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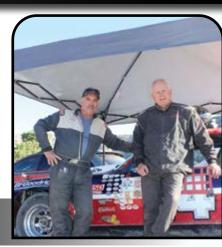
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It is my opinion that people do care. They might not always write and tell me, but they care. So do I! People pick up Mesa County Connection every month and tell me about it later. Most of the time an unbiased approach is taken, cynical sometimes, maybe even comical, but for the most part unbiased except for this section right here. If I skim over items that might face us as a nation it's only tracking common themes and their affect on our month.

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Most people are affected by the economy, which makes people not spend. This becomes a trend not only here, but everywhere.

Politics are a sore subject right now, so I do my best to stay away from anything in the realm of politics. Maybe a couple of questionable remarks have been made; such as the violence during January 6th, but my audience was here for me to help focus my attention. A lot of work went into the September issue of Mesa County Connection, I hope you enjoy!



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September seems to be bringing us some relief. Rain is falling better than last year, but reservoirs are still low. The fire season wasn't as bad, and hopefully winter brings us a fruitful snow pack!

Fruit is the theme for this month. Or at least some honorable mentions. The 54th Annual Palisade Peach Festival had an extraordinary turnout. Maybe the best yet. The Palisade Chamber is tracking numbers and will let us know.

Mesa County Connection made a first time appearance at what looks to be a historical event. The Lands End Hill Climb, presented by the Colorado Hill Climb Association offers a unique race on a 5 mile section of Lands End Road up the back side of the Mesa.

Jessica Downing-Ford, a resident and performer of Chautauqua gives a wonderful performance of Abigail Adams, wife and closest advisor to the 2nd President. Last we come to Fruita for an event anybody can participate in. A serene sunrise from

Fruita's Monument exit and Redland View. The colors can



be clearly seen and should be shared with everyone. All the colors for the next few issues will be associated with fall and winter, so we might as well soak up whats left of the summer while we can!

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The 54th Annual Palisade Peach Festival attracted huge crowds to this small corner of our valley. People couldn't wait to get in and see what was awaiting. From entertainment for the kids, to drinking and live music for the adults, the ladies at the Palisade Chamber of Commerce say the turnout was, "super amazing!".

It's very clear this festival is one of the most popular events around the valley. People didn't mind having to wait in lines that were attributed to nearly 17,000 to 18,000 visitors. According to Natalie Schievelbein, Assistant Director to the Chamber of Commerce, "this is one of the largest Peach Festivals we have seen". Although they haven't obtained official numbers yet, the Palisade Chamber says they are excited to see them.

Natalie (left), Jessica Burford (middle) and Angelia Decrow (right) worked diligently with volunteers and security to accommo-

date the numbers. Natalie says, "we definitely couldn't have done this without the support of

sponsors, volunteers and vendors".

The City of Palisade, Chamber of Commerce and entertainers have done a wonderful job of providing people with plenty of activities to keep the atmosphere fun and delightful. The ladies are already considering next year's event and want to bring in even more activities.

This celebration of Palisade's quintessential fruit was on display by various vendors. They bring unique peach creations and their surplus from

local orchards to an enthusiastic crowd.

As live music is played throughout the event, families settle in on blankets, or explore the Bounce House City. Peo-



ple line the market place of vendors elbow to elbow perusing delectable items for home. Great vibes and smiles are all around.

River Bend Park was alive with excitement on this Saturday August 13th, 2022. The event was sold out for on-line sales, but that didn't stop people from coming down to checkout the activities and produce. Since it had such a great turnout it will be interesting to see what future Peach Festivals have in store for us!

View information on future Palisade Peach Festivals and other events The Palisade Chamber of Commerce and The city of Palisade is hosting at their website:

https://palisadecoc.com

or Keep your eye out for future issues of Mesa County Connection!









