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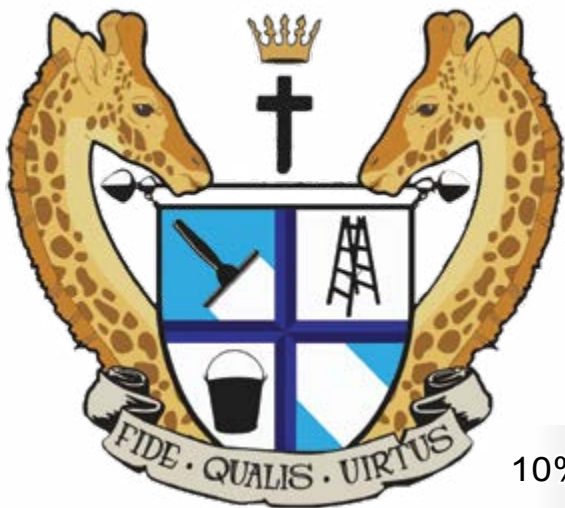
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 All ages.  
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*It's a wonderful time to be a resident of Mesa County. We have a lot going on all the time. From events at well known establishments, to making a day out of something we normally wouldn't. There's no reason to sit around this year. Make time to enjoy the small things while finding fun, new adventures to escape the normal everyday monotony.*

*Mesa County Connection hopes for a variety of activities this year. As we cover various events, activities and recreation, please don't be shy about getting your picture in the magazine or giving us tips for good articles. Change is the most prominent thing in this publication. We are looking forward to Bicycling events, Rock Climbing or just supporting our local nonprofits and organizations by spotlighting them and their cause. Feel free to let us know of any special programs that need to be promoted. We will be there!*

### Acknowledgments

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### PUBLISHING & DESIGN JESSE FORNWALT

When it gets cold, we start preparing for holidays, winter sports and long nights in the house. Our minds don't tend to think of small things such as leaving a heater for a moment while we engage in something else. As we will find out in this month's issue, fires can happen quickly, and leave devastation behind. It's important to mention this community safety concern because more often than not these days we see people taking up residency in small confined areas which could turn into a death trap.

January's issue is a great mix of recreation, tradition making and Spot-lighting a local business that deserves appreciation for raising the bar on service. We would like to extend a special thanks to Grand Mesa Nordic Council and The Nature Connection for making the Family Ski Day possible. Don't forget to check out the other Ski Lending days The Nature Connection will be hosting. Also, thank you to Ann Lawrence and Brittany Perrin from the U.S.



Forest Service office for providing information for cutting your own Christmas tree and why it could help your National Forest. Thank you to Jennifer Woods with Clifton Fire Protection District for speaking with us about the Clifton Backyard Fire.

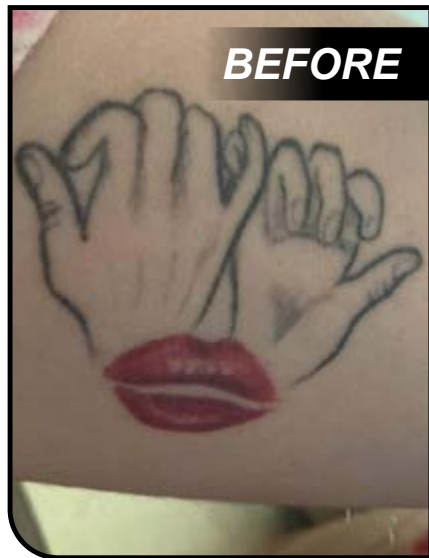
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# Family Ski Day



Grand Mesa Nordic Council and The Nature Connection brings you a fun filled, cross country ski adventure for the entire family!

On a delightful December 2022 day, we join families from across counties to one special spot on the Mesa. All here for the same reason, people of all ages were welcome to participate in the Family Ski Day. Held every year, this event attracts people from Delta, Olathe and the Grand Valley.

With help from the Delta Rotary Club and Great Outdoors Colorado, the Grand Mesa Nordic Council and partner organization, The Nature Connection, were able to bring the community a "Ski Lending" program. Promoting and encouraging outdoor activities in the community, and specifically, the Mesa, these organizations work together to create a safe, fun environment for people to try cross country skiing. As staff members such as Tori Swift and Anna Robinson, seen at the top left, get people fitted and ready, they also serve as basic standing and operating instructors.

