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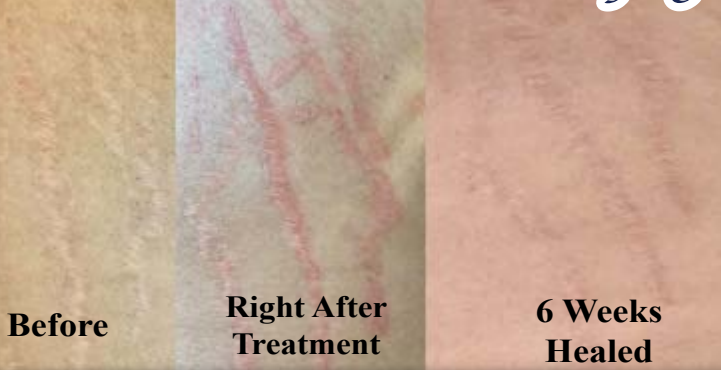
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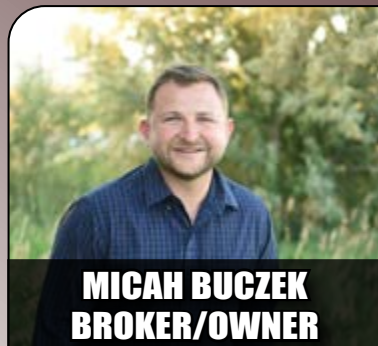


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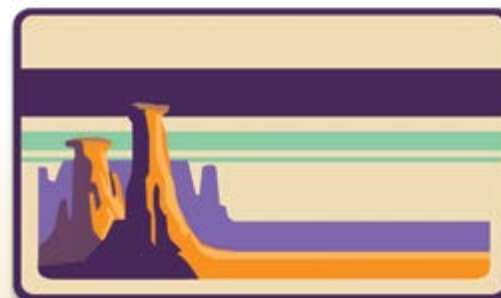
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*This first year of Mesa County Connection brought an abundance of mixed emotions derived from learning new things and engaging with the community.*

*Going to Quilting Conventions, seeing people dress as bees, and hearing musicians from a variety of backgrounds allows for expansion and growth. At the same time, convincing the public that Mesa County Connection is worthy of their attention is exhilarating and disappointing simultaneously.*

*Whether it's advertisers or the audience, we try and keep an open ear for critique. Developing a voice for this magazine has progressed over 12 months, which is only possible by people giving me feedback.*

*Of course people usually don't say anything unless they are upset or offended, which can create internal animosity for myself. These feelings must be left behind; however, your comments stay to help guide future issues of the magazine.*

## Acknowledgments

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## PUBLISHING & DESIGN JESSE FORNWALT

July felt like a bad dream. At least it was over as quickly! From the stifling 100 degree days, to inflation that seems to be bursting our brains with despondence, we can hope relief is on the horizon.

This time of the year is perfect for taking sunrise pictures. If you haven't noticed, most of the nature articles in Mesa County Connection are sought early in the morning. Dawn provides the best colors possible!

Forest fire smoke was too thick for us to see across the valley last year. Since the pictures were taken at the crack of dawn, we were still provided with some great images; oh, and Chief Frank Cavaliere, from the Lower Valley Fire District. Thanks again Frank!



We are hitting the other side of the valley to bring you some contrast. The smoke is gone and the only thing left is a clear, unobstructed view of the Grand Valley. We haven't forgot you Fruita! Heading your way next month!

Edited By Pam Davison

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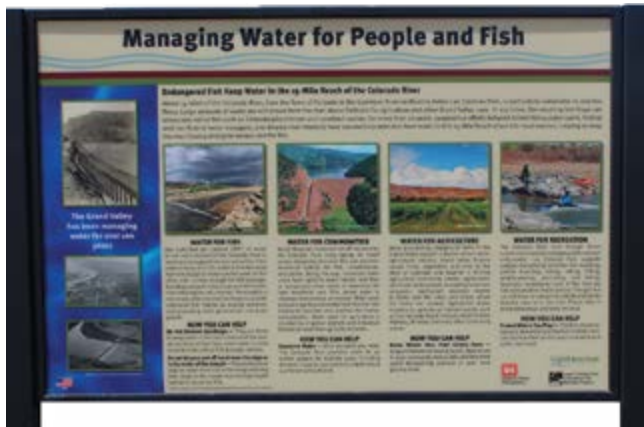
The Lazy River is well known around town for being a fun, free place to escape the summer heat. With ample parking and an ideal downtown location, anybody can go cool off for a moment and get back to their day. Weekends are a little more busy with kids and excitement distracting normal etiquette. However, most Coloradans live by a code of ethic to keep our beautiful surroundings pristine. If you pack it in, PACK IT OUT!

