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Weekly Info Update

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To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER
Date: June 4, 2016
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

Mike The Headless Chicken Festival Today & Tomorrow

Mike the Headless Chicken Festival is this weekend – Poultry Show is bigger, beer garden is bigger, and Mike is Going for the Gold. 250 chickens are being brought in the Civic Center today—not a joke, but lots of plastic was laid first on the floors and walls. Come out and enjoy the Williams Brothers Band on Friday evening and Cracker on Saturday evening. And don't forget the 5K race, car show, chicken and peep eating contests, and more vendors than ever before. It's going to be another great Mike Festival, but without rain and wind and lots of sun!

Tuesday's City Council Meeting

Tuesday night's agenda includes the second readings for ordinance changes regarding animal control definitions, fences and signs. First readings on the agenda include a new franchise agreement with Bresnan Communications and amending the code in regards to the Municipal Court Clerk. Also on the agenda is a liquor license renewal, a contract for sewer service and a conditional use permit for Fruita Liquor Mart. Public Works Director Ken Haley will present on an IGA with the 5-2-1 Authority regarding the City's MS4 permit requirements and a general update on Public Works.

Chip Sealing City Roads

Each year we dedicate funds to chip seal City roads that are next on the priority list and within the budget. This year we partnered with Mesa County to get more miles accomplished with the same budget. The process begins with glue being laid on the road and chips placed on the glue. Then the chips are left to be driven on for a week or two before the seal is placed. Monday, this process begins on Aspen Ave, from Circle Park to Peach (missed last year due to the downtown construction) to take advantage of the already utilized traffic control for Mike the Headless Chicken Festival. Following Aspen Ave, will be the Community Center parking lot, Little Salt Wash Park parking lot and Wildcat Ave. The following week will be 19 Rd. and Maple

Honor the Past – Envision the Future **FRUITA**

(south of the Interstate). Kingsview Rd. will be last, likely beginning the week of June 20.

TID BITS:

- We issued another 11 residential dwelling unit permits in May for a total of 32 for the year as compared to 35 for all of 2015. See full report below.
- Public Works and Parks crews have been prepping for Mike the Headless Chicken Festival this week.
- Mesa Grand paid for an appraisal of the lake at the business park and the value came to \$245,700 and they plan to gift the lake to the City this year.
- 5 bids were received to replace our street sweeper and all under budget.
- On the new Lower Little Salt Wash Trail, the last of the railing is in place—just need to grout the bases and a few minor last minute items are all that remain.
- The pavement repair at the drainage improvements on J.2 Rd. are now complete to close out that project.
- The consultant for the Kokopelli section of the Riverfront Trail surveyed the ground last week, walked through the waste water property to narrow down the alignment this week and working on preliminary plans.
- Engineering surveyed the first round of monitoring data for determining any movement of the dam at Reservoir 2 and will continue on a monthly basis. They are preparing an RFP for geotechnical investigation, but the data surveyed showed signs of stabilization.
- Lisa Hamilton has accepted the Municipal Court Clerk position and will start working on June 20, 2016.
- The RFP for Audit services is out.
- Cpl. Young is starting the *Gear Up for Bike Safety* program today, handing out FCC passes or ice cream coupons to kids wearing helmets. A special thanks to Gears, Enstrom's and the FCC for donating!
- Officers have been getting in some extra patrol at Snooks as the weather heats up.
- Memorial Day weekend was busy; a lot of search and rescue calls just outside Fruita.
- The new (shared) server Provelocity put on line last week seems to be working well.
- Det. Dicamillo spoke with the seniors about protecting yourself from fraud - at the *Senior Lunch* this week.
- Dinomites Summer camp is filling up – registration numbers have surpassed all previous years. One change in Dinomites is that the kids will be meeting at Shelledy Elementary School and not the FCC...Thanks to D51 for opening their doors for us this summer.
- The bus stop enclosure at Civic Center has been moved to by the Bronco on SW Corner of Aspen and Peach – enclosure will not be used for buses anymore as the routes have changed in Fruita. New Bench was placed behind the pavilion at NE Corner of Aspen and Peach. They look great.
- FCC Visit Numbers are good. May visits were 15,483 (highest May ever for the FCC). January through May in 2016 is 4554 visits over the same period in 2015. Rock On! Oh and summer is here, the outdoor pool is open and it is getting HOT!

