

STATE OF THE GJ UNION DEPOT

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Summer is a season of momentum at the Depot, and this issue reflects the many ways our community continues to support this project. From celebrations and milestones to upcoming opportunities to get involved, we are grateful to share another chapter in the ongoing story of preserving the Grand Junction Union Depot.

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Rods & Rails: National Train Day Celebration!

National Train Day brought together local history, classic cars, railroad heritage, and community support at the Depot, creating a celebration that honored the building's 120-year history.

Thank you to Wheels West Car Club for partnering with us to bring more than 30 classic cars for display inside and around the Depot. The vehicles created a memorable scene, with the historic Depot serving as the perfect backdrop.

Two special vehicles were displayed in the Depot's main waiting room: a 1924 Model T Ford owned by Anamae Richmond, a member of the Territorial Daughters of Colorado, and a pristine blue 1930 Ford Model A Roadster owned by Mickey Nuttall, member of the Grand Valley Model Railroad Club.

Both represented meaningful community connections: the Territorial Daughters of Colorado were early supporters of the restoration project and



Anamae Richmond & Michael Nuttall with Anamae's 1924 Model T Ford.



1930 Ford Model A Roadster, owned by Mickey Nuttall.

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1939 Chevrolet.



4th Annual Train Day.



Willy Jeepster.

have sponsored two windows, while Mickey and his club have participated in the last four Train Days, with a mobile railroad display.

Visitors also explored railroad history through artifacts donated by the late Dan Price, adding another connection between the day's celebration and the Depot's railroad heritage.

Guests also participated in a word scavenger hunt, answering ten questions about the Depot's history for a chance to win a Depot-inspired goodie basket. Congratulations to our winner, Ariel Marchand!

Peer 180 returned for their third year to support Train Day and serve burgers on the patio, raising funds for their nonprofit.

The event honored the Depot's restoration efforts while bringing visitors together to celebrate local history, classic vehicles, railroad heritage and strong community support that continues to keep the Depot's story alive.

The day would not have been possible without the support of our amazing volunteers: Keith and Sandy Williams, Scott and Terri Kepner, Dave Amend, Janet Huff, Brenda Fhuere, Dr. Peter LaVon, and Logan Wilson. Thank you to Carlson Vineyards for joining us and offering wine for guests to purchase during the event.

We are grateful to everyone who dedicated their time, energy, and support to make this celebration possible. ●



John Swaik with his 1948 Chevrolet Thriftmaster.



All of the great people who made Train Day possible.



The Friends Annual Meeting took place on June 20 at the Grand Junction Union Depot, and we were heartened to see so many longtime supporters and new friends come together. This year's meeting was our largest to date, with over 75 members attending to celebrate the progress made and to learn more about what lies ahead for the Depot. The strong turnout served as a meaningful reminder of how much this special place means to our community.

During the meeting, the executive board shared updates on current fundraising efforts and talked through the upcoming rehabilitation plans for the Depot. Members also heard about recently awarded grants, which will help support the continued work needed to bring new life to this historic landmark.

We were also happy to welcome Jan Brooks as a new board member. Jan has been volunteering with the board for more than a year, and we are grateful for the time, energy, and care she has already shared with the Friends.

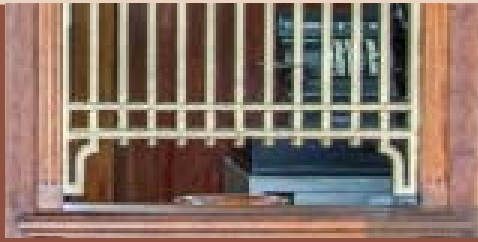
Members also enjoyed a catered lunch from Henry & Co., the future restaurant that plans to open once the Depot rehabilitation is complete.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of our Friends Members and supporters who continue to help move this work forward. Your annual memberships, paver sponsorships, and window sponsorships make a real difference and help keep the Depot project moving step by step. We are truly grateful for the continued support and encouragement from everyone who believes in preserving this important part of Grand Junction's history.

