

# Museum TIMES



May/June 2016

## DINOSAUR DAY

JUNE 11

9 AM-5 PM

Adults/\$6  
Children/\$4  
Family of 4/\$20

And, now, for my  
grand finale...

Members  
FREE!

### Dinosaur Journey Museum 550 Jurassic Ct. in Fruita

Jurassic-themed educational activities and good old "prehistoric" fun!  
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# Calendar

THRU FEB 12			Western Colorado Weaponry Exhibit • <b>Museum of the West</b>
THRU SEPT 18			<i>Tyrannosaurus rex</i> and the End of the "Age of Dinosaurs" • <b>Dinosaur Journey Museum</b>
MAY	26	5:30 pm	Museum Gallery Tour • <b>Museum of the West</b>
	28		Canyonlands by Night Tour
JUNE thru OCT Every Wed & Sat		7:30 am- Noon	F.A.R.M. Farmers' Market • <b>Cross Orchards Historic Site</b>
JUNE	3	10 am	Volunteer Craft Meeting • <b>Cross Orchards Historic Site</b>
	6-10	9 am-Noon	Young Chautauqua Summer Workshop <b>East Middle School</b>
	6-10	9 am-3 pm	Pioneer Kids Camp • <b>Cross Orchards Historic Site</b>
	11	9 am-5 pm	Dinosaur Day • <b>Dinosaur Journey Museum</b>
	15	9 am-3 pm	Woodworking Workshop for Teens • <b>Cross Orchards Historic Site</b>
	15	9 am-3 pm	Bunkhouse Workshop for Teens • <b>Cross Orchards Historic Site</b>
	16	10 am	Cross Orchards Volunteer Meeting • <b>Cross Orchards Historic Site</b>
	16	Noon	Oral History Program • <b>Whitman Educational Center</b>
	17	New trip!	Meeker Classic Cattle Dog Trials
	17	9:30 am	Volunteer Craft Meeting • <b>Cross Orchards Historic Site</b>
	20-24	9 am-3 pm	Pioneer Kids Camp • <b>Cross Orchards Historic Site</b>
	23	5:30 pm	Behind the Scenes Operations Tour • <b>Museum of the West</b>
	29	9 am-3 pm	Archaeology Workshop for Teens • <b>Cross Orchards Historic Site</b>

**Please note:** Dates and times of events, meetings, and programs are subject to change; please call to confirm.

**Through strong stewardship and relevant programming, the Museums of Western Colorado strives to inspire the community to preserve its heritage and tell its story.**



Dinosaur Journey collects, preserves, interprets and displays evidence of the history of life and environments of western Colorado and geologically related surrounding areas.



The Loyd Files Research Library provides learning and research opportunities for exploring and interpreting western Colorado's past, present and future.

The Museum of the West is dedicated to the collection, preservation, exhibition and interpretation of artifacts that represent the rich heritage and history of western Colorado and the contiguous areas of the American West.

Cross Orchards Historic Site utilizes living history to preserve, interpret and educate the public on agriculture, transportation and the social history of the region.

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# Program News

## Museum of the West Tours

462 Ute Ave.

\$5 per person

No preregistration required

### Museum Gallery Tour

Thursday, May 26 • 5:30 pm

### Behind the Scenes

### Operations Tour

Thursday, June 23 • 5:30 pm

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## Oral History Program

Whitman Educational Center

248 S. Fourth St.

Thursday, June 16 • Noon

Steve and Denise Hight will present their new book on *Legendary Locals of Fruita, Colorado*.

Oral History programs are held at the Whitman Educational Center, 248 S. Fourth St. They are jointly sponsored by the Museums of Western Colorado and the Mesa County Historical Society and are free to the public. The programs are held on the third Thursday of the month at noon.



**Cool Summer Nights at the Museum of the West will be back again!**

**Thursdays in July and August  
5 - 8 pm**

**FREE admission courtesy of**



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| <b>July 7</b>    | <b>Spanish Exploration exhibit gallery talk</b>                                    |
| <b>July 14</b>   | <b>Top of the World<br/>History talk on top of the Museum Tower</b>                |
| <b>July 21</b>   | <b>Outlaws and the Wild West-Thrailkill Gallery talk</b>                           |
| <b>July 28</b>   | <b>Hidden Treasures<br/>Behind the scenes tour</b>                                 |
| <b>August 4</b>  | <b>Distant Treasures in the Mist exhibit gallery talk</b>                          |
| <b>August 11</b> | <b>Cavalcade of History<br/>Tour of the Museum of the West's exhibit galleries</b> |
| <b>August 18</b> | <b>Outlaws and the Wild West-Thrailkill Gallery talk</b>                           |
| <b>August 25</b> | <b>Spanish Exploration exhibit gallery talk</b>                                    |

*Save the date!*

## FEAST OF SKULLS

August 27

Tickets are available online!