- Staff has been coordinating discussions with PeopleforBikes, COPMOBA and the BLM about the possibility conducting a study on electronic mountain bikes on non-motorized trails. If the study does occur it will focus on the social aspects of placing a low speed, class I, 250 watt motorized bike on non-motorized trails and. There is some concern and caution about conducting this survey but we've been told by PeopleforBikes that it is intended to provide public lands managers data on the social implications of eMTB's so they can develop policy solutions moving forward and will not be an advocacy study for eMTB's. Could be an interesting study and will keep Fruita in the forefront of biking issues...we'll keep you all posted.
- See an image with all the Business Incubator events and classes below.
- The new billboard is up, but unfortunately it was too small so we have been told it will be replaced the right way soon.
- Thanks again for the start of a great goal-setting season! Quality of Place, Economic Health, Culture& Recreation...Simplicity, Clarity, Repetition ☺.
- Have a great weekend—I'll probably see you chasing my kids around like my head is cut off.

FRUITA IN THE NEWS (or related news to the area):

- Park City Mountain Bike blog post on Fruita mountain biking: <http://parkcitymountainbike.com/locals-guide-mountain-biking-fruita/>
- Flags placed from Collbran to Fruita for Veterans TV spot: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/flags-placed-from-collbran-to-fruita-for-veterans>
- Colorado Escapist, Ep: 2 Bikes and wine on the Western Slope: <http://www.aspentimes.com/news/22214975-113/colorado-mountain-biking-colorado-national-monument-and-wine>
- Music scene: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/entertainment/articles/music-scene-katchafire>
- Quick Picks: Mike the Ehadless Chicken Festival: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/entertainment/articles/quick-picks-mike-the-headless-chicken-festival-sum>
- In this Jurassic boneyard, it's not size that counts (Smithsonian article referencing Fruita): <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/jurassic-boneyard-its-not-size-counts-180959293/?no-ist>
- New "edgy" slogan for downtown Grand Junction is a big deal TV spot: <http://www.kjct8.com/content/news/381581131.html>
- Gigantic T. Rex pays summer visit to Fruita's Dinosaur journey: <http://kool1079.com/gigantic-t-rex-pays-summer-visit-to-fruitas-dinosaur-journey/>
- Colorado Canyons hospital debuts lung screening program TV spot: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/colorado-canyons-hospital-debuts-lung-cancer-screening-program>

- Three Amigos Bike 142 miles from Fruita to Moab (courtesy of Outside Television): <http://unofficialnetworks.com/2016/06/watch-three-amigos-bike-142-miles-from-fruita-to-moab>
- Wall Street Journal Article on Luis Benitez—After the Coffee Meeting, a Rock-Climbing Session: <http://www.wsj.com/articles/after-the-meeting-a-rock-climbing-session-1464720651>

UPCOMING EVENTS *(When an RSVP is required I will include the information. I also ask that you let Deb know if you plan to attend so we can make sure to post if multiple council members plan to attend. Deb would also be happy to RSVP for you.):*

- All summer events listed below.
- **June 3-5** is Mike the Headless Chicken Festival in downtown! Full schedule found: <http://www.miketheheadlesschicken.org/mike/page/2016-schedule>
- **June 9** is our first summer concert at 7:30 pm but prior to that is a Broadband Community Outreach Meeting at the Civic Center from 6-7 pm (More info below).
- **June 10** is the Council Staff Leadership Retreat beginning at Rim Rock Adventures at 7:45 am and returning by 4:30 pm.
- **June 11** is the Colorado Canyons Association 3rd Annual Crazy About Canyons Wine Dinner (more info below).
- **June 11** is Dinosaur Day at Dinosaur Journey from 9am – 5pm.
- **June 15** at 7pm is the first Riverfront concert with March Fourth Marching Band at the state park.
- **June 25** is the Refurbished state-line marker dedication (more info below).
- The Fruita Community Calendar is available on the website at: <http://www.fruita.org/calendar>.
- The **2015** Events Information is also available online at: <http://www.fruita.org/parksrec/page/special-events>

