

Grand Junction Newcomers Club

Where newcomers become old friends



Minutes – Sept. 10, 2025

Reminder – You don't have to wait for the next month's newsletter to read the minutes. They're posted on our website shortly after each meeting.

CLUB BUSINESS

After asking members to sit only on the north and west sides of the auditorium, **President Gary Fitzpatrick** called the meeting to order at 10 am. He explained that the new seating arrangement is designed to make sure everyone can see the projected images for the guest speaker's presentation, using a new "alternate screen" -- the south wall of the auditorium. The pull-down screen at the front of the room, normally used for projected images, hasn't been rolling down, so the club is showing its resourcefulness.

President Gary called for additions or changes to the August meeting minutes. Hearing none, he asked for motions to approve. **Ken Seitz** so moved, **Stacie Hawkins** seconded and the minutes were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer Bill Gates reported that the club's checking account balance stands at \$4,706.82, with \$.37 interest, and the CD is at \$5,341.05. He also noted that balances will begin to decline, as bills for the Labor Day picnic are paid and expenses for the upcoming holiday party are incurred.

President Gary congratulated **Tanya Davis**, head of the Hospitality Committee, on the great selection of autumn-themed treats. In turn, Tanya thanked others on the committee who helped - **Lisa Seitz, Jean Greenfield, Alberta Husch** and **Dale Gates**. **President Gary** also called for members with September birthdays, and a few raised their hands.

Karen Dreher, who has newly assumed responsibility for We Care, said that she sent greeting cards to **Larryne Zygmunt**, whose brother passed, to **Rick Murdica**, who recently had surgery, and to **Becky Chesnut**, who will soon have surgery. Karen also mentioned that she volunteers for KAFM 88.1/96.9, the Grand Valley's only local community radio station. On September 11, the station will feature a concert by Rebecca Folsom in the Radio Room, a community space inside the KAFM studio building; tickets are \$20.

Jean Greenfield of the club's Membership Committee said that one new member, David Hull, was attending the meeting. He recently moved from the Denver area.

Stacie Hawkins and **Molly Fitzpatrick** conducted the monthly raffle, and reminded members to bring in usable items -- things they may not want any longer, but others would -- as raffle items.

CLUB EVENTS

Douglas Grodt, who in his words organizes "easy hikes for old people," said the September 11 hike on the Grand Mesa is a go. The hikers will attempt to find Lost Lake and, if they're successful, will rename it "Thursday Newcomers Hikers Lake." Douglas will send logistical details to his large email list of hikers. Anyone who wants to be added to the list should contact Douglas at newcomerhikers@gmail.com.

Lisa Seitz said the Newcomers Labor Day picnic went well and attracted 93 people in not-so-bad weather. **President Gary** thanked **Ken and Lisa Seitz** for their time and effort in making the picnic happen, along with other volunteers -- including **Stacie and Chuck Hawkins** (Chuck is now the official Lord of the Shade Tarp), **Scott and Patty Perrin** and **Kris and Don Ami**. Lisa also said it's not too early to save September 7 on your 2026 calendar; that's the date of next year's Labor Day picnic, planned for the same time and place. Lisa also said that the next Wine Club

tasting event will be on Thursday, November 13, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Art Center of Western Colorado. The group will be sampling South African wines. As usual, cost is \$25 per person; November 6 is the deadline for signing up.

Terie Furtney said that she and **Barb Hofecker** will organize this year's holiday party, which will take place on Thursday, December 4 and will feature Mexican food. At this point, Terie said they are looking at caterers -- and, in the future, possibly venues other than the Masonic Lodge/Grand Valley Event Center's ballroom. She said ideas from members for both are welcome, although decisions have to be made in a timely fashion. In the meantime, Terie and Barb will host a gathering on Saturday, November 8, where interested members can help make table centerpieces, which will then be sold at the holiday party. The sale proceeds will be used to buy new decorations (likely through after-holiday sales), which will be stored and used for next year's party.

