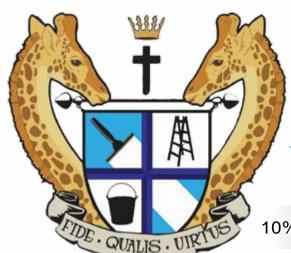


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April 1

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Park Open! Glenwood Canyon Adventure Park

10am

Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park 51000 Two Rivers Plaza Road, Glenwood Springs, CO

For more information on closures visit:

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Ecstatic Dance

13 Moons Ranch - Heart Barn 6334 HWY 133

Carbondale CO Guided by Alya Howe with DJ and

It's very exciting to connect with a new community! There are so many wonderful people on the Western Slope; this is a great place to live! Beauty is in every corner of our marvelous State, and it's time to explore! Come with us as we cover Colorado in a brand new way.

This Spring, County Connection Magazines is preparing to embark on a mission of sharing unique activities and stories. It's our job to keep our readers excited and wondering what they might find in the next issue of Mesa County Connection or Garfield County Connection.

It's our passion to bring you new and surprising content every month. If you can share your story with us, we would love to help you get it out there. Connecting Community is what we do. Email, call, text or tap us on the shoulder; we are ready to talk!



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You should checkout both magazines! They are Online now. There are some big differences, and the progression is ever evolving. As we move forward, you should know, article are different, but we will have cross-county articles if they have relevance in each county.

Take for example Outlaw Country at the Ute Theater in Rifle. A couple of the bands playing that evening are well known in the Valley and deserve recognition in both places. The Queen Bees and Exit 42 are both bands well known on the Western Slope. If you haven't seen them, it's about time you do! We have some information inside on where they will be and when you can see them.

Of course some articles will be different. We implore you to look for yourself. We always put all our publications Online. You can see how we have

progressed over the last couple year, and make sure not

to miss something about your neighbors. Visit CCmagazines. com to view either publication. We also encourage you to pay special attention to our sponsors reaching out across both counties.

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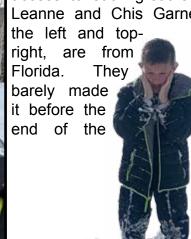


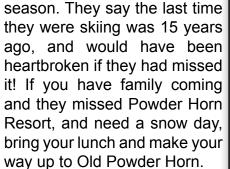
It's unfortunate Powder Horn Resort has to close with this much snow still on the mountain. It's been such as great snow year, that an encore would be awesome! Is there a person we can speak to about this?! If you haven't gotten the chance to hit the slopes, fear not. We still have options!

According to the USDA, we accumulated 167% of normal snow pack on the Grand Mesa, a drastic change from recent years. Though Powder Horn Resort is scheduled to close April $2^{\rm nd}$, we can still take advantage of all this

snow at Old Powder Horn.

Not a lot of people have access to such great skiing. Leanne and Chis Garner to the left and top-





If they have their kids with them, plowing down Old Powder Horn may not be the best idea, it's still a good place for sledding though. If you don't have the moxie to drop in from the top of Old Powder Horn and still need to scratch that skiing itch, plenty of skiing is still open around Colorado.

Sunlight closes the same time as Powder Horn, but Arapahoe Basin isn't scheduled to close until June! It's quite the drive, so you better make a weekend out of it. Well worth the trip though!

Aspen, Buttermilk, Ski Cooper, Crested Butte, Echo Mountain, Eldora, Keystone, Purgatory, Snowmass, Telluride and Winter Park all close in April, though most of these will be in the middle to the end of the month.

Breckenridge and Loveland will be open until May.

Enjoy the snow while it lasts! Before too long the stifling heat will be back and pleasant thoughts of pictures like the one to the top left will be dancing in our heads. If the snow continues like this over the next few years, maybe Powder Horn Resort can plan on staying open longer.









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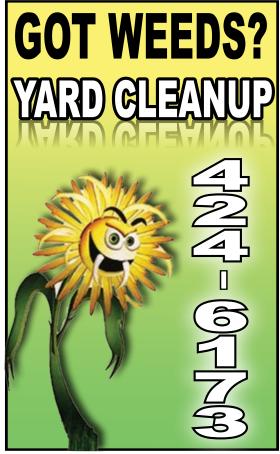


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MESA COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS - GET TICKETS AT TAYLOR'S CROFT Grand Junction

Outlaw Country

It's an honor to catch so much talent in one night! The Ute Theater presented Garfield County with a musical smorgasbord of unique sound. From a soloist, to an all female band, and Exit 42 from Mesa County! We got to hear a little of everything.

