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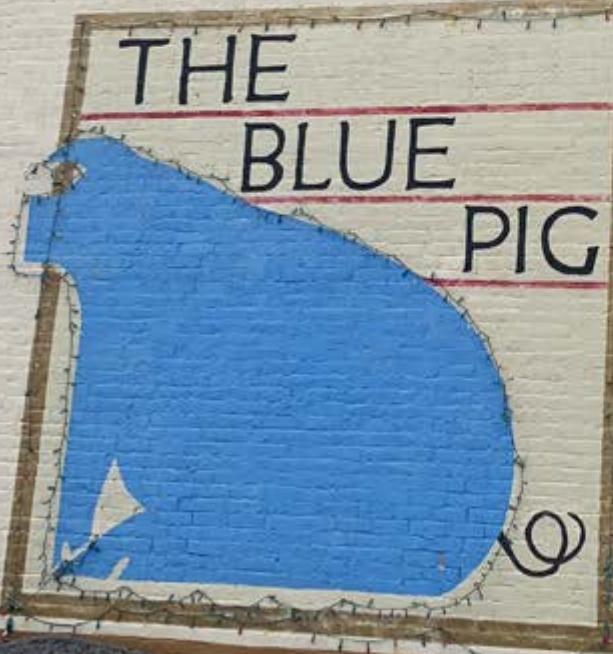
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# Mesa County CONNECTION

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- ✓ RICK MANCUSO & THE FYVE STAR BAND
- ✓ TERRY SHEPHERD POTTERY
- ✓ PAM MIERA TATTOO ARTIST



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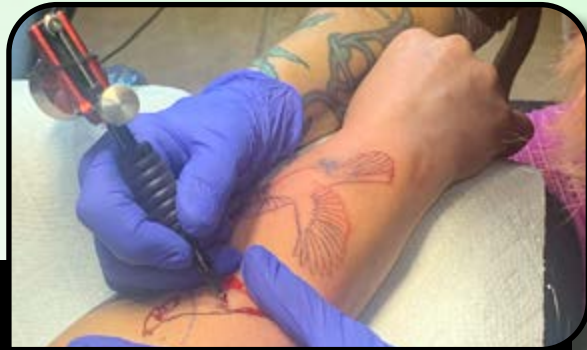


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**Events CONNECTION**

Palisade	Fruita
<p><b>March 3</b> Sip &amp; Paint at Carboy Winery 2 - 4pm Carboy Winery at Mt. Garfield Estate 3572 G Rd, Palisade, CO Spring into March with Carboy Winery's Sip and Paint class!</p> <p><b>March 5</b> Barre • Flowers • Crêpes 9am Orchard River View 3926 HWY 6 &amp; 24, Palisade, CO It's that time again! Join us for the 2023 Barre • Flowers • Crêpes. This is our big...</p>	<p><b>March 3</b> Ambassador Meeting 9:30 - 10:30am Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce 432 E Aspen Ave, Fruita, CO Fees/Admission To inquire about volunteering as an FACC Ambassador, please email membership@fruitachamber.org</p> <p><b>March 14</b> Maximize Your Membership: Chamber Master 101 12 - 1pm FWorks 325 E Aspen Ave, Fruita, CO</p>

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### Calendar GARFIELD COUNTY

#### Glenwood Springs

**March 4**  
Park Open! Glenwood Canyon Adventure Park  
10am

**March 5**  
Love & (Self-Guide)  
10am - 4pm  
Spring Gulch  
Co Rd 108,  
Love & (Self-Guide)  
ital activities  
**March 6**

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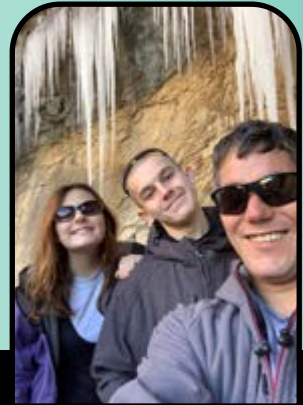
# COMMUNITY

New adventures are thrilling! This Spring, we cruise to Garfield County in pursuit of connecting community. Several events stand out! We have covered The Young Dubliners last summer in Mesa County Connection, and would love to see them in Rifle. Carbondale also features an American Pop Art Exhibit that looks interesting, as well as the Rat Bike Face Race. You can checkout all of these events as we extend our Events Connection page to incorporate Garfield County.