Suzan Fournier said that the first Tour and Lunch gathering of the season will be September 18 at 11 a.m. at the Atomic Legacy Cabin on Orchard Mesa, with lunch following at Dragon Treasure. The cabin chronicles the history of uranium mining and processing on Colorado's Plateau, plus Grand Junction's unique contribution to the Manhattan Project and the Cold War. In October, Susan said, a tour of an alpaca farm is planned; details coming soon.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Suzan Fournier also announced that the Armchair Travelers program's October 2 presentation at the Mesa County Public Libraries' Central Library will feature Colleen Jorgenson describing her eight-day tour of the Galapagos Islands in a small boat. Presentations are free and open to the public. They start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 7:30, just before the library closes. On October 16, also at 6:30 p.m., long-time journalist Steve Reed will give a presentation on Argentina at the Clifton Branch Library. Armchair Travelers is provided through a partnership between Newcomers Club and Mesa County Public Libraries.

Stan Zygmunt, Newcomers member who volunteers with New Dimensions Lifelong Learning Institute, said that the class catalog for the fall-winter session -- offering 90 classes on

varying topics -- is now online. Registration has begun and will continue through September 17; classes run at varying dates and times between September 29 and November 14. Stan was especially thrilled about a brand-new class involving a tour of Spirit Engineering, a local company with an aircraft manufacturing plant in Grand Junction. The company designs and produces high-quality light-sport planes that also are affordable for the average pilot -- including one design that uses automobile fuel instead of aviation fuel and has fold-up wings for easy transport. Stan also is teaching two New Dimensions classes himself -- one on flying electric remote control aircraft, the other on the Uintah toll road's history. Finally, he mentioned that the next Middy with New Dimensions presentation, titled Anatomy of a Thunderstorm, takes place on October 9 at the Mesa County Central Library and features an experienced storm-warning coordinator and incident meteorologist.

GUEST SPEAKER

Shenna Hayden, executive director of Museums of Western Colorado, described the museums' 75-year history and the ongoing mission of "inspiring and connecting community" through educational programs, exhibits and events at its three locations -- Museum of the West, Dinosaur Journey and Cross Orchards. The organization has been fully accredited by the American Association of Museums since 1971, recognition that it's following best professional practices. Last year, the museums attracted 52,000 visitors; this summer, that number reached 13,000 -- most from outside the local community. That's had an estimated \$1.2 million impact on the local economy's tourism business. Looking ahead, Hayden said the museums are working to: 1) increase the number of local students visiting and 2) build on current exhibits by making them more fun and interactive. "I'm all about making museums places where people can make noise and have hands-on learning experiences," Hayden said. An example: she mentioned the popularity of animatronic dinosaurs at Dinosaur Journey. She also stressed the wide variety of volunteer opportunities at all three sites and brought a list -- everything from gardening or driving the miniature train at Cross Orchards to helping prepare fossils at Dinosaur Journey to serving as a docent at special events.

--Lois Leach, Secretary

Member Notes

welcome

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Membership Directory



The new directory is out!
Contact Larrayne
Zygmunt, larrz5@mac.com, if your
directory information is incorrect.

The executive committee of the Grand Junction Newcomers Club is proposing a change in the dues structure. Currently the dues are \$15 for singles and \$25 for couples annually. The singles amount will remain at \$15 and the couples will change to \$30 annually. This change will create a more equitable dues structure for singles and also help with anticipated increased costs of future club events.



Please contact **Karen Dreher** if
you know of someone in the club
who needs a card:
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Farmers Markets

There's still time to get fresh,
local produce at the area's
farmers' markets.

- 🌿 **Fruita**, Civic Center Park, 325 E. Aspen Ave., Saturdays, 8:30 am to noon, through Oct. 25.
- 🌿 **Palisade**, 3rd and Main, Sundays, 9 am to 1 pm, through Oct. 5.

Community Doings

Kevin Fedarko, adventurer and author of *The Emerald Mile and A Walk in the Park*, presents an unforgettable evening at the Montrose Pavilion, 1800 Pavilion Dr, Montrose **October 1**. Doors open at 6:30 pm with talk at 7 pm. Q&A Follows
Seats are limited—don't miss your chance to be part of this unforgettable journey.
Tickets and more information can be found at this [link](#) or sherbino.org \$28/ \$38 day of event.

10th Annual Downtown Art Festival on Oct. 3 - 4. Many galleries will be participating in a First Friday gallery walk on Oct. 3 at 5pm. The Artist Expo will take place on Oct. 4 from 11am - 4pm on Main Street between 3rd and 7th. The expo will feature live demos and performances, and will support local artists. Free.

