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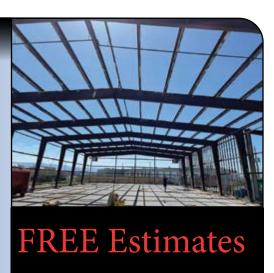
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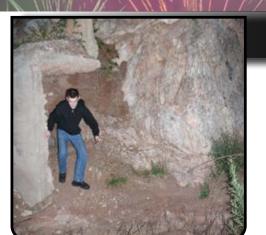
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Coming into July has been rough for a lot of people. Financially, the country seems on the verge of recession, people turn to violence; which seems to be a common theme since Jan. 6th, and political tension is thick enough to taste.

The sour ambiance left in the mouth is only compounded by the rising cost of gas, food and other commodities we previously took for granted. Housing is an issue spilling into the streets, as the number of homeless continues to grow at an exponentiated rate.

While people try to figure out gun and abortion laws, our local neighbor is trying to feed their kids. They can't find an affordable place to rest their neck. Sure it looks like there are plenty of jobs, but if you are stuck in the cycle of fending for your very life everyday, shortsightedness starts becoming the only focal point.

Our only hope is to remember that we are united by our community and country. Celebrate the small things, such as the freedom to hike, bike or lavender around the valley! We had to bring you more festivals...

Acknowledgments

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We have some great events coming in July and August to prepare for. Both the City of Fruita and Palisade are hosting weekly concert series outlined in the Event's Connection sections. Featuring local artists, the free concerts are held on different days so people won't miss one, going to the other. Las Colonias park has been hosting famous names, but Mesa County Connection always goes out of our way for those needing promoted most. Besides most Las Colonias tickets are sold out faster than a peach stand in New Mexico!

Articles covered in July's issue range from hiking the Mica Mines and fruitlessly researching it's abandonment, to Blue Grass music, a 90's throwback band, and such an abundance of lavender, we celebrate the diverse plant! Of course music and beer help to elevate the nonchalant atmosphere lavender projects and Palisade is synonymous for.

August will be the 12th issue of Mesa County Connection and the first time we

cover the Palisade Peach Festival. It will be fun to see the



unique things people have found to do with their surplus of peaches. We look forward to seeing you out there and talking with you about what should be in the magazine next year.

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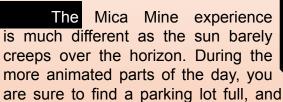
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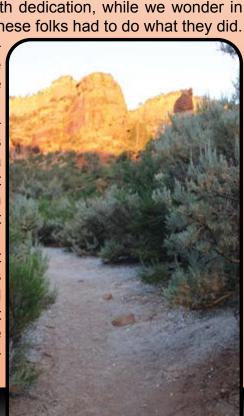
people at every turn in the meandering trail. The bustling footprints of days past scurry in erratic directions, as people forget the reason this trail even existed. Careful consideration and planning went into making this path, and we don't even know why it was abandoned.

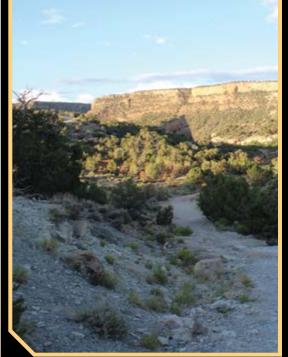
We can be thankful it was carved with dedication, while we wonder in awe at the pure tenacity and determination these folks had to do what they did.

The 2.6 mile round trip, shows us man's conviction to get the desirable even in the face of "Jacob's Latter" (the unofficial name of the cascading rock steps entering the trail).

This mid-level trail can still be traversed by inexperienced hikers. In fact, it's a good way to prepare for some of Mesa County's more arduous trails. The brilliant colors make for stunning eye-delicacies, with shinning bits of quartz and mica throughout the hike.

Early morning seems to be the best time to make this journey. The bird's song's are unobstructed by the heat of the day, and the mosquitos haven't quite taken their first bite. Other animals are still scarce, but the well trodden road is overwhelmed with human scent giving adequate warning.





Mica Mine's



Demise

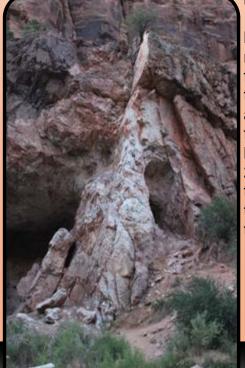
This path has long since been claimed by humans. Though research shows nil on the subject of disregarding this dubious path, we can only imagine a flash flood wiping out the

bridges and other man made structures mother earth really doesn't care about. We do know man cares about productivity, and lots can be done with mica.