We welcome suggestions from our readers about what you might like to see in Garfield County Connection. With your help we can continue making County Connection Magazines the best way for connecting community on the Western Slope. Email us anytime with questions, comments or jokes; however, keep in mind, whatever said has the potential of being published!

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## PUBLISHING & DESIGN JESSE FORNWALT

March, the perfect time to watch local musicians, talk to local artists and get that ugly old tattoo fixed. It's still cold, and March looks to be living up to it's name. Bring it inside and support your local artist. They can range from Musicians and Potters, to Body Artists.

Hanging out with Rick and The Fyve Star Band at the Triple Tree, we ask the bar tender about it's reputation, and find out some first hand information about stereotypes and hearsay. Judgment free, is the way to be! Besides I'm not sure their happy hour can be beat.

Terry Shepherd talks with us down at The Blue Pig Gallery. His extensive experience with clay is displayed prominently there. Talking about his favorite methods, Terry gives us details about processes and tells us where he teaches.



Pam Miera, owner of Alley Katz Tattoo and Piercing and Editor of Mesa County Connection, gives us an inside peek at what she specializes in.

Finally, we extended our Events Connection page to start incorporating our neighbors. We can't wait to see you!

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# Music CONNECTION



Rick Mancuso and The Fyve Star Band can be seen at many locations around the valley. At this time last year, we found them at the Moose Lodge. Now you can find them playing at the Roadhouse in DeBeque, Warehouse 2565 and the Triple Tree Tavern to name a few.

Their talent, which consists of multiple genres, allows them to play for a number of venues. The Moose Lodge is a family friendly place. Rick Mancuso and The Fyve Star band can match their set with the vibe and ambiance necessary to win a crowd. Though there wasn't a big crowd at the Triple Tree Tavern, they still had fun and gave a great performance.

People think the Triple Tree is a Biker bar. It is; however, the preconceived notions that come with that title, perpetuate stereotypes. This may, in some instances, cause an overall avoidance of a place with this reputation. There was a warm, welcoming atmosphere, which didn't change with the brief presence of a local biker; or four!



If you missed this night with Rick Mancuso and The Fyve Star Band, or others for fear of encountering one of these fellows, fear not! They are as mild as the people lining the bar.

The Triple Tree is fine. There is no need for presumptive thoughts to hold you back from a \$2 draft and game of pool. A new environment is exciting!

This neighborhood bar featuring live music such as Rick and The Fyve Star Band should be reconsidered. Even though there are signs pointing to the fact that it could be a biker bar, Nikki Cordova, bartender for Triple Tree, says that's not the vibe they have, or the reputation they want. With happy hour from 3 - 6pm Monday through Friday, she invites you to come feel the vibe yourself. You'll find Rick and The Fyve Star Band there along with other local bands.

To book Rick and The Fyve Star Band for parties, weddings or to spice up a local event, contact them at: 970-270-1132 or on Facebook.





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# Featured Artist

## Terry Shepherd

Our Valley is filled with individuals who make Mesa County a wonderful place to live. We have many things to offer here besides beautiful scenery and great recreation. The creativity displayed around Mesa County might possibly leave you astounded.

Our first featured Artist of the year, Terry Shepherd, has been a professional potter for 38 years! His stunning pieces, displayed at The Blue Pig in downtown Palisade, demand attention!

Terry explains Raku pottery, a special style, which he teaches classes for at The Art Center. Terry says, "The Piece is removed from kiln while still hot and placed in a metal garbage can reduction chamber with carbon based material, newspaper and sawdust, which ignites from the hot piece, causing thick black smoke or carbon. The rapidly cooling clay and glaze contract causing a random network of cracking in the glaze and, with careful timing, the carbon stains the crackle with black carbon. This effect is dependent on the careful choreographing of timing by the potter to force the carbon to penetrate the crackle and stain a random pattern of black crackle. All this spontaneous surface effect develops within the first 8 minutes or so of cooling in the reduction can.

Results are dependent on the

potter's intuition and experience of careful timing in multiple firings. Essentially Raku firing and the color aesthetics is a result of mindful experience and serendipitous momentary elements of the firing and cooling process, with reduction and oxidation happening very rapidly! It's a very unpredictable and spontaneous method of working with hot ceramics!"

