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**UTMB MARATHONS** 

P. 12



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#### April 29, 30

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ROAD PLAN

Ice Breaker Downriver Race

Loma Boat Ramp 13 Rd, Fruita, CO

The first annual downriver canoe and kayak race

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### COMMUNICY

It's great to meet everyone in Garfield County. We have come with the intention of connecting community in a unique way. There is so much to offer in this beautiful county, that making Garfield County Connection is an irresistible adventure!

Of course nobody is perfect, so an apology must be made to the Ute Theater for getting one of their dates wrong. Owning a mistake

is the best way to make sure it doesn't happen again. Other than that, we received some great response from you all. Thank you for supporting us.

People have already been reaching out to us. We not only appreciate it, but encourage it. To provide our audience with a magazine rich with fresh, new ideas can only happen with the support of the community. Call us with an ideas about articles you would like to see in the next issue.



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#### **PUBLISHING & DESIGN JESSE FORNWALT**

We have a great set of events to show you this month. May's issue of Garfield County Connection continues the celebration of the ladies and gentlemen nominated or who won awards during the Garfield County Humanitarian Awards ceremony. These volunteers help make our community a better place, so the congratulations continues for you! A special thanks goes out to Collin Szewczyk from the county office, for providing some of the pictures for this night. Thanks my Dude!

If you all don't know about the Grand Valley Highland Games, page 11 shows time and location of it. You can also go to their website and look at previous years, or the itinerary for 2023.

The UTMB Marathons were in Mesa County, but Carbondale's very own Jeff Colt took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the first 50k race, which we are sharing across counties.

There are many of events coming up in May. We urge you

to checkout the Events Connection pages. Let us know if you have some events to publish. Diversity is Key!

Last, we talk with Matthew Langhorst about the city's plan for Wulfsohn Road.

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Every year, Garfield County recognizes volunteers and others who help people around the county by holding an awards ceremony and banquet dinner.

Some are dressed to impress, and others in their business causal, all have come to celebrate the individuals who selflessly work towards making the community a better place to live.

Attended by several high ranking officials, such as the Mayor of Glenwood Springs, Jonathan Godes and his wife Carrie Godes (to the right), this 33rd annual event was filled with laughter and applause. The Winners shown to the top right: Soira Ceja, receiving the Spirit of Service Award; Kelly Keeffe, winning the Pioneer Award; Lanny Grant with receiving the Humble Hero Award and Greg Feinsinger presented with the Lifetime Dedication Award. The other nominees who also deserve recognition are Lori Brumbaugh, Cristina Gair, Maureen Kerr, Tiffany Lindenberg and Betty Lucas.

Keep up the great work! Your influence helps perpetuate a caring community and inspires us all to go above and bevond!



















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The Desert Rats UTMB World Series takes place in Fruita Colorado, with a number of trails in Mack and Loma. Racing 10, 21, 42, 50 & 100k tracks, these racers get to experience a number of challenges and difficulties associated with each race.

This 3 day event, which is part of a bigger circuit spanning the globe, had some unfortunate weather, which halted racing Friday. The day's that followed were nothing short of a blessing, as clouds seemed to disappear completely. Not only did the competitors have to deal with natural obstacles like rain and altitude, bikers and even people in trucks 4 wheeling were unexpected hindranc-

Regardless, these racers were in for some

scenic, breath taking views. The clear skies allowed a great view of the Book Cliffs and High Desert!

Some of these competitors get to experience multiple races and scenic areas. Yutaro Yokouchi, on the bottom left is from Tokyo, Japan, and won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in one of the 100k races that got over lapped. Next to him is Carbondale's very own Jeff Colton. Yes, this article is in both publications this month, and what better way to tie it all together than with neighboring counties who are connecting community! Jeff also won 3rd place in a 50k that had to get over lapped due to weather shutting the first one down. Both gentlemen were very humble, great to talk with and glad to be here participating.









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#### May 1

#### **Teen Book Club**

4:30pm

Silt Library

680 Home Ave, Silt, CO

Book lovers ages 15-18 are invited to join the club to enjoy good books with friends.

