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# Mesa County

## CONNECTION



- MOBILITY DRIVEN CAR SHOW
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- PALISADE ART FESTIVAL
- MESA COUNT GEM & MINERAL SHOW





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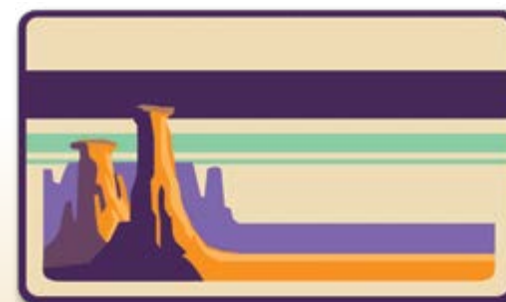
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*This was quite a month bringing you this edition of Mesa County Connection! We were all over the Valley and got to meet a lot of great people. I want to give a special thanks to Dave Brock and the Justice League of Hope; highlights of their story is on page 16, where they represented the Nonprofit organization at Comic Con.*

*Thank you to Dave Goe and the Downtown Partnership for helping with details and photos of the Annual Mobility Driven Car show. The participant's cars were very difficult to judge.*

*Thanks to Duane and Beverly Irwin for sharing information about the Fruita Fall Festival's Outhouse Race. Fruita really knows how to make you look twice at their races.*

*Tina Cunningham we appreciate you bringing Palisade Art Festival to our community, and will be anticipating what next year's has in store for us.*

*Thanks to the folks at the Gem and Mineral show for being so kind as to let my son and I in the event for free.*

*And finally, thank you for picking up another edition of Mesa County Connection.*

## Acknowledgments

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## PUBLISHING & DESIGN JESSE FORNWALT

If the Magazine seems a little thicker, it's because it is! We covered a lot for this issue and had a great time doing it. The phenomenal weather allowed us to catch some great events that you'll have to be sure and attend next year.

Mobility Driven is taking us on an adventure in automobiles. From classics, to partially built and looking to show anyway. The cars pack downtown Main Street for time to admire hard work, and fancy vehicles. Most of the winners are named on page 9; however, you can see all the winners at the Downtown Partnership website: [www.DowntownGJ.org](http://www.DowntownGJ.org)

Comic Con brought out the Halloween in us all! Some of the extravagant costumes there included Darth Vader's 501<sup>st</sup> Legion Mountain Garrison, who along with the Justice League of Hope are representing their charitable organizations.

Fruita Fall Festival gives us something to sit and think about as the crowd watches the Outhouse Races from the curb. This two day event was the 107<sup>th</sup> time it has happened, and a lot of people came out to celebrate; possibly the whole town.

The Palisade Art Festival delights us with uniqueness and the Gem & Mineral show sparkles with radiance. So take a look!



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1950's Drive In Movie Theater display with the cherry red, 1955 Chevy by Steve Heifner. The pristine condition of Steve's truck (on the left), along with his attention to detail makes a person really think before they cast their vote.



From wild paint jobs and classic conversions, to top of the line cars of the market, people brought their pride and joy to share with everyone.

This was the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Mobility Driven Car show, downtown Grand Junction! Attracting a wide variety of cars for everyone to enjoy, people of all ages crowded Main Street for a chance to see the results of countless hours and hard work people put into their vehicles.

From 7<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> street, beautiful cars packed every space available as people walked by looking for their favorite car. The competition was fierce.

There were rare cars, custom cars and loud cars all with one thing in common, chaching.

Mr. Jason Tipton, to the right with his Camero Z says his car is estimated around \$60,000.



His Camero has the original engine, which is rare. However, he is not interested in selling; just as a public notice.

This fine display of automotive variety left a wide range for people to choose from. Competitors used various techniques to attract attention and a vote. There were loud vehicles; one participant complained, "He does that every year" maybe to gain a few more glances, nobody knows for sure. Another trick of the car show trade was the



It doesn't matter if it's a half finished 1970's Bug, or the most expensive piece of machinery on the planet, the participants gave

their all and should be commended for excellence.

The winner's of this year's event were:

1<sup>st</sup> William Steele, KOOLest car (1923 Ford T Bucket).

1<sup>st</sup> Sherry & Dennis Brown, Best in show (1940 Ford Deluxe Coup).