According to the Minerals Education Coalition, mica is a silicate mineral, heat resistant and does not conduct electricity. There are 37 different kinds of mica, the most relative ones are used for filler in gypsum wallboard joint compound, paint, beauty products, well drilling, rubber molds and electrical insu-

lators of all kinds.

The need was there; however, the hazard to profit ratio looks unbalanced. This rough terrain could only sustain man's lust for luster as long as sediment settles. Once the water returns, the hard work washes away leaving the reminiscence of our forefathers. Even to this day, erosion caused a landslide releasing 70 tons of rock in April 2020, says the City of Grand Junction. Fortunately we were left with majority of the trail to commend the miner's; even if the best time is now the crack of dawn.





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July 1

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8 - 11pm

Warehouse 2565

2565 American Way, Grand Junction, CO Born in 2009, the band

immediately hit the road doing fairs and festivals all over the Four Corners region of the southwestern U.S., as well as many others.

\$15-\$25

July 2

Lyle Lovett and his Large Band

7:30 -9:30pm

Avalon Theater

645 Main St.

Grand Junction

A singer, composer and actor, Lyle Lovett has broadened the definition of American music in a career that spans 14 albums. \$49 - \$109

July 2

RED WHITE & BOOZE PARTY with Jeremy McComb & Jagertown

7 - 11:30pm

Warehouse 2565

2565 American Way, Grand Junction, CO THE MAN, the MYTH, the LEGEND Jeremy McComb is BACK and ready with his full band this time on the outside stage at 8:30 PM for rocking good time!

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July 3

Orem Owlz at Grand Junction Rockies

3:30pm

Suplizio Field

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July 4

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Sunset

July 7

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4 - 7pm

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July 7

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482 28 Rd. Grand Junction

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July 8

Don McLean

7:30 -9:30pm

Avalon Theater

645 Main St.

Grand Junction

In 1969, Don recorded his first album, "Tapestry", in Berkeley, CA.

\$18 - \$58

July 8

Joey Rowland and

The Over & Under Band

8 - 11:30pm

Warehouse 2565

2565 American Way, Grand Junction, CO JOEY'S BIRTHDAY BASH! LET'S PACK THE PLACE FOR THE KID

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July 8

Wildflowers on the Mesa

1:30 - 5pm

Museums of Western Colorado 462 Ute Ave. Grand Junction

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July 8 & 9

IAM THEY-Night Vision Festival 2022

5pm

Intermountain Veterans' Memorial Park 2785 US-50, Grand Junction, CO \$40

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July 9

TRISTON MAREZ with special guest JOEY ROWLAND

8 - 11:30pm

Warehouse 2565

2565 American Way, Grand Junction. Tiston is bringing that TEXAS COUNTRY sound to the W for the first time, so come give him and his band some Western CO

July 11

Kid's Triathlon Camp

Grand Junction Parks and Recreation 1340 Gunnison Ave, Grand Junction, CO

Description Learn the fundamentals of swimming, biking, and running for a triathlon!

\$249

www.gjparksandrec.org

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MADE FOR PALIADE

The summer has already been filled with fun! Palisade continues bringing people together with an amazing lineup of events worthy of capturing attention. Live music, local people and great dancing are starting to become a tradition at River Bend Park.

Over the last several months, Mesa County Connection has covered numerous events in Palisade that has helped us find our place in the community. From art & music, to dancing & outdoor adventure, this corner of our val-

ley not only delivers a broad spectrum of entertainment, but also provides the capacity for entrepreneurship.

We may never have heard of bands such as The Brothers Comatose or The Dirty Grass Players if it wasn't for Palisade showing us who they were.

Rich with an array of instrumental sounds, both bands brought excitement. Their energy and sound were contagious and feet can't help moving even if you are sitting down!

Playing a mix of originals and classic cover songs with a Blue Grass twist, the bands are on tour from out of state, but would love the opportunity to be heard by us again. Both bands can be found on Facebook with readily





available music.

As a new publication, Mesa County Connection knows the importance of accepting new ideas and change. It's important to think creatively and harness that ability to perpetuate a vibrant community.

The town of Palisade is a pillar for attracting these types of individuals. The ones that bring robust ideas and unique insight to the potential uses of space and product.

You can bet the people that make Palisade a wonderful place to live are made of hustling entrepreneurs! This

> does seem to be a consistent theme around the valley; however, Palisade stands firmly distinctive on avenues of creativity!

Who knew Lavender had such a following? With so many different varieties and uses; Palisade knew!

