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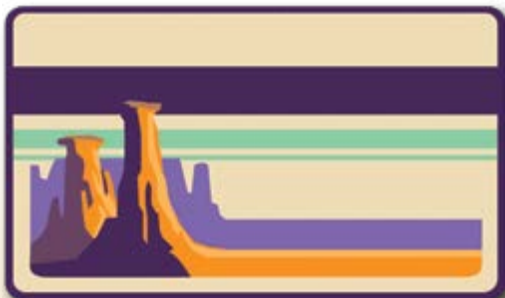


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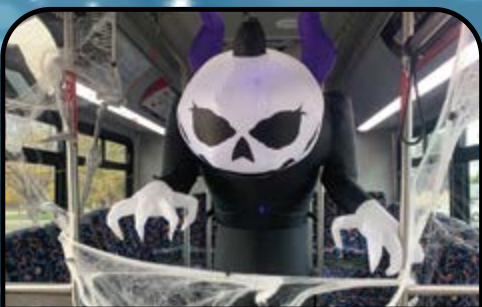
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So it seems that research into even the smallest event is necessary for making this publication the best it can be. It hasn't happened too many times; however, mistakes can be made. Regardless of what other publishers do, Mesa County Connection identifies mistakes with the intent of eliminating them in the future. Trunk n' Treat in Fruita had the wrong time. We will get into that more on page 28.

It's getting cold outside! That won't stop us from bringing you events indoor or out. We look forward to the winter because Colorado seasons can be drastic. Hopefully we have a wet winter to look forward to, not just for the winter sports that will connect us, but to help the ever growing water crisis we are all faced with. Proof of this can be surmised from the dwindling reservoirs, Lake Mead and Powell, which show the receding water levels directly on their retaining walls. According to Ute Water, they have not dipped into secondary water sources for more than 65 years, which was necessary to maintain levels for Jerry Creek Reservoirs recently.

[www.UteWater.org](http://www.UteWater.org)

### PUBLISHING & DESIGN JESSE FORNWALT

Another big month in Mesa County brought you an exceptional November Issue! From classes offered by Mesa County Libraries, to wrapping up October with Trunk n' Treat in Fruita, there is a little of everything. Thank you to Jason and Denise for welcoming Mesa County Connection into their class on Camera Kit Basics, which is an prerequisite course to check out the Library's state of the art equipment.

The 27<sup>th</sup>Annual Empty Bowls event, brought to us by the Grand Valley Catholic Outreach, had a phenomenal response with lines all the way around the building. It's awesome to see the community come together for a selfless cause.

Thanks to David Goe and the staff of Grand Junction's Downtown Partnership, who wrote the article for the Downtown Art Festival. We have been working with them and Local Business owners to bring you a progressively great publication. Thanks to Jess Tibbs with High Desert Aerial Arts and Sara Wandzilak with Uncanny Valley for some great pictures!

Make sure you check out all the deals in our Mesa County Connection Mini Market!



Finally we find ourselves in Fruita just in time to cover the Trunk n' Treat event, even if it was a little botched. We will go out of our way in future issues to make sure all events are thoroughly researched, because obviously you can't trust everything you read online!

### Acknowledgments

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Denise and Jason, on the right, are the Studio Specialists who provide in depth information on everything to do with the equipment, from loading the SD card, to the proper handling of lenses and more



fragile components.

Denise and Jason have a combined experience of three years teaching the class say "we are lucky to have access to this equipment because a lot of libraries just don't have the resources".

There was even a volunteer for the class, Mr. Kyle Web, who has been answering questions at these classes for over a year. Kyle has 50 years of professional photography experience and was able to answer questions that might be more suited for an advanced class.

The students also felt very comfortable and shared their experience, making the event very social. The different levels of experience allowed conversation to carry on a little longer than might be usual; however, the affect was a better understanding of what we might face, such as getting dust on lenses and how individuals avoid scratching up components needlessly.

