

# Visit Loveland July 2014 PR & Social Media Report

### **Public Relations**

July was a great media relations' month for Visit Loveland with several secured opportunities and coverage.

### **Highlighted Opportunities:**

- We hosted freelance writer Julie Bielenberg who was on assignment for stories in *AAA Encompass Magazine*, *Cowboys & Indians Magazine* and MileHighMamas.com. The trip was a huge success and Julie left singing Loveland's praises to other travel media in the Denver market and beyond.
- We secured an opportunity to feature Devil's Backbone and potentially Loveland's downtown on Fox 31's Explore Colorado with Jennifer Broome. We are working to finalize the shoot for September.
- We secured the interest of freelance writer and travel blogger Carri Wilibanks to include Sweetheart Lanes in an article she is working on. She will be visiting Loveland in August for photos and we will discuss additional opportunities to showcase Loveland.

We also secured Loveland's inclusion in publications such as PeterGreenbergWorldwide.com, 5280.com, Coloradoan, ComposeYourselfMag.com and Germany's Travel Talk magazine. The Colorado Tourism Office worked to include Loveland in a USA Today story and Live Happy Magazine included Loveland as the most satisfied city in its recent issue/rankings. Additional details of all coverage are included in the Key Performance Metrics below.

This month, we researched and drafted the fall press release 'Top 15 Reasons to Expand Your Trip to Rocky Mountain National Park through Loveland this Fall." This release will be distributed in August.

Social media efforts continue to grow with new likes daily, and the e-newsletter subscriber list consistently grows monthly.

### **E-Newsletter**

The July 2014 e-newsletter focused on last-minute summer travel and fall vacation planning in Loveland. The subscriber list continues to grow with 10,994 total subscribers at a 17.4 percent open rate and 1.3 percent click-thru rate. According to our newsletter provider, Mail Chimp, the travel/tourism industry average is 16.3 percent open rate and 1.8 percent click-thru rate, so we have stayed consistent with open rates and are still slightly below on click-thru rates.

The top links clicked on are:

- http://www.visitlovelandco.org/Pages/RegionalEventsCalendar
- http://thunderintherockies.com/
- http://www.loveland.org/TheCornRoastFestival/
- http://lovelandsculptureinvitational.org/
- <a href="http://www.larimercountyfair.org/">http://www.larimercountyfair.org/</a>

Most of the links clicked were in stories higher in the e-newsletter, with the exception being the Regional Events Calendar. We had 113 unsubscribe this month, but are consistently adding subscribers.

### Social Media

This section is outlined in the attached reports as well as in the activity and awareness sections in the Key Performance Indicator chart below.

### **Key Performance Indicators**

This section is designed to help summarize activity, awareness, actions and attitudes of our PR and social media efforts. It is important that they align with Visit Loveland's overall goals and this section will help us continue to track that throughout the year.

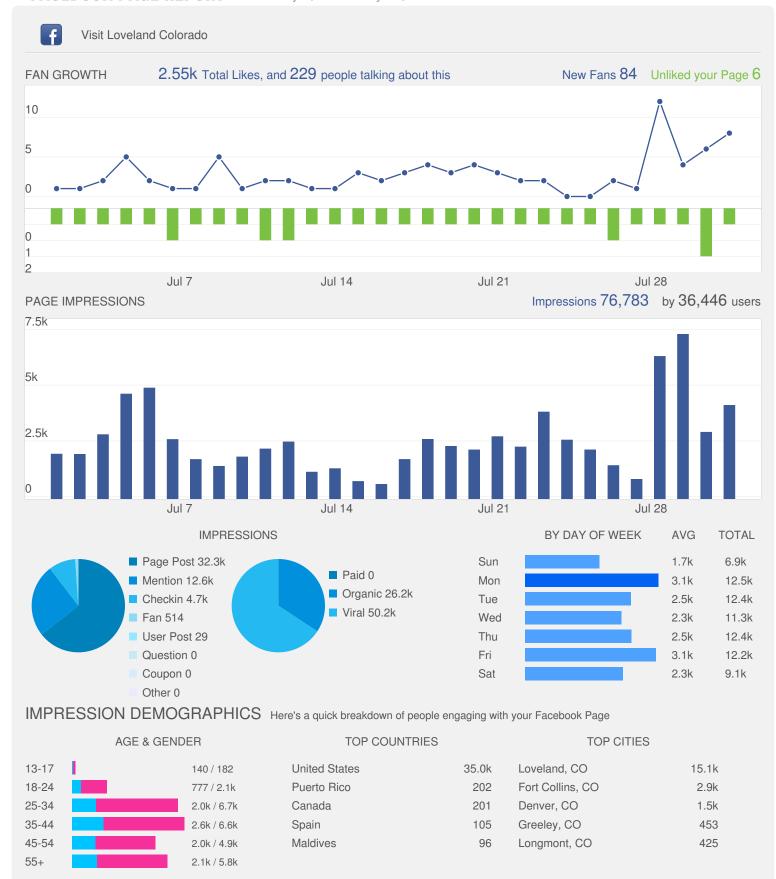
Activity	Public Relations	•	Distributed July e-newsletter	
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		•	Hosted Julie Bielenberg on her July press trip to Loveland. She is working on several	

