, Michael Martin Murphey and much more.
Time: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Website: www.riflechamber.com or www.westfest.us.
Location: Garfield County Fairgrounds and Downtown 3rd Street in Rifle, CO.
Contact: Rifle Area Chamber of Commerce (800) 842-2085
Email: mail@riflechamber.com

Aug. 14, 28 • American Legion Post #62 Bingo

The American Legion Post #62 has bingo every other Saturday evening. All are welcome to attend.
Time: 5:30-10 p.m.
Location: Elks Lodge @ 43 W. Victory
Contact: Frank Sadvar at (970) 620-0874 or the Post (970) 824-3625
Fees/Admission: Minimum \$15.00 for the full event

Aug. 14 • Daughters of the American Revolution

Augusta A. Wallihan Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution meet each month. All visitors are welcome.
Location: Museum of NW Colorado, 560 Yampa Ave.
Contact: Shannan Koucherik at 824-9518
Date/Time Details: 2 p.m. the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Aug. 14 • Moffat County Mud Runs

Seven classes of races: 4&6 CIY, Pro stock, Stock, Modified, Super stock, Open, Snow machine
Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Location: Wyman Museum
Contact: 970-629-0933
Registration: 7 - 9 a.m.
Races start at 10 a.m.
Fees/Admission: Entree fee \$40, Pit pass \$20
Spectators: 13 years & older \$8, 6-12 years \$4, 5 years & under free

Aug. 17 • Yampa Valley Piecemakers Quilt Guild

Join the Yampa Valley quilt guild in their monthly meetings and enjoy presentations from special guests. The guild meets the third Tuesday of every month. This month will be a picnic with the Steamboat quilt guild.
Location: Sunset Meadows
Contact: Linda Pinnt (970) 824-5219

Aug. 18 • CMEDP Board Meeting


Craig/Moffat Economic Development Partnership's regular monthly board meeting - community welcome.
Time: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Website: www.cmdep.com
Location: Moffat County Courthouse 2nd floor confer-

ence room
Contact: Darcy Trask
Email: director@cmdep.com
Date/Time Details: 3rd Wednesday of the month
Fees/Admission: Free

Aug. 19 • Chamber mixer hosted by Cugino's Italian Restaurant

 The Craig Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors invite you and your staff to a Business After-Hours Mixer hosted by Cugino's Italian Restaurant.
Time: 5 - 7 p.m.
Contact: Please RSVP by calling (970) 824-5689 or e-mail office@craig-chamber.com

Aug. 25 • Member Benefit Session

 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 the Chamber does? Come join us in an informal session to discuss what we do and how we can help you grow your business.

Website: www.craig-chamber.com
Location: Craig Chamber of Commerce, 360 E. Victory Way, Craig
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. and coffee, juice, and pastries will be provided. The second session will be at noon, bring your own lunch.
Fees/Admission: Free

Aug. 26 - 28 • Colorado State Barbecue Championships

Meat Classes:
•Chicken
•Ribs
•Pork
•Brisket
Colorado State Championship at Craig is Sanctioned by:
•Kansas City BBQ Society (KCBS)
•Rocky Mountain BBQ Association (RMBBQA) for 2010 Rocky Mountain Cup.
Activities for everyone young and old.
Website: www.backroadsweb.com/testimg17/index.html
Location: Wyman Museum
Contact: For more information contact George Rohrich at (970) 826-3100
Email: george.rorich@tmhcraig.org

Aug. 28 • Preserving the Last Frontier meeting

Preserving the Last Frontier meets the last Saturday of the month. The meeting is open to the public.
Location: Second Floor Conference Room at Sunset Meadows, 633 Ledford St, 595 Ledford St.
Contact: 824-6761
Date/Time Details: 1:30 p.m.

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



The Craig Chamber of Commerce has updated the look of our member listings on our Website. Above is the old listing for the Craig Chamber. Below is the new look. All member listings have been upgraded. This example of an enhanced listing.

Chamber increases online exposure, opportunities for member businesses

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Preliminary tests have Chamber members coming up on the first page, and often in the first three listings, of search results.

This benefit significantly increases Chamber member's visibility.

But, we haven't stopped there in improving our Internet offerings to our members.

The Craig Chamber has upgraded the look of our member listings and added social networking links to member listings. Now, a people can go directly to your Facebook page or Twitter feed from you Chamber page. And, readers can now share your business information, hot deal or job posting by e-mail, on their Facebook page or Twitter with one click. This feature allows businesses to advertise for you!

