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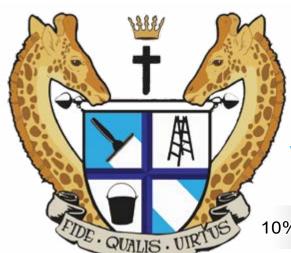
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Easter Potluck & Egg Hunt!

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Herbs & Spice & Everything Nice 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

April 29, 30

Ice Breaker Downriver Race 7am - 7pm

The first annual downriver canoe and

Loma Boat Ramp 13 Rd, Fruita, CO kawak race

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WORKING ARTIST

SPOTLIGHT

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COMMUNITY

Spring is finally here! Not that it's been a boring winter by any means, but warm, fresh air with sun kissing the skin is an enticing thought.

May has some wonderful events coming up. Of course we want to checkout this year's Highland Games. Different bands and entertainment, new vendor's and same of Scottish and Irish fun. You probably seen on the cover,

the Grand Valley Highland Games are on the 12th - 14th join us as we greet the public from our own booth.

The Fat Tire Festival is coming up. Last year's was great! We aren't too sure about covering that event this year, but we will definitely see you there for something. A bike race seems to be calling.

Palisade, we hear your call for attention as well! You are on the agenda for June's issue. Brews and Shoes sounds delightful!



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Starting this issue of Mesa County Connection, is the 1st annual Crime Stopper's Car Show. The successful event attracted a massive crowd, which was over joyed by the wonderful weather and introduction to Spring! People brought out their absolute best. Thanks for showing us your babies.

The Desert Rat Races in Fruita provided some wonderful imagery. The trails stay busy, and you never know what you'll find around the next corner. Unpredictable and sometimes powerful weather in Colorado is enough to shutdown any event. Though UTMB World Series was rained out one day, the next couple were magical! The small hiccup didn't discourage anyone. Everyone tightened up their running shoes and carried on.

Last, we have the wonderful opportunity to meet a working artist who has local roots 3 generations long. Ronie Schwinn introduces us to the stain glass craft, which is quite intriguing. Her store, the Working Artist Gallery, has long standing roots here in the valley as well. Work-



ing away on her craft, she The content of this publication doesn't skip a beat explaining the intricacies involved. Thank you to those who helped with questions for this month's issue!

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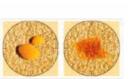
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Introducing the very first Mesa County Crime Stopper's Car Show. Held in April, this packed event had more than a great turnout! Located on the west side of the Mesa Mall in the old Sutherland's parking lot, every spot was filled with contestants and people judging their favorite vehicle.

This gorgeous day was the perfect atmosphere to welcome spring. As you can see by the wide smile on Ms. Brittaney LeTurgez, Chair of Events for Crime Stopper's, everyone is here to have fun! Brittaney says the event went wonderfully. Everyone operated very smoothly. The mix of vendors, food trucks and participants made this car show a huge success! Additionally, law

"touch-a-truck" option, where civilians can checkout vehicles they normally wouldn't, such as the SWAT vehicle below. The large police presence was nonchalant and happy to interact with the public. Representing Mesa County Sheriffs and the Grand Junction SWAT team, were Chandon Rose, Mike Dixon, Jonathon Mosher and Dakotah Shea-Shea (from left to right). The pup, Max Konakis, a well trained, cute sit in, is with Shelter Insurance. Thanks for posing in the magazine guys!

For next year, Brittaney says "we will add a *People's*



1st ANNUAL Can Show

She also mentioned that since it was such a great turn out, they are looking at options for expanding into the other parking lots surrounding this year's area.

Although we didn't get all of the winners photo's in the magazine, Mesa County Connection would like to mention them, as well as Rey and Wendell to the top right, with the Citizens on Patrol branch

of the Sheriffs office. We see them cruising around town. Working as the eyes, ears and witness for local law enforcement, these gentlemen help stop crime before it starts, and should be commended for their contribution.

There were many categories in which to win, but all participants are appreciated for coming out and making this event great! Following are the winners of this year's car show:

Grand Champion & Best Build: Jerry DuCray

Best Classic: Curtis Gabriel

Best of Show Modified: Humphrey RV

Best of Show Stock: Kaleb L Most Original: Phillip de Groot

Best New Era (2010-present): Tanner

Bradley

Best Themed: Steve & Stephanie

Heifner

Best Low Rider: Jerry Drake Jr Best Engine: Kevin Martin Best Swap: Steve Fabrizio Best Paint: Michael Doss Best Import: Brian Fawcett Best Interior: Jose Gonzalez Best Motorcycle: John Romans Wild Custom & Best Exotic:

Mel Sandoval

Best Truck: Alan (no last name given)





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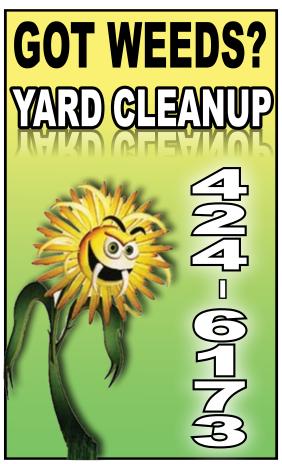


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The Desert Rats UTMB World Series takes place in Fruita Colorado, with a number of trails in Mack and Loma. Racing 10, 21, 42, 50 & 100k tracks, these racers get to experience a number of challenges and difficulties associated with each race.

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 3rd 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 5

Rick Mancuso & The Fyve Star Band

8:30 - 11:30pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar 2565 American Way, Grand Junction Rick and the gang are back and ready to play ya some live rockin country music! FREE SHOW so let's go!!

May 5

INTHEWHALE - Musuji, Cloak and Dagger Club, Handbrake Hero

7pm

Mesa Theater 538 Main St, Grand Junction, CO

\$12 - \$15 All Ages!

May 5. 6

Grand Junction Rides & Vibes

All Day

The Rockslide Brew Pub 401 Main St, Grand Junction, CO Register at

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May 6

DAVID NAIL

7 - 11pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar 2565 American Way, Grand Junction Country music hit maker David Nail ready to make his W debut \$25 -\$55

MESA COUNTY

Walk MS Grand Junction

9am

Canyon View Park

730 24 Rd, Grand Junction, CO

Every step you take at Walk MS leads to something greater. With accessible routes that are stroller- and mobility device-friendly, there's nothing quite like looking around you to a sea of orange-clad people who want to support you and the MS community.

May 6

THE PLOT IN YOU

7pm

Mesa Theater

538 Main St, Grand Junction, CO

\$25 - \$30

All Ages!

May 7

100 Years of Hank featuring Hank and **My Honky Tonk Heroes**

3 -5pm

The Avalon Theatre

645 Main St, Grand Junction, CO

Hank Williams is known the world over as the most influential singer/songwriter ever. Now, acclaimed performer and musician Jason Petty, along with his fourpiece band, is bringing the authentic and insightful story of Hank Williams Sr. to life in Hank and My Honky Tonk Heroes. \$35

May 7

Guest Artists: Priscilla Hallberg, violin, and Arthur Houle, piano

3pm

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Talenda





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Grand Junction

May 8

The Searchers

6:30pm

Avalon Theatre

645 Main Street Grand Junction

The Searchers (John Wayne | 1956 | 1 hr. 59 mins.)

\$5

May 11

BUILT TO SPILL

7pm

Mesa Theater

538 Main St, Grand Junction, CO

\$25 - \$30

All Ages!

May 12

JOEY Rowland & The Over and Under Band

8:30 - 11:30pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar 2565 American Way, Grand Junction The KID is back on the big stage and ready to throw down some REAL country music

Free Show

May 12

Jim Messina

7 - 9:30pm

Avalon Theatre 645 Main Street Grand Junction.

Few musical artists résumés list membership in a band inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

\$29 - \$49

May 12

FRAMING THE RED

7pm

Mesa Theater

538 Main St, Grand Junction, CO

\$16 - \$18

All Ages!

May 12, 13, 14

Highland Games

1pm

Mesa County Fair-

grounds

2785 US-50, Grand Junction, CO For more information and tickets visit: GrandValleyHighlandGames.com

May 13

ALL STAR CAST with Stephen Wesley and Friends w/ special guest Michael Morrow

8:30 - 11:30pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar 2565 American Way, Grand Junction IT'S AN ALL STAR CAST FOR THIS ONE, STEPHEN WESLEY is bringing his buddy's.

\$15 -\$30

May 13

FROM ASHES TO NEW

7pm

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\$24 - \$28

All Ages!

May 13

2nd Annual Grand Junction Tiara Rado Golf Tournament "Drive to End Homelessness"

8am

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May 14

BIZZY BONE

7pm

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\$25 - \$30

All Ages!

May 18

MICHAEL RAY

7 - 11pm

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May 19

DOYLE, SALEM"S CHILDE, KILL-ING CREATION

7pm

Mesa Theater

538 Main St, Grand Junction, CO

\$18 - \$22

All Ages!

May 19

DUELING PIANOS

8 - 11pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar 2565 American Way, Grand Junction Dueling Pianos are always a good time * ALL REQUEST SHOW * GJ let's have some fun...

