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Come downtown or go to one of the area's many unique stores. We are privileged to have such a wide variety of stores and people who run them.

In this issue we are taking a look into local reoccurring events around the Valley, as well as going over some notable history surrounding the label *Black Friday*; which has better connotations than the Valley's Black Sunday.

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*It's a pleasure to be in the community everyday, meeting all of the citizens that make our Mesa County such a wonderful place to live. November is time for celebrating, making connections and helping your Neighbor. Keep Small Business Saturday alive!*

*J.O. Fornwalt*



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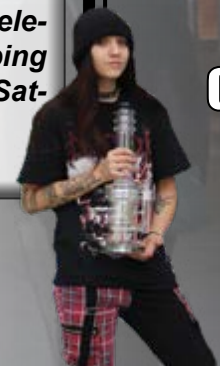
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# UNION OF NONE

Venturing into the Palisade night life as directed in the last issue of Mesa County Connection, we come across a noble trio called Union of None. Covering live music across the Valley and regionally, Union of None which includes Jeff Steele (center) on the drums, Peter Rosenthal (left) Bass and Drew Fields (right) Guitar, are becoming more and more busy. Doing 3 or more shows per week, the band says they are grateful to do what they love. They can be reached on Facebook or contacted anytime for booking. 970-201-3031



*Live at the Livery 2.0*



As a first time attendee at the Livery in Palisade, there was the cold feeling of loneliness as the Bar Tenders seemed more inclined to walk passed or sing and dance than give this newcomer a beer. It was not an unbearably busy bar. So as a new patron of this establishment, there was an honest expectation to be treated with a sense of belonging. The desire to get more beer was gone as quickly as their attention to my presence.

# Palisade CONNECTION



**Palisade**  
*November 7*

**From The Top at Palisade Brewing Company**  
Thomasina Russell and Terry Flanagan bring you harmonies and songs.  
2pm - 5pm

*November 16*  
**Planning Commission Meeting**  
Palisade Town Board Chambers  
175 E 3rd St, Palisade, CO

*November 17*  
**Business After Hours**  
St. Kathryn Cellars/ Talon Winery Chamber Events, Wine Events, Business after Hours Social  
5:30-7pm

*November 20*  
**Harvest Festival**  
Wine Country Inn Food & Silent Auction  
5pm to 9pm

## Events

*November 26*

**Christmas Market 2021**  
First weekend of the 2 annual Kokopelli Christmas market!

*November 27*  
**Nick and Doug's Poodles and Gaggles**  
Craig Gallery  
128 E 3rd St, Palisade, CO  
Join us for chocolate and wine and enjoy the works of artists Nick Landrum and Doug Monroe, plus our stock of prints and unique gift ideas.  
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**Clifton**

*November 1*

**Grief Share Grief Recovery Support Group**  
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Clifton Grief Share is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences.

*November 6*  
Department of Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars - District 11 Meeting.  
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*November 8*

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## BLACK SUNDAY

The ultimate difference between a day being good or bad is how we perceive it and how it has been depicted to us. Black Friday has been re-branded as a lovely holiday shopping time, when in the past people jumped off of buildings around this time. Our own local economy went belly up and it was called Black Sunday.

Of course the earliest annotations of Black Friday are the Stock Market crash September 24, 1869. Two investors, Jay Gould and Jim Fisk drove the price of gold up making the whole stock market crash.

(<https://www.britannica.com/event/Black-Friday>)

Grand Junction has also seen it's share of economic hardship. Known as a boom/bust town there have been numerous local recessions in the Valley involving agriculture and Uranium, where business virtually stopped

*Newspaper publisher Issac Newton Bunting purchasing items at the Sampliner Brothers Store. Photo Courtesy of the Loyd Files Research Library, Museum of Western Slope*

over night. The worse of these was in Spring of 1982. Unemployment rates went up while in the neighboring Garfield County, Exxon Mobile pulled it's shale holdings, which became locally known as Black Sunday (Mesa County : A 100 Year History p.21)

The stigmata surrounding Black Friday probably made people; especially merchants, want to do everything they can to forget these dark days. If an economic catastrophe haunts you, commercialize it; It's the American way!

Merchants in the Valley have been innovative since they've stood in the same dirt in 1882. Attempts to make the area flourish ranged from pamphlets describing the agriculture, to entries in fairs trying to get people to relocate to the Western Slope. "In 1903, Grand Junction initiated a business carnival to create enthusiasm to patronize local merchants. Special sales, prizes and other activities were offered to bring residents into stores" (Images of America: Grand

Junction p.52).

Even the early use of Black Friday had negative connotations.