<https://www.museumofwesternco.com/event/feast-of-skulls>



# Passport to Adventure

## Canyonlands by Night

May 28

Register by May 24

Led by David Bailey

The group will travel to the Canyonlands by Night facility in Moab, Utah. Participants will collect their boarding passes and visit their wonderful gift store. We will have an old fashioned Dutch oven barbeque dinner at the edge of the Colorado River before boarding our riverboat. Participants will have a relaxing sunset cruise up the river and at dusk enjoy a unique history tour accompanied by a fantastic light show.

**\$170/Museum member; \$185/Non-member** - includes transportation, dinner, show, and boat ride



Photo courtesy of David Bailey

*New MWC Day Trip you won't want to miss!*

## Meeker Classic Cattledog Trials

June 17

Register by June 10

Let's travel to Meeker, CO and experience the world's largest cattledog trials featuring 140 dogs. Set in the beautiful White River Valley, the Meeker Classic brings you a showcase of North America's best cattledogs competing in the World's Largest Cattledog Trial. Meeker has a rich tradition of dog trials dating back 30 years with the Meeker Classic Sheepdog Trials. You will be able to enjoy the artisan, food & craft festival and an art exhibit, as well as watch different qualifying runs of the cattledog trials. This is an outdoor event involving a little walking on uneven pasture ground. Gather your sunscreen, hat, binoculars and camera for fun day in the sun! There is some seating available, but you may want to bring your own folding chair.

**\$65/Museum member; \$75/Non-member** - includes transportation, admission and event program



## Crag Crest Hike

July 12

Register by June 28

Led by Peter Booth

At 11,000 plus feet, Crag Crest Trail is among the highest ground on Grand Mesa. One can see nearly 100 miles on a clear day. This spectacular trail is a designated National Recreation Trail. As an added bonus, the wildflowers should be in full display on Grand Mesa in mid-July. This is an 8-mile round trip hike that is rated as strenuous.

**\$75/Museum member; \$85/Non-member** - includes transportation and sack lunch



Photo courtesy of Grand Junction Visitor & Convention Bureau

## Red Mountain Ghost Town Tour

July 12

Register by July 1

Led by David Bailey

Join us as we travel to the Red Mountain mining district with the San Juan Scenic Jeep Tour Company. The group will visit the ghost towns of Red Mountain City, Congress, Guston, and Ironton. We will arrive in historic Ouray and have lunch on your own at one of the many fine eateries in town. The group will travel to Red Mountain in open air tour jeeps and learn about the history and lore of the San Juan Mountains.

**\$95/Museum member; \$105/Non-member** - includes transportation and jeep tour. Lunch is on your own.



Photo courtesy of David Bailey

# Passport to Adventure

## Leadville: The Two Mile High City

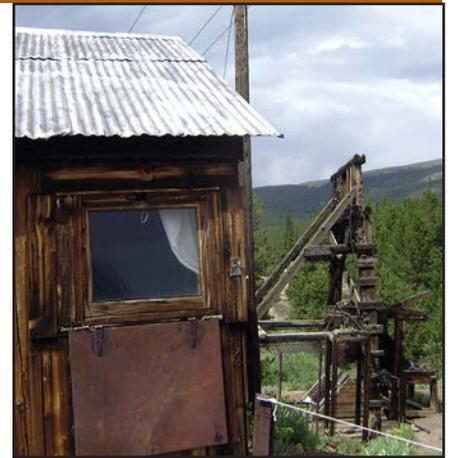
July 29

Register by July 15

Led by Peter Booth

Experience the highest city in the United States—Leadville. Colorado's destiny was strongly impacted by this mining boom town. Its historic downtown reflects its elegant past, the National Mining Museum Hall of Fame reflects its hard rock mining roots, and the Matchless Mine of Baby Doe Tabor reflects its colorful character. It is quoted that, "There has been but one Leadville. Never will there be another." Also enjoy at a stop at Camp Hale, the training site of the famed 10th Mountain Division.

**\$75/Museum member; \$85/Non-member** - includes transportation and admission



## Historic Beaumont Hotel Tour and Box Canyon Hike

July 30

Register by July 16

Led by David Bailey

Travel with Curator of History David Bailey to Ouray and tour the historic Beaumont Hotel, hike beautiful Box Canyon, visit the Ouray Museum, and see other natural wonders in the area, including the Amphitheater overlook, and an amazing waterfall on the Million Dollar Highway. The group will have lunch on their own and have time to visit Ouray's unique stores.

