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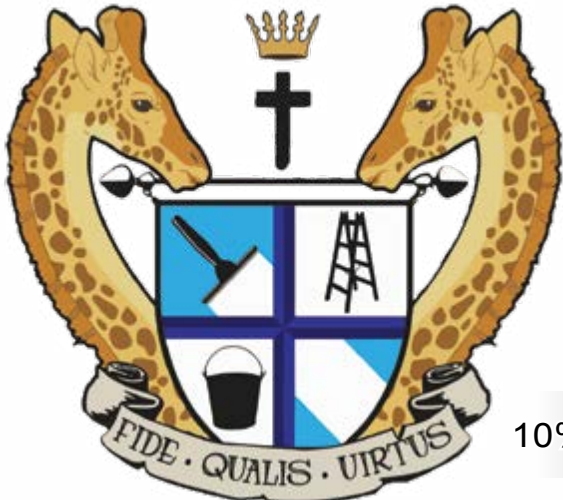
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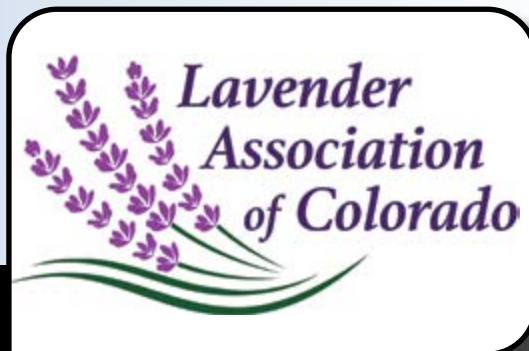
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LAVENDER FESTIVAL P.20

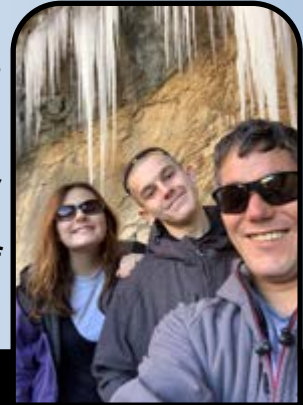
June is really looking like a good month. Parachute is hosting it's annual event Rockmageddon, an OHV and UTV rally. You can look forward to a weekend filled with OHV games, challenges, competitions, concerts, trail rides, cruise parades and kid games.

We would like to mention our new friends from Colorado Drifters - Coffee & Fly Shop, they have a number events this month they want the community to know about. Take a look at the events page for New Castle and show them some love by going to their events. By the way, you can get beer, wine or liquor besides coffee there as well.

The Library has something going on in each town across Garfield County. If you need to keep your kids busy this summer, checkout some of the events your local library offers. We highlighted a number of them.

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PUBLISHING & DESIGN JESSE FORNWALT

The Carbondale Clay Center, a nonprofit organization that offers classes and events to the public, was kind enough to write an article to help gain support of their programs. The location is in the name, feel free to look them up and see all the original pieces they have in person.

We went and checked out the Rifle Rendezvous. The event really does have something for everyone. The entrance held a car show, with a carnival after that, and a rodeo. Though Garfield County Connection was only able to catch the Jr. Rodeo, we got to talk with some great kids, and I would like to thank them for letting me get some photos of them for the magazine.

Canvas and Coffee is a monthly event held at Colorado Drifters Coffee and Fly Shop. Held at 6:30 in the evening, you are able to drink during this event, while getting instructed by Christina Matzl. The next one is June 23rd and will be a painting of a river kayak.



Finally the Lavender Festival is happening in Mesa County. Find out more about that on page 20, and Strawberry Days held in Glenwood Springs on the Back Cover.

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Clay Center

Carbondale Clay Center has been an important part of the Roaring Fork Valley and the field of ceramics since the Center's inception in 1997. The Clay Center has played a pivotal role in our local art scene by offering a positive and supportive place to build community through artistic expression and arts education. CCC is a non-profit, and through the support of our generous community we are able to offer and sponsor ceramic classes, kids camps, gallery exhibitions, artist residencies, outreach programs, and special events.

CCC offers adult classes regularly, both in wheel throwing and hand building. We welcome students of all skill levels, from be-

ginners to those with more clay experience. Classes are taught by local ceramic artists and CCC's own Resident Artists. The duration of each session runs about 6 weeks depending on the season. In addition, CCC also offers workshops and private lessons for those who are interested in a specific skill or those who want to try their hand at clay. For kids, CCC offers kids camps, after school classes, and Family Clay Plays.