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Grand Junction

September 2, 3

Banda El Recodo

Friday 9:30

Satuday

1:30

Grand Junction Convention Center 159 Main St, Grand Junction, CO \$95 Unation.com

September 2

FREE BEER - Classic Rock Band

8:30 - 11:30pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar 2565 American Way, Grand Junction FREE SHOW**

September 3

Rick Mancuso

8:30 - 11:30pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar 2565 American Way, Grand Junction Live Country Music FREE SHOW**

September 5

Dorothy

7 - 10 pm

Mesa Theater

538 Main St, Grand Junction, CO

All ages

\$19-\$24

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September 7

"Weird Al" Yankovic

7:30 - 11:30

The Avalon Theatre

645 Main St, Grand Junction, CO

Doors open at 6:30 PM Tickets: \$57.50/\$77.50/\$87.50/\$97.50 +fees

September 7

Grand Junction Rockies vs. Rocky Mountain

Vibes

6:30

Suplizio Field

1315 North Ave, Grand Junction, CO

September 8

Books on Tap - Foam & Folly Brewing

5:30pm

Foam & Folly Brewing 330 S 2nd St, Grand Junction, CO

September 8

PRIDE 2022: Junction Queer and Ally

Connection Fashion Show

7:30 - 10pm

Mesa Theater

538 Main ST

Grand Junction

\$10 - Family friendly

September 8

Humanists Doing Good

5:30 - 8:30pm

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Please only RSVP if you'd like to assist with the booth and not if you're just planning to visit the booth during the market.

September 9

The Harp Twins

8 - 11pm

Mesa Theater

538 Main St, Grand Junction, CO

All ages.

\$20

September 9

TR @ Avalon Rooftop

6pm

645 Main St, Grand Junction, CO Celebrating a couple birthdays! There will

be cake!

September 9

Oxymorons

8 - 11pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar 2565 American Way, Grand Junction ENOUGH SAID... Bring those dancin shoes it's always a PARTY when these guys hit the big stage!

FREE SHOW**

September 10

Tour of the Moon

7:30am - 6pm

Grand Junction Convention Center

159 Main St, Grand Junction, CO

The Tour of the Moon was made famous in the 1980's Coors Classic and later in the cycling movie American Flyers \$150

September 10

Southside Highway

8:30 - 11:30pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar 2565 American Way, Grand Junction

September 11

Sets n' Riffs Comedy Show

7 - 8:30pm

Gemini Beer Company

640 White Ave, Grand Junction, CO

Come try stand up comedy with a 2 minute stand up set then riff with our panel of comics!

September 11

Evening in Rio with the Best of Brazil

7:30 - 11:30pm

The Avalon Theatre

645 Main St, Grand Junction, CO Tickets Starting @ \$39

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Zea an absolute pleasure to watch a Colorado Hill Climb Association event! We even get one right here in Mesa County each year. The Lands End Hill Climb offered adrenaline from start to finish. A feeling of anticipation dwells in the gut waiting for these loud, nostril burning cars to turn

the treacherous corners.

Lands End Hill Climb, which shuts down a portion of Lands End Road each year, attracts a wide range of vehicles for the two day event. Coming from all over Colorado, the drivers of these radically different vehicles have one thing in mind; making the best time for their classification.

Two racers from the Grand Valley, John Durmas and Larry Thompson are seasoned in the sport and hopeful to bring home first place ranks, but seem more interested in just being apart of the race. John on the left driving number 19 says he's been apart of these races for 7 years, while Larry, driving car 24 has been doing it for 29! Though neither

one got first, they competed in multiple classes allowing them two 3rd place wins for John and a 2nd & 4th for Larry. Neither one of them let 1st be taken easily. Roaring around dirt corners fearlessly with rooster tails and dust behind them, these drivers gave their absolute best.

That is the only way to get a good show! All of these drivers should be applauded for giving their best. Most people use extreme caution when taking this route to the Mesa. Filled with hair-pin corners and shear drop offs, the vertigo from looking over while driving slowly can give a person motion sickness, let alone upwards of 80 miles per hour.