**\$75/Museum member; \$85/Non-member** - includes transportation and admission. Lunch is on your own



## Canyonlands Jet Boat Tour

August 5

Register by July 22

Led by David Bailey

The three hour jet boat trip will travel through 2,200 foot canyon walls on the Colorado River. The group will learn about the incredible history and geology of the Utah river country. Our tour will continue down river thirty-eight miles and see wonderful views of the arches, petroglyphs, and a unique view of a prehistoric granary. The jet boat will travel through the bottom of Dead Horse State Park, Thelma and Louise Point, visit a natural amphitheater, and then return to Moab.

**\$150/Museum member; \$170/Non-member** - includes transportation, jet boat ride, and lunch



## Crystal River Heritage / West Elk Fall Foliage

September 12 - 13

Register by August 12

Led by Peter Booth

The aspen grove in the West Elk Mountains is considered the largest living organism in the world, with the trees all sharing a common root system. This results in an amazing display of fall colors. This journey will also experience the heritage and beauty of the Crystal River valley with stops in Redstone and Marble. We will enjoy an evening in historic downtown Crested Butte.

**\$225/Museum member; \$265/Non-member** - includes transportation and lodging



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**More online! [www.museumofwesternco.com/things-to-do/category/trips/](http://www.museumofwesternco.com/things-to-do/category/trips/)**

## A Successful 2016 Grand Junction Native American Arts Auction and Appraisal Clinic

On April 8th and 9th, the Museums of Western Colorado (MWC) tried a new event and hosted Grand Junction's first ever Native American Arts Auction and Appraisal Clinic. We worked with RB Burnham & Co Trading Post from Sanders, Arizona. They brought the expertise and art work. The event was sponsored in part by the Horizon Drive Business Improvement District and Grand Vista Hotel.

On Friday evening, the folks from Burnham Trading Post including Bruce Burnham, his staff, and their friend Hank Blair of the Totsoh Trading Post in Lukachukai, Arizona did an informal appraisal clinic. They looked at over 200 items from private collectors. It was wonderful to see the treasures that can be found in our community. Bruce also gave a wonderful talk about his 40 years as a trader among the Navajo peoples.



We held the auction the next day. Burnham had brought over 250 creations from the Navajo, Hopi, Zuni, and other native People groups. This included weavings, pottery, jewelry, baskets, and more. Also there were Navajo, Ute, and Paiute vendors and the Native American Cultural Programs of Montrose. It was a very spirited auction and the auctioneers were very pleased with the results (which turned into a nice fundraisers for the MWC). Look for the Grand Junction Native American Arts auction to return next year the first weekend in April of 2017.

## The Museums of Western Colorado Grand Re-Opening May 1, 2016

In October of 1965, members of the community came together and officially incorporated the Historical Museum and Institute of Western Colorado. Then six months later, on May 1st, 1966, they officially opened up the museum to the public. At the time, it was housed in the Whitman School Building. Eventually, the name was changed to the Museums of Western Colorado (MWC).



To commemorate the original Grand Opening, we threw a 50th Anniversary Grand Re-Opening celebration. Visitors were treated to special 1966 prices—\$0.50 for adults, \$0.25 for children, or \$1.25 for a family. In lieu of admission, people also donated food to the Community Food Bank (and all admission revenues from the day went to the Community Food Bank).

In addition, activities and events were held at all three sites. At each museum, people could have their photograph taken in front of an enlarged image from the Grand Junction's past. At Cross Orchards, in addition to the costumed volunteers, the Grand Valley Model Railroad club was on hand to demonstrate their indoor and outdoor models. Also

on site were members of the Rio Grande Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. Also on display were antique British cars from the Whitworth Nuts Car Club. At Dinosaur Journey, visitors were treated to classic dinosaur movies. Curator of History David Bailey hosted gallery talks and tours at the Museum of the West.



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At 1:00 pm that Sunday, we held a formal ribbon cutting at the Museum of the West and cake was served to celebrate our birthday anniversary. This event was generously sponsored by Chadwick, Steinkirchner, Davis & Co., who is also proudly celebrating its 50th year of serving the Grand Valley.



Thank you to everyone who helped us mark this special occasion.



Do you have a favorite HERO or HEROINE?  
Have you wondered what powers and influences might have affected this champion,  
how hardships were faced and overcome to create, achieve and impact our world today?