The Library does only have a limited amount of equipment and it is on a first come, first serve basis. You can go to the Library's main website to see availability and check out everything 970 West Studio does. Camera Kit Basics is a requirement for using the equipment; however, there are other classes which include, Podcast Production, Green Screen Assembly, Introduction to Video Editing, Photo Editing and Audio Production.

If you have driven by and wondered what this great looking extension to the main Library is, you might also be interested to meet the people behind the scenes, such as Jason and Denise, or Kyle Web and the current Artist in Residence, Mr. Caleb Ferganchick.



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# 27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EMPTY

It's wonderful to see the community come together for a selfless cause. The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Empty Bowls event brought a huge crowd to a place we all zoom by everyday.

Open Hearts, Open Hands and Open Doors is their motto, and the Grand Valley Catholic Outreach delivers a tasty way to perpetuate their goal of helping those with the greatest need. As advocates for feeding the hungry, the volunteers and administrators at the Catholic Outreach work tirelessly to make sure people don't go without food.

This annual fundraiser event held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October brings in necessary financial assistance to advance programs offered by the Grand Valley Catholic Outreach. They don't just feed people either. The Outreach goes above and beyond by providing clothing and housing support resources for families and individuals struck by monetary difficulties.

According to their website, the Catholic Outreach began over 40 years ago when 2

Franciscan sisters started feeding the homeless and hungry bag lunches right from their back door. Acknowledging the basic needs of food, clothing and shelter for needy individuals, the Valley's four Catholic parishes, St. Joseph, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sacred Heart and St. Ann, came together formally establishing the Grand Valley Catholic Outreach in 1988. Presently, with the help of interfaith and civic communities, the Outreach not only offers resources, but also respect, dignity and hope.

Their Mission "To proclaim the dignity and worth of each person, respond to human needs, and strive to show the compassion



# Bowls

of Christ.

The concept of the Empty Bowls event was brought to the Valley by the late Ginger Rice. Each year potters craft and donate soup bowls for the event. Local restaurants donate gourmet soups. Bakeries, markets and stores donate cookies, candies and beverages to make the event a wonderful experience.

Lets be real, the volunteers and their smiles make this event wonderful too! Once you get through the line that wrapped all the way around the building and meandered through the lobby, you are immediately greeted by warm, friendly faces with an inviting presence. Without them, this event would not have gone as smoothly as it did. From helping to serve, to ushering people in the right direction and the cleanup process, the nameless volunteers served as the backbone of the Empty Bowls event.

To the patrons who participated, you should be commended for making this event successful. It was surprising to see just how many people come to support the Grand Valley Catholic Outreach.



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"Art Fest is a great example of how our creative community is really thriving downtown," Community Engagement Manager for Downtown Grand Junction and GJ Creates Dave Goe said. "Downtown has always had strong ties with public art. From Art on the Corner to our mural projects and experiential projects now, art is a major contributor to downtown's success."

The festivities kicked off Friday night with a First Friday Art Walk. Eleven downtown galleries plus the Art Center teamed up for an art walk, highlighting our diverse collection of working artists. New spaces like Artlight Therapy & Studios and Black Poppy Designs showcased work by emerging artists, while Carlson Vineyards Downtown Tasting Room hosted the Monuments and Canyons Plein Air Art show. The GJ Film Fest also kicked off Friday night with a special screening of "Final Girl" at Aesthetic Collective (501 Main Street, Unit B).

Saturday was a busy day filled with Art on the Corner installations in the morning, then the Artist

Expo on Main Street. The temporary 38th annual AOTC exhibit features 19 new engaging and colorful sculptures from artists throughout the region. These new sculptures complement the permanent AOTC collection, ex-

pand the public art collection downtown, and will remain up for one year. People's Choice voting is also happening now. The community can vote starting now for their favorite new statue. Follow the GJ Creates creative district on social media for more information on how to vote.