If you are out here enjoying nature and taking advantage of this structure built by the city to help manage the ecosystem, then you are responsible for ensuring you leave the spot uncontaminated for the next person! It's very sad to see the reminisce of people's fun as they lack regard for others.

Grand Junction City Parks & Recreation shouldn't be responsible for cleaning up after people. A conscious effort should be made by the very people who enjoy the area to keep it wonderful. Volunteers as well as GJ Parks & Rec do a wonderful job of cleaning the area regularly; however, they can't necessarily do it all. Pick up an extra piece of trash when you see it. Be firm with

children's understanding that they need to properly dispose of their waste. Set an example by doing the right thing yourself. If nobody is watching, that's the best time to practice your own personal moral.

Children watch, and if they see adults blatantly disregard our local environment, they will surely do the same.



We are all aware that plastics take a tremendous amount of time to decompose. According to the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration water bottles take 450 years to decompose and disposable diapers just as long.

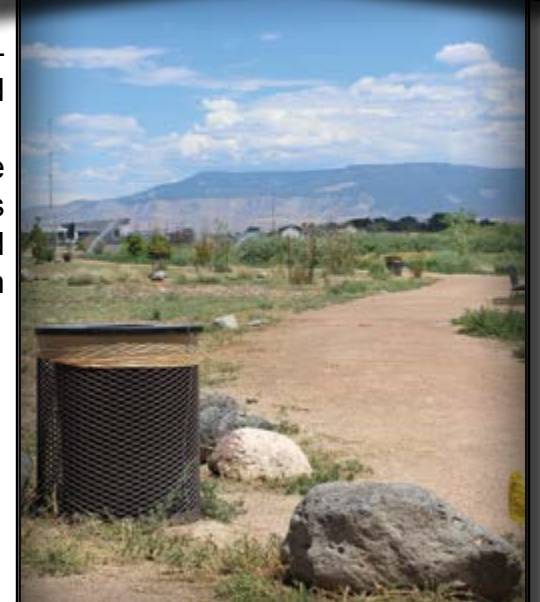
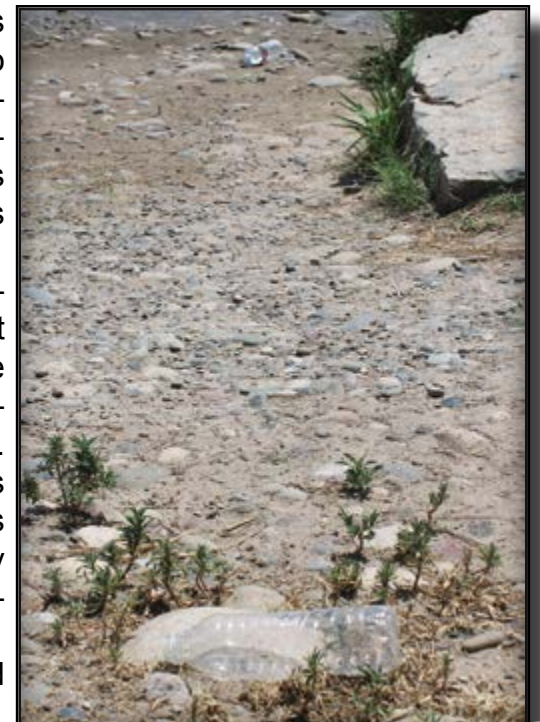
It isn't clear how long the contaminates in the pictures to the right have been by the Lazy River, but the unsightly garbage needs to be managed on a much more personal level. For shame if you leave water bottles or other trash, but if you leave diapers at the place where kids are innocently playing 20 feet away, a personal inventory of ethics should be assessed.