In the 50s and 60s Black Friday was a term used by officers in Philadelphia to describe the massive crowds that headed to the streets the day after Thanksgiving.

<https://www.businessinsider.com/why-is-it-called-black-friday-2017-11>

As businesses started to use the day as way to attract additional attention from consumers, Major Brand Names attempted to rename the negatively charged label to Big Friday, which failed.

For business owners Black Friday took on a new meaning. Instead of categorizing it as day of massive failure, they used it to push their books from the red, to the black.

Our local attempt to encourage business has had many names; Small Business Saturday is one of the upcoming events. The theme is still the same, shop local and help your neighbor. As the economy fluctuates in regard to unemployment, foreign commerce downfall; such as shipping, and other economic crises, it might be a good idea to make good local connections.

We are fortunate to have everything we need right here in the valley. We don't need foreign or Internet commerce. It's nice, convenient; however, you will never get the kind assistance you will shopping locally. Your life may not depend on you shopping locally, but your neighbors might!

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November 12

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November 18

**History of Railroads in the Grand Valley**  
Mesa County Libraries Central Library  
443 N 6th St, Grand Junction, CO  
12-1pm  
The Mesa County Historical Society and Mesa County Public Libraries present: History of Railroads in the Grand Valley

November 20

**Tree Lighting**  
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**Infant & Toddler Story Time**  
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November 4

**River Trivia**  
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5:30pm  
Kick off the giving season with RiversEdge West at the Copper Club Brewing Company

November 6

**Rimrock Marathon**  
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November 11

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# Oct' Sober Fest Lincoln Park



ence. Amo's Counseling is going outside the realm of traditional therapy to promote social interaction and alternatives to specific reoccurring problems.

There isn't much better than the look of joy and anticipation as the kids figure out whether to jump on the bounce house or eat the cotton candy first.

At least they went home well spent!

Amo's Counseling say we can expect more events just like this in the future.



One of many events hosted by Amos Counseling, Oct'Sober Fest was a free, fun and food day for the community. On a wonderful mid October day, we joined together to watch howls of laughter as the children took advantage of the bounce houses.

There are many challenges surrounding life's problem's, Amos Counseling is offering solutions. As they have expanded their services to help people not only on a mental basis, they can now offer a sober place of residence and child care during sessions.

Involvement and feeling apart of the community can make all the differ-

Searching the community for unique events and photographic scenery, it's hard not to notice the delight emanating from Brown's Cycles on certain Fridays.

Friday Night Swing, on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month is free for the community as long as the location's capacity permits it.

Chris Brown, owner of Brown's Cycles has graciously allowed the event here for 2 months. Friday Night Swing has been around in the Valley for around 20 years. Misty Dawn, Spokeswoman for the bi-monthly shindigs says "Before Brown's Cycles we were at the Four Winds Coffee shop, and it's hard to find a location that doesn't charge. This is free for the public and we want them to join us."

If the events get much bigger, they may have to find another spot.

Chris and his wife Rachel are dance enthusiasts themselves, so it made sense to allow his location, which does all of their business during the day, to utilize the floor

space for something that would entertain the community.

For now you can find them at Brown's Cycles, along with instructors on other nights, such as Chris Lynch who teaches different styles and techniques. You will also find Lesly Adams, Owner of Dance Magic Studio. If you and your partner are bored Friday Nights you could come by and see what the folks down at Brown's Cycles are doing after normal business hours.

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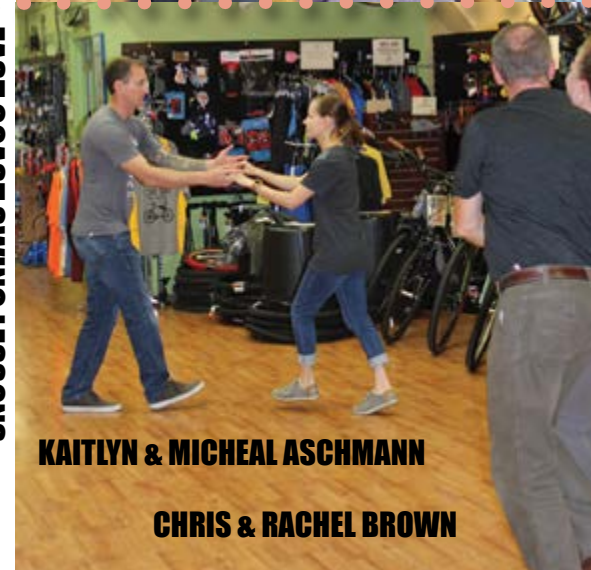
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