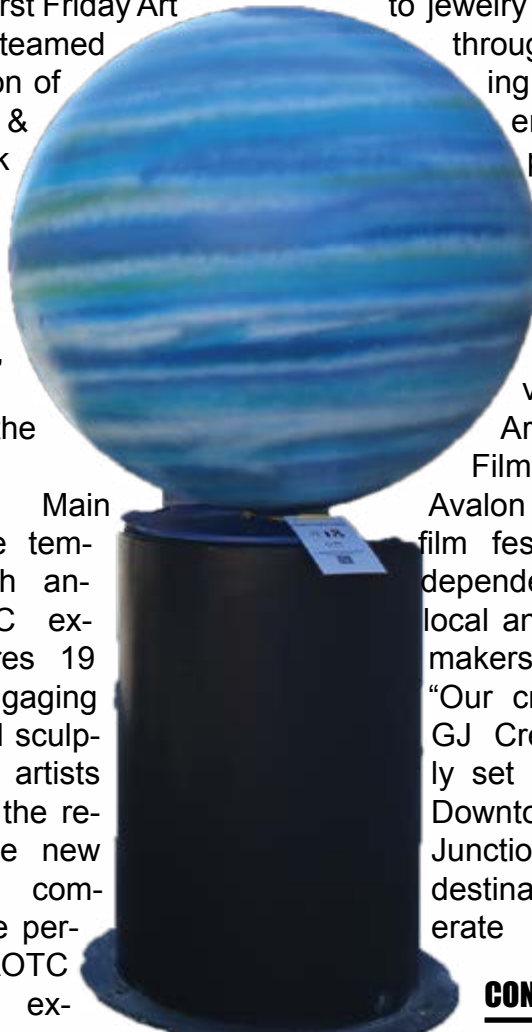
Main Street was busy on Saturday with local artists booths and interactive opportunities to create your own art. From pottery throwing to jewelry making, you could see artists creating new pieces throughout the festival. Artist Emily Adamson started working on the new United Way mural, plus street artists Jeremy Velasquez and Jason Bradham painted two new pieces for the Shift Lot (702 Main Street).

Musicians and performance artists also shared their talents. Tim + Richard, Rock 'n' Swing, High Desert Aerial Arts, Colorado West Aerial Arts, Generations Quartet, and The Colorado West Performing Arts Company all added to the exciting vibe of the art expo.

Art Fest wrapped up Sunday with the Grand Junction Film Fest at the Avalon Theater. The film fest featured independent films from local and regional filmmakers.

"Our creative district, GJ Creates, is really set up to promote Downtown Grand Junction as a creative destination, and generate opportunities

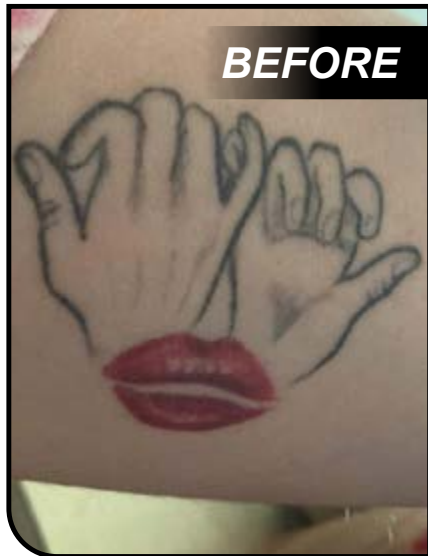
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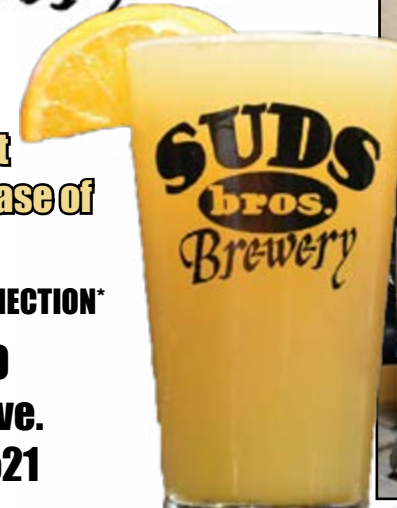
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for local artists. Seeing so many people come together for this event and showcase their talents is amazing," Goe said.