Since 1984, Terry has been teaching at the Art Center and developing their year round curriculum. He conducts workshops around Colorado and other states, as well as co-curates The Art Center's Contemporary Clay Biennial, a national juried and invitational exhibit hosted and displayed at The Art Center's gallery every other even numbered year. Terry works in high fire reduction stoneware and porcelain and introduced salt vapor firing, saggar firing, and raku firing to the Art Center's repertoire of clay studio practice.

You can come see the effects yourself. The Blue Pig is a working artist gallery featuring various forms of artwork by local artists. Terry Shepherd has been with The Blue Pig Gallery since conception. Along with his pottery, you can also see paintings, sculptures, photography, glass, fiber and more by other artists.

They also have a *gift gallery*, The Piglet down in the cellar which offers affordable art like jewelry, scarves, cards, ceramics and glass. Allow yourself plenty of time to get lost in the eye candy that pops out of every corner in this venue.

Next time you are in Palisade, stop in and say hi to Terry or one of the many artists that tend to the shop. Talking directly to the artist causes excitement. You can see the passion displayed on their face! This contagious energy leaves a person feeling satisfied.

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### March 3

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8:30 - 11:30pm

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### March 4

WORDAN JILSON + THE WILD BUNCH

8pm

Mesa Theater

538 Main St, Grand Junction, CO

\$10

### March 4

TREA LANDON with special guest Joey Rowland

8:30 - 11:30pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar

2565 American Way, Grand Junction

YOUNG GUNS SHOW AT THE W! Rising star Trea Landon and THE KID Joey Rowland both full bands and ready to play ya some COUNTRY & WESTERN live music! \$15

### March 3, 4, 5

Peter Pan

Friday 7pm

Saturday 1 & 4pm

Sunday 5pm

The Avalon Theatre

645 Main St, Grand Junction, CO

Grand Junction based professional ballet company, Colorado West Performing Arts Company (CWPAC), offers you the chance to bring your family and friends to Peter Pan.

## MESA COUNTY

### March 8

Girls Night Out - Magic Hunks

8pm

Mesa Theater

538 Main St, Grand Junction, CO

Ladies it's your turn to have some Fun! Mark your calendar and bring all of your friends for an epic night of Fun and Excitement with Magic Hunks "ABOUT LAST NIGHT TOUR!" This Mantastic event is a Whirlwind of Sexy Goodness as these chiseled Hunks bring Down the House with THE BEST GIRLS NIGHT EVER!

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### March 8

CMU JAZZ NIGHT

7 - 9pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar

2565 American Way, Grand Junction

CMU students set to play the Warehouse, it's a free show some come out and give these kids some love...

### March 9

World Ballet Series: Cinderella

7 - 11pm

The Avalon Theatre

645 Main St, Grand Junction, CO

Welcome to the magical world of Cinderella, coming to the Avalon Theatre this Spring!

\$39 - \$89

### March 9

Cousin Curtiss

8 - 10pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar

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\$10

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## Grand Junction

**March 10**

### THE SPILL CANVAS

8pm  
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\$25 - \$35

**March 10**

### NEON SKY BAND

8:30 - 11:30pm  
Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar  
2565 American Way, Grand Junction  
\*\*FREE SHOW\*\*

**March 10**

### United States Navy Band

7:30pm  
Moss Performing Arts Center  
1221 N 12th St, Grand Junction, CO  
\*\*FREE SHOW\*\*

**March 11**

### Jackie Greene

8pm  
Mesa Theater  
538 Main St, Grand Junction, CO  
Americana and roots singer-songwriter  
Jackie Greene is a jack-of-all-trades, and an artist who can croon over soulful piano ballads as much as he can  
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**March 11**

### THE OXYMORONS

7:30 - 11pm  
Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar  
2565 American Way, Grand Junction  
\*\*FREE SHOW\*\*

**March 11, 12**

**Classics Concert: Classical Goes West**  
Saturday 7:30pm  
Sunday 3pm  
The Avalon Theatre  
645 Main St, Grand Junction, CO  
\$25 - \$45

**March 10**

### SMOKER DAD

8pm  
Mesa Theater  
538 Main St, Grand Junction, CO  
\$10

**March 13**

### King Kong

7:30pm  
The Avalon Theatre  
645 Main St, Grand Junction, CO  
\$7, Children 12 and under \$5