What part would **YOU** like to play in history?

**Betsy Ross? Ansel Adams?  
Maybe Willa Cather or John Glenn?**

We invite you to **EXPLORE** the life of one of your  
favorite heroes and **LEARN** to dramatically  
**RE-ENACT** that character!



# YOUNG CHAUTAUQUA SUMMER WORKSHOP!

## RESEARCH

to find out the challenges  
and triumphs the  
character experienced,  
and what made  
them "tick."

## WRITE

your own creative  
monologue, turning your  
research into an engaging,  
first-person, narrative  
with emotional impact.

## DESIGN

a period costume  
and props to enhance  
your monologue.

## EXPLORE

dramatic techniques -  
facial expression, staging,  
movement, gesture,  
use of voice.

## TAKE

your audience back in  
time as you re-enact  
your character.



**WHO:** Students 4th - 9th grade who are new to Young Chautauqua  
and those with Chautauqua experience

**WHEN:** June 6 - 10 • 9 am - Noon

**WHERE:** East Middle School • 800 Gunnison Ave., Grand Junction

**COST:** \$60 • Scholarships available.



Registration & information via GJ Parks & Recreation  
[http://www.gjcity.org/Parks\\_and\\_Recreation.aspx](http://www.gjcity.org/Parks_and_Recreation.aspx)

# Pioneer Kids Camp at Cross Orchards

Discover! Experience! Learn! Unplug from the world of high tech and plug into the life in the early 1900s at Cross Orchards Historic Site. Hand-on activities include historic games, blacksmithing, heritage crafts, cooking (on a wood burning stove), carpentry, gold panning, and much more. Bring a sack lunch, water, hat, and sunscreen—and a sense of adventure to explore the life as a pioneer kid.

**Dates:** 6/6-6/10 Mon-Fri  
6/20-6/24 Mon-Fri  
7/11-7/15 Mon-Fri

**Time:** 9 am-3 pm

**Ages:** 7-11

**Fee:** \$140



## 2016 Summer Workshops for Teens at Cross Orchards Historic Site

### Woodworking

One hundred years ago, if you wanted toys, furniture, and tools than they had to be built by the experienced hands of a woodworker. Sign up now for this one-day workshop for your opportunity to learn this crucial skill. Your student will get the chance to learn the history and techniques of woodworking, and then put that knowledge into practice. This is a very unique occasion to learn and create wonderful homemade objects. This event is taught by the volunteers and staff of the Museums of Western Colorado.

**Date:** 6/15/16  
**Time:** 9 am-3 pm  
**Ages:** 14-16  
**Fee:** \$50 per student  
**Student limit:** 10  
**What to wear/bring:**

Comfortable clothing, lunch, water bottle, safety goggles, and work gloves

### Bunkhouse

Have you ever wondered what life was like in 1916? Well, come and experience it for yourself! This one-day event will teach you how those in the early twentieth century lived their day-to-day lives. As part of this workshop, the students will engage in the different morning, noon, and evening bunkhouse activities that were crucial to the ensured survival of Cross Orchards. This is a very unique opportunity to spend the day in the shoes of your ancestors.

**Date:** 6/15/16  
**Time:** 9 am-3 pm  
**Ages:** 16-18  
**Fee:** \$35 per student  
**Student limit:** 4  
**What to wear/bring:**  
Comfortable clothing, lunch, and a water bottle



### Archaeology

Archaeology is one of the most exciting and unique professions in the world. Now is your chance to learn and experience what makes this discipline so amazing. Sign up for this one day workshop to learn the history of this science, how it is performed, and participate in a mock excavation. Led by the wonderful staff at the Museums of Western Colorado, your student will gain invaluable experience and a new appreciation of the past.

**Date:** 6/29/16  
**Time:** 9 am-3 pm  
**Ages:** 12-15  
**Fee:** \$35 per student  
**Student limit:** 15  
**What to wear/bring:**  
Comfortable clothing, lunch, bug spray, water bottle, and sunscreen

For information on all camps and workshops, contact Taylor Barnett at 970.261.7839. To register, go to <https://apm.activecommunities.com/gjparksandrec>

## Expansion of Cross Orchards' G-Scale D&O Railroad

Next time you go out to Cross Orchards, check out the changes with the Grand Valley Model Railroad Club's G-Scale Railroad—dubbed the D&O RR (Down in the Gully & Outside). The guys working on the layout, led by Ronald Senek, started adding more track in March. It has expanded with 168' of new track. It is now double track all the way around to add more interest with three new bridges and a sixteen foot new wooden trestle.



