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# Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER  
Date: FEBRUARY 6, 2015  
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

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## **Partners in Fruita**

Staff met with Partners leadership and a representative of the Business Incubator regarding office space for Partners to begin operating in Fruita. Although the Civic Center is not the ideal location for their entire operation, we are working out hours and space Partners staff will use in the Incubator Center to begin interviewing potential volunteers (We have no current Fruita volunteer mentors, but a list of kids who are waiting a mentor), signing up youth who have court-appointed community service and lining up work groups. We hope to see this begin by March. We are also helping Partners in their search for a permanent location that they can have both office space and secure storage for large equipment.

## **Upcoming Council Meetings**

We are working on a few items we hope to have ready for your Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, including updates to the stormwater ordinance, updates to the marijuana ordinance (both to meet new state standards), and two consents for GOCO grants we are seeking. For the workshop, we are planning to spend the majority of time on City Council's goals and also a follow-up discussion on amendments to the code on Campgrounds and Recreational Vehicle Parks which goes to Planning Commission in March.

## **Focus Group Meeting Invite for the Grand Junction-Mesa County Economic Development Plan (In Fruita)**

The City of Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce, Grand Junction Economic Partnership and the Business Incubator are collaborating with North Star Destination Strategies on a research-based project to help develop a stronger identity for promoting economic development in the region. You should have received an e-mailed survey a few weeks back.

**As part of their process they would like to hear from City leadership and Chamber leadership in a focus group with North Star consultants. This is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18th from 12:00 to 2:00 pm at the Fruita Community Center. Grand Junction will provide lunch. Please let Deb know if you can attend**

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

**by this coming Wednesday, Feb. 11 so we can follow proper notice procedures if three or more of you that choose to attend.**

#### **TID BITS:**

- The redesigned trail section of Little Salt Wash Trails was surveyed this week and staff met with CDOT reps about the review process for the changed section and they confirmed we would be on track to begin construction Sept. 1, 2105, which would give us time to complete before the year is over.
- We expect to receive a pro/con statement from DOLA in the next couple weeks as part of the next step of the grant process for downtown improvements - so cross those fingers.
- Mesa County has been replacing the Ranchman's ditch canal culvert under J.2 Rd east of J.3 Rd. which is why J.2 Rd was closed Wednesday for the remainder of this week with detours posted. We received notice Tuesday.
- Staff met with Shelledy administration this week to discuss traffic issues and patterns during drop-off and pick-up times.
- Public Works and Police are also monitoring and looking into a crosswalk on J2/10 Rd. as we have received claims that drivers are not stopping for kids waiting to cross.
- Two of the large lights above the pool at the FCC were successfully replaced this week with a minor interruption of the pool schedule. These LED lights will have a longer life and save in energy cost and we hope they will fare better in the humid conditions. We will monitor before changing the rest.
- The website committee is finalizing our RFP for website design and plan to release for bids by Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> if not sooner.
- City Shops construction continues to progress with framing interior walls and completing siding this week.
- We received many promising applications for our Planning Technician opening and hope to begin interviews this next week, so Dahna is smiling at Ken again but missing Mary as she began working mornings at Public Works this week.
- City Engineer interviews are going well and we hope to finish our process within two weeks.
- Sweetheart Run is gearing up with about 400 runners already registered and Family Health West is ramping up the Expo which will include their feature carrot soup.
- Speaking of Family Health West, their time frame has adjusted a bit for coming to Council regarding another bond so it will not be in February but possibly March or April.
- January started off the year with 6 new housing starts (1 in Adobe Falls and 5 in Hollow Creek).
- Planning Commission Meeting next week will look at 2 vacation by owner requests and Mesa County's new Road and Bridge yard.
- Engineering is releasing a request for bids on the East Columbine Avenue storm drain project today—to address an issue we have seen with rising water during irrigation season.
- We received the executed grant contract with DOLA for the Ottley Avenue road and drainage project—today was the last day for questions from contractors and bid opening is next Friday. The pre-bid meeting earlier this week had about 8 interested general contractors and many sub-contractors in attendance.
- The Little League hired a contractor that has been out installing the dugouts and replacing cracked concrete at Little Salt Wash Park.
- Attached are a thank you from the CMU Sports Commission, a letter from Charter Communications and a flyer on Family Health Wests' Annual proceeds benefit "Country Elegance."