Of course there was beer to help jazz things up a bit. Featuring the longest line, Highlands Craft Distillery provided our crowd with the liquid courage to spark a more intimate relationship with the beautiful plant. As faces bury in the bosom of lavender blossoms, it's clear we need to find out more about the fragrant herbage.

According multiple sources lavender has many beneficial uses. Of course aromatherapy and herbal medicine have used lavender for years, but the history of lavender's first uses date back to Egyptian times. Healthline also goes on to discuss uses for insomnia, Anxiety, Hair Loss, Headaches and Migraines.

The National Cancer Institute says "aromatherapy can help people with cancer manage their side effects of Chemotherapy.

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The list continues! Depression, Acne, Burns, Skin Conditions and Wound Healing. Lavender can be taken in many forms and infused with other products such as honey. The Tri-River Master Gardeners show us examples and explain the 37 different varieties of lavender other than the most typical.

Because the plant is drought-tolerant, it would make sense that many lavender farms have made their way to the Western Slope. The cash crop offers many ways for people to branch off into diverse products. We see more and more lavender popping up everywhere! The plant is not native to North America, but offers awesome contrast to our gorgeous landscape. Because it does have the capability to grow with less water as it matures, the dry, high-desert climate is perfect for this plant to flourish.

As we see, a number of different vendors have zeroed in on lavender's potential. The city of Palisade also recognized this and put together a celebration not only for lavender. but the countless entrepreneurs that have found their place with this crop. The Violet Pines, shown on the last page played laid back music with an almost spoken word theme. They can be found at various venues this summer, including Palisades concert series listed under Event Connection.

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Healthline "The Many Benefits of Lavender for Mood, Sleep, Hair, and Skin." www.healthline.com National Cancer Institue. "Aromatherapy with Essential Oils" www.cancer.gov

There hasn't been a time at Warehouse 2565 that is not packed! The atmosphere is won-

derful. From musicians ready to give their all, to unconcerned dancers with anything but getting down. The active location hosts live music weekly featuring headline musicians and local bands.

Ninety Percent 90s out of Denver has played at Warehouse 2565 twice. Covering mainly 90s music, they have been together for 10 years. With over 200 songs they cover, they played a little of everything until they find what the crowd really likes.

Scott, lead guitar and backup vocals, says they have been playing long enough that they know how to read the crowd. When they started playing Back Street Boy's, unexpectedly, the crowd broke out in cheers, and a small band of groupies formed to the right of the stage. Crazy that a boy band that hasn't been together in decades still has this

much influence! It's a tossup which part was busier; the bar with the Avalanche game on,

> 90s. Fortunately the cover was only \$10, so if you wanted to switch back and forth to keep

an eye on the score, the option was there.

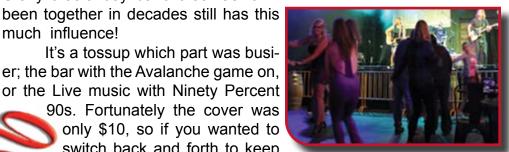
Besides having cheap entry fees most of the time, Warehouse 2565 also has free admissions on some of their events. With two bars and a VIP section upstairs the location really is classy.

For those of you who need a seat, table reservations are available, but also fill up quickly. The crowd is usually mixed age, ranging from mid 20s to later 60s and beyond, which allows for a calm, reassuring crowd. People are friendly, decent and smile the whole time.











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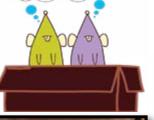
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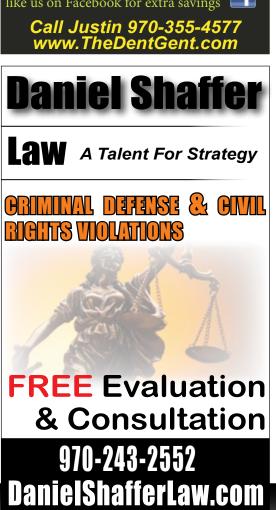






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Grand Junction

July 12

Memphis May Fire

8 - 11pm

Mesa Theater

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538 Main St, Grand Junction

\$35

July 12

An Evening with Cowboy Junkies

8 - 9:15pm

Avalon Theater

645 Main St.

Grand Junction

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July 12

CURTIS GRIMES

8 - 11:30pm

Warehouse 2565

2565 American Way, Grand Junction, CO Texas Country Music star Curtis Grimes set to return to the W for a can't miss night of LIVE country music!