● Please renew your annual membership online at Friendsofgjuniondepot.org under the "Support Us" tab. If you prefer, you may also mail a check to:

Friends of GJ Union Depot
PO Box 71
Grand Junction, CO 81502

Every membership helps support the continued rehabilitation of the Depot, and we appreciate each one. ●



FROM
THE **TICKET OFFICE**
An Update From The Owners

Grant Funding Fuels Depot Rehab

The rehabilitation of the Grand Junction Union Depot continues to move forward, with roof replacement scheduled to begin August 26th. Supported by the State Historical Fund and the Grand Junction Downtown Development Authority (DDA), this phase is a critical step in protecting and preserving one of the community's historic landmarks.

The project has recently received two major grant awards, each supported by matching catalyst funding from the Downtown Development Authority.

In December 2025, the project received a \$250,000 grant from the Colorado State Historic Fund, matched by a \$250,000 catalyst grant from the Downtown Development Authority.

Although the grant was awarded in December, approval to use the funds and begin work was received in July 2026.

In June 2026, the project received another \$250,000 grant from the Colorado State Historic Fund, matched by a \$250,000 catalyst grant from the Downtown Development Authority. Based on the grant process timeline, approval from CSHF is expected to take approximately five to seven months before the funds can be used.

Together, these grant awards and matching commitments bring the total committed funding for the continued rehabilitation of the Depot to \$1 million.

Western Slope Roofing, a local company, will be responsible for the roof work. This phase is a significant step in the rehabilitation effort, contributing to the building's long-term stability

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New roof tiles are unloaded at the Grand Junction Union Depot.



Restoring the Windows, Renewing the Story

We are excited to share a meaningful milestone in the restoration of the historic Grand Junction Union Depot: 28 of the depot's 54 historic windows have already been sponsored. That means we are officially halfway toward preserving one of the building's most beautiful and defining features.

These windows are more than architectural details. They are part of the story of Grand Junction—frames through which generations of travelers, railroad workers, families, and visitors have seen our community arrive, grow, and change. Each sponsored window helps protect that story and brings new life to a treasured landmark that has stood in the heart of our city since 1906.

To our current window sponsors: thank you. Your generosity is helping restore the depot with care, dignity, and respect for its history. Your support shows what is possible when a community comes together around a shared piece of history.

Now, we invite others to join this effort. With 26 windows still available for sponsorship, there is still time to leave your mark on the Grand Junction Union Depot and become part of its next chapter. Sponsoring a window is a lasting way to honor a family, celebrate a business, remember a loved one, or show your commitment to preserving the places that make Grand Junction unique.

Every window sponsored contributes to restoring this beautiful gem and reopening it as a source of pride, and connection for the Grand Valley.

>If you have been considering a window sponsorship, this is the moment to step forward. Help us complete the set of 54 historic windows and ensure that this remarkable 1906 depot continues to shine for generations to come.

Window sponsorships are considered tax-deductible donations. Donations of \$200 or more may be eligible for the Enterprise Zone State Tax Credit of 25%.

To sponsor a window or learn more, contact:
friends@friendsofgjuniondepot.org
or: owners@gjuniondepot.com. ●

Thank you to our Window Sponsors:

Lauren Heath

Jan Reece

Katherine Kylen

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Keith & Sandy Williams

Jerry & Melinda Cole (2)

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Big Swings, Big Prizes, plus a Drone Drop for the Depot

The Third Annual Friends of GJ Union Depot Charity Golf Tournament, presented by ANB Bank, is set for Saturday, August 29 at Redlands Mesa Golf Course — and there are more ways than ever to be part of the action. Join us on the course, or take your shot at winning big in our first-ever Drone Golf Ball Drop.

We're back for our third year, and the excitement is bigger than ever with the first-ever Drone Golf Ball Drop, sponsored by Western Slope Roofing! If golf isn't your game, this is your chance to join the fun, support Friends of GJ Union Depot, and take a shot at winning big. Get your Drone Golf Ball today—no clubs required, just a little luck and a lot of fun.