In addition to classes, the Clay Center hosts a 1-2 year Artist in Residency program that is designed to encourage the creative, intellectual and personal growth of emerging and established ceramic artists.

The Clay Center also features rotating exhibitions in the Gallery, displaying both local and international ceramic artists. Parked out front of the studio is CCC's retail shop, a converted Airstream dubbed the 'Artstream.' The retail shop is made possible with our partnership with the traveling Artstream Nomadic Gallery created by Alleghany Meadows, founder of SAW (Studio For Arts + Works) in Carbondale.

CCC hosts events throughout the year, including exhibition receptions during each First Friday. During First Fridays, the studio stays open until 8pm, visitors are encouraged to grab a beverage, mingle, and walk through the gallery. The Clay Center also hosts a few annual community events. Our annual dinner fundraiser in September is called 'Settings,' where attendees can pick out their handmade dishware to use and take home at the end of the night. 'The Cup Auction' is CCC's final exhibition each year, over 200 cups are generously donated by artists across the country and are available to be bid on for one night only.

All class descriptions, dates, and more can be found on our website. To be the first to know about classes, events, and other offerings, join our mailing list and be sure to watch for our monthly newsletter!

Clay Center Members gain early access to class registration, for more information about our Membership options, visit us online at carbondaleclay.org/membership.

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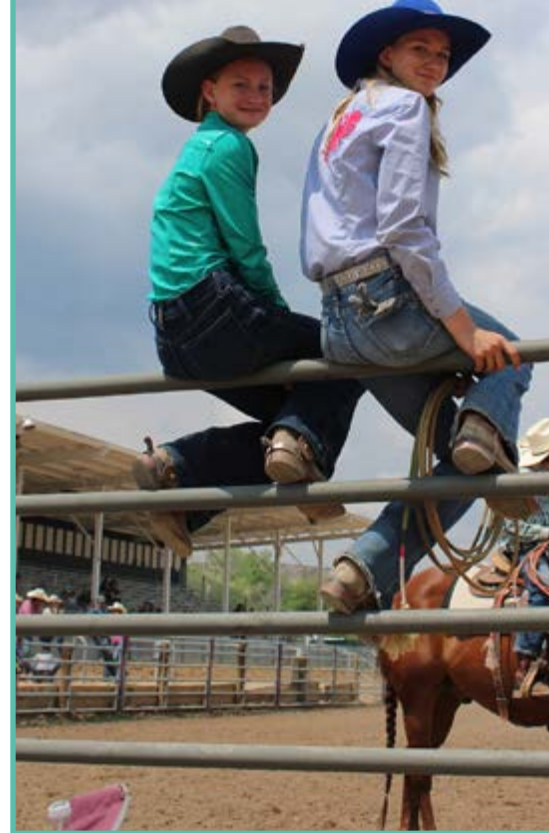
RIFLE *Rendezvous*

Once a year, Rifle holds an event which captures multiple interests in one weekend. The Rifle Rendezvous, scheduled in May, brings an enormous crowd from around the county. Looking to compete, spectate or just have fun around great people, the happy folks that made up this year's festival seemed satisfied.

If you missed Friday, don't feel too let down. Most of the cool stuff happened Saturday. It is worth mentioning the No Limits Bulls & Broncos Rodeo. This part of the event was paid, but right afterward there was a free concert by Justin Todd Herod. This Country musician from East Texas performs Christian Country, which, of course focuses mainly on Jesus.

On Saturday, upon entrance, you will find an assortment of gorgeous cars people worked meticulously on. Ranging from classics, rat rods and muscle cars, to custom, trucks and motorcycles, the car show offered envy to all enthusiasts. The C. Squires Memorial Car Show gave awards for 1st, 2nd, and Peoples Choice. All proceeds from this part of the Rendezvous went to the C. Squires Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Once you get passed the cars you don't want to quit look-



ing at, you enter into the arena, which holds a number of vendors and contests.

To the bottom left, we have a performance from the ArtillumA Dance company, who dances in Parachute, Rifle, New Castle and Glenwood Springs. The unnamed kids in this group seem to be enjoying themselves, as well as the crowd. They brought their best, and all seemed very synchronized.

Above, and on the cover, is Maci Lee Halls, with the blue hat and her sister Angie Halls, who came all the way from Moab Utah! Competing in the JR. Rodeo portion of this event, the girls have been competitively riding horses 4 years now. They say the farthest they have gone to compete is Phoenix Arizona, this is what they love, and they don't mind the road trip; especially since mom is driving.

