

David wrote 4/18/08

Tom – Do not get rid of the present facility. Yes a new enclosed arena would be nice & yes we (Mesa co) need a better & larger complex to house the various events which could be brought to Grand Junction / Mesa co.

Yet the present facility can still be put to good use.

Put it to the vote of the county. We do not give our parks of outdoor facilities away so the county may have more money to spend on what we consider the commissioners special project. Yes I did go thru the school system in Grand Junction and am 74 years of age. David Krogh

Tony wrote 4/19/08

I believe that Grand Junction is well overdue for some sort of event center. I have homes in both Grand Junction and Loveland, Colorado and I have seen first hand what an arena can do for a community. Since the Budweiser Events Center was built in Loveland, everyone has benefited. Their hockey team has sold out every game they have ever played. They play host to concerts, rodeos, plays, childrens shows, basketball games, football games, and many other events. The 4-H facilities are immaculate and everyone enjoys their use. I think if Grand junction misses this golden opportunity to gain something that thousands upon thousands of people can have many years of enjoyment and use that it will become a scar on the face of the city. I, for one, would be severely dissappointed in the leadership if it comes down to losing this opportunity. I know that the Mesa County fairgrounds have a lot of history behind it, but it is time for a change for the better. Attempting to fix the run-down, dilapidated complex would be like simply putting a band-aid over a wound; it doesn't fix it, it just covers up what is really underneath. So, I urge you to take full advantage of this opportunity and not let it slip through the city's hands.

Thank You,
Anthony Koehler