1<sup>st</sup> Robert Archuleta, People's Choice (2010 Chevy Camero SS).

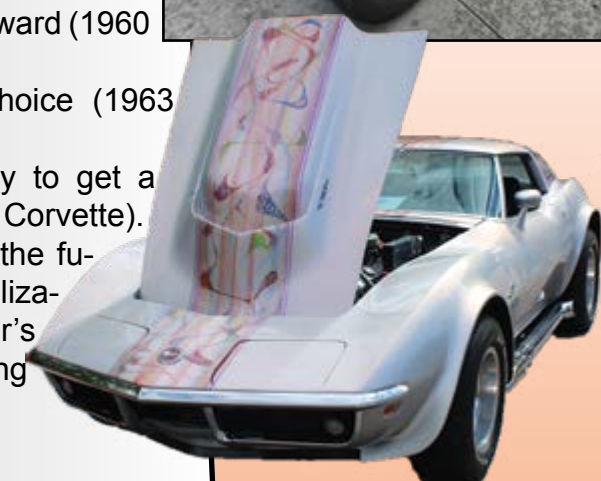
1<sup>st</sup> Patrica May, Mobility Driven Top Pick (1951 Chevy Truck)

1<sup>st</sup> Seth Cothrun Young Owner Award (1960 Ford F100 Pickup).

1<sup>st</sup> Ronald Norrod, Mayor's Choice (1963 Studebaker Avanti).

1<sup>st</sup> Darrell Entwistle, Most likely to get a speeding ticket (2018 Chevrolet Corvette).

It was also great to see the future of disabled persons' mobilization brought to us by this year's sponsor, Mobility Driven, providing adaptive mobility services.







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Even if you don't dress up, it's fun to walk around and behold some of the extreme measures people go to make their characters stunningly real. It's a matter of passion and trying to be creative. These member's of our community are really awesome for coming out and showing off their talent.

Some even dress as characters year around and volunteer. The Justice League of hope (below), help around the community to bring a little excitement with their contribution. For the last 12 years they have been adopting families "wish lists" doing everything in their power to make sure the kids get what they want. Going to the hospitals and birthday parties,



the Nonprofit group says, "they do it for free, but donations go t o the families adopted at Christmas. Come November you will see the Justice League of Hope outside Walmart preparing for our toy drive". As participants in this year's Comic Con, they came to spread their message while celebrating the event. You can contact the Justice League of Hope on Facebook about parties, hospital visits or to sponsor a family in need this Christmas.

The Mountain Garrison of the 501<sup>st</sup> Legion "Vader's Fist", dressed as *Star Wars* characters is based out of Denver. They also do charity work, and will be seen at the Fruita Fall Festival.

Mesa County Libraries put together an outstanding event that was pack to the utility belt. Not sure of what this year's numbers were, but the Library says on their website the annual event attracts "over 5,000 people from across the Western Slope".

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# FRUITA

*Downtown* Fruita is alive and popping during the Fall Festival!

This 2 day event seems to attract the whole town, not to mention the rest of the County. People pack the streets enthusiastically for a chance to see the attractions.

A common theme of gratitude is in the air as everyone meanders through vendors waiting for the Outhouse Race. Nobody could expect toilets would be the vessels to carry contestants to a finish line, but Fruita found a way! For 10 years Duane and Beverly Irwin have hosted and refereed the race and would like to send a special thanks to the Lion's Club for taking over sponsorship of the race.

Though all the competitors pushed their maximum effort, the Girl Mavs team 1 and 2 took home the prize money. 1<sup>st</sup> place was worth \$500. The excitement was worth every moment. There was a spill or two, but the facilitator

cautioned that blood and broken bones could be an accidental prize. Fortunately nobody was injured too bad, and the bike builders have some analysis on what to make better for next year!

Jason to left owner of *Off In the Woods* outhouse says he has been doing the race for a couple of years and keeps making the super port-a-potty better. James Fornwalt, the dashing young fellow next to Jason, valiantly offered to step up when a participant wasn't available.

Day 2 of the festivities was

# FALL

even busier than day 1. Parking was a little more of an abstract problem. As popularity grows for these events in Fruita, accommodating all the cars may prove to be an issue.