Mr. Ranen Ware, up first, explained before his set that he hadn't performed in quite a while, and his nerves were a little jittery. However he did a wonderful job of pushing his nervousness aside with a comical ditty from artist Roger Miller. The ice breaking tactic work for him and the crowd as everyone

settles in for a great evening.

Next up, the Queen Bees, an all female band shown to the right. These ladies also play in both counties, and have been together for 3 years. They have a very singsong sound and play a variety of songs including originals and a classic favorite, Jolene.

The four ladies; Portia Rogers playing guitar and mandolin, Joey Ball on guitar and vocals, Pam Rosenthal playing the upright bass and Aundrea Ware on vocals, gave a wonderful performance including some historical facts about some of the artists they like to cover, such as the Judd Sisters, who were once called the Soap Sisters. The Queen Bees are recording an album soon and hope you keep your eye out for it! You can find these gals buzzing around at the Brew Zone in Rifle, April 15th.

The Queen Bees were fol-

lowed by Feeding Giants. If someone looks familiar, believe your eyes! Mrs. Aundrea Ware is in both bands on vocals, but sounds completely different.

The two bands have big differences, mainly Mr. Ware, who's bass voice stands out clearly. The three member band, consisting of Kevin and Aundrea Ware, and Max Tustin, has been around 10 years with Max joining the band about 5 years ago. You can see them again May 20th at the Tipsy Trout in Basalt. However, Kevin Ware, Ranen Ware and Max will be playing at the Brew Zone in Rifle April 29th. They implore you to come and see!

Exit 42 is synonymous with Mesa County, since their name is Palisade's main exit from I-70. They are quickly becoming sensational across the Western Slope. They standout with their use of the Peddle Steel Guitar. A great performance and a variety of instrumental talent makes them a must see show!

This concert was held by the Ute Theater Society, which is a nonprofit. The proceeds went to local scholarships for high school seniors around Garfield County who are going into the Arts. The Society has been doing this for the past 3 years and started a *Patio Series* during Covid.

The Ute building was purchased by the city of Rifle in 2006 and has some great history surrounding it. You can look at this history and upcoming events at:

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Grand Jungflon



April 1

8th Annual Cesar Chavez Celebration & Car Show

10 - 6pm

Amphitheater at Las Colonias Park 925 Struthers Ave, Grand Junction, CO We will have music, vendors, food trucks, performers and classic cars at our free family event.

April 1

EDM: DEMOLYCH + BASS TORQUE + SOBER + BB

8pm

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

April 3

MARCHFOURTH MARCHING BAND

8pm

Mesa Theater 538 Main St, Grand Junction, CO \$25 - \$28

April 5, 6, 7

Journey To The Cross

6 - 9pm

483 30 Road (Corner of 30 and E) 45 minute experience

Come taste, touch, hear, see and smell as we experience Jesus' steps to the Cross and beyond.

April 7

JAMES WILLIAMS & The Faith Peddlers

8:30 -11pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar 2565 American Way, Grand Junction James and the gang have been lighting up stages all over the US and they are ready to raise the roof!

FREE SHOW

Mesa County

April 8

Easter Potluck & Egg Hunt!

Junction West Grand Junction RV Park 793 22 Rd, Grand Junction, CO

Happy Easter! Join us on Saturday, April 8th for a day of family Easter-themed fun! We will be playing yard games in the grass area at 1 PM and we will also be dyeing Easter eggs.

April 8

Michelle DeYoung

3 - 5pm

Moss Performing Arts Center 1221 N 12th St, Grand Junction, CO Operatic, song, and chamber music performance by Metropolitan Opera star, mezzo-soprano Michelle DeYoung. \$19.67

April 8

Tea Party

1pm

Natalia's Hat Bar

634 Main St #101, Grand Junction, CO Explore all upcoming tea party events in Grand Junction, find information & tickets for upcoming tea party events happening in Grand Junction.