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## Grand Junction

### November 13

**Mountain Film on Tour Grand Junction — The Avalon Theatre**

3 - 6pm

The Avalon Theatre

645 Main St, Grand Junction, CO

\$15 suggested donation Mountainfilm on Tour

### November 17

**BOURBON & BEERS**

6 - 10pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar

2565 American Way, Grand Junction

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### November 18

**The OXYMORONS**

8- 11pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar

2565 American Way, Grand Junction

2 WORDS... THE OXYMORONS \*\*\*

Enough said, come and dance your pants off!!!

### November 18

**Tree Lighting Ceremony**

5pm

4<sup>th</sup> and Main St

Grand Junction

Join us for day full of merriment, Shopping, entertainment, then gather around the Tree as Santa Lights up downtown and kicks off the magic o this holiday season!

# CALENDAR

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### November 19

**Wine and Lights**

4 - 7pm

Carlson Vineyards Downtown Tasting Room

545 Main St, Grand Junction, CO

Carlson's is a family-owned winery located in Palisade, but they also have a spiffy tasting room downtown with a great ambiance and happy hour specials

### November 19

**CHANCEY WILLIAMS with special guest A band called Alexis**

7 - 11:30pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar

2565 American Way, Grand Junction

Chancey Williams is set to light up the Warehouse on Thursday November 3rd!

Ya better jump on Tickets these guys ALWAYS throw a PARTY! A BAND CALLED ALEXIS will start the party!

### November 20

**Family Photo Client Appreciation Event**

2 - 6pm

3289 E 1/2 Rd, Clifton, CO

Come get family photos done for free from the amazing Ryan Sanchez at our 2nd annual client appreciation event! About this Event Property has acres of amazing locations to choose from.

### November 20

**Disney's DCappella**

8am - 4pm

The Avalon Theatre

645 Main St, Grand Junction, CO

### November 22

**Philip Carlton**

8am - 4pm

The Art Center

1803 N 7th St, Grand Junction, CO  
Philip Alexander Carlton is a self-taught plein air painter who takes delight in the endless challenge of observational painting.

### November 20

**Julia March Crocetto: Unconformities**

8am - 4pm

The Art Center

1803 N 7th St, Grand Junction, CO

This body of work was inspired by the unconformities and peculiar formations of the Colorado Plateau, reflections on geologic time vs. human time

### November 25

**CLARK JENSEN & FRIENDS annual BLACK FRIDAY BASH**

8:30 - 11:30pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar

2565 American Way, Grand Junction

\*\*FREE SHOW\*\*

### November 25

**CHASE BRYANT**

8 - 11pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar

2565 American Way, Grand Junction

country music star Chase Bryant hits the W stage in November!

### November 26

**Blitzkid**

7 - 11pm

Mesa Theater

538 Main St, Grand Junction, CO

\$15 - \$50

### November 30

**Warren Miller's Daymaker**

7:30 - 11:30pm

The Avalon Theatre

645 Main St, Grand Junction, CO

\$38 - \$40

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# Trunk n' Treat

# Fruita

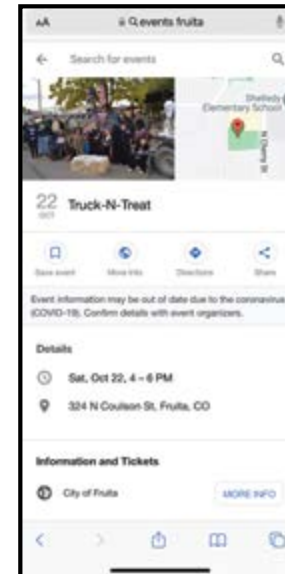


Trunk n' Treat in Fruita has two different events. One put together by the Church of Latter Day Saints, and the other by the City of Fruita. Both have attractive qualities that pull you towards them.