#### May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

#### Storytime

10:30am

Silt Library

680 Home Ave, Silt, CO

Young children and their accompanying adults are invited to the library every week for stories, songs

#### May 6

#### **Spirit of RIDE Kentucky Derby**

2 - 5pm

Miner's Claim Restaurant

740 Main St, Silt, CO

Annual Kentucky Derby Fundraiser with sponsored tables, Fashion Show from Wild Roots Boutique and great auction items for Ride.

#### **May 14**

#### **Drop In Chess**

2pm

Silt Library

680 Home Ave, Silt, CO

Chess helps sharpen strategic thinking, improve concentration, and build memory skills.

#### **May 26**

#### Game On

3pm

Silt Library

680 Home Ave, Silt, CO

Play video games on the big screen! Join your friends and play favorites such as MarioKart, Smash Bros

New Castle

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 3

#### **Story Time**

10:30am

New Castle Library

402 W Main St, New Castle, CO

Young children and their accompanying adults are invited to the library every week for stories, songs

#### May 6

#### **Learn Chinese Calligraphy**

2 - 5pm

New Castle Library

402 W Main St, New Castle, CO

Your Garfield County Libraries, in honor of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

#### **May 13**

### **Building a Sustainable Off-Grid Home**

New Castle Library

402 W Main St, New Castle, CO

The Herald Family built a sustainable off-grid home in Western Colorado. The house, made out of tires, cans, and bottles is warm in the winter and cool in the summer.

#### **May 18**

#### **Dance Thread Through My Cultures** and Homeland:

#### **Chinese Ribbon Dances**

6pm

New Castle Library

402 W Main St, New Castle, CO

Join your Garfield County Libraries and the Aspen Dance Connection in celebrating national Asian American and Pacific Islander Month with a special presentation by Taiwanese dancer Chung-Fu Chang.

Talendar

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#### **Parachute**

#### May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

#### Colorado Workforce Center: Mobile Office Hours

11am - 3pm

244 Grand Valley Way, Parachute, CO Colorado Workforce Center will be at the Parachute Branch Library each Monday

#### May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

#### **Storytime**

10:30am

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#### May 4

#### Wasson-McKay Grand reOpening & Garfield RE 16 Fundraiser 5K

5 -7pm

259 Cardinal Way, Parachute CO Come for the 5Kand Stay for the Wasson-McKay Park Ribbon Cutting \$15 - \$50

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#### May 6

#### Free Comic Book Day

11am

244 Grand Valley Way, Parachute, CO Join us for a full day of fun that celebrates everything comics! Free comic books will be available.

#### May 9

#### Western Colorado Book Club

11am

244 Grand Valley Way, Parachute, CO This monthly book club will focus on local authors and titles of local historical significance.

#### **May 11**

#### **Food for Thought**

6:30pm

244 Grand Valley Way, Parachute, CO If you love browsing through cookbooks and trying new techniques - then hang on to your spatula!

#### Parachute 1

#### **May 12**

#### **Homeschool Parent Advisory Group**

6:30pm

244 Grand Valley Way, Parachute, CO Each month we'll get together to talk about current challenges and opportunities within the homeschooling

#### **May 17**

#### **CCC Meeting**

9:30 - 11am

Town of Parachute 222 Grand Valley Way, Parachute, CO 1-866-442-9034

#### *May 22*

#### Teen Book Club

3pm

244 Grand Valley Way, Parachute, CO Teen book lovers are invited to join the club to enjoy good books with friends.

#### **May 23**

#### Foam Party

4:30pm

244 Grand Valley Way, Parachute, CO Kick start the summer with a foam party! Ann Lincoln will bring in a powerful sound system and a top-of-the-line foam cannon to make clean, biodegradable, fresh, hypo-allergenic foam fun! Kids of all ages are invited

#### *May 27*

#### **Teen Gamers Club**

2pm

244 Grand Valley Way, Parachute, CO Bring your friends and enjoy an afternoon of gaming adventures on the VR headset, Nintendo Switch

#### *June 1, 2, 3, 4*

#### Rockmageddon - OHV & UTV Rally

Thursday 3 - 7pm

Friday 8am - 10pm

Saturday 8am - 11pm

Sunday 8am - 4pm

Cottonwood Park, 100 La Plata Cir, Parachute, CO

#### May 1

#### Riile **Screenagers Film Discussion**

6pm

Rifle Library

207 East Ave, Rifle, CO 81650

Parents and teens are invited to this 3 part series to discuss the risks of extensive screen time for today's teens

#### May 3

#### The Art Thing

4:30pm

Rifle Library

207 East Ave, Rifle, CO 81650

Hey tweens ages 10-13: come explore the many wonderful mediums of art!