**March 15**

### WALTER TROUT

8pm  
Mesa Theater  
538 Main St, Grand Junction, CO  
\$22 - \$27

**March 15**

### Wind Symphony

7:30pm  
Moss Performing Arts Center  
1221 N 12th St, Grand Junction, CO

**March 17**

### STRAY GRASS

7 - 11pm  
Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar  
2565 American Way, Grand Junction  
\*\*FREE SHOW\*\*

**March 17**

### Croce Plays Croce

7:30pm  
The Avalon Theatre  
645 Main St, Grand Junction, CO  
\$29 - \$59

**March 17**

### BOBCAT GOLDTHWAIT

8pm  
Mesa Theater  
538 Main St, Grand Junction, CO  
\$35

# Events CONNECTION

**March 24**

### The SEAN MOON BAND

8:30 - 9:30pm  
Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar  
2565 American Way, Grand Junction  
\*\*FREE SHOW\*\*

**March 24**

### LEGENDARY SHACK SHAKERS

8pm  
Mesa Theater  
538 Main St, Grand Junction, CO  
\$20 - \$22

**March 25**

### SHANE PROFITT with special guest

**The Barlow**  
7 - 11:30pm  
Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar  
2565 American Way, Grand Junction  
\$15 - \$25

**March 26**

### Terri Clark: Raising the Bar Tour

7 - 10pm  
The Avalon Theatre  
645 Main St, Grand Junction, CO  
\$37 - \$57

**March 28**

### THE METEORS

8pm  
Mesa Theater  
538 Main St, Grand Junction, CO  
\$15 - \$20

**March 31**

### DUELING PIANOS

8 - 11:30pm  
Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar  
2565 American Way, Grand Junction  
\$10

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## Spotlight

### Alley Katz Tattoo & Piercing

You all might have an idea of who this is. Not only does she edit this magazine, she has been in the tattoo industry for more than 30 years!

Pam Miera, owner of Alley Katz Tattoo & Piercing has been setting standards here in the Valley for years. Apprenticing under Calamity Jane (Jane Munhouser), in the early 90s, Pam then opened her first tattoo shop Blazing Trails Tattoo. After more than 10 years there, she moved on to California where she opened another tattoo shop, Essential Ink Tattoo. After selling her tattoo shop in California, she returned to the Valley, and has been rebuilding her clientele ever since.

Well known for her cover-up work, Pam has become a master at fixing tattoos that might need some creative intuition. As Pam says, "You can't just slap a design over the existing tattoo. It has to be uniquely worked in for every tattoo."

To the right, Tammy Davis is getting birds and butterflies added to an existing tattoo. She states right away that she loves Pam and her work. Tammy is a repeat customer, and after someone tried covering up some lettering for her, she will always come back to Pam.

Experience matters! If you are tired of looking at the same old tattoo, or would like to discuss something fresh, call Pam today. She is adept at many styles, does quality work and charges by the piece!



## Palisade

### March 3

#### Sip & Paint at Carboy Winery

2 - 4pm

Carboy Winery at Mt. Garfield Estate  
3572 G Rd, Palisade, CO

Spring into March with Carboy Winery's Sip and Paint class!

### March 5

#### Barre • Flowers • Crêpes

9am

Orchard River View  
3926 HWY 6 &, 24, Palisade, CO

It's that time again! Join us for the 2023 Barre • Flowers • Crêpes This is our biggest event of the year!

### March 10

#### Mountain Rifleman Course

9am

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

Description: Join us for an in-depth Mountain Rifleman Course at Cameo Shooting and Education Center in Palisade Colorado.

### March 19

#### PistolCraft 100 March 19th

4pm

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

Beginner to Intermediate pistol course

### March 23

#### Desert Highlights Trail Running Camp

4pm

Wine Country Inn  
777 Grande River Drive, Palisade, CO

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## Fruita

### March 3

#### Ambassador Meeting

9:30 - 10:30am

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

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### March 14

#### Maximize Your Membership: Chamber Master 101

12 - 1pm

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### March 17

#### Coffee Club Network

3 - 4pm

325 E Aspen Ave, Fruita, CO

Coffee Club at F\*works hopes to provide benefit professionally to small businesses and connection to the community.