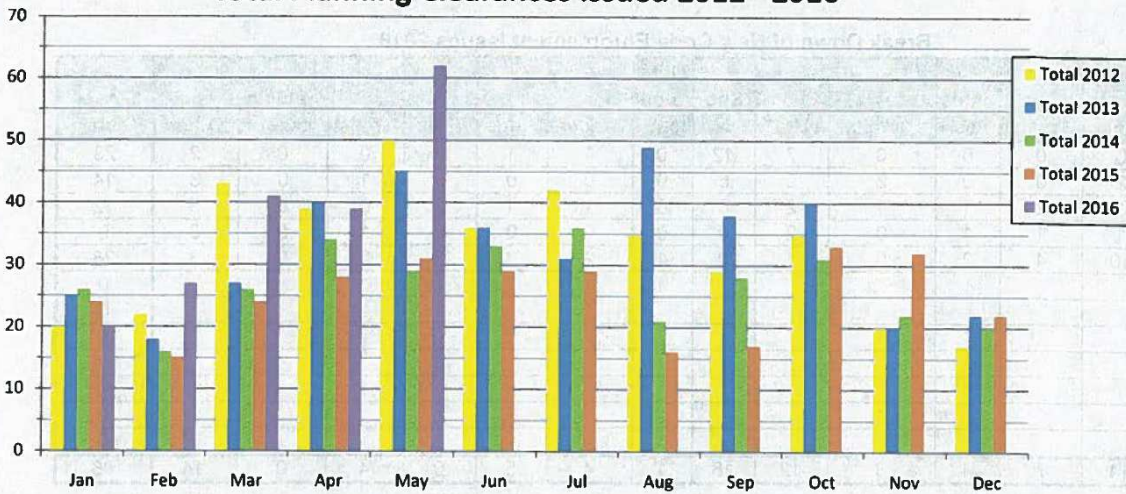
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MONTHLY DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2016

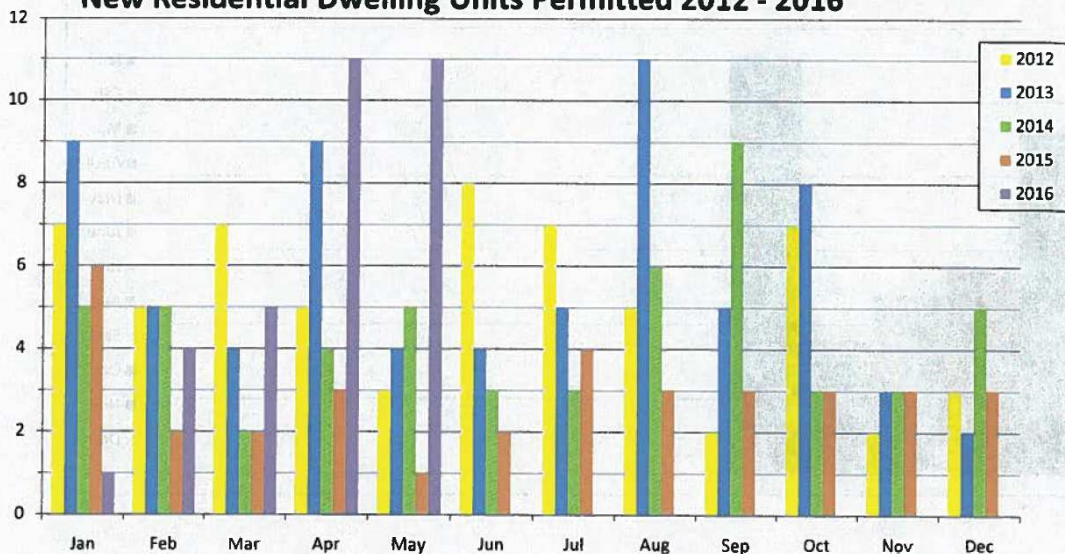
RESIDENTIAL D/U's PERMITTED AND TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED

	Total 2010	RES 2010	Total 2011	RES 2011	Total 2012	RES 2012	Total 2013	RES 2013	Total 2014	RES 2014	Total 2015	RES 2015	Total 2016	RES 2016	RES AVER
Jan	16	10	16	2	20	7	25	9	26	5	24	6	20	1	6
Feb	16	5	17	7	22	5	18	5	16	5	15	2	27	4	5
Mar	38	2	41	13	43	7	27	4	26	2	24	2	41	5	5
Apr	45	19	29	3	39	5	40	9	34	4	28	3	39	11	8
May	41	6	28	3	50	3	45	4	29	5	31	1	62	11	5
Jun	36	5	30	0	36	8	36	4	33	3	29	2			3
Jul	29	9	21	3	42	7	31	5	36	3	29	4			4
Aug	27	4	16	3	35	5	49	11	21	6	16	3			5
Sep	23	2	22	5	29	2	38	5	28	9	17	3			4
Oct	33	5	35	6	35	7	40	8	31	3	33	3			5
Nov	26	4	22	1	20	2	20	3	22	3	32	3			2
Dec	19	3	17	0	17	3	22	2	20	5	22	3			2
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Total Planning Clearances Issued 2012 - 2016