#### May 4

#### **NUTS Patio Series: Whiskey Stomp**

6pm

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

NUTS Patio Series kicks off the 2023 lineup with Whiskey Stomp! Whiskey Stomp is a fun loving, good times, no-holdsbarred and highly-improvisational dance band with roots delving into several genres of music. \*\*FREE EVENT\*\*

#### May 4, 11, 18, 25 Storytime

4:30pm

Rifle Library

207 East Ave, Rifle, CO 81650

Hey tweens ages 10-13: come explore the many wonderful mediums of art!

#### May 5, 12, 19, 26

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11am - 3pm

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#### May 7

#### **Community Dungeons and Dragons**

1 - 4pm

**Bookcliffs Arts Center** 

1100 E 16th St, Rifle, CO

Venture into the wastelands of Eberron! This is a Western Marches style campaign designed for drop-in style play

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#### **May 11**

NUTS Patio Series: Donny **Morales & Coral Sky** 

6pm

Ute Theater and Events Center 132 E 4th St, Rifle, CO The NUTS Patio Series continues with Donny Morales & Coral Sky \*\*FREE SHOW\*\*

#### **May 12**

#### Symphony Swing Gala Fundraiser

Ute Theater and Events Center 132 E 4th St, Rifle, CO Symphony in the Valley presents its annual Symphony Swing Gala Fundraiser \$80 - \$100

#### *May 12*

SPARK

11:30

Rifle Library

207 East Ave, Rifle, CO 81650

School-age kids are invited to join your friends at the Rifle Branch Library to SPARK your imagination

#### May 18, 19, 20, 21

#### **Rifle Rendezvous Festival Inc**

11.30

Garfield County Fairgrounds & Events Center

1001 Railroad Ave, Rifle, CO

20th Annual Rifle Rendezvous Festival is family, friendly entertainment all weekend long! People always enjoy the carnival and sometimes overlook the great local talent

#### *May 18*

#### **NUTS Patio Series: Echo Monday**

Ute Theater and Events Center 132 E 4th St, Rifle, CO \*\*FREE SHOW\*\*

# Events

#### **Crafting Circle**

1pm

207 East Ave, Rifle, CO 81650

Join us to get creative and meet new friends! We'll supply the materials

#### **May 24**

#### **Disney Dinner Party Club: Mulan**

Rifle Library

207 East Ave, Rifle, CO 81650

Families of all ages are invited to join this magical get-together!

#### May 24

#### **English / Spanish Conversation Circle** 5pm

Rifle Library

207 East Ave, Rifle, CO 81650

English and Spanish language learners are invited to drop in for a casual conversation

#### *May 25*

#### **NUTS Patio Series: Rodrigo Arreguín**

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

Acoustic Guitarist Rodrigo Arreguín is based in Glenwood Springs, CO. His musicallity goes from Greatest Hits Covers to Latin/Spanish and Classical Music.

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

#### **May 27**

#### **Anime Club**

5pm

Rifle Library

207 East Ave, Rifle, CO 81650

If you love anime, manga, or just partaking in weeb activities with the boys (and girls) then come check out the Anime Club!







You may be familiar with the above scene. This treacherous road that can slay suspension and tires is planned to be fixed soon!

There is no way around it. If you are going shopping off Wulfsohn Road, brakes are pressed and serpentine maneuvering is required. These "pot-pools" as be called, are out of control.

Don't worry, the City of Glenwood knows all about it! Matthew Langhorst from the City Streets department says "the project is out to bid now, and the bids are due back May 5<sup>th</sup>. We intend to start the project this year and finish as much as time and budget will allow in 2023."

They also indicate that they are adding a roadway lane expansion on W. Meadows; however, the main concern is removing and replacing the damaged road with a better design. Though no plans could be found on the city's website, the Streets Department was excited to talk about the reconstruction process, and ensure the public that plans are in the works for these streets.

### Calendar Garfield County

#### Glenwood Springs

#### May 1 - 5

#### **Comics Festival Art Contest**

10am

Glenwood Springs Library

815 Cooper Ave, Glenwood Springs, CO Bring your artwork to display at the Glenwood Springs Branch Library for our 2nd Annual Comics Festival!