*Photos courtesy of Ron Senek*



## New Era for Replanting our Past

The New Year has come, and it brings a return to our past. Cross Orchards has not seen new trees in over 20 years. However, 2016 brings in new hope for our Museums. The first new apple trees to be replanted have now been



ordered and shipped. They were received downtown the beginning of March and brought to Cross the next day. March 4th started a new Era for replanting our past.

The trees that are being planted go back to the original varieties that Cross Orchard had in early 1900s. Those varieties—Ben Davis, Jonathan, and Rome Beauty—were the first three ordered. Seven new trees have been planted so far with commitment of more trees later in year. Black Twig and more Jonathan trees are our next step for the fall planting season. This new crop will help to revise the older population of trees at the historic farm.

All this is has come about from the donations from people sponsoring replacement of trees. For each tree sponsored those people will be acknowledged with the trees being signed with their names. In the future, it would be an honor to dedicate the entire orchard to our supporters. It keeps the past alive and well, for the future generations.

Thanks to these tree sponsors:

Martha Counts and Pete Romot  
Grace and Emma Gardner  
Anamae Richmond

Mildred and Clayton Dause  
Sandi Pittenger  
Judy Shelp

It is not too late to help with the replanting of historic trees at Cross Orchards. For \$50 you, too, can sponsor an apple tree replacement. If interested, contact Taylor Barnett, Dan Rosenbaum, or Carla Hatch.

Thank you for all your support, Dan Rosenbaum.

### Cross Orchards Historic Site Welcomes Farm and Ranch Market

The Museums of Western Colorado (MWC) and The Farm and Ranch Market (F.A.R.M.) are partnering to host the market at Cross Orchards Historic Site from June through October.

Formerly held in the Teller Arms Shopping Center parking lot, F.A.R.M. will now take place at Cross Orchards every Wednesday and Saturday morning from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

“The Farm and Ranch Market would like to thank MWC and the many churches, businesses, and property owners, who offered space for the F.A.R.M. market. We look forward to an exciting market at the historic Cross Orchards location,” Kerry Cook, the president of F.A.R.M., said.

This partnership brings the oldest farmers’ market in western Colorado to what was once the largest orchard on the Western Slope. The local farmers and ranchers in F.A.R.M., working with the MWC, will be able to share the Grand Valley’s agricultural past and present with a wider audience.



“I can’t think of a better use for Cross Orchards than the opportunity for visitors to learn about the Grand Valley’s farming past, while enjoying the fruit of its present,” Peter Booth, the MWC’s Executive Director, said.

The Farm and Ranch Market is a non-profit organization for local farmers and ranchers who are dedicated to bringing the community the finest fruits, vegetables, and meats. From our family farms and orchards to your family’s table, we are sure that you will find something your whole family will love! Find out more about F.A.R.M. at [www.farmmarketgj.com](http://www.farmmarketgj.com).

## Grant News

### Museums of Western Colorado Receives Grant to Improve and Expand

The Museums of Western Colorado have been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management to make improvements to the collections facilities at Dinosaur Journey and Museum of the West. The Museums of Western Colorado is one of only a few institutions in Colorado designated as a Federal Repository for anthropological and paleontological resources recovered from BLM administered land.

This grant will provide additional shelving and security for the BLM anthropological collections housed at the Museum of the West. At Dinosaur Journey, the grant will fund the remodeling of underutilized space into much needed additional paleontological collections space. This will include room for eight additional specimen cabinets along with up to four oversized shelving units and a new workstation.

“The paleontology collections have been full for a few years now and this new space will be a welcome relief for our current overflow problem,” said Curator of Paleontology, Dr. Julia McHugh.

Additionally, this grant will facilitate the digitization of field records and the cataloging of collections to provide greater online access to researchers and the public.

As more work is done on public lands, this grant will help ensure the Museums of Western Colorado will be able accommodate and protect new material and make it available to future researchers, curators and members of the public.

The Museums of Western Colorado will use matching funds from a new reduced lease with their partner, the City of Fruita, to complete the expansion project. The new lease was approved at the April meeting of the Fruita City Council.

According to McHugh, this grant is only the beginning of Dinosaur Journey’s growth process. “We really need a full expansion of the museum, but that is a ways off at this point,” said McHugh.