\$10 - \$25

May 19

ROYAL BLISS

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\$18 - \$23

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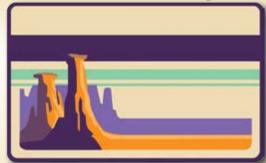


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The Working Artist Gallery in downtown Grand Junction is home to more than 90 featured artists. Full of unique pieces from all over Colorado, this little shop provides a huge opportunity to bring home something that nobody else has.

From jewelry and paintings, to sculptures and pottery, the Working Artist Gallery has plenty to offer. To the right, behind the counter is Shirley Smith working on jewelry in an inspiring work atmosphere. She is one of four artists that also work at the location. Most of these artists work off of a commission basis and appreciate your time and giving their various works attention.

Behind Shirley and the front counter is a room full of eye-catching pieces. These range from abstract and landscape paintings, to colorful, vibrant pottery and lamps that have to be seen in person to fully appreciate the diverse patterns and textures.

This is not all! Farther back you ing art. Not really open to the public, this "behind the scenes" room is where Mesa

will find another studio reserved for mak-County Connection is introduced to Ronie Continued P. 20







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Schwinn, owner of the Working Artist Gallery for the past 6 years.

Working intently on her magnificent stained glass piece, Ronie explains how this mosaic comes together. Drawing the pattern out, she then orders the glass and puts it back together like a puzzle. She then adds flux and carefully solders the glass into position.

Ronie says she has been working with stained glass for 15 years. After working with the previous owner of the Working Artist Gallery, Jackie Moore, Ronie was delighted to purchase the business when Jackie retired.

The Working Artist gallery is the only place you can find stained glass supplies between Denver and Salt Lake City. She invited you to come on down and checkout the artists' work today! 520 Main St. Grand Junction



Grand Junction

May 20

John Crist - Emotional Support Tour 6pm

Avalon Theatre 645 Main Street Grand Junction. John Crist is one of today's fast-rising stand-up comedians.

\$47 - \$147

May 20

DUELING PIANOS - Encore

8 - 11pm

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\$10 - \$25

May 20

STILL HOUSE STRING BAND

7pm

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All Ages!

May 23

YGB Livestock Camp - Grand Junction 2023

4pm

Mesa County Fairgrounds 2785 US-50, Grand Junction, CO

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May 23

KUNG FU VAMPIRE

7pm

Mesa Theater

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\$15 - \$18

All Ages!

May 24

PROTECT THE DELORES FILM PREMIERE

7pm

Mesa Theater

538 Main St, Grand Junction, CO All Ages!

May 25

DREW PARKER

7 - 11pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar 2565 American Way, Grand Junction Drew Parker set to make his W debut! \$15 - \$30

May 24

OVERTIME, Crucifix, Austin Martin

7pm

Mesa Theater

538 Main St, Grand Junction, CO

All Ages!

\$25 - \$100

May 26

FREE BEER & EL CAMINO BURN-OUT

7 - 11pm

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May 27

AWAITING ETERNITY

7pm

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May 29

Memorial Day — Western Slope Vietnam War Memorial Park

10am - 11am

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May 1

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May 2

Handgun Concepts To Win

9am - 5pm

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May 6

MOTHERS DAY TEA

11am

Kokopelli Farm Market 952 I-70, Palisade, CO

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May 13, 14

Barrel into Spring

11am - 5pm 124 W 3rd St, Palisade, CO 970-464-0111 \$15 - \$75

May 14

Brews & Shoes Festival

12 - 5pm

120 W 8th Street Palisade CO Brews & Shoes Festival presented by Grand Valley Bank celebrates over 30 craft brews and hard ciders. Sampling, live music, food, and fun in the beautiful

May 13, 14

Art expo and demos

10am

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Fruita

May 6

Still House String Band

6pm

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

May 6

End of Season Fruita 5K

11am

Fruita Community Center 324 N Coulson St, Fruita, CO The Girls on the Run 5K is one of the most moving and unique events in Colorado.

May 7

Dirty Edge Gravel

11am

Fruita CO

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May 12, 13, 14

Fruita Fat Tire Festival

9am - 5pm

Fruita Co.

This is always a good time. Lots of opportunities for riding, checking out demo bikes, drinking beer, and street dancing

May 25

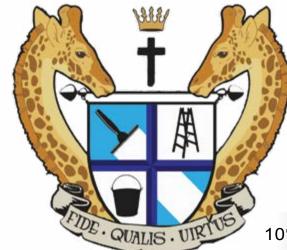
WTF Networking Luncheon: Munchies

12 - 1pm

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