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CROSS ORCHARDS DINOSAUR JOURNEY MUSEUM of the WEST

Grand Heritage Society Nearly Escaped the Heat at Riggs Hill to Celebrate the Brachiosaurus Discovery 121 years later.

Members of the Grand Heritage Society gathered Thursday evening at Riggs Hill to commemorate the *Brachiosaurus Altithorax* finding of 1900. This discovery helped to put Grand Junction on the paleontology map, it was the first new species found in the area, and it was also the largest known dinosaur to paleontology for over 70 years. Back in 1900, when news of the significant find made its way to town, the community joined the crew on the hillside to enjoy a picnic where the first peaches of the season were enjoyed. To further commemorate the evening, peach cocktails provided by Peach Street Distillers, and peach desserts provided by Sweet Kiwi Bakery were enjoyed by all!



Chautauqua's Performers Confirmed for an Event Celebrating "The 19th Admendment and All that Jazz!"



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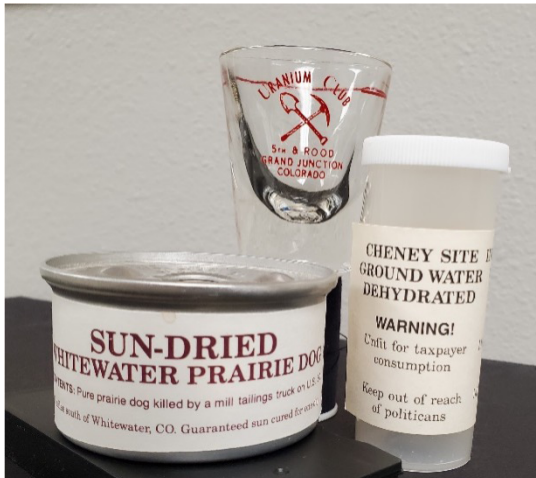
The 2021 Colorado West Chautauqua is firming up plans for this October's event. The theme from 2020 will finally be able to take stage later this year, "The 19th Amendment and All that Jazz" performances will focus on just that, Women's Right to Vote and 1920s era culture. This years Colorado West Chautauqua will be held at the Grand Valley Events Center on **October 22nd & 23rd**.

Mary Jane Bradbury (pictured left) will be portraying Jeanette Rankin who was the first woman to hold a federal office and notable women's rights advocate. Becky Stone will be portraying Josephine Baker, who was an entertainment star in Europe during the jazz age; and a well known Civil Rights advocate. The final professional performance will be, Doug Mishler portraying Billy Sunday, who was considered to be one of the most influential evangelists in America for over two decades. The professional performances will be complimented by local youth chautauqua performers, as well as, the Grand Valley History Players. Look out for ticket sales beginning in September!

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Virtual Exhibit Live on Museums Website Exploring the Uranium Boom in Western Colorado



Memorabilia from the uranium boom and its bust. 1990.61.1, 1991.96.1, 1990.61.2

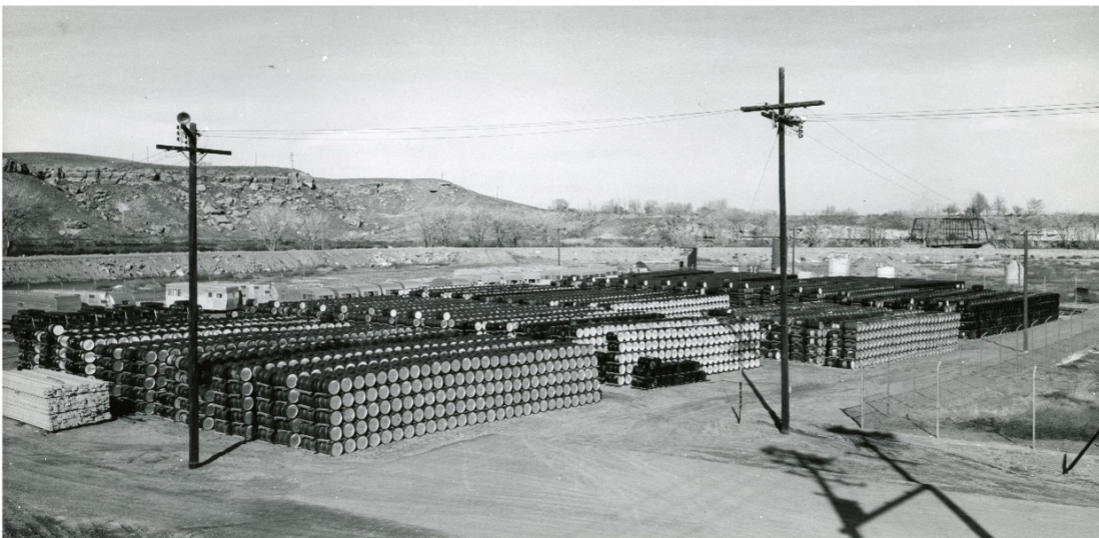
Did you know that Uravan is named as a play on words, a combination of uranium and vanadium, the two highly valued mining minerals that were found in that area?