### March 23

#### Meet with your local Firefighters

9 - 11pm

El Mescal  
439 US-6, Fruita, CO

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**March 5**

**Love & Hiking Date For Couples (Self-Guided) - Carbondale Area**

10am - 4pm  
Spring Gulch Trail System  
Co Rd 108, Carbondale, CO  
Love & Hiking Date For Couples (Self-Guided) . Enjoy a hike with fun digital activities along the way!

**March 6**

**Ecstatic Dance**

6 - 8pm  
13 Moons Ranch - Heart Barn  
6334 HWY 133  
Carbondale, CO  
Guided by Alya Howe with DJ and musician Dustin Eli and guest musicians  
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**March 7, 8, 9, 10**

**American Pop Art Exhibit**

11am - 4pm  
Powers Art Center  
13110 Highway 82  
Carbondale, Co.  
American Pop Art takes a detailed look at works from the iconic artists of the Pop Art Movement: Robert Rauschenberg, Tom Wesselmann, Roy Lichtenstein, Andy Warhol, James Rosenquist and Claes Oldenburg.  
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**March 18**

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## Rifle

**March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

### Storytime

11am - 12pm  
Rifle Branch Library  
207 East Ave, Rifle, CO  
Young children and their accompanying adults are invited to the library every week for stories, songs, and new friends! Join us for Storytime at Home! The video will post at 10:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday each month on YouTube and on Facebook.

### March 4

#### LUNAFEST 2023

6 - 9pm  
Ute Theater and Events Center  
132 E 4th St, Rifle, CO  
Doors 5:30 pm Films 6:00 pm General Admission Tickets \$20 Advance or \$25 at the door. 970-665-6569 for more information.

### March 4

#### Ag Day - Water, Weeds and Wolves

11am to 4pm  
Garfield County Fairgrounds & Events Center  
1001 Railroad Ave, Rifle, CO  
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### March 11

#### Young Dubliners

7:30pm  
Ute Theater and Events Center  
132 E 4th St, Rifle, CO  
After thirty years as one of the world's leading Celtic Rock bands, the Young Dubliners return to the Ute Theater for their 7th appearance.  
\$35 - \$50

### March 18

**NUTS Outlaw Country**  
7pm  
Ute Theater and Events Center  
132 E 4th St, Rifle, CO  
NUTS Presents Outlaw Country, Annual Benefit for the NUTS Scholarship Fund. This year we are featuring performances by Exit 42, Feeding Giants, The Queen Bees, and Ranen Ware!  
\$20 - \$30  
970-655-6569 for more information.

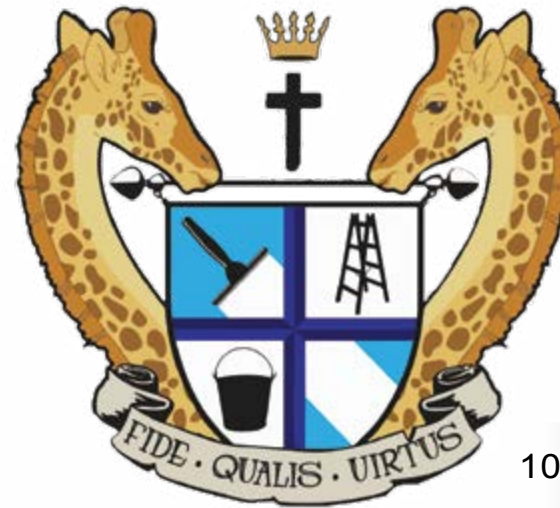
## New Castle, Silt

### March 4

**SITV Presents: Wild Symphony (New Hope)**  
2 - 4pm  
New Hope Church  
880 Castle Valley Blvd, New Castle, CO  
DAN BROWN, #1 New York Times best-selling author of publishing phenomenon The Da Vinci Code, has unleashed his latest surprise: Wild Symphony, the new illustrated children's book and orchestral music recording by the writer himself.

### March 4

**Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop- New Castle — UpRoot Colorado**  
10am - 2pm  
132 Larkspur Ct.  
Silt, CO 81652  
Do you have a fruit tree? Would you like to learn how to care for your tree and grow healthier fruit? If so, we hope you'll join us for one of our fruit tree pruning workshops this spring!  
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