## Summer 2016 at Dinosaur Journey Will Make Quite an Impact

Summers at Dinosaur Journey are always busy, but get ready, because this summer we are dialing up the impact. Summer 2016 kicks off with our special summer exhibit: ***Tyrannosaurus rex* and the End of the “Age of Dinosaurs.”** This exhibit will feature a life-size animatronic *T. rex* and explore the end of the Tyrant Lizard King’s reign on Earth. As *T. rex* roars above you in the exhibit hall, discover the apocalyptic end of the “Age of Dinosaurs.” Discover what life died and what life survived as you investigate the crisis in the oceans, stand underneath the asteroid, and learn about immense volcanic eruptions – all of which contributed to the mass extinction at the end of the Cretaceous Period. Dinosaur Journey will also host a special guest speaker for the opening of the exhibit, Dr. Christopher Brochu from The University of Iowa will speak on the science of unearthing the secrets of *Tyrannosaurus rex*. Dr. Brochu will reveal what he learned from working on the *Tyrannosaurus* “Sue” at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, IL in his FREE public lecture (The Dead Speak: Lessons from a Tyrannosaur) on Friday, May 20th at 6:30PM in the Dinosaur Journey Auditorium. The exhibit opens to the public on Friday, May 20th and runs until September 18th.

In late May, our summer dig season begins. We will start off the 2016 field season with excavations at Callison Quarry in the Fruita Paleontological Area



before heading over to Rabbit Valley to continue work at the Mygatt-Moore Quarry, through our ongoing partnership with the Bureau of Land Management. We are hoping to remove several large blocks from the Mygatt-Moore Quarry this year, as well as exploring further for new material in the quarry. We will also be leading fossil prospecting hikes, lab days for our expeditioners, and raft trips. To find out more, you can view our entire expedition catalogue online at [www.dinodigs.org](http://www.dinodigs.org).



**Dinosaur Day** happens a little earlier this year, on June 11th. Come by for a full day of prehistoric fun at Dinosaur Journey! From demonstrations on how to repair fossil bone with the folks from PaleoBond, to painting casts, fossil Q/A with the paleo crew, dinosaur origami, bump and jumps, and our ever

popular *T. rex* Styling Salon. The fun runs from 9 am-5 pm with special event pricing. For more details visit our website: [www.museumofwesternco.org](http://www.museumofwesternco.org).

In July, Dinosaur Journey will be participating in the third annual Fruita Family Fun Fair on July 3rd from 5 am-9 pm at the Southside Marketplace in Fruita. This is a FREE event that is open to the public with old fashioned games, face painting, prizes, music, and entertainment prior to the annual fireworks show in Fruita that evening at 9 pm. To read more about this event, see the article, “Experience Fruita’s Southside.” in this edition of the *Museum Times*.

Still wanting more dinos? Don’t miss our annual gala event at Dinosaur Journey, the **Feast of Skulls** on August 27th. Rock out under the stars with the dinosaurs while supporting the Museums of Western Colorado. The event will feature dinner by Flavors Grille/Family Health West, silent and live auctions, music and dancing, as well as exhibit performance by Adagio Academy. Tickets are on sale online at [museumofwesternco.com/event/feast-of-skulls-2/](http://museumofwesternco.com/event/feast-of-skulls-2/) or you can get yours by calling Carla at 970.242.0971, ext. 212.