Or that the highly secretive program known as the Manhattan Project had a regional headquarters in Grand Junction?

Or that there is a mill tailings disposal site in Whitewater, CO that received protests which inspired the gag can of “sun-dried Whitewater prairie dog: killed by a mill tailings truck on US 50” being sold for 99 cents?

These are just a few interesting things I have learned while processing this collection, a project that has been possible because of the Colorado Historical Records Advisory Board (CHRAB).

CHRAB granted the Museums of Western Colorado \$5,000 for 2020 through 2021. This grant resulted in the rehousing, digitization, and online access of the William Chenoweth Collection, comprised of uranium boom and AEC materials. These materials have been rehoused into non-acidic archival-grade storage to ensure its longevity and preservation, as well as uploaded onto the museum’s new collections database, Collective Access. Researchers now have access to view the scope of this collection, historical photos, and other related materials. Additionally, a timeline of the uranium boom and bust is now available on the museum’s website, under virtual exhibits. These are a few things that volunteers, and staff have been working on in the Research Library and we are excited to have it available!



View of the vanadium drum storage in Grand Junction, circa 1958. 1983.63.156

New Exhibit Set to Open at Museum of the West

All aboard our soon to open interactive exhibit about the railroad! Funded by the Union Pacific Railway, the museum is excited to open "United by Two Steel Rails." This exhibit adds a new spin to our understanding of how the trains and railways built the west, especially in Western Colorado. Historic photos will set the scene, artifacts will be on display, and an interactive telegraph can be used to type messages. Before there were phones, stations and trains communicated using electronic messages, and now you can too! Be sure to visit Museum of the West in late July to see this new exhibit, next to the current blacksmith exhibit!



Cross Orchards Farmer's Market in Full Swing with Local Produce Ripe for the Pickin'



The Farmer's Market at Cross Orchards is in full swing with waves of local produce arriving each week. The early fall frost in 2020 hurt the cherries this year, but apricots another early season fruit, still fared well and are in stands. The first wave of peaches are starting to arrive, and you can always count on locally made preserves gracing the stands. Though it is still early for most varieties of peaches, we can look forward to a good harvest and many peaches yet to come. For now, be sure to stop by on either Wednesday or Saturday morning to get your greens, herbs, & vegetables from local producers.

Cross Orchard is proud to be partnering with local farm group Grand Junction Farm and Ranch Market to be putting this event series on. The market is open 8:00-Noon on Wednesdays & Saturdays now through the middle of October. Cross Orchard's exhibits and ride-on-train are open Thursday, Friday & Saturday from 9:00am-3:00pm. Come see us!

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Escape for a night away with new friends and the Museum's Director. Enjoy the views of Black Canyon of the Gunnison on your way to spend an evening in Crested Butte. The next day take in the fall colors of Kebler Pass. On your way home enjoy some wine tasting and apple orchards in the North Fork Valley.

Overnight: Thursday Sept. 23rd- Friday Sept. 24th

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