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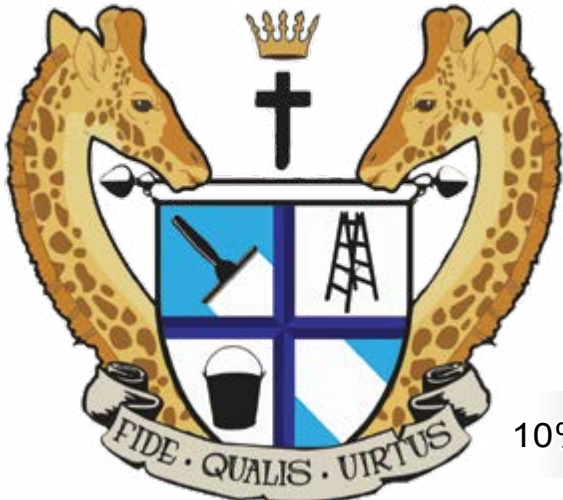
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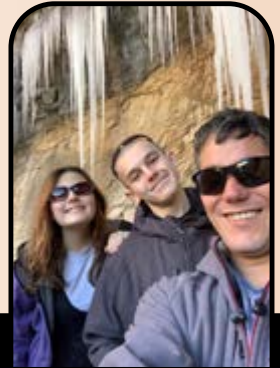
First off, it is my duty to apologize for any mistakes in past publications. There is nothing more embarrassing than one on the front cover. Colorado Drifters Art Work had two letters switched, and the best way to make sure that doesn't happen again, is somewhat of a public flogging. So please, know that it was a complete Freudian slip, lost to eye trickery.

On another note; Glenwood, the article in here was not meant to hash on your parade, so to speak. Anything said, was from a person who has been to all the festivals in the last two years, and is giving a straight forward critique. Hopefully the balance between good and bad is suitable for your reading pleasure.

This publication is meant to be different. We speak to you as an audience whom we may be interacting with at anytime. It's our duty to let you know that we keep you in mind with every article we write.

Acknowledgments

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PUBLISHING & DESIGN JESSE FORNWALT

July's issue of Garfield County Connection starts with a quaint little non-profit in Carbondale. The Gear Library is offering big savings to the community, and anyone wanting to try outdoor recreation around Garfield County. They are conveniently located on Colorado 133, and welcome all to come check them out.

Our readers probably have an idea about the State of our Rivers; however, we would like to give you an overall update. See how the wet winter we had helped the Western half of the United States.

There are a lot of events in July. It's hard to encompass all of them. Please let us know, what on the events page, is helpful and what isn't. Your suggestions matter. Send us a message if you would like to put something in there, or think we should take something out.

Parachute, we missed Rockmageddon. Well not completely. We were there for the final band. It would have been nice to catch some of the races and obstacle courses. We will be there earlier next time!

You do have some very attractive hiking possibilities. Maybe we can get you an article going into Battlement Mesa Reservoir.



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GEAR LIBRARY

Located in the heart of Carbondale, is a unique nonprofit trying to revolutionize the sports equipment rental industry. The brain child of one Olivia Lewis, Gear Library was conceived in February of 2022.

Offering folks the ability to try different outdoor recreation seems like a no-brainer in this beautiful county. High dollar rental stores are popping up everywhere trying to exploit people's adventurous side. Not to worry! The Gear Library makes outdoor recreation affordable for everybody!

With equipment rentals only \$1, with a credit card and the returned item, there is no excuse not to get out this summer and try something new. Ranging from ski and snow boarding equipment, to rafts, kayaks, bikes, electric bikes and safety equipment, just to name a few, this is your one stop shop for adventuring into a new sport.

Kyle Watts, Store Manager, seen above says he has been with the store since it opened, and he invites you to come on down and check out the store and some cool, affordable gear.

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We all know the river is looking good. Even if you didn't know exact numbers, you can plainly see it's better than the previous few years, which were looking quite pathetic. Our poor old, dried up river is now flowing at 150% of capacity. Hopefully this becomes a pattern, because it might look like enough water, however, we aren't out of the deep end yet.

According to Lake Powell Water Data Base, the lowest level of the year was April 13th. An elevation was recorded at 3,519 feet, with a maximum capacity of 3,700 feet¹. That's almost 200 feet lost during the 10 year drought.



Fortunately snow pack totals across the Western Slope were 160% or more. This contributed to a major replenishing of the two lakes depending on this water, and helped console millions of people down stream of them.