New Residential Dwelling Units Permitted 2012 - 2016



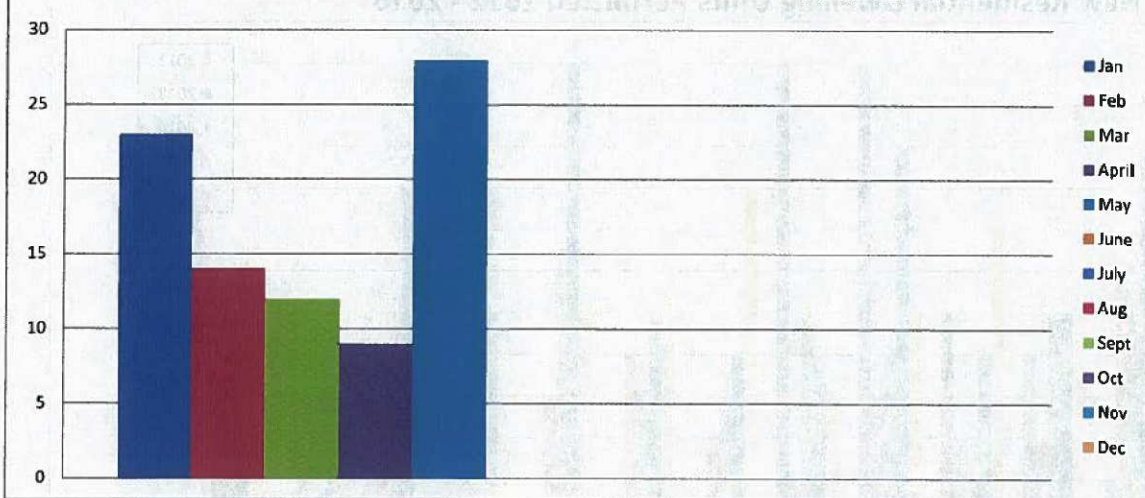
Break Down of other Development Permits Issued 2016

	Fence	Com	Remodel	Res Remodel	Upgrade	Roof	garpo	Addn	Sign	Shed	Demo	Mobile	Porch/Patio	Misc.	Total
Jan	3	0	2	2	5	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	21
Feb	1	0	2	2	7	2	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	7	21
Mar	11	0	1	3	5	3	1	1	3	6	0	0	1	6	41
April	10	1	0	0	4	2	0	1	2	3	0	1	0	15	34
May	6	0	3	3	6	15	0	0	4	5	0	0	3	17	61
June															0
July															0
Aug															0
Sept															0
Oct															0
Nov															0
Dec															0
YTD	31	1	8	10	27	23	2	2	14	16	0	1	6	49	181

Break Down of New Code Enforcement Issues 2016

	Weeds	Trash	Junk Vehicles	Permits	Business	Snow	Obstructions	Trailer	Signs	Tires	Trees	Appliances	Other	Total
Jan	0	0	0	0	7	12	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	23
Feb	2	0	0	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	14
Mar	1	2	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	12
April	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	9
May	10	4	2	0	1	0	1	2	3	0	2	0	3	28
June														0
July														0
Aug														0
Sept														0
Oct														0
Nov														0
Dec														0
YTD	14	7	4	3	12	18	1	4	5	0	4	0	14	66