#### May 5

### **Duplicate Bridge Game, non-sanctioned**

1 - 4pm

Glenwood Springs Community Center 100 Wulfsohn Rd, Glenwood Springs, CO

You are invited to find a partner and join us for a non-sanctioned Duplicate Bridge Game.

#### May 5

#### Your Story, Your Life

10am

Glenwood Springs Library

815 Cooper Ave, Glenwood Springs, CO This facilitated workshop for adults encourages the writing of your personal history, one story at a time.

#### May 5

#### **OPEN MIC NIGHTS**

6 - 9pm

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Ball Brewing

7025 CO-82, Glenwood Springs, CO EVERY Saturday. Bring your talent, music, dance, poetry, magic, and the list goes on.

### **May 12**Wine Tasting

5 - 7pm

Cooper Wine and Spirits

732 Cooper Ave, Glenwood Springs, CO A "Must-Do" every weekend in, Cooper Wine & Spirits hosts free, in-store tastings offering either wine or spirits.

#### **May 12**

#### Roaring Forks, Corks & Kegs

6pm

Hotel Colorado

526 Pine St, Glenwood Springs, CO 3rd annual Roaring Forks, Corks & Kegs

#### May 13

#### Magic at the Library

10am

Glenwood Springs Library

815 Cooper Ave, Glenwood Springs, CO Calling all Planeswalkers from across this part of the multiverse.

#### May 18

### **Bridging the Divide Suicide Prevention** and Awareness Summit 2023

Thursday 8:30am

Friday 3:30pm

Colorado Mountain College Spring Valley at Glenwood Springs

3000 Co Rd 114, Glenwood Springs, CO

#### **May 18**

#### **Chess Club**

4pm

Glenwood Springs Library

815 Cooper Ave, Glenwood Springs, CO Calling all chess players and those interested in learning!

#### **May 24**

#### **Explorers Club**

2:30pm

Glenwood Springs Library

815 Cooper Ave, Glenwood Springs, CO School-age children are invited to the library every week for art, hands-on experiments, projects, crafts

#### **May 24**

#### Magic at the Library

2pm

Glenwood Springs Library

815 Cooper Ave, Glenwood Springs, CO Calling all Planeswalkers from across this part of the multiverse!



### Garfield County May 20

#### Carbondale

#### May 2

#### **PAWS to READ**

3:30pm

Carbondale Branch Library 320 Sopris Ave, Carbondale, COPractice

reading in a fun, supportive environment with a four-legged friend!

May 4

#### **Carbondale gymnastics**

3:30 - 5:30pm

Bridges High School

444 Weant Blvd, Carbondale, CO

Gymnastics class with beam bars and aerial arts

May 4

#### **Story Art with Aspen Art Museum**

4 - 5pm

Carbondale Branch Library 320 Sopris Ave, Carbondale, CO

Kids are invited to join us for Story Art with the Aspen Art Museum to learn about artists and create masterpieces of their own!

May 7

#### **Limitless Living**

11am - 1pm

True Nature Healing Arts 100 N 3rd St, Carbondale, CO

Women's empowerment and confidence expert Joelene Ashker, MA, MSS, CHt, BC, will guide you to uncover your best

Self

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#### **Spring Pottery Throwdown Relay**

4 - 5pm

Carbondale Clay Center

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### Springfest

11am - 2pm

The Strang Ranch

393 Co Rd 102, Carbondale, CO

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#### **May 20**

#### **Crafts for Kids with Carbondale Arts**

10:30am

Carbondale Branch Library

320 Sopris Ave, Carbondale, CO

Young children (K-3) and their accompanying adults are invited to the library on the first and third Saturday

#### **May 22**

#### In Stitches Knitting Club

2pm

Carbondale Branch Library 320 Sopris Ave, Carbondale, CO

Join us for a knitting and crocheting group to hang out, chat, share tips, and to meet other folks who knit.

#### May 24

#### Foam Party

3:30pm

Carbondale Branch Library 320 Sopris Ave, Carbondale, CO

Kick start the summer with a foam party!

#### **May 26**

### TaylorMade Golf Demo Day @ Golf at River Valley Ranch

10am - 2pm

Golf at River Valley Ranch

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