John says they have a radar and clock cars at over 80 mph. The racers do 5 miles in just over 5 minutes. They have had cars flip over in the past, but were fortunate this year to only have minor issues.

This alternative sport was wonderful to spectate. It would be beneficial to scope out a great spot for next year and come prepared to barbecue!





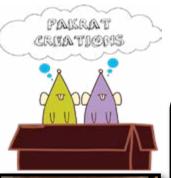




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swers from someone who has studied the figure and has a firm understanding of how to answer.

Because Abigail Adams was a person we never got to see or hear, it's up to Jessica to come up with her version of what Abigail might sound like. Researching the era and location of where Abigail Adams came from, Jessica was able to represent the voice and apparel of the time.

Her passion for the subject matter and character are obvious. She gives a great performance reading letters from Abigail to John Adams outlining exactly who she was to the 2nd President of the United States.

Jessica answers questions in and out of character which allowed the audience to ask more questions surrounding why she picked the character she did, who she will play next and where... We were lucky to catch her at Mesa County Library downtown Grand Junction late July 2022, where she will be performing in the future.



SUNRISE ACROSS THE VALLEY

These images speak for themselves. There isn't a more quite and serene place in the valley than Fruita's Monument exit at sunrise. That is for you to judge.

A favorite Sunrise Across The Valley is a matter of perspective. Last month's sunrise imagery was from on top of the Bookcliffs, this time we are in Fruita. It's only a matter of perspective.

This is an event people are welcome to everyday, and most are filled with magical colors that invoke a feeling of oneness with the universe. This is the reason we live in Mesa County! It takes 20 minutes to get here and is great anytime of the day, but mostly in the very early hours unobstructed by anything the day will bring.

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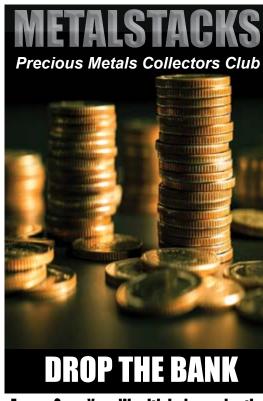
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Grand Junction

September 15

Mark Chesnutt 7 - 11pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar 2565 American Way, Grand Junction Mark Chesnutt is a true Honky Tonk legend and he's bringing his 14 No. 1 hits and rockin live show to the Warehouse \$40 - \$85

September 17

Mesa County Comic Con!

10am - 6pm

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

September 17

Mobility Driven Downtown Car Show

9am - 3pm

Downtown Grand Junction 101 S 3rd St Suite 100, Grand Junction

September 21

Melissa Etheridge and Keb' Mo'

7 - 11pm

Amphitheater at Las Colonias Park 925 Struthers Ave, Grand Junction, CO , Melissa Etheridge has been one of folkrock's most resonant voices! \$39.50 GA Lawn / \$65 Reserved / \$75

September 24

Colt Ford

6:30 - 11:30pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar 2565 American Way, Grand Junction The MAN COLT FORD is back with guns a blaszin \$25-\$40

September 24

Rock and Gem Show

9am - 4pm

Mesa County Fairgrounds 2785 US-50, Grand Junction, CO Save the date now, for the Annual Grand Junction Rock Show.

FREE SHOW**

CALENDAR

September 24

Walk to End Alzheimer's

9am - 12pm Lincoln Park

910 N 12th St, Grand Junction, CO

Our Walk to End Alzheimer's is our biggest event of the year where we gather and walk together to find the first survivor of the Alzheimer's disease.

September 27

BLACKHAWK

7 - 10pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar 2565 American Way, Grand Junction HIS SHOW Originally scheduled for Sept. 8th is MOVING to September 27th * ALL TICKETS ARE VALID FOR THE NEW

Palisade

September 2

Food Truck Friday

6:30 - 9:30pm

Talon Wines at St. Kathryn's 785 Elberta Ave, Palisade, CO Join us this summer for our annual Food Truck Fridays on the first Friday.