April 13

TYLER FARR

7 -11pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar 2565 American Way, Grand Junction Country music star TYLER FARR set to rock the Warehouse

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Grand Junction

April 13

Hemlock

8pm

Two Rivers Tavern

539 Colorado Ave

Hemlock throw down at Two Rivers Tavern!

21+

\$15 - \$25

April 14

CLiC & Connect: In-Person Rural Meetups

9am

Colorado Mesa University

1100 North Ave, Grand Junction, CO CLiC & Connect events emphasize a relaxing environment where you will have opportunities to network to learn from each other.... to set aside time for in-depth learning, and of course –have fun!

\$25

April 14

PEACH STREET REVIVAL

8:30 - 11:30pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar 2565 American Way, Grand Junction GJ the gang from Peach Street Revival are ready to take over the Warehouse. Call The Warehouse 2565 about tickets and pricing.

April 15

International Fly Fishing Film Festival

7 - 10pm

The Avalon Theatre 645 Main St, Grand Junction, CO \$25

April 15

POP EVIL

The Word Alive, Avoid

7:30pm

Mesa Theater

538 Main St, Grand Junction, CO

\$25

April 14

Joey Rowland and The Over & Under Band

8:30 - 11:30pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar 2565 American Way, Grand Junction He started working here, started playing on the stage with his dad and Clark Jensen and now headlines his own shows, he's opening for national acts that ask "who is that kid?"

FREE SHOW

April 15

Mesa Experience

10am

Colorado Mesa University

1100 North Ave, Grand Junction, CO The Mesa Experience visitation program gives future students and their families a comprehensive opportunity to visit Colorado Mesa University in person.

April 16

POP EVIL

The Word Alive, Avoid

7:30pm

Mesa Theater

538 Main St, Grand Junction, CO \$25

April 16

Elevate Kids Fun Run

3 - 5pm

Las Colonias Park, Grand Junction, CO This event is for all ages and all abilities, whether you're in it to win, or you're out for a fun Sunday morning walk. Come out and take a step to help kids in Grand Junction.

\$40 - \$55

April 16

GJ Centennial Band 40th Anniversary

3 - 5pm

Avalon Theatre 645 Main Street Grand

Junction

Come celebrate the 40th year of the Grand Valley's premier community band. FREE to the public.

April 17

Key Largo

7:30pm

Avalon Theatre

645 Main Street Grand Junction

1948 (Humphrey Bogart | 1948 | 1 hr. 41 mins.)

\$5

April 18

Summer Job & Activity Fair

10am - 1:30pm

MESA County Workforce Center 512 29 1/2 Rd, Grand Junction, CO Join the Mesa County Workforce Center and Find Your Future team for our Youth

Summer Job & Activity fair.

April 21

UNTIL I WAKE

Dark Divine, Catch Your Breath

7:30pm

Mesa Theater

538 Main St, Grand Junction, CO \$14 All Ages!

April 21

The Last Train to Juarez

8:30 - 11:30pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar 2565 American Way, Grand Junction GJ get ready for some OUTLAW LIVE COUNTRY MUSIC

FREE SHOW

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Grand Junction

April 21, 22

Classics, Romantics & Modern Day Works

Friday 7:30pm Saturday 2 pm & 7:30pm

Avalon Theatre

645 Main Street Grand Junction

\$20 - \$30

April 22

Southwest Arbor Fest

9am - 5pm

1340 Gunnison Ave, Grand Junction, CO With several ways to join in on the action, there is sure to be something for everyone!

Craft Beer - Tasting for \$25

April 22

Ice Cube at R & B's Bigass BBQ

3 - 5pm

Amphitheater at Las Colonias Park 925 Struthers Ave, Grand Junction, CO As much as technology, business and society have changed since the 1980s, one thing has remained constant: Ice Cube. \$86 -\$127

April 22

JON STORK

7 - 11:30pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar 2565 American Way, Grand Junction A young singer-songwriter out of Southeast Texas.

Call Warehouse 2565 for ticket info.

April 22

1st Annual Open Car Show

11am

Mesa Mall

2424 US-6, Grand Junction, CO 1st annual Crime Stoppers of Mesa County Car Show! We will have 20 award classes for participants to enter.

April 26

ELTON DAN & THE ROCKET BAND

7pm

Mesa Theater

538 Main St, Grand Junction, CO

\$30 - \$70

All ages!