Once the first few falls are out of the way, people are then pointed to an area where lessons were being taught by folks who know what to do. Given obstacles to maneuver around, teachers watch closely and give tips where they can. First time skiers listen closely if they know what's good for them! The experience of people such as Jim Brown, seen to the right, serious in his mission to teach, extends to 1974!

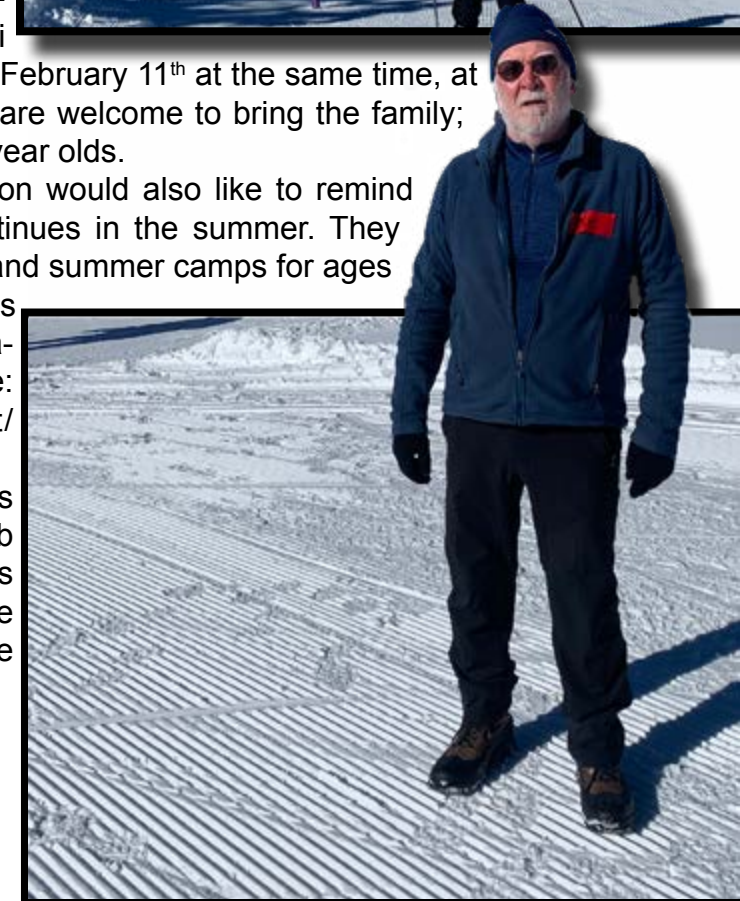
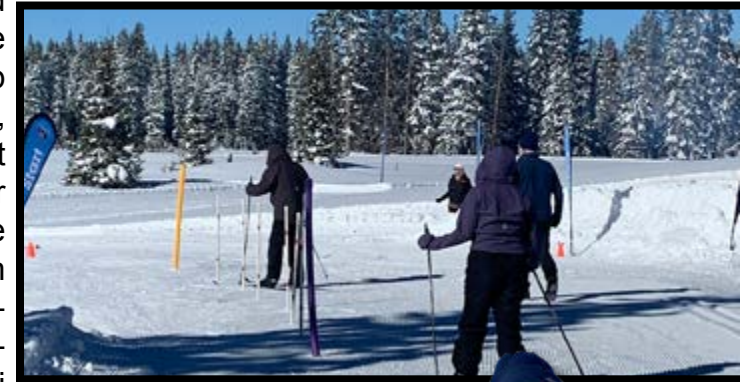


As a member of the Delta Rotary Club, Jim came to the Mesa with the intent to help. Since he has 50+ years skiing experience, Jim instructs students how to stay on their feet, not cross skis and keep from rolling around in the snow.

Some kids prepared for a youth race, and some just want the ability to keep upright. Whatever the case, fun is the motivation. It doesn't stop in December though. You can participate in the Ski Lending program as well. On the 21<sup>st</sup> of January, The Nature Connection is hosting another ski day from 10am to 2pm, and February 11<sup>th</sup> at the same time, at County Line Trailhead. You are welcome to bring the family; sizes go down to about a 4 year olds.