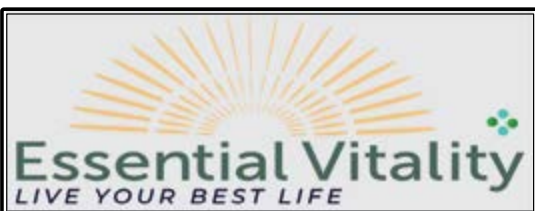
Nobody wants to pick up a used diaper! What an irresponsible thing to do! There are trash cans at fifty foot intervals visible to all. Take the time to walk over and put your undesirables where they should be. Nothing works better than public announcement or loud observations. "Excuse me Sir (Madame) you forgot your trash over there!"

Maybe they did simply forget; as a community we should make it our responsibility to call people out. It can be done in a decent way, even though their indecencies are obtrusively loud to the senses, namely sight and smell.

The Lazy River should be a place people can visit for years to come. Lets take pride in the places we visit around Mesa County and recognize our part in keeping it magnificent!

Whiting, Katie. "The Ocean." World Economic Forum. Nov. 2, 2018. <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2018/11/chart-of-the-day-this-is-how-long-everyday-plastic-items-last-in-the-ocean/>





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## Grand Junction

### August 3

Crystal Gayle

7 - 11:30pm

The Avalon Theatre

645 Main St, Grand Junction, CO  
Crystal was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry as a member in January 2017 by her sister Loretta Lynn.

\$40 - \$125

### August 4

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8:30 - 10:30

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### August 5

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### August 5

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5:30 - 7:30pm

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### August 5

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### August 6

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The Pretty Reckless

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6 - 11:30pm

Amphitheater at Las Colonias Park

925 Struthers Ave, Grand Junction, CO

The Pretty Reckless is fronted by singer Taylor Momsen, who was a child actor and model, including notable credits in "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" and "Gossip Girls."

\$45 - \$75

### August 6

90's COUNTRY PARTY with Double Wide

8:30 - 11:30pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar

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### August 9

Static-X

7:30 - 10:30

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### August 12

JOEY'S BIRTHDAY BASH

8 - 11:30pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar

2565 American Way, Grand Junction, CO

### August 13

Airmen of Note

7 - 9pm

Avalon Theater

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### August 13, 14

Supergrass Fresh Festival 2022

7 - 9pm

Mesa County Fairgrounds

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### August 13

Oxymorons

7:30 - 11pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar

2565 American Way, Grand Junction

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### August 18

Koe Wetzel

7:30 - 11pm

Amphitheater at Las Colonias Park

925 Struthers Ave, Grand Junction, Gates

open at 6:00 PM some artists break one or two rules. koe wetzel breaks pretty much all of them.

\$40 - \$75

### August 18

A NIGHT OF COUNTRY CARES FOR ST. JUDE

7 - 11pm

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Viewing Mt. Garfield from the valley doesn't give vertigo justice. Once you see the majestic landmark from on top of the Book Cliffs, a new perspective is gained. Not everyone can hike the brutal ascent; however, homage can still be paid, while viewing some of history's other treasures.

Coal was a big operation in the Book Cliffs. The extraordinary measures they took to get the precious commodity can still be seen today. Traveling from the Cameo exit just outside of Palisade, the pavement ends and pondering begins. The road leading in is definitely reserved for 4wheeling. Whoever developed this area, brazenly defied mother nature to get what people needed.

Jed Neenan, a local enthusiast says, "The road changes all the time. The recent flash flooding could have made this trail impassable". If that's any indicator of conditions pre-4wheel drive, we can assume Coal Mining was not the funnest job. Just getting to the worksite with the proper machinery would have been a nightmare. Jed says with the help of The Grand Mesa Jeep Club, this trail and others on BLM land have been maintained when they might not have been.

Once at the top of the Book Cliffs, the danger just begins.



You can see in the picture to the left sink holes are everywhere, with evidence of erosion all around. The now collapsed mine is well fenced and marked, but finding these little holes makes the imagination wander.