CMU Tech will provide and operate the drone that drops up to 480 golf balls at the end of the tournament. The first ball in the cup—or closest to the pin—wins \$1,000, the second wins \$500, and the third wins \$250. Best of all, you do not have to be present to win.

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THIRD ANNUAL FRIENDS OF GJ UNION DEPOT



\$20,000

**HOLE-IN-ONE ON HOLE 8
WIN \$10,000 FOR YOU
& \$10,000 FOR
FRIENDS OF
GJ UNION DEPOT**

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH, 2026

2 PERSON SCRAMBLE - 8AM SHOTGUN START

Presented by

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PRIZES

**1ST, 2ND & 3RD
PLACE TEAMS
LONGEST DRIVE,
CLOSEST TO THE PIN
& MORE!**

**\$150 PER PLAYER
Entry Fee includes:
18 holes of golf w/cart,
breakfast, lunch & 2 drink tickets**


**REDLANDS MESA
GOLF COURSE**

**REGISTER AT
friendsgolfday.com**

**DRONE
GOLF BALL DROP
\$20 = 1 BALL
\$50 = 3 BALLS
\$100 = 7 BALLS
WIN UP TO \$1,750**

 **TECH**



Scan to
register or
purchase a
drone golf ball

**A maximum of 480 balls will be sold. Attendance
is not required to win. Must be 18 to participate.
All proceeds will benefit the restoration of the
Grand Junction Union Depot.**

DRONE GOLF BALL DROP

3RD ANNUAL FRIENDS OF GJ UNION DEPOT
CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT - SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH

Sponsored by



\$1000

FIRST IN THE HOLE/CLOSEST TO CUP

\$500

2ND IN THE HOLE/NEXT CLOSEST TO CUP

\$250

3RD IN THE HOLE/NEXT CLOSEST TO CUP

\$20 = 1 BALL

\$50 = 3 BALLS

\$100 = 7 BALLS



Whether you golf, enter the Drone Golf Ball Drop, or bid in the silent auction, your participation helps Friends of GJ Union Depot continue building momentum for a meaningful community project. All proceeds from the tournament benefit the restoration of the historic Grand Junction Union Depot.

We invite you to join us!

Drone golf ball drop will take place at the end of the tournament.

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So far, **254 drone golf balls** have been sold, and **we need your help to reach our goal of 480**. Every entry brings us closer and helps support the mission of Friends of GJ Union Depot.

Visit Friendsgolfdays.com, click the blue "Register Now" button, then scroll down to choose your Drone Golf Ball Drop package.

Ready to play? Gather your team for a fun day on the course filled with friendly competition, community spirit, and great prizes.

- Awards will go to the first-, second-, and third-place teams.
- Make a hole-in-one on hole #8 to win \$10,000 for yourself and \$10,000 for Friends of GJ Union Depot.
- Players can also compete for Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin prizes,
- Plus an additional hole-in-one prize of a golf cart.

The fun continues off the course with a silent auction full of great items to bid on. A few featured items include:

- Redlands Mesa golf for four
- 24-hour Polaris Slingshot rental
- Gift cards to Downtown GJ, Sprouts, Quality Meat, Signature Nails, and more! ●

Enterprise Zone Contribution Tax Credit



Did you know the Friends of GJ Union Depot is an approved Enterprise Zone project?

What this means is you receive a Colorado Tax credit in addition to Federal & State tax deductions for any donations of \$200 or more.

● **12.5% of an in-kind donation and 25% of a cash donation**

The Enterprise Zone Contribution Tax Credit provides a tax credit to Colorado taxpayers that contribute to targeted enterprise zone projects. When taxpayers make a certified contribution, they can claim 25% of a cash donation as a state income tax credit and 12.5% of an in-kind donation as a state income tax credit. The amount of this tax credit is capped at \$100,000 per taxpayer per tax year. If you cannot use all of your credits in a given tax year, you can carry forward the balance up to five years.