According to Kelli McCall, the Church of Latter day Saints has been doing their event going on 16 years. "Anyone is welcome" Kelli Says. And maybe this event could be characterized as post party, because they kept the celebration going until around 5pm with food, games, and of course candy.

Mesa County Connection showed up late for the scheduled event. It's unfortunate to miss pictures a person could potentially have been waiting all month for. However, there may have been a little confusion about both events. One put on by the city of Fruita and the other by the church; also a post which was wrong on the Internet. We all know not everything online can be trusted. So apologies to the City of Fruita for missing their event. And thank you to the Church for letting Mesa County Connection snap

some pictures of you all! There are still some good pictures, which Mrs. Jennifer Lewis (on the Left), and unknown witch on the right were so gracious to let us include them in the article.



Kelli says they lost their church to arson almost two years ago, but the activity is still going strong. And welcomes everyone to join them next year for a continued Trunk n' Treat celebration, which is scheduled after downtown Fruita's event.

The main difference between events is that the City of Fruita's is at 10am, while the church's is at 3pm. It's ridiculous to think where

this post for 4 - 6pm came from. Hopefully nobody missed the event for the mistake that was printed in October's issue. We will be very careful in the future to make sure it doesn't happen again.

The individuals at the Church of Latter day Saints were very wonderful to talk with. It's unfortunate they lost their church, but their spirits suggest that rebound is on the horizon! We will see you all next year at Trunk n' Treat where we can cover both events and meet more great people from our community.



## Palisade

### November 2

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
5 - 6pm  
305 Main St., Suite 102  
Palisade, CO 81526

### November 6

**Sip and Paint at Vines 79**  
4 - 6pm

Come sample "Colorado's only old West brand of wines." Vines 79 Wine Barn is a dandy family-run tasting room situated on a small 2-acre vineyard.

### November 16

**Business After Hours- Talon Winw Brands @ St. Kathryn's**  
5:30 - 7pm

Talon Wines at St. Kathryn's 785 Elberta Ave, 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.

### November 25, 26, 27

**Kokopelli's Christmas Market**  
Friday 9am - Sunday 5pm

Kokopelli Farm Market  
952 I-70, Palisade, CO  
Explore some of the huge Christmas Markets 2022 in Palisade, Colorado to get to witness all the creativity and entertainment during the festive season.

## Fruita

### November 4

**Half Day Special Cornering Clinic**  
9am - 1pm  
305 Main St., Suite 102  
Palisade, CO 81526  
Loma, CO  
\$175

## Fruita

### November 5

**Couples Date Night Bonfire**  
6 - 9pm

Fruita, Colorado  
325 E Aspen Ave, Fruita, CO  
Bring your own camp chair, favorite beverage and a side to accompany the chili

### November 11

**Veterans Day — Western Slope Vietnam War Memorial Park**

11am  
Western Slope Vietnam Memorial  
340 CO-340, Fruita, CO  
Please join us and honor those who have served by attending the Western Slope Vietnam War Memorial celebration.

### November 12

**Kessel Run Ultra**  
5am

North Fruita Desert  
18 Road Trailhead  
Fruita, CO 81521  
Located in Fruita, Colorado, just a quick drive from the Front Range, this is the ultimate Racecation Adventure!! Enjoy sweeping views of the San Juan Mountains and the Colorado National Monument.

### November 13

**Bryan Bielanski**  
3pm  
Copper Club Brewing Company  
153 N Mulberry St, Fruita, CO  
Imagine Nirvana and the Beatles had a kid together who became an acoustic rock singer/songwriter: that's Bryan Bielanski! Although he is inspired by some of the rock greats like Tom Petty and REM, he has a distinct musical style and songs with lyrics that make you think deep thoughts and feel like you're really alive!



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