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Spring will bring a plethora of activities we hope you enjoy. From running and music, to food and friends. Checkout what The Valley has to offer in April!

We are trying to diversify our events and always broadening the horizons of fun. There are too many events to list in this issue, but you are encouraged to speak up about which events you like best. Consolidation might be necessary in upcoming Magazines.

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April showers brings May flowers to devour the longing of warmth on our skin. Then the heat of Summer will smother us with wishes of snow so high, reservoirs overflow old memories of droughts.

Without a doubt we move forward imploring what the Spring will bring. Sing Up The Sun was fun; but running, dirt biking, climbing, camping, hiking and kayaking can only be done when Spring is done. So bring on the sun until we can't stand no more.

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Bow Wow Film

This traveling film festival has been hosted by Roice-Hurst Humane Society six times. The event is a wonderful display of the bond between people and dogs. The silly short films give us entertainment outside the realm of normal things to do.

The film features the year's best canine related content made into one funny, 90 minute attention grabbing film. The short films change every year. If you miss it look out for it next year. This wonderful community event is often used for animal welfare organizations. The different organizations can use them for fund raising as well as generating awareness of their programs. Starting in 2015, over \$200,000 has been raised for the animal welfare programs.



Sandy Higgins says, "COVID has had an impact on Roice-Hurst Humane Society. just like other non-profits and we see that in our event turnout. Although we have not seen a significant decline in support from the community in terms of monetary or supply donations. The Grand Valley has been and continues to be a supporter of our mission to "promote bonds between pets and their people," and supports our community programs as well as all of our fundraising efforts."

She also says they did not see an increase in adoptions during the pandemic; however, it does look like the creativity really came out during this time. Who fries up can of sliced dog food to make their

Sandy Higgins Relationships & Events Coordinator

ciety

Testival

dog a Grass Fed Dog

Food Burger?
Whatever the case it

made for good entertainment.

The Roice-Hurst Humane society did make room for their foster program during the pandemic. Lets face it; who is going to give up their best friend in such a claustrophobic time?

Thankfully they didn't need the extra room. The Humane Society has been serving the Grand Valley since 1963 and continues to grow our programs to keep pets in the homes and out of the shelter. We work closely with shelters across the state to ensure that all healthy and adoptable pets find their "forever" homes. For more information please visit our website -

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Palisade April 9

Music on the Lawn 4:00 - 8 pm 281 33 Rd, Palisade,

CO

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April 9

Spring Awakening: Yoga Flow + Palisade Kombucha Tasting

10:45am - 1pm

The Ordinary Fellow

202 Peach Ave, Palisade, CO

Welcome spring with the founders of Palisade Kombucha. Join Julia for a yoga flow followed by a guided kombucha tasting with Will. Tickets: \$38 per person - Includes your own Taste of Palisade charcuterie board and flight of kombucha flavors + access to post-yoga happy hour

April 12

WIB: Mala Bead Bracelet Workshop 5:30 -7:30

The Ordinary Fellow 202 Peach Ave, Palisade, CO

Join WIB and DarcMoon for a Mala Bead Bracelet Workshop! This workshop will include all materials needed to create a beautiful bracelet and 20 gemstones to choose from!

April 20

Business After Hours- Colorado Vinter's Collective

5:30 - 7:30pm

Colorado Vintner's Collective

3674 G Rd, Palisade, CO Business After Hours socials are a great opportunity to network with other business representatives, be introduced to new products, and build business relationships in your community

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April 21

Still House String Band Kick off party

6 - 9pm Palisade Brewing Company 200 Peach Ave, Palisade, CO

April 22

Stray Grass

6 - 7:30pm Talbotts Cider Stage 3782 F 1/4 Road, Palisade, CO 81526 Pixie and the Party Grass Boys 8 - 10pm

April 22

Buffalo Commons

5 - 7pmPalisade Brewing Company200 Peach Ave, Palisade, CO

April 23

Elk Range

11:30am - 1pm Palisade Brewing Company 200 Peach Ave, Palisade, CO **Brotherhood of Birds** 2pm