Breakdown of New Code Enforcement Issues 2016



2016 Summer Events and Activities in Fruita

June 3-4	Mike the Headless Chicken Festival		Downtown Fruita
June 9	Thursday Night Concert – Jack and Jill	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
June 11	Dinosaur Day	9am - 5pm	Dinosaur Journey Museum
June 15	Colorado Riverfront Concert – March Forth	7:00pm	James M Robb Colorado River State Park
June 16	Thursday Night Concert – The Navigators	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
June 22	Bike to Work Day Breakfast by FHW (Flash Ride from Dinosaur Journey To Community Center 6:30 am)	7:30-9am	Fruita Community (Recreation) Center
June 23	Thursday Night Concert – Bicycle Annie	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
June 24	Food Truck Fridays	5:30 – 8:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
June 25	Fruita Farmers Market Starts (each Saturday)	8:30 am – 12:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
June 30	Thursday Night Concert – Centennial Band (City Council Ice Cream Social)	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
July 3	Fruita Fireworks Display (Fireworks Set-off at Dusk from Snooks Bottom)	Dusk	Viewing Throughout Fruita
July 3	Fruita Family Fun Fair	5 – 9 pm	South Side Market Place
July 7	Thursday Night Concert – Stonefed	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
July 14	Thursday Night Concert – Flat Top Reed	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
July 20	Little Salt Wash Trail Dedication (Ride, Run, Walk from Fruita Community Center to State Park. Dedication Prior to Concert.)		James M Robb Colorado River State Park
July 20	Colorado Riverfront Concert – Subdudes	7:00pm	James M Robb Colorado River State Park
July 21	Thursday Night Concert – Sleep Junkys	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
July 22	Food Truck Fridays	5:30 – 8:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
July 28	Thursday Night Concert – Retrospectacle	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
Aug 4	Thursday Night Concert – Zolopht	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
Aug 4	Colorado Riverfront Concert – Buckwheat Zydeco	7:00pm	James M Robb Colorado River State Park
Aug 6	Cops and Cars for Special Olympics		Fruita Monument High School
Aug 11	Thursday Night Concert – Williams Brothers Band	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
Aug 13	Bike Rodeo		Fruita Community (Recreation) Center
Aug 13	Tour of the Valley – Bicycle Tour		Fruita Area Roads
Aug 26	Food Truck Fridays	5:30 – 8:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
Sep 10	Dog Daze at the Outdoor Pool		Fruita Community (Recreation) Center
Sep 17	Final Farmer's Market	8:30am – 12:30pm	Downtown Fruita
Sep 23-25	Fruita Fall Festival		Downtown Fruita
Sep 30	Food Truck Fridays	5:30 – 8:30 pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park

*Also don't forget the Tuesday night Rodeos at Rim Rock during the summer.

Pumping Up the Dream
Starting a Business in Western Colorado

Take advantage of the opportunity to receive step by step guidance as you start your new business in Western Colorado. This class covers the most commonly asked questions including how to do a trade name search, choosing the right legal structure, registering with the state, local licensing requirements, the business planning process, and options for financing your business.

Cost is \$50 and includes training materials and membership in the Fast Trac Business Basics program.

Morning Class 9:00 am to noon

Tuesday, June 14
Tuesday, July 26

Afternoon Class 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Thursday, July 14 **FRUITA**
Tuesday, August 30

Evening Class 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Thursday, August 18

Fast Trac Business Basics

Classes are offered from noon-1:00

Must Take Starting a Business Class First

FREE: Call 243-5242 to Pre-Register

Fast Trac Market Research: Learn to use market research tools to generate more business	6/9/16 FRUITA 7/5/16
Fast Trac Business Planning: Write a plan to help ensure the success of your business.	6/27/16 7/12/16
Fast Trac Internet Strategies: Learn how to be accessible through the Internet.	6/22/16 7/27/16
Fast Trac Licensing: License your business online.	6/16/16 7/21/16
Fast Trac Cash Flows: Learn how to do a cash flow budget using Excel.	6/13/16 7/18/16

Navigating the Health Coverage Maze:
Getting the Most Affordable Coverage

Rhonda Lofing with Hilltop Health Access will help us Navigate through the Health Care Coverage Maze. Learn how to get the most affordable coverage for you, your family and your employees.

Topics include:

- Large employers don't necessary offer the most affordable coverage.
- People can change coverage during the year based upon financial considerations.
- Health coverage options are now complex – get free help!

FREE

Wednesday, June 8, 2016
9:00 am to 10:30 am

Call 243-5242 to Register

All Dates & Events Are Subject to Change

Events in **Fruita** will be held at our Fruita Location:

325 East Aspen Street
Fruita, Colorado



The SBDC is partially funded by the U.S. Small Business Administration. SBA's funding is not an endorsement of any products, opinions or services. SBA funded programs are extended to the public on a non-discriminatory basis.



Bookkeeping Bootcamp

Learn how to set up and track business accounting records, and gain better control of your business by learning how balance sheets, income statements, and cash flow projections are prepared and what they can tell you about your business.

Cost: \$75 (includes lunch)

Thursday, July 7, 2016
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Business Valuation:
What's it worth to you?