The Nature Connection would also like to remind everybody that the fun continues in the summer. They offer school year programs and summer camps for ages 7-11 years old in Hotchkiss and Delta. For more information please visit their website: [TheNatureConnection.net/family](http://TheNatureConnection.net/family)

A special thanks goes out to the Delta Rotary Club and GOCO (Great Outdoors Colorado) for providing the funds necessary to put these events on.



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The permit is only \$8 bucks. You can get 5 per household, meaning you could very well donate one to a family that can't make the trip, or afford their own.

Because there are a number of very densely populated areas in our forests, Brittany Perrin from the U.S. Forest Service says, "Cutting a Christmas tree on National Forest can provide several positive environmental impacts on forest health. Cutting from a dense stand of trees reduces competition between trees and allows

larger tree species to access important resources such as sunlight, moisture and nutrients so they may grow stronger".

Brittany also states that with more resources available to the larger trees, they become stronger and more resistant to disease and insect infestations. The densely populated areas are also more prone to fire danger. Being proactive and thinning the forest can reduce fuel if a fire does happen.

With sales of permits in 2021 totaling 3,852 for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, it seems more people than not would like to just buy their tree from the local supermarket. In 2023 it might be a great idea to start a new tradition and make a day out of getting your hands dirty and helping the

U.S. Forest service thin some of the overgrowth.

It should be noted that there are regulations to abide by. Brittany says the most common 36CFR261.6(a) "Cutting or otherwise damaging any timber, tree or other forest product except authorized by a special use authorization, timber sale contract or Federal law or regulation. This violation results in collateral forfeiture of \$100 for the first tree and \$50 for each additional up to \$500 + a \$30 processing fee.

If you do decide to make a fun day out of finding your Christmas tree next year, make sure and come prepared. Areas right off the road might be less densely populated. Going in with snowshoes or, if you have one, a snowmobile might connect you with the perfect tree.

If you would like to see all the terms and conditions of cutting wood in the U.S. National Forest please visit: [www.fs.usda.gov](http://www.fs.usda.gov)





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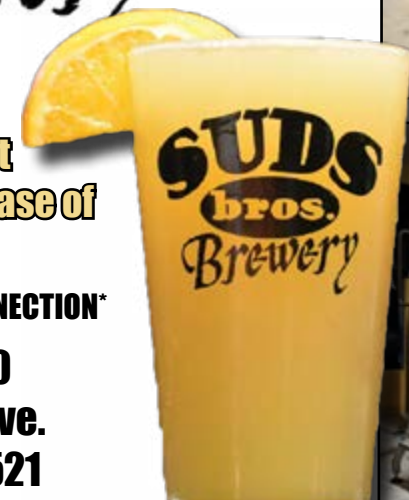
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## Grand Junction

### January 1

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#### VIB: Monthly Muster

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### January 5

#### Avalon Centennial Celebration

7:30 - 10pm  
The Avalon Theatre  
645 Main St, Grand Junction, CO  
Join us in celebrating Grand Junctions Historic Avalon Theatre on January 5, 2023 as we commemorate 100 years with ARTrageous!

### January 5

#### SHANE SMITH & THE SAINTS

7 - 11pm  
Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar  
2565 American Way, Grand Junction  
\$25 -\$45

### January 7

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#### Michael Ray, Love & Theft and Trent Tomlinson

8 - 11pm  
Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar  
2565 American Way, Grand Junction  
Country music super star Michael Ray is back for one of our favorite shows of the year, the Nashville writers round with MR, Love & Theft and Trent Tomlinson. This intimate seated show sells out quick so ya better jump! TICKETS ON SALE NOW  
\$30 - \$65

### January 13

#### Wade Bowen & Aaron Goodvin set for a duel headline show!

7 - 11:30pm  
Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar  
2565 American Way, Grand Junction  
\$20 - \$40

### January 14

#### TEJON STREET CORNER THIEVES

7pm  
Mesa Theater

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### January 14

#### Community Concerts of the GV: Sail On!

3 - 5pm  
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645 Main St, Grand Junction, CO  
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## Grand Junction

### January 20

#### Peach Street Revival

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### January 20

#### The OXYMORONS

**\*\* FREE SHOW \*\***

8 - 11pm  
Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar  
2565 American Way, Grand Junction  
Need we say more? Gonna be a dancin, drinkin, swingin type of party!