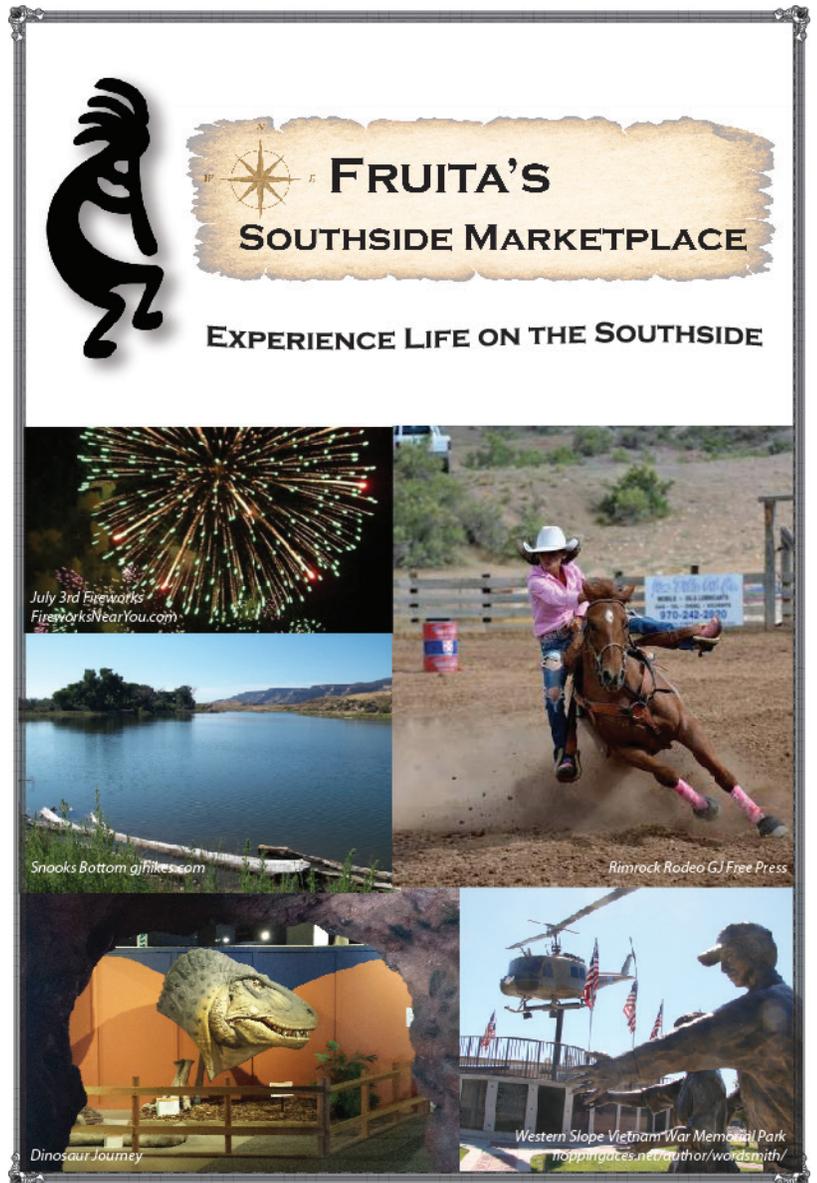
It’s shaping up to be a wonderful and hectic summer, but what a summer! We can’t wait to share all of these events and experiences with you. We hope you will visit Dinosaur Journey and see what an impact we can make on you.

## Experience Fruita's Southside

The Dinosaur Journey Museum has been working with neighboring businesses to promote events, activities, and commerce south of Interstate 70 in Fruita. In addition to networking among the individual businesses, the group has formally organized themselves under the Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce as the Southside Marketplace in 2016.

The Southside Marketplace will host the third annual Family Fun Fair on July 3<sup>rd</sup> as a family-friendly festival preceding the city's fireworks display at the James R. Robb State Park – Fruita Section. This is one of the largest festivals on the south side of Fruita. Julia McHugh, Curator of Paleontology, has been tightly coordinating with the group to plan the event. The Family Fun Fair will take place in the Kokopelli Commercial Park area on the Southside (near Rib City, US Bank, Pablo's Pizza, etc.) and Kokopelli Avenue will be closed from the Frontage Road to Jurassic Court to create a safe walkway for kids and families between the different areas of the festival. The Family Fun Fair is FREE to the public and runs from 5-9 pm, with the fireworks starting at 9 pm. It will feature old fashioned games, food, music, vendors, a biergarten, prizes, face painting, and more. A shuttle bus will take visitors to the event from parking areas on the north and south sides. We are still planning the event, so details will be materializing soon. Keep an eye out for posters and promotions with more information as we get closer to July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Other events in 2016 will include the popular Rimrock Rodeos through the summer, Dinosaur Day on June 11<sup>th</sup> at Dinosaur Journey, Trick or Treat Street and Monster Mash on Halloween, The Southside Chocolate Walk on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> and more. Visit <http://fruitachamber.org/south-side-marketplace/>, or go on Facebook to <https://www.facebook.com/SouthSideMarketPlace> to see the full calendar of events.



We've got some cool exhibits for you!

Come check them out at Museum of the West and Dinosaur Journey Museum!  
Remember, members are admitted FREE!

## WESTERN COLORADO WEAPONRY: TOOLS OF SURVIVAL AND CONFLICT



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## The Museum Launches – I love my Museum Campaign

The Museums of Western Colorado (MWC) is launching an *I Love My Museum* campaign. This campaign is designed to educate the community and to inspire museum visitors and members to share their love of our institution with other community members and decision makers. Be on the look out for banners, signs, rallies, and other fun ways for you to share your love of MWC. In addition, we will be collecting “statements of love” from the community like this thoughtful testimonial from Board member Jerry Hamilton.