The parade starring Palisade High Schools Marching Band, comes to the occasion with a police escort and followed by squads of Palisade High School Cheerleaders. Other notable individuals were Man on a Tracker; yes he should be mentioned, and the little stars of Absolute Dance, showing of their wonderful floor exercises and tumbling. After the parade, the Lion's Club held their annual pancake breakfast.

This cool fall day quickly warmed up, but gave every one a good reminder of which season it is. The great turnout and creative race is a good reason to come; however, seeing all the smiling faces, and excitement of the Girl Mavs after winning was worth fighting tooth and nail for parking!





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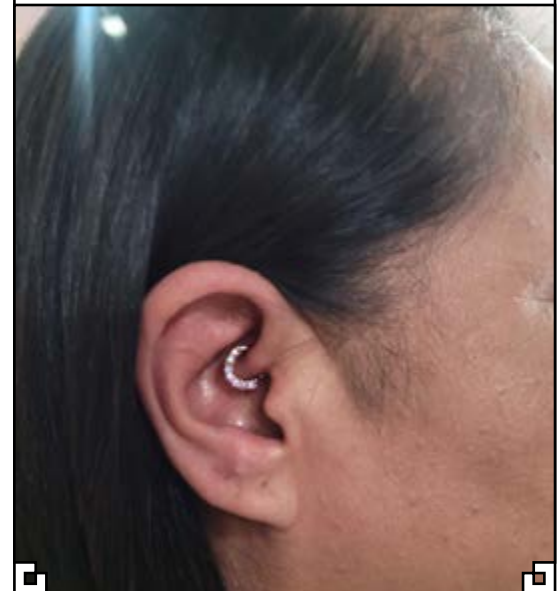


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#### October 4

##### Kenny Wayne Shepherd

7:30 - 11:30pm

The Avalon Theatre

645 Main St, Grand Junction, CO

\$39 - \$69

#### October 5

##### Farm and Ranch Market

8am - 12pm

Cross Orchards Historic Site, Museums of Western Colorado

3073 F Rd, Grand Junction, CO

#### October 5

##### CMU JAZZ NIGHT OUT

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7 - 9 pm

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2565 American Way, Grand Junction

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#### October 6

##### Cole Swindell

7 - 11pm

Amphitheater at Las Colonias Park

925 Struthers Ave, Grand Junction, CO

GRAMMY-nominated superstar Cole Swindell recently released his 12th career single, "Never Say Never" (with Lainey Wilson). "Never Say Never" follows his 10th career No. 1

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## October 7, 8

#### CSBR Golf Tournament in Grand Junction

12 - 5pm

Tiara Rado Golf Course

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#### October 7 - 9

##### Downtown Art Festival

Friday 5pm

Saturday 11am

Sunday 11am

101 South 3rd Street, Suite 100

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October 9 is the Film Festival at the Avalon Theater!

#### October 8

##### Rough Canyon Trail Runs

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Las Colonias Park, Grand Junction, CO

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#### October 8

##### Ashley E. Sweeney

2pm

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# Events CONNECTION

## October 8

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## October 8

### Farm and Ranch Market

8am - 12pm

Cross Orchards Historic Site, Museums of Western Colorado

3073 F Rd, Grand Junction, CO

## October 8

### 27th Annual Empty Bowls

11:30am - 1:30pm

Grand Valley Catholic Outreach

245 S 1st St, Grand Junction, CO

Choose a hand-crafted ceramic bowl and enjoy a meal of soup and dessert. The bowls serve as a souvenir, as well as a reminder that there are hungry people in the Grand Valley. Tickets are \$25. Proceeds go to purchase food for Catholic Outreach's Soup Kitchen.

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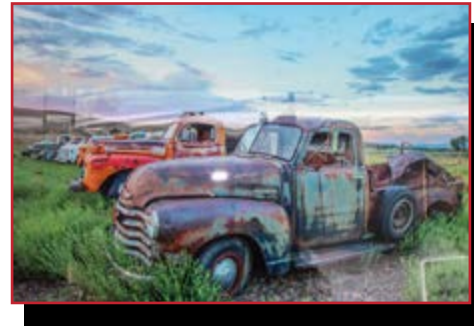


Mesa County Connection is happy to make a first time appearance at a 2<sup>nd</sup> annual event. It's a fine fall day to be celebrating the arts at this **FREE** Palisade event held at Memorial Park.