April 23

Storm Pass
1:30 - 3pm
Still House String Band
3:30 - 5pm
Peach Street Distillers
144 Kluge Ave, Palisade, CO 81526

April 24

Liver Down the River

11:30am - 1:30pm Palisade Brewing Company 200 Peach Ave, Palisade, CO

April 24

Timber

12 - 2pm

Peach Street Distillers 144 Kluge Ave, Palisade, CO 81526

April 24

Tejon Street Corner Theieves

2 - 5pm Palisade Brewing Company 200 Peach Ave, Palisade, CO

April 24

Red Hill Rollers

4 - 6pm Palisade Brewing Company 200 Peach Ave, Palisade, CO

April 24

Edesia - New Kids on the Wine Block

11am - 4pm Wine Country Inn 777 Grande River Drive, Palisade, CO

Join us at Edesia, a true food and wine extravaganza featuring nearly 30 local food and beverage vendors on the beautiful grounds of the Inn Guests will be able to relax, mix and mingle with friends, all while tasting the offerings of new and established wineries and food vendors in the Grand Valley Viticulture Area

April 24

Yoga Session with Natalia Cavaliere 5 - 5:30pm

Carboy Winery at Mt. Garfield Estate 3572 G Road

Palisade, CO 81526

\$25 per person

Includes 30 min yoga and wine on tap

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Just because the faces are fresh, doesn't mean experience isn't flowing from their lips. The talented

Iniver-isplay Wind Symphony from Colorado Mesa University brought the audience a fabulous display of their hard work.

Excitement murmurs through the crowd as we patiently wait for the main Conductor, Dr. Jonathan Hinkle to enter the stage. Dr. Hinkle, Director of Band at the Colorado Mesa University Music Department has been with the College for 10 years. With a long history of teaching music, Dr. Hinkle comes on the stage with experience emanating from his aura. He is very sure of himself and his students. It's a pleasure to watch him work! You can see Dr. Hinkle on the cover.

The Wind Symphony nonchalantly waits for their queue not showing an once of nervousness. They are excited too, but have been diligently practicing for this moment. The tension dissipates with the first few breathes as the notes come together to bring us Vox Populi - Songs and Dances of the people from the Grand Valley and Beyond. As they go through the first few moments, the Wind Symphony delights us with an Adagio tempo of



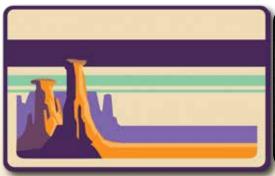
Molan Quin

classics we have all heard from time to time in motion pictures.

Nolan Quin is then given the baton to lead the Symphony and crowd through David Holsinger's On a Hymn song of Philp Bliss. Absolutely to the point, Quin comes in demanding business. His straight forward, serious demeanor makes the musicians work for their crescendos.

The Premiere Performance, The Dancing Grand-daughter's March composed by Norman K Smith (B. 1951) shows us an outstanding representation of what these musicians can do. As an audience member, we get to hear something different then the classics that have been redone

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over and over. The new classical music kept our attention and we found ourselves waiting for more.

The two student Conductors that directed have completely different composures. It's fun to watch their style as arms' fling and their statures' change. Trystan Berg is all smiles; he had fun and the crowd did with him. Maybe the other conductors did as well, but Berg was into it enough to lip sync sounds he wanted the musicians to make, which is also cool to watch. The two student Conductors were in their final classes and intend on furthering their musical careers.

Among the audience were children. Not one of them disturbed the symphony. They were all fixated and content with the extraordinary music booming at them.

This was a wonderful performance at a low cost. If anyone needs something different to do, they might want to look at some of the upcoming

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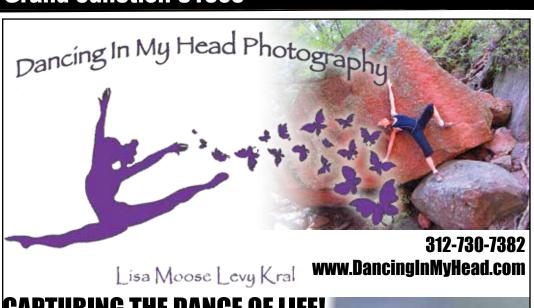
performances by the Wind Symphony and others playing at CMU's Robinson Theater.