September 3

Band in the Barrel - Soul Habit

1:30pm

We are excited to welcome Soul Habit for this Band in the Barrel Concert.

September 3, 4, 5

Women's SUP, yoga and hiking retreat!

1:30pm

Life's 2 Short Fitness

Palisade Co

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September 4

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Jitensha @ Palisade Brewing Company

2pm

Palisade Brewing Company

200 Peach Ave, Palisade, CO

A lively evening of music with the Jitensha duo, featuring rock and pop hits 90s to today and original indie rock. Jitensha is a husband and wife indie rock duo from Montréal.

September 4

Palisade Sunday Farmers Market

9:30am - 1:30pm

Main and, E 3rd St, Palisade, CO

September 10

Live Music | The Violet Pines

5 - 8pm

Talbott Farms Inc

3800 F 1/4 Rd, Palisade, CO

Stop by our Farm Market and Taproom to enjoy a cider and groove to live music from The Violet Pines

September 11

Palisade Sunday Farmers Market

9:30am - 1:30pm

Main and, E 3rd St, Palisade, CO

September 11

Wine Tasting E-Bike Rentals %26 Guided Tours

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(PAC) fleet of electric bikes.

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Palisade

Fruita

September 15

Maison la Belle Vie Wine Dinner

5:30 - 9:30pm

Enjoy a food and wine experience like never before with a 5-course meal paired expertly with beautiful wines by Maison la belle Vie and Chef Micah. \$130

September 15

Colorado Mountain Winefest Camping Trip (Palisade, CO)

Friday 5pm - Monday 10am Riverbend Park 451 Pendleton St, Palisade, CO Palisade Basecamp RV Resort https://palisadebasecamp.com/ 970-370-9734

September 17

Colorado Mountain Winefest

10:30am - 5pm Riverbend Park

451 Pendleton St, Palisade, CO

September 18

Palisade Sunday Farmers Market

9:30am - 1:30pm

Main and, E 3rd St, Palisade, CO

September 18

Sturtz @ Mesa Park Vineyards

1pm

Mesa Park Vineyards 3321 C Rd, Palisade, CO

September 24, 25

2nd Annual Palisade Art Festival

Saturday 10am Sunday 5pm Veterans' Memorial Park 120 W 8th St, Palisade, CO

September 25

Palisade Sunday Farmers Market

9:30am - 1:30pm

Main and, E 3rd St, Palisade, CO

September 3, 10, 17, & 24

Fruita Farmers Market

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

September 6

Dog Daze

4 - 6pm

Fruita Community Center

324 N Coulson St, Fruita, CO

Calling all doggos and puppers!

Our annual Dog Daze is Tuesday, September 6 from 4-6 P.M. We will be taking donations for Roice-Hurst Humane Society. Check-in will be at the gate, pool side. Please keep your dog on a leash until permitted into the outdoor pool.

September 17

50th Annual Latin Anglo Alliance Foundation Golf Scramble

8am - 3pm Adobe Creek National Golf Course 876 18 1/2 Rd, Fruita, CO Join us for the 50th Annual Latin Anglo Alliance Foundation Golf Scramble! Has LAAF impacted your life? Be sure to save

September 23

Fruita Fall Festival

5 - 9pm

the date!

Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce 432 E Aspen Ave, Fruita, CO

September 23

Roam Fest Fruita | A Women's MTB Festival

8am

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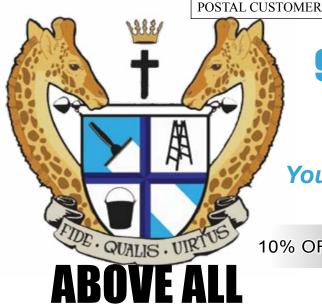
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