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Mail in ballots went out this week for the District 51 School Board Elections. Leslie Kiesler is running unopposed for District D; Harry Butler is running unopposed for District C; and Rose Femia Pugliese and Greg Mikolai are competing for the District E spot. To better understand District E candidate's positions on various issues, [[click here](#)]. Be sure to vote and check out the guide.

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Health Care Reform Debate Update

Congress has inched a step closer to President Obama's health care agenda this week when the Senate Finance Committee voted in favor of a ten year, \$829 billion dollar health care reform package with a vote of 14-9. Senator Olympia Snow (R-Maine) voted alongside the committee's 13 Democrats, marking the first time a Republican has backed one of the circulating Democrat-led health care bills. For more details on the bill, [click here](#). (Source: Wall Street Journal).

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Colorado Wilderness Bill Proposal

U.S. Representative Diane DeGette (D-Colorado) proposed a wilderness bill which she has been working to establish for more than ten years. Her proposal would designate 34 distinct Colorado areas to be designated as federal wilderness. The proposed area, which totals 890,000 acres, would disallow activities such as resource drilling and motor vehicle use. The proposal has caused strong opinions to surface from both environmental activists; who would fight to establish wilderness areas in a quest to preserve Colorado's backcountry and wildlife habitat, and multiple groups who support greater development of domestic energy production. [Click here](#) to view a full story. (Source: Denver Post)

Member
Announcement:
Le MedSpa
Open House

The Grand Junction Chamber has not taken positions on specific bills; however, the Chamber has outlined what we will support and oppose in our health care policy statement which can be found by [clicking here](#).

Upcoming
Chamber
Activity

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**Energy Fuels' Piñon Ridge Mill on the Road To
Opening for Uranium Mining**

After a 13 month permitting process, the Montrose County Commissioner's office recently approved Energy Fuel's request for a permit in order to begin uranium mining in an 880 mill site located 12 miles west of Naturita. The next step for Energy Fuels will be to obtain a Radioactive Source Material License from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; after which, the company will be authorized to construct and operate the mill.

The Grand Valley houses some of the highest grade uranium in the country, and the opening of the mill could employ upwards of 600 people. To learn more about uranium mining and nuclear energy, [click here](#). To learn more about Energy Fuels and their Piñon Ridge Mill proposal, visit their website by [clicking here](#).

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT

Le MedSpa Open House

You are invited to our Evening of Beauty, Open House at Le MedSpa, October 22, 2009 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. We will offer laser demonstrations, makeovers and information on the services to improve skin health and beauty.

We will have wonderful door prizes and refreshments for our guests. Please see the [attached invitation](#) for the address. We look forward to seeing you!

UPCOMING CHAMBER ACTIVITY

Business Showcase/Business After Hours

This year's Business Showcase on October 27th will have a theme of rebuilding our economy by spending our dollars locally. You can [participate by having a booth](#), [attending the event](#) or helping to promote the event in order that more shoppers know what our small businesses have to offer. To offer to [display a showcase poster click here](#).

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