As of June 24th water levels were recorded at 3,580 feet. That means in 72 days, the water level rose a little more than one foot per day! As you can see on the left in Glenwood, the water is almost up to the sidewalk.

We are only 74% through the water year. If we continue our current fill up rate, we are destined to be out of the drought, with lake Powell Elevation reaching 3,600 feet or more.



Some beg to differ from this equation. Our friends over at Ute Water predicted that it will take 10 years of snow like we got this year, to recover from the previous 10². There is no predicting the weather these days, but even if we got a couple more winters like this year, we would be on a great path.

The enthusiasts and industries surrounding the rivers and lakes are taking full advantage of the high water. Because water levels have been deficient for the past 10 years, it's better to

hope for the best, and prepare for the worst. We may never have stable weather cycles again!

1)"Lake Powell Water Database." Edited by Summit Technologies Water-Data.com, Lake Powell Water Database, 24 June 2023, lakepowell.water-data.com/.

2)"Mesa Lakes." Published Mesa County Connection. February, 2023. <http://jforwalt.accountsupport.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/FebruaryDigital-1.pdf>

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Strawberry Days!!!

When observing an event for the first time, it's hard not to think about the good and bad parts. Of course we showed up to have fun. We want an awesome time, without trivialities to interfere with our joy.

Strawberry Days is a great time! There was no holding back when they organized this kid friendly celebration with plenty of activities. Live music from the 101st Army Band stunned the crowd with their harmonic "old time" sound, that even got their Superior Officers dancing.

Other bands that played throughout the weekend, were locals such as Cody Jeffreys and Highway 82 Band, both from the Roaring Fork Valley. Funkiphino, Dustin Elliot & The Broken Radio, The Know Bodies Band, Ponder the Albatross, Echo Monday, Rodrigo, Los Mochets and Peach Street Revival were all bands entertaining the crowd.

The 3 day festival also featured Line Dance Lessons with Rachel DeGraffenried, Fire Dancing, Food & Alcohol vendors, Aerial Acrobatics and a complete lack of STRAWBERRIES!

If you are downtown on 8th & Grand Avenue, you will notice plaques on the wall of the shared building of Colorado Mountain College and the Glenwood Springs Chamber, which reads, "From New Castle to Parachute, Glenwood Springs to Eagle, Carbondale to Aspen, the farmers of the local valleys produce some of the states finest fruits, vegetables and dairy products. The need for expanded markets and better prices for their produce prompted the farmers to organize an event, better yet, a tradition: Strawberry Days". The plaque goes on to speak about the very first Strawberry Days, which was agriculturally based, and geared towards showing off the best of local farmer's produce. 128 years later, the plump, delicious strawberries that were celebrated a century ago have seem to become a myth.

With as much as going on at the venue as there was, Two River's Park may not have been able to handle a



Farmer's Market also. Access to the event was limited, meaning, if you didn't want to park in the \$20 paid parking for this free event, you were forced to find parking wherever you could, and hope to not be towed. The walk was then across the overpass of I-70 to the gorgeous Two River's Park.

If the theme of Strawberry Days was shopping for bulky produce, transporting all your purchased items would have been a headache. Now, 4 whole months are dedicated to the farmer's. From June - September on Tuesdays from 4 - 8pm you can come down to the Market on Main Street, park in the abundant parking garage and shop all our local farmers' produce.

The tradition must continue. With the increase of attendance, and lack of space to accommodate such a crowd, Glenwood Springs needs to work with what they got. Organizing separate events, one to pass on the tradition, and another for maximizing farmer's profits, seems to be the best way to get both worlds.



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July 7

Summer Movie In The Park Series (Veterans' Park)

Dusk
Veteran's Park
501 Grand Ave.
Join the community for the movie in the park series featuring Super Mario Brothers

July 12

Farmer's Market
4:30 - 7:30pm
Veteran's Park
501 Grand Ave.
Every Wednesday through August 30th

July 12

Kids All Together Now Yoga and Mindfulness

4:30 - 7:30pm
Silt Library
680 Home Ave, Silt, CO
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Mike Schneider's music will have people of all ages singing, clapping, and dancing along to songs. This event, however, is so much more than music. It's magic, comedy, and education rolled into one fluid, high-energy musical package guaranteed to bring a smile to the faces of young and old alike!

July 21

Summer Movie In The Park Series-

Dusk
Veteran's Park
501 Grand Ave.
Join the community for the movie in the park series.

July 26

Hip Hop for Families: Unity with Mr. Kneel

2pm
Silt Library
680 Home Ave, Silt, CO
Join Mr. Kneel for a Summer Reading show that will thrill and excite your family with beatbox and rhymes.