### January 21

#### Samantha Fish

8 - 10pm  
The Avalon Theatre  
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### January 21

#### MIKE RYAN

7 - 11:30pm  
Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar  
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Texas country music star Mike Ryan set to light up the Warehouse.  
\$18 - \$30

### January 25

#### DALE WATSON

7pm  
Mesa Theater  
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Grand Junction  
Dale Watson has positioned himself as a tattooed, stubbornly independent outsider who is interested in recording authentic country music.  
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### January 28

#### ROMANTIC VIOLIN—ONDRA- CEK-ARZUMANYAN DUO

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### January 28

#### SEAN MOON BAND

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### January 28

#### Escape The Fate

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All ages Show.  
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## Palisade

### January 3

#### Board of Directors Meeting

5 - 6pm  
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### January 10

#### Holistic Avenues Ribbon Cutting & Open House

4pm  
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### January 13

#### 2023 Palisade Peach Festival Art Contest Submission Deadline

4pm  
Palisade Chamber of Commerce  
319 Main St  
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The artwork can be turned in at the Palisade Chamber of Commerce for showcasing from January 16th - January 27st. The final judging will occur on January 27th, 2023. The cost to enter is \$20. No more than one submission. Past non-winning submissions allowed.  
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### January 10

#### Planning Commission Meeting

6pm  
City of Fruita.  
[www.fruita.org](http://www.fruita.org)

### January 11

#### Arts and Culture Board Meeting

5:30pm  
Fruita Parks & Recreation Department  
324 N Coulson St, Fruita, CO

### January 12

#### Boys Junior Varsity Basketball

4pm  
Fruita Monument High School  
1102 Wildcat Ave, Fruita, CO

### January 20

#### Charcuterie Make & Take Class with Taste of Palisade & Copper Club Brewing

1 - 4pm  
Copper Club Brewing Company  
153 N Mulberry St, Fruita, CO  
Cost includes a pint of beer, a small draft margarita or can of Canterris Wine from Copper Club Brewing Company. The food truck will be open for any snacks and treats you might want to enjoy (instead of eating your charcuterie supplies)! Arrive early to order food as the class starts at 2:00pm! The class itself will take 2 hours.  
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# Clifton BACKYARD Fire

It's cold outside, the whole country has been hit with an arctic blast. We cuddle by heaters and can't bare to turn them off for a moment while we step away.

If this is your attitude, you may want to reconsider. In just seconds, you can be displaced, or worse injured and even killed. Fortunately nobody was injured in this Clifton fire off E and 32 RD. says Administrative Assistant Jennifer Woods, of the Clifton Fire Protection District.

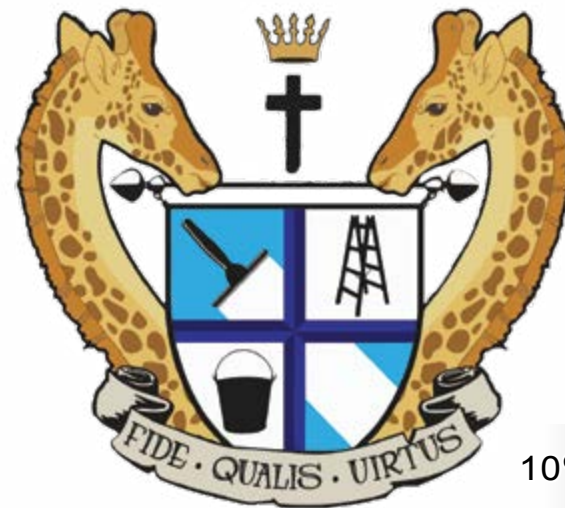
Although one person was displaced in this spontaneous 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel fire, it's a grim reminder of what can happen in just a few seconds if you aren't paying attention. With the staggering numbers of 5<sup>th</sup> Wheels and RVs becoming regular residence these days, people should heed warning to be very careful when leaving heat sources on.



Jennifer says the cause of this fire is still under investigation; however, these types of fires are more common place around this time of year than you would think. Electrical issues and heaters in small places where they shouldn't be, are all factors in these types of fires.

Even though citizens were quick to call this blaze in, the aftermath was a crisp, demolished waste. Jennifer did say propane was on the scene, but played no part in the fast consumption of the 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel.

If you or someone you know is staying in a smaller space, make sure everyone is aware of the danger. Even a second away from an unattended heat source can change your life. Keep the community safe and understand fire danger even in the winter months.



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