July 18

Furry Friends Kids Camp 2022

8:45am

Roice-Hurst Humane Society

362 28 Rd, Grand Junction, CO

Children ages 6-12 will learn all about dogs and cats, from how to greet them to how to care for them, make treats and toys, practice positive reinforcement training for dogs and cats, and spend quality time interacting with our animals. Let our staff and volunteers open the wonderful world of animals to your child with activities that emphasize safety, empathy, and compassion.

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CALENDAR

July 19

Music in the Grapevines Wild Flight

6pm

Two Rivers Winery

2087 Broadway, Grand Junction

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Advanced Tickets \$15(artcenterguild.org) - \$20 at the gate.

All proceeds benefit The Art Center of Western Coloardo

July 22

Remi Mae * CD RELEASE PARTY

7 - 11pm

Warehouse 2565

2565 American Way, Grand Junction, CO SHE'S BACK and in a BIG WAY... Remi is coming back to CO and the Warehouse and we can't wait for her CD release party!

July 28

NIKO MOON

3 - 4pm

Warehouse 2565

2565 American Way, Grand Junction, CO Niko Moon is making his debut on the W Stage and we are pumped! Come hear his #1 hits and so much more!

\$20 - \$40 **Palisade**

July 2

HeyDay – Band in the Barrel Music Series.

1:30 - 5pm

Restortations Vineyards.

3594 E 1/2 Rd. Palisade

Attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chairs to enjoy wine, music, and food.

July 3

Palisade Farmer's Market

9:30am - 1:30pm Main and 3rd Palisade Through October 9th

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July 9

Hunter Education Standard Course

1 - 10pm

Cameo Shooting and Education Complex, Colorado Parks and Wildlife 3934 I 9/10 Rd, Palisade, CO StepOutside.org

July 16

Sturtz @ Restoration Vineyards

2pm

Restoration Vineyards 3594 E 1/2 Rd, Palisade, CO **FREE Event!

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July 16 & 17

JULY'S TENTATIVE EVENT in Palisade, CO: Sporting clays, Fishing, Winery Tours

4pm

Cameo Shooting and Education Complex, Colorado Parks and Wildlife 3934 I 9/10 Rd, Palisade, CO

July 17

Palisade Farmer's Market

9:30am - 1:30pm Main and 3rd Palisade Through October 9th

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Palisade

July 23

PB&J Jazz – Band in the Barrel Music Series

1:30 - 5pm Restoration Vineyards 3594 E 1/2 Rd, Palisade, CO

**FREE Event!

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July 23

Grande River Vineyards Presents "Quemando" Live in

6pm

Grande River Vineyards

787 Grande River Drive, Palisade, CO Quemando performs all of their biggest hits at the Grande River Vineyards band shell. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

July 29

Comedy Night in the Vines

7pm

Mesa Park Vineyards 3321 C Rd, Palisade, CO

Come enjoy some wine and a night of laughs! Tickets are \$20! 21+ only!!! Headliner and crowd favorite -

Jonathon Gregory \$20

July 30

Band in the Barrel - The Violet Pines

1:30 - 5pm Different Time slots We are excited to welcome The Violet Pines for this Band in the Barrel Concert. Some noteworthy details:

-Attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chairs to enjoy wine, music, and food.

For more information visit www.RestorationVineyards.com

Fruita

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Fruita's Farmer's Market

8:30am - 12pm Fruita Farmers Market 250 S Elm St, Fruita, CO Through October 2022

July 3

Fruita's Fireworks

Sunset

Downtown Fruita. Visible most places in Fruita

July 7

Thursday Night Concert Series

7:30pm

Downtown Fruita. Civic Center Park Stray Grass (Bluegrass)

July 14

Thursday Night Concert Series

7:30pm

Downtown Fruita. Civic Center Park Tiffany Christopher (Singer/Songwriter)

July 21

Thursday Night Concert Series

7:30pm

Downtown Fruita. Civic Center Park Jason Abbott (Country)

July 22

Food Truck Friday

5:30 - 8:30pm

Downtown Fruita Reed Park

July 28

Thursday Night Concert Series

7:30pm

Downtown Fruita. Civic Center Park Frank Bregar Orchestra (Big Band)

August 4

Thursday Night Concert Series

7:30pm

Downtown Fruita. Civic Center Park Frank Bregar Orchestra (Big Band)



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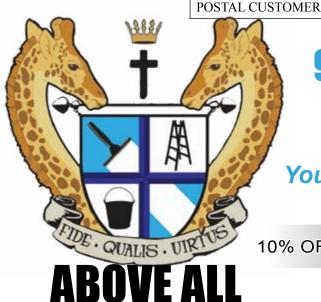
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