Focus! The historical action doesn't stop there! This coal shoot going down one of the gentler slopes, fed a narrow gauge railroad, according Mesa County Libraries' excerpt from *Finding The Little Book Cliff Railway*.

An 1890s Grand Valley entrepreneur, W.T Carpenter, started Little Book Cliff Coal Mine. They used the railway to get coal from the foot of the Book Cliffs to downtown Grand Junction. This trail went through what is currently the airport, down Horizon Drive. Operations eventually stopped, but parts of the railway were found until the 1970s.

We are lucky some of the history still exists. The shear drop off the Book Cliff's side could very well have swallowed the evidence, smashing it like this poor car to the right.

If vertigo hasn't settled in, creep to the side and look over. Imagine how small you are compared to the leftovers of this obliterated car. It makes a person feel great to be alive!

Mesa County Libraries. "Finding The Little Book Cliff Railway." July, 6 2015.  
<https://mesacountylibraries.org/2015/07/finding-the-little-book-cliff-railway/>



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Most people in the valley are feeling the affects of inflation. We can save money by cutting out the middle man though. Packaging and delivery of said goods can be weeded out, all while helping your neighbor.

"The past couple of years haven't been the best" says Richard from Z's Orchard. He has seen his fair share of hard times during the 30 years since helping to start the Market in Palisade. "This year has been great though!" he states. Regardless of inflation driving up the cost of boxes, fuel and fertilizer, this year has been a success in part because people want to get out! "We have seen much bigger crowds this year".

Richard says the most notable challenges this year have been the heat and employment. "I can't water fast enough, by the time I get back to where I started everything is already wilting." Lack of employees isn't a new a theme for

**MARKET**

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business owners. Signs are constantly displayed in front of stores. "Need Help" is becoming more standard than a sales pitch.

Relief usually comes in waves. Once money starts coming in from the bigger crowds, more can be afforded to attract hard workers. The only down side to the farming industry for a laborer is *seasonal pay*, which is sometimes less than Colorado's minimum wage.

People are out and about which encourages hope. The town of Palisade is trying their best to attract visitors. Featuring live music from various artist such as Stone Kitchen, Palisade's Farmer's Market is alive with excitement!



Out of Parachute Colorado, Portia and Luster Rogers along with bass player Bob Bianbridge, inspire couples to get up and move. Stone Kitchen has been playing 7 years in the valley featuring acoustic flavored Americana music, rich with harmonies, mandolin, fiddle and slide guitar. They have no set dates to play in Mesa County again soon; however, they have contact information on Facebook.



Seraphina Hunter, bottom left is Coordinator for Palisade's Farmer's Market. She has been handling this event since the start of COVID and says she is excited to see all the people compared to her previous years coordinating. Seraphina and her assistants Hannah (middle) and Rebecca right are set up right at the west entrance to the Farmer's Market. They hope to see you soon and will be there to answer any questions you have.



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**Grand Junction**

**August 19**

**DYLAN SCOTT**  
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 Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar  
 2565 American Way, Grand Junction  
 Country super star Dylan Scott set to light up The Warehouse.  
 \$35- \$55

**August 20**

**America**  
 7:30 - 11:30pm  
 The Avalon Theatre  
 645 Main St, Grand Junction, CO  
 Iconic folk rockers America have been performing to sold out crowds since the '70s  
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**August 20**

**Mike Ryan**  
 8 - 11:30pm  
 Warehouse 2565  
 2565 American Way, Grand Junction, CO  
 Mike Ryan is a San Antonio, TX born singer/songwriter who has accumulated fans across the US and throughout the world with powerful, whiskey smooth vocals and well-crafted lyrics.  
 \$18 - \$28

**August 25**

**Jon Wolfe**  
 7 - 11:30pm  
 Warehouse 2565  
 2565 American Way, Grand Junction, CO  
 The best introduction to Jon Wolfe is the basic yet not so simple fact that he's a country singer and songwriter. Country music, as it was, is and always should be, with boots firmly standing on the bedrock of tradition and an eye focused on taking it into the future.  
 \$15 - \$25

**CALENDAR**

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**August 27**

**Summer Days Live Music & Food Festival**  
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**August 27**

**BoostX Motorsports Small Tire 1/8 Mile Kings**  
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**August 28**

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 7:00 - 11pm  
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**Palisade**

**August 5**

**Food Truck Friday**  
 6:30 - 9:30pm  
 Talon Wines at St. Kathryn's  
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**August 5, 6**

**2022 Western S3DA 3D & Outdoor Target National Championship**  
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 6th 6pm  
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**August 6**

**Wayne Worthen – Band in the Barrel Music Series**  
 1:30 - 5pm  
 Restoration Vineyards  
 3594 E 1/2 Rd, Palisade, CO  
 June-September! We are excited to welcome Wayne Worthen for this Band in the Barrel Concert.