Cedaredge Applefest 2025 takes place **Oct. 3 – 5** in downtown Cedaredge. Food, music, vendors, and apples! <https://www.cedaredgeapplefest.com/>

Oktoberfest at Powderhorn Mountain Resort will take place **Oct. 5** from 12-5pm. A family-friendly event with activities, food, and seasonal drinks (scenic lift rides not available). Live music 1-4pm. Free admission.
<https://powderhorn.com/events/event/7-oktoberfest.html>

5th Annual Punk Rock Flea Market at the Lowell School (310 N. 7th St). **Oct. 11** from 2pm to 9pm. Vendors offering art, clothes, books, food trucks, bands, and other entertainment will be featured - free and open to the public.

Catholic Charities holds its 30th Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser on **Oct. 11** beginning at 11 am. Your \$25 ticket buys you a hand-crafted bowl (yours to keep) filled with warm soup and dessert. 245 South 1st St. catholicoutreach.org/bowls

Celebrate an evening of peace, beauty, hope, and memories at **Water Lights at Night**, hosted by Grand Junction Parks and Recreation. This event takes place on **Oct. 11**, 5pm-8pm at the Butterfly Pond (1601 Riverfront Drive). Decorate lanterns that will be launched on the pond. Free event, lantern kits are \$8/single or \$42/six pack in advance. Reserve your lantern here: <https://gjpr.org/WaterLightsatNight>

The **Palisade Historical Society's** monthly history talk on **Oct. 16** will be given by Carol Hunter with the Dominguez-Escalante Expedition Education Project. 6-7pm at the Ordinary Fellow Winery (202 Peach Avenue in Palisade). Free (donations welcome).

3rd Annual **Hope Through Homes**, presented by Habitat for Humanity of Mesa County, **Oct. 17** from 5pm to 8pm at the Habitat's John Hoffman Subdivision (3038 Stratton Dr). This day of community will feature live music, food trucks, a silent auction, bounce house, games, and more. Proceeds directly support construction of Habitat homes in our community. \$20 for tickets in advance at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/3rd-annual-hope-through-homes-presented-by-habitat-for-humanity-of-mesa-county>

Masonic Garage Sale at the Masonic Center (2400 Consistory Ct) on **Oct. 18** from 7am-12pm. Join the free community yard sale and search for a great find - there will be furniture, toys, books, home goods, and more.

3rd Annual **Harvest Funfest**, Craft Show, Expo, and Trunk-or-Treat in Loma (1351 Q Rd.) on **Oct. 19**, gates open at 10am. Pumpkin patch, burros, and horse drawn carriage rides make for a fun fall afternoon. Admission is free, ride tickets are extra. More details: <https://www.aplimo.com/pickin--in-the-rockies21a6c8d6>

This month's **Colorado Archaeological Society Meeting** speaker is Lucinda Schroeder, Special Agent with the US Fish and Wildlife service, presenting Operation Monster Slayer: The Recovery of Stolen Sacred Native American

Artifacts. Free and open to the public. **Oct. 22**, 6:30-8:00pm at Redlands United Methodist Church (527 Village Way).

Fall at the Gardens showcases spectacular pumpkin sculptures created by artists featured on Food Network's Halloween Wars. **Oct. 23-25** at Western Colorado Botanical Gardens at 655 Struthers Ave. \$10 - \$30.

Looking for a fun race this fall? Join the **Halloween 5k Fun Run/Walk** at WestCo Brewing (905 Struthers Ave.) on **Oct. 25** at 10am. Run a 5k route along the river, wear your costume, and enter the costume contest after the race. \$35 (no t-shirt, but you get a custom pint glass or water bottle). Register here: <https://grandvalleybrewruns.com/kannah-creek-brewing-company/>

Have a pet? The **Howl-o-ween Fun Run & Dog Walk** is the next day, **Oct. 26** starting at Las Colonias Park at 1pm. Dress up with your pet! Proceeds benefit Roice-Hurst Human Society. \$40 (includes a t-shirt and pet bandana). Register here: <https://rhumanesociety.org/event/5k/>

Free Community **Scam and Fraud Prevention Class**, **Oct. 30** - join fraud investigators who will provide information on how to identify frauds and scams, how to avoid them, and what to do if you fall for one. Mesa County Sheriff's Office (215 Rice Street), 9-10am. <https://westerncolorado.beaconseniornews.com/events/316268/scam-and-fraud-prevention-class>