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- As you know, I serve on the District 51 Foundation Board of Directors. Our third annual *White Iced Cocktail Party* is tomorrow, **February 7<sup>th</sup>** at the CMU Ballroom. The event is a party, with a silent auction, cocktails, desserts and appetizers, dancing and recognition of this year's outstanding educators. Tickets are \$60.00 each and may be purchased at the door. The money raised supports extended learning opportunities and other work of the D51F.
- **February 14<sup>th</sup>** will be the annual Sweetheart 5k/10k Run & Expo from 9 am – 1 pm at the Fruita Community Center.
- The Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours for February will be **Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>** hosted by grand West Hyundai at 5:30 pm.
- The Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet will be Saturday, **February 21, 2015** from 5:30 – 10:00 pm at the DoubleTree Hotel. The event will include dinner, cocktails and a silent auction, as well as dressing up as your favorite movie character. Tickets are \$60 per person or \$650 per table of 10. The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Energy Forum & Expo CO will be **Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>** at Two Rivers Convention Center from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm ([www.energyexpoco.com](http://www.energyexpoco.com))
- Kidabaloo is coming to the Community Center Saturday **Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>** from 12 – 4 pm. Kidabaloo is advertised as “a fun-filled day all about play! It’s highly interactive and an explosion of fun, laughter, and excitement.” Special guest is Karan Brar - “Ravi” from the Disney Channel show “Jessie” who will appear to the public from 2pm – 4pm.
- The **February** 2015 City of Fruita Meeting Calendar is available on the website at: <http://www.fruita.org/documents/admin/mtgcal.pdf>.
- The **2015** Events Calendar is also available online at: [http://www.fruita.org/documents/rec/EVENT\\_CALENDAR.pdf](http://www.fruita.org/documents/rec/EVENT_CALENDAR.pdf)

CC: Department Directors

January 28, 2015

Mike Bennett  
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Dear Mr. Bennett:

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Greater Grand Junction Sports Commission. We truly appreciate your support for the students of Colorado Mesa University.

This is a very exciting time for Colorado Mesa University. With your help, we are growing and renovating the campus, improving and adding much-needed programs, and most importantly, we are recruiting and graduating record numbers of quality students. Generous contributions like yours will help us continue to make Colorado Mesa the educational flagship of Western Colorado.

We truly appreciate your generous gift. On behalf of the students and the community, thank you again for your commitment to Colorado Mesa University.

Sincerely,



Tim Foster  
President  
Colorado Mesa University



Peggy Lamm  
Director of Development  
Colorado Mesa University



January 29, 2015

Dear Franchise Official:

Charter's video lineup is continually evolving to meet the changing needs of its customers. Recently we increased our total high-definition lineup and boosted our video on demand offering and increased our broadband speeds following our move to an All Digital platform.

From time-to-time Charter makes adjustments to its channel lineup designed to enhance and improve our video product.

The following channels will be removed on March 3<sup>rd</sup>:

Channel Name	Channel #
The Sportsman Channel, The Sportsman Channel HD	151/HD 651
UP, UP HD	182/HD 516
World Fishing Network, World Fishing Network HD	149/HD 649
NBA TV, NBA TV HD	128/HD 628

The following network will move into a new programming tier on March 3<sup>rd</sup>:

Channel Name	Current Tier	New Tier
Disney Jr.	Charter Select	Digi Tier 1

Customers with questions are encouraged to call **1-888-GET CHARTER**. To review the complete channel lineup visit: [www.charter.com/channellineup](http://www.charter.com/channellineup). Please contact me with any questions or comments you may have at 307.331.3448 or [Erik.Rasmussen@charter.com](mailto:Erik.Rasmussen@charter.com).