“My grandparents raised their family in the Grand Valley. My parents grew up here. My brother and I were born here, moved away and moved back. Our children were raised here and we have aunts, uncles, and numerous cousins all still living here. We’re all obviously drawn and committed to life here in the Grand Valley. We need an institution like the Museums of Western Colorado to memorialize the times, events and experiences of our day, mom and dad’s day, our grandparent’s day, our children’s day, and their children’s day!”

As Jerry’s words illustrate, the Museums of Western Colorado preserve and protect our collective memory and our history. Our museum matters greatly because it uniquely serves generations past, present and generations yet to be born. Museums like ours play a vital role in the lives of individuals, families and in our communities. In addition, Museums make a measurable positive impact on education, the economy and our society.

### Nationally,

Museums spend more than \$2 billion a year on education activities; the typical museum devotes three-quarters of its education budget to K-12 students. (American Alliance of Museums ‘Museum Financial Information Survey’ 2009)

Museums help teach the state, local, or core curriculum, tailoring their programs in math, science, art, literacy, language arts, history, civics and government, economics and financial literacy, geography and social studies.

Museums receive approximately 55 million visits each year from students in school groups. (Ibid)

Museums employ more than 400,000 Americans and directly contribute \$21 billion to the U.S. economy each year and billions more through indirect spending by their visitors. (AAM Financial Information Survey and Institute of Museums and Library Services study)

Seventy-eight percent of all U.S. leisure travelers participate in cultural or heritage activities such as visiting museums. These travelers spend 63 percent more on average than other leisure travelers. (U.S. Travel Association)

Governments that support the arts find that for every \$1 invested in museums and other cultural organizations, \$7 is returned in tax revenues. (Americans for the Arts ‘Arts and Economic Prosperity IV’ 2012)

### Locally,

MWC serves 60,000 to 70,000 visitors each year, including an estimated 49% from out of town in 2015 (60% during the summer season).

MWC served 5050 school children in 2015 through school visits to our museums.

Visitors to MWC contribute \$16.2 million to the local economy annually in direct spending and \$1.2 million in sales taxes annually. (CMU Department of Business, 2015)

MWC itself spends \$ 1.5 million annually each year on goods and services, over 90% of which is spent here in our community.

MWC directly employs 22 people in our community, besides offering numerous volunteer and public service opportunities.

As most of us know, limited budgets are forcing local government officials to make tough funding decisions. If you value our uniquely rich heritage and the role that the Museums of Western Colorado plays in protecting, discovering, preserving, and sharing that heritage, we ask that you contact your county commissioners, thank them for their continued support of the Museums of Western Colorado and tell them why you love MWC!

Share your love of the Museums of Western Colorado and help us to protect the Grand Valleys’ heritage for generations to come!



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### **Cross Orchards Historic Site**

3073 F Road • (970) 434-9814  
Most Thursdays-Saturdays • 9 am-4 pm

### **Dinosaur Journey Museum**

550 Jurassic Court, Fruita • (970) 858-7282  
May 1-September 30  
7 days a week • 9 am-5 pm

### **Museum of the West**

462 Ute (5th & Ute) • (970) 242-0971  
May 1-September 30  
Monday - Saturday • 9 am-5 pm  
Sunday • Noon-4 pm

### **Loyd Files Research Library**

Monday • 10 am-1 pm  
Tuesday - Thursday • 10 am-4 pm  
Friday • 10 am-1 pm  
Closed Saturday and Sunday

## **Cross Orchards Concerts • Evening with King 'n Trio**

**July 29 • 7 pm**

**Cross Orchards Historic Site • 3073 F Road**

The Museums of Western Colorado is proud to announce that we are bringing the King 'n Trio back to Cross Orchards. The band played an incredible concert for us last year and many people wanted us to bring them back. Join us for the special performance on July 29 at Cross Orchards.



The band King 'n Trio began about 15 years ago and is known for its folk, Irish, and Americana tunes. They have become a Grand Valley sensation. The band members include our very own board member Merritt Kinsey who plays the string bass. Joining him are Chris Unfug who has been with the band since the beginning and plays guitar, banjo, and mandolin; Russ Williams on guitar; and Terry Toner who joined the band last year and plays the harmonica.

The evening with King 'n Trio will be in Cross Orchards Historic Site's packing barn. This is an incredible location for the band to play with terrific ambiance. This will be an exceptionally unique experience, even for those who have enjoyed this band in the past.

Tickets are \$25 each and limited to 100, so get yours early before they are gone. Contact Carla at the Museum 970.242.0971 or purchase online at [www.museumofwesternco.com/event/evening-king-n-trio/](http://www.museumofwesternco.com/event/evening-king-n-trio/)