The **Western Slope Cowboy Gathering**, hosted by KAFM Community Radio, will take place **Oct. 31 - Nov. 1** this year at the Grand Valley Event Center (2400 Consistory Ct.). This event was created for the celebration and sharing of modern and classic Cowboy Poetry and Music, and will feature a wide range of local and national Cowboy Poets and Western Singers over 2 days and nights of entertainment. Day performances are free, evenings up to \$20. More details and schedules here: <https://westernslopecowboygathering.com/>

Some doings at Mesa County Libraries

([Mesacountylibraries.org](https://mesacountylibraries.org)) include:

- Oct. 1, Oct. 8, Oct. 15, Oct. 22, Oct. 29, 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. Artist in Residence Meet and Greet: Meghan Reker. 970West Studio.
- Oct. 8, 6:00 pm-7:45 pm. Poetry Night. Listen, and if you like, share your poetry. Central Library Mesa Room.
- Oct. 9, 4:00 pm-7:00 pm. Art Supply Swap with Artist-in-Residence Meghan Reker - bring your gently used art supplies to exchange with other artists. Central Library Community Room.
- Oct. 9, 5:30 pm-7:00 pm. Books On Tap - discuss the books you're currently reading. Colorado Craft Coffee and Beer House.
- Oct. 11, 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Mesa County Fiber Arts Fair - presented by the Mesa Fiber Arts Guild. Come see demonstrations of weaving, crocheting, spinning year, and more. Central Library Community Room.
- Oct. 12, 12:00 pm-2:00 pm. Meet the Author - On Censorship by James LaRue. Celebrate Banned Books Week with a reading and conversation with James LaRue. Registration/tickets required (\$15-25).
- Oct. 21, 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Legal Resource Day. This is an opportunity to ask civil legal questions during an Ask An Attorney session or attend a presentation. Central Library Community Room.
- Oct. 22, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm. Trinket Trade Meetup with Artist-in-Residence Meghan Reker. Bring trinkets to exchange with other makers and chat about why these objects speak to you. Central Library Monument Room.
- Oct. 23, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm. Writing Your Ethical Will - a personal document to communicate your values, experiences, and life lessons with those you leave behind. Central Library Community Room. (Also Oct. 29, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm at the Clifton Branch.)
- Oct. 28, 10:30 am-11:30am. Crafting for Adults. Supplies provided. Room 1, Orchard Mesa Branch.

Big Annual Book Sale Friends of the Mesa County Libraries will hold their big annual sale

October 15 - 18 at the First Congregational Church (Across from Grand Junction High School). Great prices on used books, DVDs, CDs, and more - cash, check, credit card, and Venmo are accepted. Free admission, proceeds benefit Mesa County Libraries programs and projects. Wednesday-Friday 9am-6pm, and Saturday 9am-3pm.

Labor Day BBQ 2025

We had another wonderful Labor Day BBQ this year with just under 95 people attending. Have Cooker Will Travel once again catered the event with a delicious BBQ meal. Save the date for next year, **September 7, 2026**. Thank you to all of you who attended and a special thank you to all those who helped this year. More photos p. 10.



Community Performances

- **Sept. 25 - Oct. 4** Colorado Mesa University of Theater Arts presents Tartuffe - Moliere's timeless farce filled with wit, charm, and a touch of chaos. Various performances at 2pm and 7:30pm. Tickets \$25-50. <https://cmustages.com/upcoming-shows/tartuffe.html>
- **Oct. 3 - 5** Colorado West Ballet presents their premiere production of "Beauty and the Beast" at the Avalon Theater. Performances are at 7pm Oct. 3, 2pm and 7pm on Oct. 4, and 2pm on Oct. 5. Tickets \$32-64. <https://www.coloradowestballet.org/>

- **Oct. 17 - 19** Western Colorado Chorale presents "A Night at the Theater", featuring Broadway's greatest hits, for their first concert of the season. Love Recital Hall at Colorado Mesa University, 7:30pm Friday and 3:00pm Sunday. Tickets \$21-26. <https://gjso.org/>
- **Oct. 18** GJ Rockestra, a rock band with symphony backing presents "Rockin' the Asteria", featuring the CMU Choir and music by popular rock artists. Performance starts at 7:30pm at the Asteria Theater. Tickets start at \$30. <https://cmustages.com/upcoming-shows/gj-rockestrarockin-the-asteria.html>
- **Oct. 24 - Nov. 2** The Theater Project presents Stephen Sondheim's dark musical "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" - back (after last year's performances) by popular demand! Performances are at 7pm Fridays, 2pm and 7pm on Saturdays, and 2pm on Sundays at The Art Center. Tickets \$28-33. <https://www.gjartcenter.org/>



Tour and Lunch visited the Atomic Legacy Cabin in September. Next up is a tour of an alpaca farm.