They will be posted in upcoming issues; however, you can also go to the website and purchase tickets early.

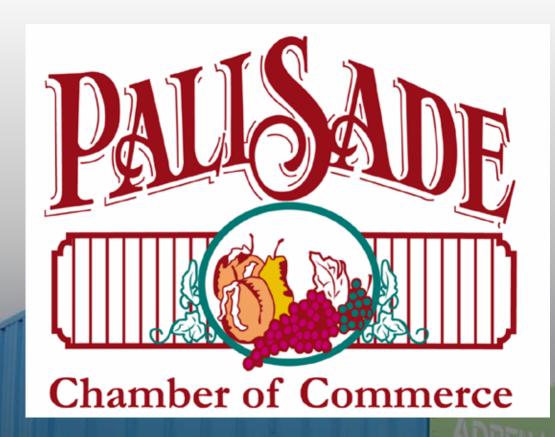
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What a great way to talk about business! It is surprising to find such a cool way to do Business After Hours. For a first event with the Palisade Chamber of Commerce, it was welcoming, fun and useful. People brought their kids, there was an UTV maintenance race and connections were made that don't usually happen during the fast pace of normal business hours.

Both kids seemed to be hesitant at first; no kid wants to go hangout with a bunch of adults. Once the kids knew it was Adrenaline Driven Adventures, the hesitation diminished and allowed them the opportunity to try something outside the box.



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ing.



& Scott Fairbanks



Brooke McElley, Kaitie Neverdahl,



Julianne & Steve

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Grand Junction April 3

Spring Concert: From Mountain to Sea - Centennial Band

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April 9

5th Annual Step Up for Down Syndrome

8am

Longs Family Memorial Park 3117 F rd.

Grand Junction

Join us for a fun-filled day benefiting a great cause! Rocky Mountain Down Syndrome Association (RMDSA) needs our help to promote acceptance of all people with Down syndrome.

April 10

ROBERT EARL KEEN WITH SPE-CIAL GUEST ROGER CLYNE

7:30pm

The Avalon Theater

645 Main St.

Grand Junction

It's not always easy to sum up a career - let alone a life's ambition - so succinctly, but those five words from Robert Earl Keen's calling-card anthem do just that.

TICKET PRICES:

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April 12

Charley Crockett

8 - 11pm

Charley Crockett performs his brand of blues country americana

Mesa theater

538 Main st.

Grand Junction

April 17

Easter Brunch Box Pick-Up

9 - 11am

JXN Station

571 25 Rd, Grand Junction

Mesa Meal Kits will have brunch boxes for pick up on Easter Sunday! 14" brunch boxes come filled to the rim with breakfast meats, mild cheeses, granola, yogurt, pastries, and fresh fruit. Serves 4 people.

April 17

CHELCIE LYNN - THE TAMMY TOUR

7pm

6 Chelcie Lynn is a comedian, actress, and internet personality who was recently named one of Variety's 2021 Top 10 Comics To Watch. She started building a fan base in 2014 when her sketches featuring her alter ego, Trailer Trash Tammy went viral. pm

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645 Main St

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April 22 - 24

DISNEY'S "BEAUTY AND THE BEAST" BY THE THEATRE PROJECT

22nd - 7:00pm

23rd - 1:00pm

24th - 1:00pm

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Grand Junction

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Broadway's modern classic, Disney's Beauty and the Beast. Based on the Academy Award-winning animated feature, the stage version includes all of the wonderful songs written by Alan Menken and the late Howard Ashman, along with new songs by Mr. Menken and Tim Rice. The original Broadway production ran for over thirteen years and was nominated for nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Adult \$25/Seniors \$19/Children 10 and under \$10 +fees

April 22

Earth Day Volunteer Event

8 - 10am

River Park at Las Colonias 2746 Cheyenne Dr, Grand Junction, CO

Join RiversEdge West at the River Park at Las Colonias for a volunteer event to pull weeds, remove tamarisk, and pick up trash!