Artists from around the country have come to exhibit art in a number of forms. This unique installation features artists that have "been juried by a panel of 5 professional artists in different mediums", as Tina Cunningham, Director of the festival says. Tina Director of Mountain Art Festivals, is excited to bring the show some much deserved attention and appreciation. Though they have done other Art Festivals in the Mountain towns, they are glad to be involved with one in Mesa County. Last year's was during Covid, so there really is no comparison to make yet.

Regardless of how long the event has been happening, the quality of work coming from these masters of the artistic trade is second to none. The Unique pieces from tent to tent gave visitors a lot to digest. Their were poster size pictures for \$15 and ones ranging in the hundreds and beyond.

Mr. Dennis Guffey drawing a wild life or western scene has what looks like hundreds of his drawings on display. His attention to detail and shadowing brings out a realistic touch that makes his art come to life. Visit [DennisGuffeyStudios.com](http://DennisGuffeyStudios.com) to see more of Dennis' work.



The piece above by Kathy Zimmerman says it's from Colorado. She does reside in Arizona, but says she will be back next year.

Bill and Kelli Varner of Conceptual Photography standing at the top right, brought us some interesting designs to view, saying they are a digital, 3 step layering process. To really get the full experience, you'll have to go online to:

[www.BillVarnerImages.com](http://www.BillVarnerImages.com)

To the right is a tent that was getting a lot of attention so it's pertinent to see what's inside. Mr. Chris Gentry presents his prevalent art, which is not only unique, but uses mother nature as his catalyst for sculpting. Coming out of Crawford Colorado, Chris' sculptures are also available for viewing online at: [www.EarthSpirit-Designs.com](http://www.EarthSpirit-Designs.com)

Tina Cunningham to the left was wonderful in delivering an event that will be worth checking out next year. It's her hope they get better and better, because as you



can see behind her, putting together an event like this is not only what she likes to do, she is an avid artist as well. Watch out for next year's Palisade Art festival if you missed this year's. For updates on more art shows she puts on go to:

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## Grand Junction

### October 8

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### October 13

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### October 14

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### October 15

**Southside Highway \*\* FREE SHOW \*\***  
9 - 11:30pm  
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### October 15, 16

**Symphonie Fantastique Concert**  
Sat. 7:30pm  
Sun. 5pm  
The Avalon Theatre  
645 Main St, Grand Junction, CO  
the Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra (GJSO) will perform Edward MacDowell's Hamlet and Ophelia and Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique.

# CALENDAR

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### October 20, 29

**Guys and Dolls**  
Thurs. Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm  
Sat. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> 9:30pm  
Moss Performing Arts Center  
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### October 28

**SPENCER CRANDALL**  
7 - 11pm  
Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar  
2565 American Way, Grand Junction  
\$15-\$25  
GJ get ready for a great night of LIVE COUNTRY MUSIC with quick rising star Spencer Crandall! Tickets are on sale NOW

### October 28

**Creating Our Own Nightmare**  
11:30am - 2pm  
Angelo's Pottery Studio  
2478 Patterson Rd #11, Grand Junction  
If you are a Nightmare Before Christmas fan, join us to create your own canvas that gives a solid nod to this wonderful film.  
\$35

### October 28

**The Dirt**  
8:30 - 11:30pm  
Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar  
2565 American Way, Grand Junction  
HAILING FROM THE SUNSET STRIP, THE DIRT IS A GROUP OF SLEAZY DIRT BAGS DRESSED IN LEATHER, LONG HAIR AND MAKEUP. THE ENERGY FROM THE SHOW IS CONTAGIOUS, EVERY #1 HIT FROM THE 80'S PLAYED TO PERFECTION.