Keep those egg cartons coming. Bring them to the Wednesday meetings and Ruth and Larry Anna will take them to the Food Bank. Paper cartons are preferred.



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October Activities



COFFEE (Monthly Meeting)

Everyone is welcome at our monthly coffee, held the **2nd Wednesday** of each month at the Masonic Lodge/Grand Valley Event Center (2400 Consistory Ct). We meet at **9:30 am** to enjoy a bit of coffee and socializing before our business meeting. We usually have a guest speaker from local non-profit or other organization. Meetings conclude around 11 am.



ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Colleen Jorgensen will share "Nature's Paradise: The Galapagos Archipelago" on **Thursday, Oct. 2**, at the Mesa County Central Library. Doors open at 6 pm; the program begins at 6:30.



BOOKCLUB

On **Tuesday, Oct. 14**, **Lucie Shelofsky** will be hosting the book group as we discuss *How to Share an Egg*, by Bonny Reichert. We'll gather at 10 am. **DJ Clancy** will be happy to field any questions you may have. Contact her at djclancy68@gmail.com



BOWLING

Strikes! Spares! Gutter Balls! Whatever your skill level, you are welcome to join up with other Newcomers every **Friday** at **9:15 am** at the Orchard Mesa Lanes, 295 27 Rd. It's only \$9 for three games. Shoes are available for rental. For information, phone or text **Michael Shea** at 970-663-3238, 970-213-4859, or dakotah1001@msn.com.



HAPPY HOUR

Happy hours are on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays of the month, usually from **5 to 7 pm**. Check your email for locations.

A suggestion: With so many new members and guests at happy hours, wear your name tag to facilitate introductions and lighten the load on our memories.



DINNER CLUB

Dinner Club had our beginning of the season brunch at **Gary and Molly Fitzpatrick's** lovely home on Saturday, Sept. 13. There were 40 members in attendance. Great food--French toast, quiches, potato casseroles, bacon and sausage (yummy!), coffee cakes and sweet breads. And the rain held off just long enough!

Our October dinners will be small groups in members' homes.



HIKING

This group is for those who like an easier and friendly form of hiking around the scenic Grand Valley and the Grand Mesa. Participants meet at **8:45 am** on **Thursdays** at a trailhead or carpool site. Contact **Douglas Grodt** at newcomerhikers@gmail.com to be put on the distribution list for upcoming outings.

**KNITTING**

We are meeting **Monday, Oct. 20 at 10 am** at the north end of Sherwood Park. Bring a chair, drink, and your projects.

**MAH JONGG**

The mah jongg group plays year-round on **Thursdays** with a fun group of multi-level players. Play is from **9 - 11:30 am** at St Mary's Pavilion (coffee café, 750 Wellington). Looking for more information or wish to observe, then contact **Nancy Hollmaier** at nancyksh@gmail.com or text 224-688-2308.

**MOVIE CLUB**

Movie club members will meet on **Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 4 pm** to discuss the movie *Gravity*. The 2013 science fiction thriller stars Sandra Bullock and George Clooney as a medical engineer and an astronaut who work together to survive after an accident leaves them adrift in space. *Gravity* won several Academy Awards including cinematography, visual effects, and film and sound editing.

**NEEDLECRAFTERS**

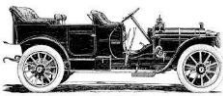
NeedleCrafters group meets the 2nd Monday of the month in a member's home. If you enjoy any type of handy work and would like information about this long-standing group, text **Nancy H** at 224-688-2308.

**SINGULAR DINERS**

Singular Diners is for those singles who want to enjoy the various restaurants in the Grand Valley area but hesitate to dine alone. The next lunch will be on **Oct. 15 at noon** at The Feisty Pint, 395 Colorado Ave., Grand Junction. Please confirm your attendance to **Lina Palomo** bluetopaz1129@yahoo.com or (626) 993-7046.