● **If you make a \$1,000 donation, here is an example of how your benefits might stack up:**

- Colorado Tax Credit: You receive a \$250 direct credit (25% of \$1,000) off your Colorado state income tax bill.
- Federal Tax Deduction: You can deduct the full \$1,000 on your federal Schedule A if you choose to itemize.
- State Tax Deduction: You can also claim the \$1,000 deduction on your Colorado state return if you itemize.

● **Paver & Window Sponsorships and donations over \$200 qualify!**

Every contribution helps preserve a beloved piece of Grand Junction's history and brings the GJ Union Depot one step closer to becoming a vibrant community landmark.

Your support does more than fund restoration—it honors our past, strengthens our present, and helps create a place future generations can enjoy with pride.

Please consider making a qualifying donation today to bring this important project to life. ●

FRIENDS OF GJ UNION DEPOT

HELP US RESTORE

GJ UNION DEPOT

ONE BRICK AT A TIME

Customize a brick paver and become part of the restoration of Grand Junction's Union Depot. Your engraved brick will be installed on the trackside patio upon project completion.

ANY MESSAGE
18 CHARACTERS/LINE
THREE LINES

ENGRAVED BRICK PAVER – \$200

Customize it with up to 18 characters per line, up to 3 lines. Your sponsorship of a brick paver includes a one-year membership to the Friends of GJ Union Depot.

 **TAX CREDIT BENEFIT**

Receive a 25% Colorado State tax credit for a qualified Enterprise Zone Contribution.

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Ludowici, Clay Red, French Field Tiles, 15 pallets arrive June 30.

and preservation. After the roof replacement, a new transformer will be installed to provide power to the building, supporting its future use. Phase two, which will be coordinated with the grant awarded in June 2026, will focus on fire suppression, electrical, plumbing, and structural improvements.

In addition to construction funding, the project has also been awarded the following tax credit grants: OEDIT / Colorado Creative Industries (CCI) has awarded the project \$624,000 through the Community Revitalization Tax Credit program. GJ Union Depot was one of only a dozen Colorado projects selected. This program is designed to activate underutilized community spaces in creative, historic, and main street commercial districts. These credits can be used once the project is complete.

Additionally, the project was awarded a \$500,000 tax credit through the Commercial Historic

Preservation Tax Credit program. This program supports the rehabilitation of historic buildings through transferable tax credits that can be used once the project is complete.

Unlike the SHF/DDA grants, which provide cash for construction, the tax credits are not funds the project receives immediately. Instead, they will help support the project's long-term financial stability once the Depot is activated.

Historic rehabilitation projects require substantial time, coordination, and financial investment. The continued support of grant funding, local matching commitments, donations, and historic tax credit

programs remains essential to advancing each major phase of the Depot project. This latest progress reflects the strong partnership and community commitment needed to preserve the Grand Junction Union Depot for future generations. ●



New Ludowici roof tiles awaiting installation.

The Many Hands Behind the Depot's Progress



Volunteers Dave Amend, Scott Kepner, and Keith Williams.

Our depot restoration project continues to move forward thanks to the dedication, generosity, and hard work of our volunteers. From Train Day, the members' meeting, to the golf tournament, demo/rehab, and countless behind-the-scenes efforts, these individuals continue to show what community commitment truly looks like.

Special recognition goes to Keith Williams, Scott Kepner, and Dave Amend, whose hands-on work at the depot can be seen in the progress taking shape each week. The number of hours they have contributed is immeasurable, and their willingness to show up, lend a hand, and support the project wherever needed has made a lasting impact.

While some contributions are measured in physical progress, others happen quietly behind the scenes and are just as essential to keeping the project moving forward. Kitty Nicholason helps keep the depot restoration visible through support with our print ads, while Amy Nuernberg contributes her time and creativity to the newsletter design.

That same spirit of support carries into our fundraising efforts, where Janet Huff and Brenda Fhuere have poured their energy into every aspect of the golf tournament — from collecting silent auction items and securing sponsorships to selling drone golf balls.

Their work proves that preservation is never done by one person alone — it is built by many hands, many talents, and a shared belief in what this depot means to our community. ●

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