



125th Anniversary NEWS RELEASE

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Mesa County Created 125 Years Ago This Week

County to kick off year-long celebration of anniversary

Were it not for a decision made 125 years ago this week, we would all be living in another county right now.

In early 1883, what we now know as Mesa County was still part of a much-larger Gunnison County. However, due to growth that the small town of Grand Junction was experiencing, and accompanying citizen requests, the legislature and then-Governor James Grant agreed to create a new county bearing the name of "Mesa."

To kick off a year-long celebration of Mesa County's 125th anniversary, the Mesa County Commissioners will officially recognize the creation of our county with a proclamation next Monday. The event will include historic costumes and period music, as well as the official release of the schedule of anniversary-related events for 2008.

When: Monday, February 11th

9:00 a.m.

**Where: Old Mesa County Courthouse (544 Rood Avenue)
Second Floor Public Hearing Room**

Members of the media are encouraged to attend. Please come find out more about all we have planned for 2008!

The schedule of 125th Anniversary events will be available on our website at: www.mesacounty.us/125. More anniversary-related information will be posted throughout the year.

"Many faces, many places. One community—Mesa County."