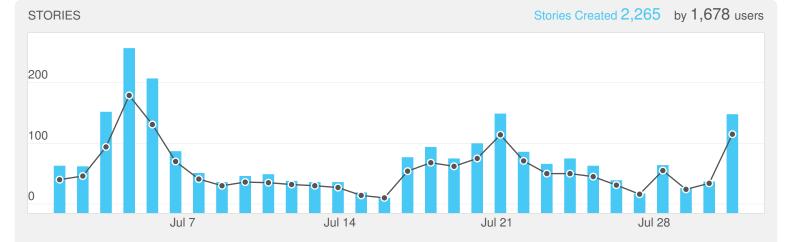
		stories that Loveland could fit into including ones for AAA Encompass Magazine, Cowboys & Indians and Milehighmamas.com.  • Attended TravelChannel.com filming at Verboten for Visit Loveland and met producers and film crew.  • Coordinated The Vault Grand Junction radio giveaway for Oktoberfest weekend  • Drafted Colorado Life ad content focusing on Fall activities and Oktoberfest  • Distributed Oktoberfest press release  • Pitched Fox 31's Explore Colorado and 9 News' Colorado Adventures for upcoming
		<ul> <li>Loveland segments. Secured interested with Explore Colorado for September segment filming.</li> <li>Drafted Loveland Top 15 press release designed to support tourism through Loveland for the 100-year anniversary of Rocky Mountain National Park.</li> <li>Reviewed Colorado Governor's Tourism Conference award opportunities and sent to</li> </ul>
		Visit Loveland team for consideration.  • Secured opportunity with freelancer and travel blogger Carri Willibanks (works with USA Today, AAA Encompass, Comcast TV and more) to include Sweetheart Lanes in upcoming story. Further coordination will happen in August.
	Social Media	<ul> <li>Participated in Twitter Expedia Chats</li> <li>Promoted the following through Facebook, Twitter, Google+ and Instagram:         <ul> <li>Sculpture Saturday every week promoting public art around Loveland</li> <li>Throwback Thursday every week to promote Loveland's rich history</li> <li>Trivia Tuesday to interact with users</li> <li>Travel Tuesday to inspire people to want to travel</li> <li>Fan Photo Friday asking for photos for favorite local places to increase interactions</li> <li>Showcasing summer in Loveland with outdoor activities</li> <li>Promoting free summer concerts</li> <li>Supporting summer festivals</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Attention	Public Relations	<ul> <li>Inclusion in the Peter Greenberg Worldwide E-Newsletter with the article "12 Ways to Celebrate the Fourth of July" reached thousands of subscribers.</li> <li>The article "12 Ways to Celebrate the Fourth of July" on Petergreenberg.com reached 2,560,063 readers.</li> <li>Inclusion in a Colorodoan.com article, "Flobots Headline Loveland Oktoberfest" reached 377,472 readers.</li> <li>The inclusion of Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch in the article "Colorado's Ranch Trail: Grass-fed, natural food" in the USA TODAY Travel section reached 1,333,627 readers. Note that this was secured by the Colorado Tourism Office.</li> <li>The article "5 Ways ARISE Music Festival Aims to Change Your Life" from ComposeYourselfMag.com was secured. Reader information is unknown.</li> <li>Inclusion in the Live Happy Magazine online and print edition with the article "America's Most Satisfies Cities."</li> <li>Inclusion of a photo from the Loveland FAM Trip in the German Travel Talk magazine. Loveland was the only Colorado destination from the trip included.</li> <li>Inclusion of Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch in 5280.com's online, "July and August Weekend Plans from Around the Region" reaching 157,767 online readers.</li> </ul>
	Social Media	<ul> <li>Overall: According to Google Analytics, the website had 39 visits from social media, 35 sessions from Facebook, 2 from Twitter, 1 from Naver (south Korean site) and 1 from Pinterest.</li> <li>Facebook:         <ul> <li>We secured 84 new fans during this time but lost 6, for a total of 2,546.</li> <li>229 people are talking about the page and we have 76,800 impressions by 36,400 users.</li> <li>73 percent of those interacting with our page are female and our largest age demographic being 35-44. Coming in close second is 25-34 and 55+ range in third.</li> <li>Those interacting with our page are primarily from Loveland, followed by Fort Collins, Denver, Greeley and Longmont. This is all based on organic content and growth.</li> <li>Our best performing posts include visuals and/or links. Those are shared more often and achieve more likes and comments.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Twitter:         <ul> <li>We have 36 new Twitter followers this month for a total of 321.</li> <li>We saw 25 mentions, 37 retweets, up from 8 last month, and 10 URL clicks.</li> <li>We had a 32 percent engagement and 59 percent influence score with 32 percent of our tweets as conversational.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