Calendar

Connecting Community

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New Castle

July 6

Open Mic Night

6:30 - 8:30pm

Colorado Drifters

331 Main St. New Castle

All are welcome. Come enjoy coffee, wine or other drinks, while watching locals tell jokes or sing.

July 12

Kids All Together Now Yoga and Mindfulness

11am

New Castle Library

402 W Main St, New Castle

It's easy to be kind and friendly after you've stretched your body and calmed your mind.social!

July 14

Trivia Night

6 - 8:30pm

Colorado Drifters

331 Main St. New Castle

Fun, trivia and drinks!

July 19

Pint Size Polkas

1pm

New Castle Library

402 W Main St, New Castle

Mike Schneider's music will have people of all ages singing, clapping, and dancing along to songs.

July 18

New Castle Bike Cruise

6:15 pm

Colorado Drifters

331 Main St. New Castle

Live Music on the patio following cruise with Barry Andersen

July 22

Live Music with Oran Mor Duo

6:30 - 8:30pm

Colorado Drifters

331 Main St. New Castle

Come see some live music with us!

July 26

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11am

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402 W Main St, New Castle

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New Castle Conversations

6pm

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July 29

2 Year Anniversary Party

Evening

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Parachute

July 6

Ice Cream Social

11am

Parachute Library

244 Grand Valley Way, Parachute Celebrate the halfway point of our Summer Reading Challenge with an ice cream social!

July 11

Latin Dance Workshops

6pm

Parachute Library

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11am

Parachute Library

244 Grand Valley Way, Parachute

Join Mr. Kneel for a Summer Reading show that will thrill and excite your family with beatbox and rhymes

July 3

4th of July Celebration fireworks

11am - 9:45pm

Metro Park - Centennial Park

1718 Railroad Ave, Rifle

Centennial Park

300 W 5th St, Rifle

11:00am to 3:00pm at Metro Park, there will be bounce houses, a dunk tank, inflatable slip and slide, a bubble tower and food trucks. Pool session fees will be reduced to \$3.00 for the day.

At Centennial Park, Symphony in the Valley's ensemble, Noodle Soup, will be playing a concert beginning at 7:00pm

July 6

Ice Cream Social

2pm

Rifle Library

207 East Ave, Rifle

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July 8

Art in the Stacks: Holly Jorvig

3pm

Rifle Library

207 East Ave, Rifle

Holly Jorvig's work is inspired by people, places and things of a past age, bringing the focus into the present

July 7, 14, 21, 28

Rifle Farmer's Market

4 - 8pm

Heinze Park

612 Railroad Ave Rifle

Join us from 5-8 pm for live music with Tim & Melissa.

Rifle



ROCKMAGEDDON

This event should have had two pages dedicated to it. Unfortunately, Saturday around 5 pm, on this first weekend in June, was too late! Garfield County Connection only made it to the last free concert, and prize raffle.

We did, however, get to meet Josh Meloy and Band. This group is on tour out of Oklahoma. The laid back, country feel, was played to a tired, muddy bunch, who had been competing in various races and obstacle courses all day. Dancing was not on the agenda.

Guns were though! Some of the swag raffled off was hand guns and rifles. Maybe this is only allowed in smaller towns, because this is a first for us.

It would have been a pleasure to see what other surprises Rockmageddon had in store. We will make sure to catch this event next year to share with the county.



Rifle continued

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121 E 3rd St, Rifle, CO

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July 17 - 21

Summer Theater Camp – The Secret Garden

10am - 2:30pm

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July 23 - 30

Garfield County Fair and Rodeo

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Saddle up your horses because the Garfield County Fair and Rodeo is going big in 2022. Country music sensation Big & Rich is headlining this year's annual concert on Aug. 5, in what is sure to be a wild night filled with dancing, singing, and boot-stomping. Singer-songwriter Jennifer Belle is kicking off the fun at the Garfield County Fairgrounds in Rifle, Colo.

Events CONNECTION

July 24

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6pm

Rifle Library

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Glenwood Springs

July 4

Fourth of July Celebration

4:30 - 9:30pm
Two Rivers Park
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Celebration Begins Super Fiesta Bounce
Houses Wood & Steel Axe Throwing,
Lawn Games, Face Painting Creations,
Food & Beverage Vendors: Live Music
Begins at 6:00 PM

July 4

Ice Cream Social

3:30pm
Glenwood Springs Library
815 Cooper Ave, Glenwood Springs
Celebrate the halfway point of our Summer
Reading Challenge with an ice cream
social!