April 25

Community Concerts of the GV: Beginnings

7:30 - 9:30pm

Avalon Theatre

645 Main Street Grand Junction \$35

April 26

ELTON DAN & THE ROCKET BAND

7pm

Mesa Theater

538 Main St, Grand Junction, CO

\$30 - \$70

All ages!

April 28

KENNY FEIDLER and The Cowboy Killers with special guest Danno Simpson

7pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar 2565 American Way, Grand Junction \$10 -\$25

April 28

STEVE HOFSTETTER

7pm

Mesa Theater

538 Main St, Grand Junction, CO

\$25 - \$100

All ages!

April 29, 30

Classics Concert: Brahms & Rutter

Saturday 7:30pm

Sunday 3pm

Avalon Theatre

645 Main Street Grand Junction

\$25 - \$45

Event CONNECTION

Palisade

April 2

Edesia - Bonjour Spring Works

12 - 4pm

Wine Country Inn

777 Grande River Drive, Palisade, CO A Palisade Culinary, Wine and Spirits Adventure - Bonjour Spring!

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April 2

Mesa County End Of Season Party

2 - 4pm

Peach Street Distillers

144 Kluge Ave Building #2, Palisade Join us for an End Of Season Party celebrating an epic year of snow and Nordic skiing!

April 10

Palisade Community Bike Night + Cruiser

6 - 7pm

Join us for the "Community Mondays" Palisade community bike night and cruiser ride! Community Monday rides start from and end at Spoke & Vine Motel.

April 22

Palisade International Honey Bee Festival

11 - 4pm

The Plaza and along Third and Main Streets in the Town of Palisade, Colorado. Welcome all bee keepers and agricultural experts, artists, artisans, Lavender enthusiasts!

April 29, 30

Palisade Bluegrass Bash

11 - 4pm

Palisade Brewing Company 200 Peach Ave, Palisade, CO

April 2

Fruita | Ninja Kids Clinic

9:45am - 1:15pm

Highline Lake State Park

Are your kids between the ages of 8-11 and excited about mountain biking? Nin-ja Kids covers the key skills they need to become a safer and more proficient rider

Fruita

April 8

2023 Spring Music Fest: Just as Well, Wowzer

4pm

Copper Club Brewing Company 153 N Mulberry St, Fruita, CO

Let's welcome in the Spring with the 2023 COpper Club Mini-Music Festival. TWO STAGES of funk, ska, punk and hip hop!

April 14

Desert RATS Trail Running Festival

2 - 4pm

Hawkeye Trailhead

Fruita, CO

Desert Rats Trail Running Festival by UTMB brings new trail runners and utra veterans alike an incomparable weekend experience.

April 16

Herbs & Spice & Everything Nice

1pm

Copper Club Brewing Company 153 N Mulberry St, Fruita, CO

DHerbs & Spice & Everything Nice is on Facebook. To connect with Herbs & Spice & Everything Nice, join Facebook today.

April 29, 30

Ice Breaker Downriver Race

7am - 7pm

Loma Boat Ramp

13 Rd, Fruita, CO

The first annual downriver canoe and kayak race





Wishin' FOR A FISH

Calendar Garfield County

Mesa County Connection hasn't done an article on the Fruita side of the Valley in quite a while. In an attempt to include you, we find ourselves at Mack Lake.

This small lake, which we were told was stocked, provided hope that fishing would be a bountiful endeavor. If we could have endured the ominous weather to let hooks set for more than a half hour, we may of caught something. However, as spring snowflakes fell, and starvation was not a main concern, packing up and heading to a guaranteed spot seem the smart thing to do. Let's be honest, the thrill of the catch is more enticing than wondering if the ducks are catching more than you.

Highline Lake was the first choice for this area, but due to *Freshwater mussel* treatment, as the Ranger stated, we headed to Corn Lake. The tried and true! To get these boys some action, we head across the county to a location where fish put up a fight everytime.

Unlike the lonely shores of Mack Lake, people were on the banks enjoying the day. The clouds parted as they sometimes do over the Valley, and then snag, young Liam, to the bottom left, catches himself a fish. As his Dad states, "This is his favorite thing to do, and he would do it all day if he could", weather permitting.

One thing you can count on for sure in Colorado, is the weather changing. As you can plainly see from the wind pushing ripples on the water, it's time to put the fish back so it can grow for this summer when it's ready to eat.