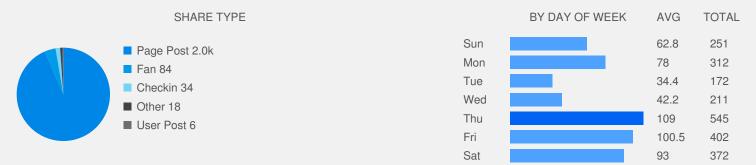
	<ul> <li>53 percent of our followers are female and our largest age demographic is 35-44.</li> <li>We take part in the weekly #Expediachat.</li> <li>Instagram:         <ul> <li>We have 172 followers.</li> <li>Photos of outdoor scenery and events are liked more often.</li> <li>Posts including local activities, #TravelTuesday or #ThrowbackThursday/#TBT achieve more comments.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Google+:         <ul> <li>With only 15 hours per month to focus on social media strategy, interactions, engagement and content curation, we repurpose content from Facebook and Twitter on Google+. We have 46 followers and are working to integrate some additional attention to Google+ moving forward without taking time away from media relations and other channels that are working for us.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Attitudes	<ul> <li>Overall, sentiment about Loveland, Colo. is positive with many ambassadors singing Loveland's praises.</li> <li>Focus has been on art and culture travel and the summer season.</li> </ul>
Actions	<ul> <li>Engaged with following influencers: AAAColorado, Arise Festival, I Love Loveland, RMNPOfficial, NoCoWeather, usfscIrd, HeidiTown, LovelandAleworks, ReporterHerald, Loveland Parks and Recreation,</li> <li>Influencers following us on social media: BrookeWagnerTV, CBAlicia7, JaredMente, Rebecca_Oak, TripTelevision, CrunchyGrocer, OzziesBodyShop, TotalTrafficDEN, Jeffzilla, NLTGaz, N8iveSon, DanSmotherman, Zaouik,</li> <li>In future months, we will work to add a tie to lodging increases and website visit increases.</li> </ul>

## **FACEBOOK PAGE REPORT**

from July 1, 2014 - July 31, 2014







### SHARER DEMOGRAPHICS Here's a quick breakdown of people creating stories on your Facebook Page

AGE & GENDER		TOP COUNTRIES		TOP LOCALES		
13-17	1	4 / 1	United States	1.2k	English (United States)	1.2k
18-24		6 / 26	Japan	24	Japanese (Japan)	24
25-34		51 / 163	Puerto Rico	6	English (United Kingdom)	22
35-44		67 / 246	Canada	5	Spanish (umbrella locale)	6
45-54		61 / 206	Maldives	4	Italian (Italy)	2
55+		80 / 363				

# YOUR CONTENT a breakdown of the content you post



	AVG	TOTAL
Reach	415.03	28.64k
People Talking About This	22.67	1.56k
Engagement	11.7%	14.4%