### October 29

**ANNUAL BUD LIGHT HALLOWEEN BASH with THE MIXX**  
8 - 11:30pm  
Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar  
2565 American Way, Grand Junction  
The 7th ANNUAL BUD LIGHT HALLOWEEN BASH! LIVE MUSIC \* DJ \* DANCING \* COSTUME CONTEST \* GREAT PRIZES \* CASH PRIZES \* FLATSCREEN TV & MORE \*\* GRAB THOSE TICKETS AND TABLES WHILE YA CAN \* Tickets \$ go up at the door

## Palisade

### October 2

**Palisade Sunday Farmers Market**  
9am - 1:30pm  
Palisade Sunday Farmer's Market  
Main and, E 3rd St, Palisade, CO

### October 8

**Band in the Barrel - Sturtz**  
2pm  
Restoration Vineyards  
3594 E 1/2 Rd, Palisade, CO  
We are excited to welcome Sturtz for this Band in the Barrel Concert.

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# 2022 Mesa County

# Gem & Mineral Show



The 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gem and Mineral Show brings luster to the Grand Valley as vendors from all over the country display their bulk and rare items. From dull and barely cut, to the shiniest, most polished stones ever, the selection is overwhelming.

So are the smiles! These people love what they do. You can tell by the magnetic energy! From the moment you walk in to the Gem and Mineral show, your eyes are bombarded with visual candy only mother nature can produce. Don't think kids

don't want to go; honestly you'll be telling them not to touch every little shiny thing their fingers are attracted to, which proves to be everything.

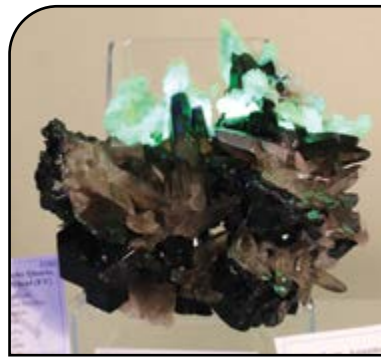
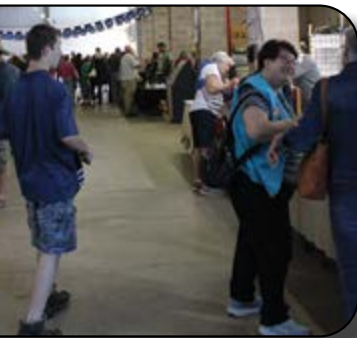
This show is all about the vendors and their items, so lets introduce you to a couple of them, and some of the rarest gems and minerals at the show.

At the top left is Mrs. Cathy Simmons who came with her husband Gavin

from Ames Iowa, who brought a huge selection of stones. The Simmons will be here next year and do

appreciate any business from Colorado and are happy to ship. They can be reached by cell phone or email 515-708-2592

graysonlanegmf@gmail.com.



Our next vendor is from right here in the Grand Valley, Tammy Schneider with Humming bird farms showing off her piece of Amethyst cluster with green Florite, which will be going to Denver Museum of Nature and Science. They also cut Amethyst and mine it here in Mesa County (example; bottom left quarter). To contact them call:

970-314-2680 or visit their website:

HummingBirdMine.com

The exquisite samples below and to the top left are

from another dealer out of

Fruita. These upwards of

\$1,000 pieces of Schorl a

variety of Tourmaline, with Smokey Quartz, and High-

light Opal are about fist size and owner Joshua Am-

mon, from the Rock Pick says a couple are sold, but if

you didn't get a chance to see any of these in person,

he invites you to come on down to Fruita and see all his

fine Gems and Minerals in person. He is located at

1219 Claremont Dr.

Fruita, CO

970-216-8178

By appointment only.

The last piece up for discussion is the Fossilized

T-Rex bone brought by

Donovan Wall with

Petrified Palace,

who says this piece

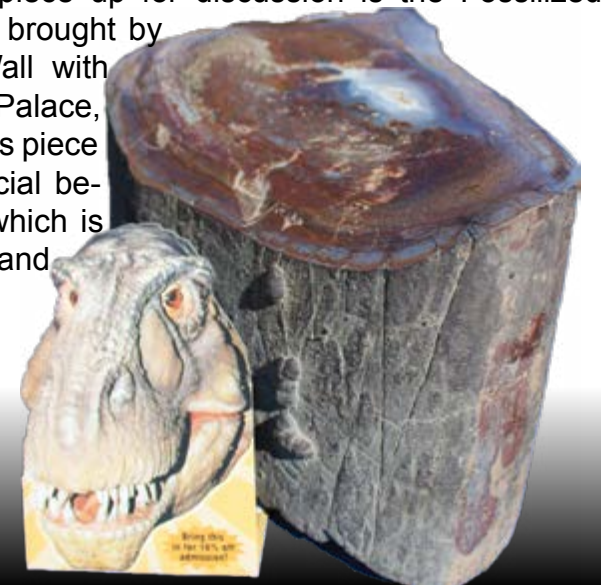
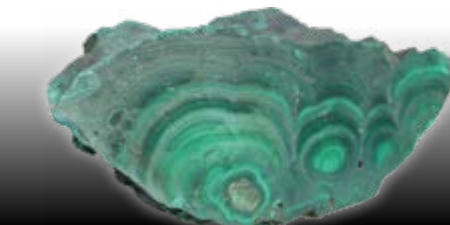
is extra special be-

