

DCED Digest #15
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Are you a member of your local Chamber of Commerce? If not, here are links to all Chambers in Delta County. You can find out locations, hours, who staff and directors are, event calendars, and membership rates! Your Chamber of Commerce is a great way to network with fellow business owners and share ideas, along with having an advocate in your town or city.

[Delta Area Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Cedaredge Area Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Crawford Area Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Hotchkiss Community Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Paonia Chamber of Commerce](#)

MBC Grand Broadcasting in Grand Junction invites you to attend a FREE 40 minute marketing workshop in November.

Pick from these dates and times:

Nov 13th: 1.30 pm, 3.30 pm, 5.30 pm

Nov 14th: 8.30 am, 10.30 am, 1.30 pm, 3.30 pm

Nov 15th: 8.30 am, 10.30 am, 1.30 pm

Workshops will be at the Courtyard Hotel, 750 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction

To register call Nannette: 970-270-2525

Q3 Delta County Economic Report - Dr Nathan Perry, CMU

click below



or see highlights on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

**Thank you to our investors who recently renewed their investment with DCED
- we couldn't do it without you!**

DMEA

Delta County

Delta County Public School

Les & Ann Renfrow

ProSpace

Hellman Motors

Hilltop Community Resources

Town of Hotchkiss

Town of Orchard City

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The DCED Realignment Task Force has been meeting on a regular basis, and recently changed its name to the One Delta committee. The members are: Scott Thomassen (DCED Board President), Amy Crick (FCNB), LaDonna Gunn (Delta County Libraries), Ron Austin (Mayor, City of Delta) David Torgler (Manager, City of Delta), Jackie Davis (DCMH), Elyse Cassleberry (Delta County) Commissioner Mike Lane (Delta County), Trish Thibido (Region 10), Zander Parker (Parker Consultants and Accountants), Cally Gallegos (Town of Crawford), Kami Collins (Town of Cedaredge), Larry Wilkening (Mayor, Town of Hotchkiss). This committee meets on a monthly basis to discuss the role of DCED and other organizations that impact economic development throughout the county.

The most recent meeting for this group was September 12th, immediately following our regular board meeting. Also present were community leaders from all municipalities. The focus is to move forward from strategic planning to Action planning. Exciting times ahead, and lots of great energy and input.

We play this game on our [Facebook page](#). Can you identify where these scenes from around the County are located?



#1



#2

Meet our investors!

Alpine Bank
Barney Insurance
City of Delta
Cropworx
Delta County
Delta County Public Library
DMEA
Grand Mesa Business Park

Hellman Motor Company
Jack Rabbit Hill
LaVoz Co
Pro Electrical Contractors

Altrusa International
Black Hills Energy
Clay, Dodson & Huffman
Del-Mont Consultants
DCMH
Delta County Public School District
Empowered Energy Systems
Grand Mesa Commercial Real Estate
Hilltop Community Resources
JC Propane
Main Street Printing
ProSpace Interiors

Bank of Colorado
CHFA
Colorado Lending Source
Delta Area Chamber of Commerce
DCMH – Physicians
Delta Ace Hardware
First Colorado National Bank
H/S Properties

Hometown Electric
Kevin Parks Insurance
Parker Consultants & Accountants
Redwood Arms Motel

Region 10
TCR
Town of Cedaredge
Town of Paonia

Solar Energy International
Thelma Starner
Town of Hotchkiss
Western States Ranches

Taylor Funeral Service
Thomassen, LLC
Town of Orchard City

October 3rd - 6th 2019

Cedaredge, CO



click the apple to find out more!

Applefest

Due to some technical difficulty last month we're including highlights from DCED Digest #14.



Left to Right: Amy Crick, David Torgler, Alyssa Logan, Lucinda Stanley, Trish Thibido, Rob Turner
August 21, 2019

Members of the DCED Board of Directors, (Rob, Lucinda, Amy), Executive Assistant (Nicci) David Torgler (City of Delta Manager) and Trish Thibido (Region 10 Community Development) met with Alyssa Logan, staff member with Senator Bennet. Alyssa is visited several constituents in the County pertaining to Economic Development. This meeting, which lasted about 90 minutes focused on identifying the needs of various industries in the county, including hemp, broadband, 5G service, issues that chambers and economic development organizations are facing and why some have closed on the western slope. Region 10 also spoke about the findings of a 4 year study on aging in our region. Workforce housing was discussed, along with housing costs, jobs available. Not having a workforce available to fill some positions is affecting things like the Rec Center pool being closed one day a week because of a shortage of life guards. The need for adequate child care/ day care for 0-12 month age

range, the availability of not just pre-school student places, but the qualified teachers to educate them was also discussed. Other topics covered were healthcare, mental health, medicaid/medicare, drug and substance abuse/addiction. All specialized facilities on the western slope are filled to capacity and serve such large areas because of the nature of rural geography.

Alyssa also heard about the great things going on in Delta County. From the North Fork - Space to Create in Paonia, Hotchkiss Prosperity Plan, revitalization going on in downtown Delta, place-making, municipalities and the City working with CDOT to improve and maintain safety and ease of access on our main highways.

Alyssa intends to follow up with other constituents that were suggested, and will be informing Senator Bennet's team of her findings. We look forward to working with their team again, and helping get the word out for Delta County and Region 10

DCED Board of Directors

DCED is governed by a volunteer board of directors representing public and private sectors. DCED Board is active in the community and takes lead on DCED projects. With amended bylaws now in place (approved at the 2019 Annual Meeting), the Board can accommodate up to 28 seats. A balanced combination of private and public sector board members are currently seated. All private sector are nominated and approved at the Annual Meeting. Governmental agencies may appoint one staff or elected official to represent that organization.

To be eligible to be nominated to serve on the Board, an Investor must be invested at \$250 per year, minimum. If you are interested in volunteering on our Board please send an email to: nicci@deltacountyed.org

Our Committees

Executive Committee: Scott, Robert, Amy

Nominating Committee: Lucinda, Don, Ron

One Delta (formerly Realignment Task Force): Scott, Amy, LaDonna, Elyse, Ron, Kami, Cally, Zander, Larry W, Jackie D

E2 Conference: Shawn Gardner

Membership Development and New Economic Development committees, coming soon!

Committee members do not have to be board members, or investors in DCED, but have a passion for the economic future of Delta County. Please contact the office if you have any interest in serving on a committee.

Want to become a member of DCED?

[JOIN US TODAY](#)

Empowered Energy Systems LLC of Hotchkiss, CO just completed a 36.54 kW solar PV system design/build at West Elk Wine and Spirits in Paonia, CO. The system will offset approximately 82% of the retail store's energy use at a fixed rate of about 3.4 cents per kW/hour for the next 25 years of the system's warranted life.

In addition, the owners applied for and were approved for a Rural Energy for America Program grant (REAP) that will pay for 25% of total system cost. The owners are excited about the energy savings they will enjoy and their use of clean energy.

As their sign says, "Beer cooled by the sun!"



Identify the location game - **answers:** Bicycle with flowers - Heirlooms for Hospice in Delta.
Rubik Cube display - Delta County Museum, City of Delta
To learn about each location, click on the photos to go to their website.