July 9

Music on the Mountain

4 - 7pm
Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park
51000 Two Rivers Plaza Road, Glenwood
Springs
Bring the whole family and enjoy music
by School of Rock (from Ft. Collins!)

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Film Screening: The Public

4:30pm
Glenwood Springs Library
815 Cooper Ave, Glenwood Springs
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Libraries for discussions and showings of
the 2018 film

July 15

Maggie's Mountain Run 5K, 10K & Fun Run Mile 2023

7:30am - 8pm
7437 Co Rd 117, Glenwood Springs.
Run the mountain trails of private-
ly-owned Argonaut Farm in Glenwood
Springs, Colorado while supporting the
fight against pediatric cancer at the 2023
Maggie's Mountain Run .

July 18

July WIN - Beer Tasting!

5:30 - 7pm
Casey Brewing Barrel Cellar
3421 Grand Ave, Glenwood Springs
We are back again at Casey Brewing Bar-
rel Cellar for our July event!

July 22

Glenwood Springs Car Show

9am - 2pm
Glenwood Springs Mall
15 Market St, Glenwood Springs, CO
BBQ, show and cruise. Proceeds benefit
Lift-Up serving the needy in our commu-
nity.

July 26 - 27

Street Theater

1 - 4pm
Glenwood Springs Community Art Cen-
ter
601 E 6th St, Glenwood Springs
Come and build your creativity skills!
Participants will take part in a variety of
performance-oriented activities including
building instruments, costume-making,
and storytelling.

July 26

Touch A Truck

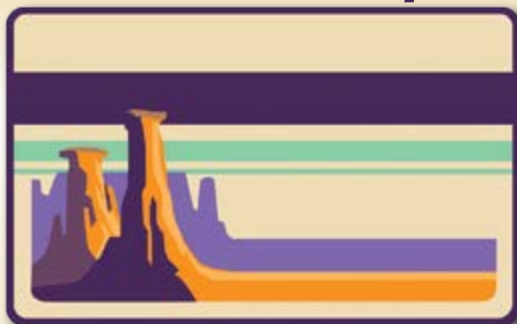
10am - 12pm
Downtown Glenwood
Get excited for our Little Rec Summer
Events! We'll be hosting a Little Rodeo,
Teddy Bear Tea Party, H2O Luau, and
Touch a Truck for children ages 0-7 and
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July 28 - 30

State Double Disc Golf Tournament

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Carbondale

July 4

4th of July Parade & Pool Party

10:30am - 2:30pm

Main St. and Pool

Help celebrate 4th of July with a pool party!

July 6

Ice Cream Social

1pm

Carbondale Library

320 Sopris Ave, Carbondale

Celebrate the halfway point of our Summer Reading Challenge with an ice cream social!

July 6

Kids Art Tent — Powers Art Center

11am - 4pm

Powers Art Center

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30 minute craft sessions - children must be accompanied by an adult - Free and open to the public - No reservations necessary, simply stop by!

July 12

Season Ammons

8 - 11pm

Steve's Guitars

19 N 4th St, Carbondale, CO

With a voice as distinguishable and versatile as her name, Season Ammons is an award-winning songwriter, vocalist and multi-instrumentalist.

\$20 - \$30

July 12

Film Screening: The Public

5:30pm

Carbondale Library

320 Sopris Ave, Carbondale

Adults are invited to the Garfield County Libraries for discussions and showings of the 2018 film

July 14

Sweet Jessup and the Dirty Buckets

8 - 11pm

Steve's Guitars

19 N 4th St, Carbondale, CO

Buckets. Saws. Slide Whistles. Glass slide. Sweet Jessup and the Dirty Buckets have one trashy jam sound. Literally, the percussionist plays old used buckets and thrift stores objects.

\$20

July 14

Dark Star Orchestra: ALC Benefit Concert @ Golf at River Valley Ranch

5 - 10pm

Golf at River Valley Ranch

303 River Valley Ranch Rd, Carbondale

Join us for an amazing evening of music with Dark Star Orchestra as they continue the Grateful Dead concert experience.

\$49 - \$275

July 15

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10:30am

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July 17 - 19

Yew Camp

Monday 8:30am - Wednesday 3:30pm

Coal Basin Ranch

Coal Creek Rd, Carbondale, CO

killz campers will start and end their day with some basic mind-body exercises. A focus on personal growth and a connection to nature will find its way into our program as well.

\$275



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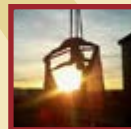
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