**TENNIS**

Drop in any **Monday, Wednesday or Friday** at Canyon View Park for mixed doubles play. Presently playing 9 – 11 am. Starting **Oct. 6** court time is **10 - noon** through Oct. 30th. Questions?? Call **Tony Miller** 970-255-9964.

**TOUR AND LUNCH**

On **Tuesday, Oct. 14**, Tour and Lunch will visit an alpaca farm to see and learn more about these beautiful animals. Please note: We will meet at **2 pm** so people we won't be going to lunch. The group is limited to 15 people. Sign-ups and directions will be at the October 8 meeting.

**Wine Tasting**

The next wine club meeting will be **Thursday, Nov. 13 from 4 – 6 pm** at the Art Center. We will be sampling wines from South Africa. Cost remains at \$25. If you would like to reserve a spot, please send your check made out to Newcomers club to Ken Seitz, 2675 Autumn Brook Ct., Grand Junction, 81506. Any questions, please contact **Lisa** at 303-263-4391 or at lisa.seitz623@gmail.com. Hope to see you in November!



Free and Fun in October



Date	What	Where	Time	More Information
2	Armchair Travelers: "Nature's Paradise: The Galapagos"	Central Library	6:30 – 7:30 pm	mesacountylibraries.org
3	First Friday	The Art Center and downtown galleries	evening	gjartcenter.org
8	A Little Noon Music— Blake Learny, piano	1 st United Methodist Church, 5 th & White	12:15 pm	www.fumcgj.org
16	Clifton Armchair Travel: Argentina	Clifton Library Community Room	6:30 – 7:30 pm	mesacountylibraries.org
16	Mesa County Oral History Meeting: Becoming CMU, 100 Years in the Making	Central Library Community Room	12 – 1 pm	mesacountylibraries.org
24	Science Uncorked: Rooted in Resilience— Lessons from Redwoods & Junipers	Whitewater Hill Winery	6 – 8 pm	RSVPs welcome. https://whitewaterhill.com/



New Dimensions

The **New Dimensions Lifelong Learning** fall term is off and running offering 90 classes. Registration is complete and classes start on September 29 ending on November 14. While registration for the fall term is closed, remember that if you registered for classes, you can still add classes that are not full. The list of those classes can be found at <https://www.newdimensionsgj.org>.

If you did not register for classes, find out what you are missing by attending a Midday with New Dimensions lecture. Midday lectures are short versions of past classes.

Midday with New Dimensions invites you to a one-hour lecture, "**Anatomy of a Thunderstorm and Other Fun Facts**," presented by Jeffrey Colton. Join us at noon on Thursday, October 9,

at the Central Library (443 N. 6th Street) for an insider's look at nature's most dramatic weather.

Jeff retired as the Warning Coordination Meteorologist—and served as an Incident Meteorologist—for the National Weather Service in Grand Junction since 1998. Over his 30-plus year career, he's deployed nationwide to support first responders through floods, wildfires, and other emergencies.

In this talk, Jeff will:

- Trace a thunderstorm's life cycle, from the atmosphere's spark to its final downpour
- Uncover the forces that strengthen or weaken storm cells
- Reveal how electrical charge builds and discharges as lightning
- Explain how and why hail forms—and **what made last June's Grand Junction hailstorm so unusual**

Whether you remember the roar of distant thunder or simply love a good science story, this lecture will deepen your appreciation for the power—and the beauty—of storms.

Midday with New Dimensions is a partnership between Mesa County Libraries and New Dimensions Lifelong Learning, offering free public lectures. Seating is first come, first served. Lecture information can be found on the Mesa County Libraries' event calendar at <https://mesacountylibraries.org/events/>.

Labor Day BBQ Pics



Need a Name Tag?

We suggest you keep your name badge in your car so it will always be handy. If you don't already have a magnetic name badge, you can order one from **Alberta Husch** for \$12. Email her at aahusch@gmail.com.

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Submissions for general club news and ads are due the 20th of the preceding month.

You don't have to be new to the area to join Newcomers. Annual dues are \$15, \$25 for a couple. Download the membership form at gjnewcomers.org, and mail the completed form with a check. Or come to a monthly coffee (2nd Wednesday of the month, 9:30 am, at the Masonic Lodge/Grand Valley Event Center (2400 Consistory Ct) to get to know us a bit and sign up then. You'll meet great people, receive our member directory, get our newsletter and timely email alerts, can join any of our regular activity groups, and participate in special events.

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