Glenwood Springs

April 3

Garfield County Humanitarian Service Awards

5 - 8pm

Hotel Colorado

526 Pine St, Glenwood Springs

For over 30 years, the Garfield County Humanitarian Awards Dinner has honored individuals who give their time, attention and efforts to benefit residents of Garfield County.

April 4

Functional Training

5 - 6pm

EPIC Fitness

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April 7, 14, 21

Duplicate Bridge Game, non-sanctioned

1 - 4pm

Glenwood Springs Community Center You are invited to find a partner and join us for a non-sanctioned Duplicate Bridge Game each Friday afternoon starting at 1 and going for about 3 hours.

\$3 - \$5 Marlene 970-928-9805

April 8

Oueers and Coffee

9am

Bluebird Cafe

730 Grand Avenue Glenwood Springs Relax and talk over a warm cup of coffee or tea. Sponsored by AspenOUT, hosted by Cook Inclusive.

April 8

Wine Tasting

5 - 7pm

Cooper Wine and Spirits

732 Cooper Ave, Glenwood Springs Every weekend, Cooper Wine & Spirits hosts tastings on Friday and Saturday evening between 5-7pm. A MUST-DO in Historic Downtown Glenwood Springs

FREE EVENT

April 13

Get the Wiggles Out!

10:30 - 11:30pmGlenwood Springs Branch Library

815 Cooper Ave, Glenwood Springs, CO Toddlers and Preschoolers: Bring your grown-up to the library! We'll burn some energy with active play and work on large motor skills! Balancing • Jumping • Running •

April 15

Dungeons and Dragons: Adventures in Candlekeep

2 - 3pm

Branch Library

815 Cooper Ave, Glenwood Springs, CO Dungeons and Dragons: Adventures in Candlekeep Come ye brave adventurers! Great mysteries and secrets lie within the great library-fortress of Candlekeep!

April 17

Pound with Tara

4:30 - 5:30pm

EPIC Fitness

10 Market St Unit 10, Glenwood Springs Pound is a full body cardio jam session, incorporating light resistance along with continuous simulated drumming.

\$25.00 to \$119.00



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Carbondale

April 8, 7, 13, 14

Love & Hiking Date For Couples (Self-Guided)

10am - 4pm Spring Gulch Trail System Co Rd 108, Carbondale, CO Enjoy a hike with fun digital activities along the way!

April 14

Music at the Library: Folk Music for All featuring the Cody Sisters Band

5:30pm - 6:30pm Basalt Regional Library 14 Midland Ave, Basalt, CO The Cody Sisters Band is the very heart of contemporary acoustic music in Colorado, the United States and UK

April 15

Crafting with Kids — Carbondale Arts

Carbondale Branch Library 320 Sopris Ave, Carbondale, CO

10:30am - 11:30am

Kids kindergarten to 3rd grade, and their accompanying adults, are invited to the library on the first and third Saturday for crafts and play with a local artist.

April 22

The Know Bodies

8 - 11pm Steve's Guitars 19 N 4th St, Carbondale, CO The Know Bodies Band is about music and dancing and fearless love of dirty old humanity.

April 5, 6, 12, 26

Preschool Play Group

10:30 - 11:30am Rifle Branch Library 207 East Ave, Rifle, CO

Preschool Playgroup at the Library Playing is learning! With a variety of age-appropriate toys and activities provided

April 7

Zikr Dance Ensemble: Mysteries, Rites & Rituals

7:30 - 9:30pm

Ute Theater and Events Center 132 E 4th St, Rifle

Denver's critically acclaimed Zikr Dance Ensemble

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April 7

Colorado Trailfest 2023 feat. the Trail **Running Film Festival**

4 - 9pm

Ute Theater and Events Center

132 E 4th St. Rifle

Start the day with a free 4-mile fun run suitable for the entire family at the Grand Hogback Trail. Later in the day, enjoy some music, listen to speakers, and watch the Trail Running Film Festival at the renowned Ute Theater

April 28

MGP Presents: Shovels and Rope

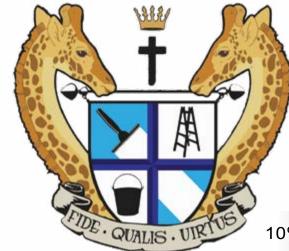
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