**August 7**

**Palisade Sunday Farmers Market**  
 9:30am - 1:30pm  
 Main and, E 3rd St, Palisade, CO  
 Returning to one of our favorite gigs! See you Sunday morning in Palisade.

**August 11, 12**

**Palisade Peach Festival**  
 Friday 3 - 9:30pm  
 Saturday 10am - 8pm  
 Riverbend Park  
 451 Pendleton St, Palisade, CO  
 Celebration of peach harvest - food, music, recipe contest, vendor arts & crafts, children's activities.  
 \$3 - \$20

**August 12**

**Farm to Table Dinner**  
 12 - 3pm  
 Orchard River View  
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#### Flat Out Fridays Downhill Race Series

3 - 5pm

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### August 13

#### Victor Towle – Band in the Barrel Music Series

1:30 - 5pm

Restoration Vineyards

3594 E 1/2 Rd, Palisade, CO

We are excited to welcome Victor Towle for this Band in the Barrel Concert.

Free Event\*\*

### August 14

#### Sunday Sounds Music Series

2 - 5pm

Powderhorn Mountain Resort

48338 Powderhorn Rd, Mesa, CO

### August 19

#### Gears & Beers Festival and Downhill Race

6pm

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Powderhorn.com for more info.

### August 20

#### The Hip Replacements – Band in the Barrel Music Series

1:30 - 5pm

Restoration Vineyards

3594 E 1/2 Rd, Palisade, CO

We are excited to welcome The Hip Replacements for this Band in the Barrel Concert.

FREE\*\*

## Fruita

### August 4

#### Fruita Downtown Summer Concert Series - Still House String Band

7:30pm

Civic Center Park and Pavilion

325 E Aspen Ave, Fruita, CO

Still House String Band, a bluegrass band, will be playing at the Thursday Night Concert Series in downtown Fruita!

### August 6

#### Fruita Farmers Market

8:30am - 12pm

250 S Elm St, Fruita, CO

Through Oct. 29th

### August 19

#### HBA Golf Tournament

8am - 2pm

Adobe Creek National Golf Course

876 18 1/2 Rd, Fruita, CO

Join us on August 19th for the annual HBA Golf Tournament sponsored by Boise Cascade!

FREE\*\*

### August 13

#### Fruita Farmers Market

8:30am - 12pm

250 S Elm St, Fruita, CO

Through Oct. 29th

### August 20

#### Raft the River

8 - 11am

Rimrock Adventures

927 CO-340, Fruita, CO

Join us for our 6th Annual Raft the River float trip and brunch.

\$75 Members, \$88 non-members.

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### August 20, 27

#### Fruita Farmers Market

8:30am - 12pm

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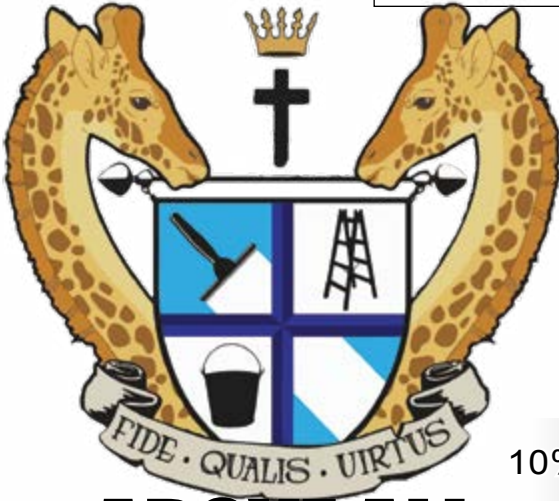
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