April 23

Explore The Outdoors Expo

9 - 4pm

Grand Junction Convention Center 159 Main St, Grand Junction, CO

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April 23

Record Store Day 2022 at Triple Play Records

9 - 5pm Triple Play Records 530 Main St, Grand Junction Record Store Day 2022 at Triple Play Records Downtown GJ Hosted By Triple Play Records.

April 23

Southwest Arbor Fest

1340 Gunnison Avenue Grand Junction, CO 81501

9am - 2pm

Help green-up Grand Junction by taking home a free tree seedling or participating in a silent auction to bring home a larger containerized tree for your yard. Arbor Day will also include an opportunity to sign up for the launch of the City's private ash treatment cost-share program provided by T4 Tree Services, a silent auction for urban wood pieces milled from recently lost park trees, notable tree tour, and more.

12 - 5pm

With several ways to join in on the action, there is sure to be something for everyone! Get your taste buds involved with amazing craft beer from local and regional breweries

April 23

2nd Annual Spring Run '22

Motorcycle Accessories 2060 E Main St, Grand Junction, CO 9am

Last Bike out at 10:30am Pre-registation can be done at Motorcycle Accessories.

April 23

Hoodcelebrityy

8 - 11pm

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Grand Junction

Hoodcelebrityy LIVE in Grand Junction Colorado April 24th at Mesa Theater

April 27

CRYSTAL GAYLE

7:30 - 9pm

The Avalon Theater

645 Main St

Grand Junction

Crystal was inducted into the Grand Ole

Opry as a member in January 2017 by her sister Loretta Lynn. The Academy of Country Music recognized Crystal with a 2016 Cliffie Stone Pioneer Award for her lifetime achievements in country music. And in 2009 Crystal was honored to receive her own star on the fabled Hollywood Walk of Fame. \$42/\$52/\$67 +fees

April 28

Community Concerts: Louis Prima Jr.

7:30 - 10:30pm

The Avalon Theatre

645 Main St, Grand Junction, CO

Louis Prima Jr. carries the next generation of Prima music into the 21st century. Performing a combination of original songs and his father's famous hits, like Just a Gigolo and Jump, Jive an' Wail, Louis Prima Jr. and his band are wailing Prima style into the 2020s.

It's a raucous roller coaster ride of tailshakin'. foot-stampin'. horn-driven smiles. Energetic and over-the-top!

April 28

Frank & Deans

8 - 11pm

Mesa Theater

538 Main St, Grand Junction

Franks & Deans known for doing a

mash up of all the Rat Pack crooners tunes, mixed up with modern sounds of

today's rock n roll, punk & SKA Tickets \$12 - \$14

April 28

How to Start a Business in Western Colorado

1:30 - 4pm

2591 Legacy Way Grand Junction

This 2.5-hour workshop provides an overview of everything you need to know to start and grow your business. Business Licensing, Trade Name, legal Structure, State Regulations, Local

Licensing, The Business planning process, and Financing options.

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Fruita

April 2

Fishing Is Fun Day

8 - 10am The Avalon Theatre Snooks Bottom Open Space

324 N Coulson St, Fruita, CO

Join us at Snooks Bottom Open Space for the 3rd Annual Fishing Is Fun Day! Enjoy two hours of fishing with your kiddo. Colorado Parks and Wildlife will be available to teach knot tying, fishing laws & regulations, and fish identification.

April 14

Dave Mensch - Koko's Tavern

8 - 10am

Koko's Taverm

152 S Mesa St

Fruit

April 17

Desert RATS Trail Running Festival

6am - 11pm

Hawkeye Trailhead

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Join us for a weekend of fun and running on the beautiful trails near Fruita, Colorado. The weekend kicks off on Friday night with packet pickup and a dinner.

April 18

Rumble at 18 Road

12pm

Come run the Rumble at 18 Road race in Fruita this April

April 23

Bike Race: Co2uT — Bike Sports

7 - 8am

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Bike Race: Co2uT — Bike Sports

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