cause of the nobs down the front, which is

rare. Donovan is out of Parachute and

can be contacted from his website:

PetrifiedPalace.com





## Palisade

### October 9

#### Palisade Sunday Farmers Market

9am - 1:30pm  
Palisade Sunday Farmer's Market  
Main and, E 3rd St, Palisade, CO

### October 15

#### Band in the Barrel

**Donny Morales**  
Starting at 1:30pm  
Restoration Vineyards  
3594 E 1/2 Rd, Palisade, CO  
We are excited to welcome Donny Morales for this Band in the Barrel Concert.

### October 19

#### Business After Hours- The Ordinary Fellow Winery

5:30 - 7pm  
The Ordinary Fellow  
202 Peach Ave, Palisade, CO

### October 31

#### Trick or Treat Street

4 - 6pm  
Downtown Palisade  
For a spooktacular time, bring the kids to downtown Palisade for some trick-or-treating fun and a pet costume parade and contest!

## Fruita

### October 1

#### Fruita Farmers Market

8 - 11am  
Reed Park  
250 S Elm St, Fruita, CO

### October 2

#### Tech It Up! Computers for Youth!

1 - 3pm  
Fruita United Methodist Church  
405 E Aspen Ave, Fruita, CO  
Tech I.T. Up is a technology education program designed for children ages 7-17

## Fruita

### October 7

#### 26th Annual Kiwanis Golf Challenge

1pm  
Adobe Creek National Golf Course  
876 18 1/2 Rd, Fruita, CO  
26th Annual Golf Challenge for the benefit of GJ Kiwanis Club Foundation & the children of our community. \$85

### October 8

#### Fruita Farmers Market

8 - 11am  
Reed Park  
250 S Elm St, Fruita, CO

### October 12

#### Lunch Hour Bike Ride with the City Manager

12pm  
Fruita Community Center  
324 N Coulson St, Fruita, CO  
These events are an opportunity for residents to have an open conversation with the City Manager and guests and discuss the topics on their mind

### October 15

#### Fruita Farmers Market

8 - 11am  
Reed Park  
250 S Elm St, Fruita, CO

### October 22

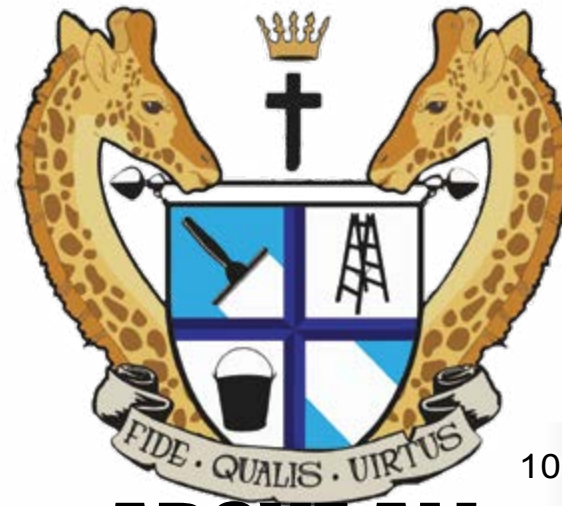
#### Truck-n-Treat

4 - 6pm  
325 E Aspen Ave, Fruita, CO  
Bring your family to enjoy vehicles decorated for Halloween! A variety of vehicles will be stationed around the streets of the Civic Center Park area for viewing.

### October 29

#### Fruita Farmers Market

8 - 11am  
Reed Park  
250 S Elm St, Fruita, CO



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