Sincerely,



**Erik Rasmussen** | Sr. Mgr. Government Relations | 307-331-3448  
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Family Health West

# COUNTRY ELEGANCE

❖ The Avalon Theater ❖

645 Main Street—Grand Junction

**Saturday, April 25, 2015**

*Featuring*

SONY RECORD LABEL

**LOGAN MIZE**

**Live!**

*Proceeds Benefit*

## **COURTYARD CARE CENTER**

*Phase I of reconstruction to aged eldercare  
nursing home facility—bringing skilled care to first floor!*

*Black Tie (Cowboy Hat & Boots optional)*

**5:00 pm — Social & Silent Auction**

Gourmet Appetizers & Cash Bar

**7:15 pm — Live Auction**

**8:30 pm — Concert**

TICKET PRICES PER PERSON

\$150	\$125	\$100
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Feb 2 visit [fhw.org](http://fhw.org) for seating availability

Ticket includes two beverage coupons (beer, wine or soda)

**10:00 pm — Exclusive Unplugged Event**

**Roof-Top Dance after Concert**

*Tickets sold separately*

**\$100 per person**

**Hors d'oeuvres and Two Beverage Coupons**

**Meet and Greet Concert Entertainers**

**Limited Reservations**

Mark your calendar!  
Invitations mailed  
first of March

Information

**858-2108**

[larchuleta@fhw.org](mailto:larchuleta@fhw.org)

*The Lower Valley Hospital Association  
d/b/a Family Health West is a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) corporation.*

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# COUNTRY ELEGANCE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**\*Recognition:** name on 3000 event invitations, promo posters, advertising, FHW Web site, media mentions, event program and displays, and post-event appreciation thank you ad.

## **\$15,000 Event Sponsor**

- **Naming Rights.** Recognition listed above plus logo on all print materials, exclusive radio / stage mentions, and prominent signage
- Plus 10 autographed CDs
- Party of 20 will receive
  - concert tickets for platinum seating
  - roof-top pre-concert VIP event (4-5 pm—appetizers, 40 beverage coupons)
  - unplugged roof-top dance
  - meet and greet time with concert entertainers
  - limo ride to hotel or home, hotel accommodations and breakfast downtown Sunday morning

**Roof-Top Pre-Concert VIP Event**  
4:00—5:00 pm  
Music, Appetizers  
Two Beverage Coupons Per Person

## **\$10,000 Concert Sponsor—FCI CONSTRUCTORS, INC.**

- Recognition\* to also include logo on all print materials, exclusive radio / stage mentions, prominent signage, and 5 autographed CDs.
- Party of 20 will receive
  - concert tickets for platinum seating
  - roof-top pre-concert VIP event
  - unplugged roof-top dance
  - meet and greet time with concert entertainers
  - limo ride to hotel or home

**NOTE:** Cash and In-Kind donations of \$300 and above will be recognized in invitation, FHW Web site, event program and displays, and post-event appreciation thank you ad.

## **\$ 7,500 Unplugged Event Sponsor—ALPINE BANK**

- Recognition\* and prominent signage
- Party of 14 will receive
  - concert tickets for platinum seating
  - roof top pre-concert VIP event
  - unplugged roof-top dance
  - meet and greet time with concert entertainers

## **\$ 5,000 Red Carpet Sponsor—HOME LOAN INVESTMENT CO.**

## **\$ 5,000 Mezzanine Sponsor—CENTRAL DISTRIBUTING CO.**

## **\$ 5,000 Hall of Fame Sponsor—WESTERN VALLEY FAMILY PRACTICE**

- Recognition\* plus banner prominently displayed
- Party of 10 will receive
  - concert tickets for platinum seating
  - roof top pre-concert VIP event

## **\$ 3,000 Auction Sponsors—MOUNTAIN AIRE MEDICAL SUPPLY, INC., MARK & DEBB FRANCIS,**

- Recognition\* plus banner displayed in auction room
- Party of 6 will receive
  - concert tickets for platinum seating
  - roof top pre-concert VIP event

**BANK OF THE WEST, HENDERSON FAMILY**

## **\$ 1,000 Food & Beverage Sponsors—GRAND VALLEY POWER , BIGHORN CONSULTING**

- Recognition\* plus listing at stations
- Party of 2 will receive
  - concert tickets for platinum seating
  - roof top pre-concert VIP event

**ENGINEERS, CARPETIME, ENSTROM CANDIES  
HERB & LAURA MAY BACON, CERNER, XCEL ENERGY  
MOUNTAIN WEST INSURANCE,**

## **Concert Ticket Sponsor (10 or more tickets)**

- Recognition\* Plus naming of theater row with business name