Our smallest cowboy's and girls were 3 years old. To the right, they competed in Mutton Bustin, Barrels, and Lead Line Barrels. Buckles were awarded to 1st place winners, as well as a top 3 payout.

Saturday evening brought the Mud Bog, which had a \$500 payout for the winner! Sunday the festival tapered off with a Church Service, and another free concert with Justin Todd Herod.



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June 2

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Silt Library
680 Home Ave, Silt, CO
Join us for a music and movement time with Mr. Paul!

June 2

Meal Monkey

11:30am
Silt Library
680 Home Ave, Silt, CO
Garfield County Libraries is pleased to partner once again with Meal Monkey to provide weekly free USDA-sponsored meals to youth

June 2

Summer Movie in the Park

Dusk
Silt Veterans' Park
Summer movie in the park series. Hosted by the town of Silt.

June 3

Bike Rodeo

Afternoon
Town of Silt.
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June 23

Party at the Pavillion

Afternoon
Town of Silt.
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June 28

Dance Workshop with Mr. Tap

2pm
Silt Library
680 Home Ave, Silt, CO
John "Mr Tap" Williams will give us a short history of tap, and introduce children to the dance steps.

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New Castle

June 2

Comedy Open Mic for Amateurs + Don Chaney Headliner

7pm
Colorado Drifters
331 Main St, New Castle, CO
Calling all funny people and comedians up and down the RFV! We are excited to offer an OPEN MIC for AMATEUR COMEDIANS!

June 8

Town Bingo

6pm
423 W Main St
New Castle
Come for a night of fun! Bingo is the 2nd Thursday of every month.

June 9

Trivia Night

6pm
Colorado Drifters
331 Main St, New Castle, CO
Join Colorado Drifters for a Trivia Night. This FREE event is open to all!

June 9

Challenger Soccer Camp - Half Day

9am
VIX Ranch Park
627 N Wildhorse Dr, New Castle, CO
The half-day and most popular player development program, for ages 5-16, will run outdoors for 3 hours each day and focus on coached skill development, games, challenges and competitions. Register at ActivityHero.com

June 16, 17

Father's Day Beer Tasting

6pm
Colorado Drifters
331 Main St, New Castle, CO
Let's celebrate with Dad the right way!

Calendar

New Castle

June 17

Stone Kitchen Live Music

6pm

Colorado Drifters

331 Main St, New Castle, CO

Live music at Colorado Drifters. Enjoy this FREE events with us!

June 20

New Castle Bike Cruise & live music with Barry Anderson

6pm

Colorado Drifters

331 Main St, New Castle, CO

Live music at Colorado Drifters. Enjoy this FREE events with us!

June 21

Salida Circus: Will the Real Sombeski Please Stand Up?

6pm

New Castle Library

402 W Main St, New Castle

Two circus performers each insist that they are the one and only Great Sombeski.

June 23

Canvas and Coffee

6:30pm

Colorado Drifters

331 Main St, New Castle, CO

Join Christina Matzl as she instructs a painting class. \$30 - \$35 with beer or wine

June 25

Tarot Card Reading

10am - 1pm

Colorado Drifters

331 Main St, New Castle, CO \$10

June 3

Summer Reading Challenge Kick-Off Party!

11am

Parachute Library

244 Grand Valley Way, Parachute, CO

Join the library in kicking-off our 2023 Summer Reading Challenge with outdoor fun and games, and of course, popsicles!

June 5

Stem Exploration Hour with Aspen Science Center

11am

Parachute Library

244 Grand Valley Way, Parachute, CO

The Aspen Science Center provides quality, fun, hands-on STEM programming during these one hour sessions for families and all ages of youth looking for an exciting science experience.

June 8

Magic Out Loud with Amazing Dave Elstun

11am

Parachute Library

244 Grand Valley Way, Parachute, CO

That's the way Amazing Dave Elstun feels about magic. He has so much fun with his magic friends he just has to tell everyone about it.

June 15

Professor Proton's Spectacular Science Show

11am

Parachute Library

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Parachute continued

244 Grand Valley Way, Parachute, CO

Join your Garfield County Libraries for the educational and entertaining return of the famed Professor Proton! Professor Proton will amaze and astonish you with interactive and spectacular science experiments.

June 22

Salida Circus: Will the Real Sombeski Please Stand Up?

11am

Parachute Library

244 Grand Valley Way, Parachute, CO

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June 24

Teen Gamers Club

2pm

Parachute Library

244 Grand Valley Way, Parachute, CO

Bring your friends and enjoy an afternoon of gaming adventures on the VR headset, Nintendo Switch, or with an array of board games.