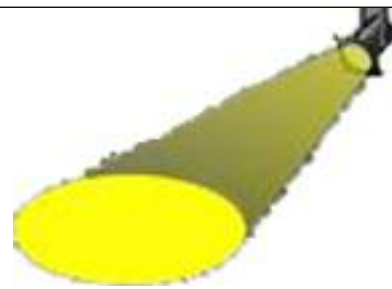
Also starting in August, a live feed will constantly update events, services

and hot deals on the Chamber's home page and will post information about "featured" Chamber members and sponsor members. This gives the Chamber the opportunity to draw even more attention to Chamber members. And, people will have the opportunity to subscribe to the feed so they stay current on events and activities.

The Craig Chamber of Commerce is constantly looking for ways to better serve our members and is excited about the increased exposure we're giving our members through our Website. A listing on the Chamber's Web site has always been a significant benefit to our members and now it's even more so.

Chamber members interested in learning more about their listing on the Website or businesses who would like to learn more about the benefits of Chamber membership are encouraged to call Executive Director Christina Currie at 824-5689 for details.

Business Spotlight



Bullseye Taxidermy

1445 Yampa Ave.
(970) 826-2997

Number of employees: 1

Number of years in business: 7

What is your specialty? Bullseye Taxidermy specializes in North American and Foreign gameheads and life-size mounts, as well as artistic reproduction of habitat and custom pedestal, base, and diorama design.

What is your business philosophy?: Our emphasis is strictly on quality, not quantity. It is our goal to remain a "personalized taxidermy studio," and our guarantee that every piece is mounted by Mark. We can ensure that by taking in a limited amount of taxidermy work, time and consideration to every detail is given to each mount, and nothing gets rushed out the door.

Something about your business that people don't seem to know about? When shopping around, remember to compare the *quality* of the work, not the rates. We like to educate our customers, so you know exactly what you're getting for your money. A clean mount does not mean an accurate mount. Having a comprehension of the anatomy is crucial. Even avid hunters that have several trophies already hanging on the wall will be amazed when they are shown what a correct mount looks like. We guarantee, you'll never look at a mount the same way again.

Anything else you would like to add? Bullseye Taxidermy will provide the personal commitment and artistic quality, to bring your trophy to realistic measures. We strive for higher presentation standards and leading composition designs. All of the pieces we produce have the latest materials and technology available. To produce a custom mount with these standards takes an investment in talent and experience. You have invested time, effort, and money into acquiring your trophy. Now, invest in Bullseye Taxidermy to preserve your memories with a custom and realistic trophy to be admired for years to come.

Why shop local?



Local businesses invest more in our community.

Local businesses are proportionally more generous in their support of local charities, schools and community events. So supporting local shops means a direct financial impact on your community.

For more reasons to shop local, log on to www.craig-chamber.com

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CHAMBER CONNECTION-4

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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Ready to meet new people? The Ambassadors are looking for you

Chamber Ambassadors are the frontline troops for many Chamber and community activities. Ambassadors can be anyone one willing to lend a hand, welcome a new business, walk in a parade, build a float, man a booth, aid at chamber mixer events and spread information about Craig businesses to anyone who inquires.

Becoming an Ambassador starts with a phone call and takes about five minutes. It provides a great insight into the business community, fosters new connections and is an easy way to support and

encourage local businesses, which helps them -- and the community -- thrive.

What's best, being an ambassador fits *your* schedule.

Another good thing about being a Chamber ambassador is how much fun the group has interacting with other members and the community. If you're interested in being involved, take a few minutes to call and talk to Shannon or any Chamber staff person about becoming an ambassador. Or come join us at our regular meeting at noon the second Tuesday of the month.

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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Alice Ann Kidder
Kidder Floor Covering
Annie MacGregor
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SOUP KITCHEN SERVICE



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St. Michael's Catholic Church serves between 50 and 100 people two days a week in its soup kitchen. Lunch is served every Tuesday and dinner on Thursday. The Craig Chamber of Commerce board of directors donated their time and Wal-Mart the ingredients to prepare dinner of lasagna, salad and garlic bread. Help is always needed in the soup kitchen. If you or your organization is interested in preparing a meal, contact St. Michael's Church.

August Anniversaries

American Northwest Realty1997
Eyecare Specialties1997
Craig Steel1997
Craig Ford-Mercury, Inc.1997
Holiday Inn of Craig1997
Peabody Coal-Twenty Mile Coal1997
Elkhorn Outfitters, Inc.1998
Carelli's, Inc.1998
Pepsi Cola Bottling Group1998
Names and Numbers2000
Union Telephone Service2004
Craig/Moffat County Economic Development Partnership2004

Love Inc. of the Yampa Valley2004
Elks Lodge #15772005
Fuller Center for Housing2005
Wyman Living History Museum2005
Miller Family Appliance2006
Alpine Condominiums2006
The Embroidery Shoppe, LLC2007
Walgreens2008
Ralph & Marcia Royster2008
Union Pacific Railroad2008
Calhoun, Joe2009
Joe Mosciaro Construction, LLC2009
Wapiti Cross Ranch2009



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