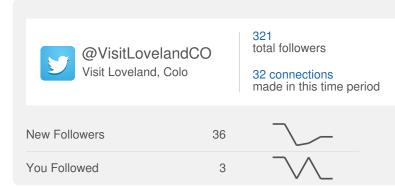
## CONTENT BREAKDOWN A breakdown of how your individual posts performed

DATE	POST	REACH	ENGAGED	TALKING	LIKES	COMMENTS	SHARES	ENGAGEMENT
07/31/14	Tomorrow night at the Foote Lagoon Am	352	42	17	16	1	2	11.93%
07/31/14	[Fill in the Blank] #Loveland is know	442	39	11	4	6	1	8.82%
07/31/14	Some great travel tips from Travel +	165	6	1	1			3.64%
07/31/14	#ThrowbackThursday Fourth Street Mall	1.3k	277	100	96	6	6	21.93%
07/30/14	The Larimer County Fair & PRCA Rodeo	358	30	16	15	1	4	8.38%
07/29/14	See some of your favorite Loveland br	166	13	6	5		1	7.83%
07/28/14	Let the world know how much you love	1.3k	159	44	39	4	4	12.63%
07/28/14	"Cast and Crew:The Sculpture and Film	185	7	3	2		1	3.78%
07/27/14	Get your tickets for the Tuesday Thea	144	5	2	2			3.47%
07/26/14	Whether you're planning a weekend tri	229	10	2	2			4.37%
07/26/14	August is going to be a fantastic mon	193	13	8	6		2	6.74%
07/26/14	Mayan Wind by Martin Gates in the Ben	125	25	6	6			20%
07/25/14	[Fill in the Blank] My favorite plac	709	121	19	5	16		17.07%
07/25/14	The Sounds of Centerra concert series	127	6	3	2		1	4.72%
07/24/14	Tonight at the Foote Lagoon Amphithea	450	59	26	24	1	4	13.11%
07/23/14	We hope you celebrated National Ice C	178	32	15	14	1	4	17.98%
07/23/14	We hope you celebrated National Ice C	37	10	4	4			27.03%
07/23/14	It was such a great event this year!	71	13	4	4			18.31%
07/22/14	We are looking forward to the ARISE M	2.1k	190	35	27	10	10	9.03%
07/21/14	Looking forward to the 2014 Corn Roas	112	15	4	3		2	13.39%
07/21/14	#VisitLoveland	1.6k	281	179	167	9	25	17.49%
07/21/14	Looking for a venue for your next mee	116	4	4	4		1	3.45%
07/21/14	Good night Loveland, farewell weekend	533	82	43	42	3	6	15.38%
07/20/14	Antiquing is the perfect way to spend	510	33	14	13	1	2	6.47%



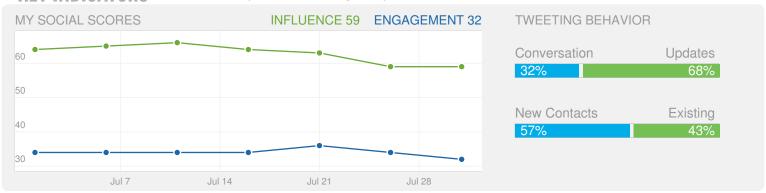
## TWITTER GENERAL STATS

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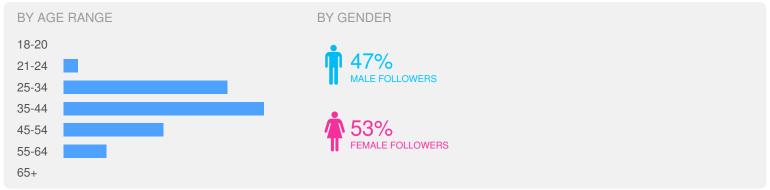


@ Mentions	25	<b>√</b>
Messages Sent	81	
Messages Received	25	<b>√</b>
Clicks	10	
Retweets	37	<b>\\</b>

## **KEY INDICATORS** Measure how you're conversing with your audience



## FOLLOWER DEMOGRAPHICS Learn more about your audience to shape your messaging & campaigns



# PUBLISHING Measure performance on your outbound tweets