June 26

Teen Book Club

3pm

Parachute Library

244 Grand Valley Way, Parachute, CO

Teen book lovers are invited to join the club to enjoy good books with friends. Each month we'll meet for a book discussion, snacks, and to help decide what we'll read next month.

June 26

Dance Workshop with Mr. Tap

11am

Parachute Library

244 Grand Valley Way, Parachute, CO

John "Mr Tap" Williams will give us a short history of tap, and introduce children to the dance steps while incorporating activities and magic.

June 4

Rifle

Victor Trevino Ultimate Elvis Experience

3 - 5pm

Ute Theater and Events Center

132 E 4th St, Rifle, CO

Doors Open 2:00 pm Showtime 3:00 pm

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June 4

The Jig Mining Company

6pm

Bookcliffs Art Center

1100 E 16th Street Rifle

Hilltop Concert Series

June 7

The Art Thing

4:30pm

Rifle Branch Library

207 East Ave, Rifle, CO

Hey tweens ages 10-13: come explore the many wonderful mediums of art!

June 8

Magic Out Loud with Amazing Dave Elstun

4:30pm

Rifle Branch Library

207 East Ave, Rifle, CO

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June 11

Colorado Curry and Friends

6 - 8pm

Bookcliffs Art Center

1100 E 16th Street Rifle

Hilltop Concert Series

June 14

Cup with a Pup (and a Cat)

6 - 8pm

Rifle Branch Library

207 East Ave, Rifle, CO

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Colorado Drifters Coffee & Fly Shop, located in the heart of downtown New Castle, has expanded their business to include alcohol and allowed them to start uniquely entertaining their guests with events such as this Canvas & Coffee night. Held once per month, Canvas & Coffee is an art class taught by Christina Matzl. She has been teaching the class for around a year and a half, and says the event has been consistently busy. The class, which is \$30 or \$35 with beer or wine.

They do offer a number of free events such as Open Mic Night, which is the first Thursday of every month, and Triva the second Friday of every month, both at 6pm. Colorado Drifters offers live music as well. June 17th you can see Stone Kitchen, and the 20th, live music with Barry Anderson.

Some other events coming up that are charged, include Don Chaney comedy, \$10 tarot card readings and the next art class June 23rd at 6:30pm. They also offer unique clothing, gifts and fishing equipment. For more information you can contact them directly: info@coloradoDrifters.com or follow us on social media @coloradoDrifters



Rifle continued

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June 15

Professor Proton's Spectacular Science Show

6 - 8pm
 Rifle Branch Library
 207 East Ave, Rifle, CO

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June 18

Stone Kitchen

6 - 8pm
 Bookcliffs Art Center
 1100 E 16th Street Rifle
 Hilltop Concert Series

June 18

Community Dungeons and Dragons

6 - 8pm
 Bookcliffs Art Center
 1100 E 16th Street Rifle
 Venture into the wastelands of Eberron! This is a Western Marches style campaign designed for drop-in style play, so if you miss a game it won't effect the story!

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June 19

Learn to Play the Ukulele

6:30pm
 Rifle Branch Library
 207 East Ave, Rifle, CO

Adults are invited to learn how to play the ukulele from local music teacher Jeff Van Devender in an eight-part series at the library.

June 25

An Evening with Jill Cohn

6 - 8pm
 Bookcliffs Art Center
 1100 E 16th Street Rifle
 Raised in a small town in Eastern Washington, A full-time musician since 1999, Cohn has released 13 critically-acclaimed CDs that gained notoriety with songs placed in Dawson's Creek, Smallville and SKINS.



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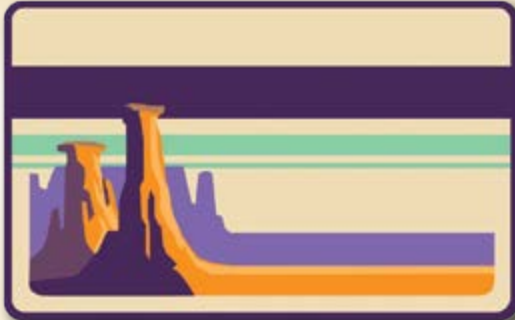


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Glenwood Springs

June 4

June Beginner Fencing Camp Glenwood
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Glenwood Springs Community Art Center
601 E. 6th St, Glenwood Springs
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June 6

Magic Out Loud with Amazing Dave Elstun
2pm
Glenwood Springs Library
815 Cooper Ave, Glenwood Springs
That's the way Amazing Dave Elstun feels about magic. He has so much fun with his magic friends he just has to tell everyone about it.