What would be a fair listing price for a business and how is it determined? Will a lender finance the acquisition? Does selling a business within the industry provide opportunity to command a premium price? Join us in learning about the roles of market analysis and business evaluation in developing a realistic business worth assessment.

Tuesday, August 9, 9:00 to 10:30 am
Cost: \$ 35.00



June 17
Aspen Street
136 E. Aspen St.
Fruita, CO
10 to noon

Intermediate Social Media:
Setup an Effective Facebook Campaign
in 5 Easy Steps

Nikole James with Travel Copy Solutions will teach you how to boost your small business' sales with these great tools.

Thursday, August 18
8:30 to 10:00 am





NEWS RELEASE

Date: May 19, 2016

Contact: Rick Corsi
244-1796 (Office)
Rick.corsi@mesacounty.us

Meetings set to gather feedback for broadband planning

Mesa County is kicking off a series of meetings to gather input for county- and region-wide broadband planning. The goal is to develop a plan that fully leverages current broadband resources, while improving the availability of high-speed Internet throughout the region.

Officials are asking for input from all Internet users – business professionals, community and health services providers, educators, government officials and citizens – to ensure comprehensive Internet development. Primary goals are to maximize broadband availability and cost savings, while taking full advantage of available funding opportunities.

Meetings will be held:

- June 2, 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., county-wide business and industry, 544 Rood Ave.
- June 2, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m., community, 544 Rood Ave.
- June 8, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m., community, De Beque Community Center, 381 Minter
- June 8, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m., community, Collbran Fire House, 2004 Elm Ave.
- June 9, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m., community, Fruita Civic Center, 325 E. Aspen Ave.

For more information, please call Rick Corsi at (970) 244-1796.

SAVE THE DATE! Make your reservation now - only 100 seats



**COLORADO CANYONS
ASSOCIATION**

**3 R D A N N U A L
CRAZY ABOUT CANYONS
WINE DINNER
@ C A R L S O N ' S**

Amazing picnic buffet featuring local and organic Roan Creek Ranch bratwursts by 'Ganic Grub with choice of Tuscan, German or American varieties, local produce from Pharmacy Farms, homemade sides & desserts, plus select Carlson Vineyards wines.

- "Gunnison Gorge NCA: From presidents and dino tracks to world class fishery" program by Edd Franz, BLM.
- Silent Auction: Bid on wines, adventures & more to support CCA.
- Commemorative wine glass and wine tours with the experts at Carlson Vineyards.

\$65/pp in support of Colorado Canyons Association

**RSVP & Tickets: coloradocanyonsassociation.org
or call Joe Neuhof at 970-263-7902 THANK YOU**



Colorado Canyons Association is committed to community stewardship of McInnis Canyons, Dominguez/Escalante and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Areas (NCAs). We are a non-partisan, non-profit, 501 (c)(3), volunteer organization fostering cooperation among all NCA user groups.

Saturday, June 11, 2016 • 5:30 – 8:00 PM
Carlson Vineyards, 461 35 Rd., Palisade, CO



NEWS RELEASE

Date: May 19, 2016

Contact: Veronica Daehn Harvey
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Save the date: Refurbished state-line marker will be dedicated June 25

Historic marker will find new home along I-70

Work is nearing completion on the restoration of a historical marker that was once celebrated at the state line between Colorado and Utah.

On June 25, the marker, which had become a canvas for graffiti, gunshots and other abuse, will be celebrated in its new home near the Colorado-Utah state line on the south, or eastbound, side of Interstate 70.

Members of the public are invited to celebrate the unveiling of the refurbished marker.

What: Ceremony celebrating the refurbished state-line marker

When: Saturday, June 25, 10 a.m.

Where: Colorado-Utah state line, eastbound I-70

How: Grand Valley Transit will provide transportation from the Rabbit Valley parking lot in the McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area. To get there from Grand Junction, travel west on I-70 and take exit 2. Immediately turn left onto Rabbit Valley Road to reach the Rabbit Valley Trailhead. Attendees should arrive at the parking lot between 9:30-9:45 a.m.

Because the event will take place on the side of the Interstate, parking will be very limited on site. Organizers encourage attendees to utilize the GVT shuttle from Rabbit Valley.

"This is such an important piece of Mesa County history," said Commissioner Scott McInnis, who led the efforts to restore the marker. "We're really excited to see it properly restored."