June 6

Connect and Climb — PFLAG Roaring Fork Valley
5:30 - 6:30pm
100 Wulfsohn Road Glenwood Springs
Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening from 5:30-6:30. At the Glenwood Springs Community Center.

June 10

Magic at the Library
2pm
Glenwood Springs Library
815 Cooper Ave, Glenwood Springs
Calling all Planeswalkers from across this part of the multiverse. Bring your deck(s) to the Glenwood Springs Branch Library and play Magic: The Gathering! It's free and open to all teens and adults. Formats to be determined by the players.

June 16 - 18

Strawberry Days Festival
All day
Two Rivers Park, Glenwood Springs
126th Annual Strawberry Days Parade.

June 17 - 18

2023 Grouse Creek-Grizzly Creek
All day
Grizzly Creek Trailhead
57051-57105 I-70, Glenwood Springs
On Cuddy Mountain northwest of Council, ITA will be spending a weekend working on the Grouse Creek-Grizzly Creek Trail. Volunteers will work on improving the trail tread and brushing

June 18

Strawberry Shortcut
7:30AM
Bethel Plaza - Under the Bridge / 7th Street
704 Grand Ave, Glenwood Springs
The Strawberry Shortcut is entering its 46th year! Held during Strawberry Days, the Strawberry Shortcut offers a 10K, 5K, and 1 Mile Run.

June 20

Salida Circus: Will the Real Sombeski Please Stand Up?
2PM
Glenwood Springs Library
815 Cooper Ave, Glenwood Springs
Two circus performers each insist that they are the one and only Great Sombeski. They create confusion and chaos! They need your help to work together and use their talents for a special circus show.

June 20

Tom Paxton @ Four Mile Creek B & B
2PM
6471 Co Rd 117
Glenwood Springs
This three day songwriting workshop will be led by Tom Paxton, Jackson Emmer, and C. Daniel Boling. If you are looking to dive deeper into the craft of writing, break out of old habits, or take your songs to the next level- this is the workshop for you.
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Carbondale

June 3

Neo-Shamanic Breathwork Workshop

9am - 6pm
Third Street Center
520 S 3rd St, Carbondale, CO
Sacred Medicine Journey using your breath as the gateway; Your body is your medicine.

June 3

Screenagers

6pm
Carbondale Branch Library
320 Sopris Ave, Carbondale
Parents and teens are invited to discuss the risks of extensive screen time for today's teens and children.

June 7

Power Punch Parkinsons

9:45 - 10:45am
Elite Performance Academy
62 Co Rd 113 Building A Units 1, 3, Carbondale, CO
Great program for people diagnosed with Parkinsons disease. Boxing has shown to help improve a variety of symptoms including coordination, balance and posture.

June 9

Happy Hour Monthly Ceramic Critique

6 - 8:30pm
Carbondale Clay Center
135 Main St, Carbondale
Looking for some feedback on a ceramic project or recent pieces you've been working on? Carbondale Clay Center is hosting group critiques each month! Free for Members | \$10 non-members

June 14

River Spell

8pm
Steve's Guitars
19 N 4th St, Carbondale
River Spell, formed in 2022, is a Colorado-based folk/rock jam band

June 14

Reel Rock 17

7pm
Carbondale Branch Library
320 Sopris Ave, Carbondale
Don't miss a screening of Reel Rock 17 with three heart-stopping new films featuring the year's biggest climbing and adventure stories: a wild expedition on Nameless Tower in Pakistan

June 19

Nature Journaling with Words and Drawings

1pm
Carbondale Branch Library
320 Sopris Ave, Carbondale
Adults who wish to explore, observe, and creatively document nature are invited to join Romana Davies for a two-part class at the library to introduce you to the different forms of nature journaling.

June 23

In Celebration of the Sun - A CoMotion Production

7:30 - 9:30pm
True Nature Healing Arts
100 N 3rd St, Carbondale
Please join us in the joyful and beautiful partnership event in the Kiva at True Nature Healing Arts!

June 23

Stev's Welcomes Jeremy Facknitz

8 - 11pm
Steve's Guitars
19 N 4th St, Carbondale
"Facknitz" songwriting style epitomizes the strength of such confessional greats as Jim Croce and Gordon Lightfoot.

June 29

Kids Art Tent — Powers Art Center

11am - 4pm
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13110 CO-82, Carbondale, CO
30 minute craft sessions - children must be accompanied by an adult - Free and open to the public.



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