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Tinseltown Talks:

Gary Puckett 's Powerful Voice Still Delighting Fans

By Nick Thomas



Currently traveling the U.S. on the 2023 “Happy Together Tour” with classic pop acts such as The Turtles, The Cowsills, and Little Anthony, (see www.happytogethertour.com), Gary Puckett never tires of performing the songs made famous with his Union Gap band mates.

The hugely popular 5-man pop-rock group, remembered for their string of late 60s hits including “Woman, Woman,” “Lady Willpower,” and “This Girl is a Woman Now,” now features all new members but retains one of the most distinctive musical sounds of the era with Puckett delivering his characteristic soaring vocals infused with emotion and perfect pitch.

Famous for often performing in Civil War Union Army costumes and named after a town near where Puckett once lived in Washington state, the original Union Gap disbanded in 1971 but Puckett says the current group creates a sound as close as possible to the classic songs.

“The original recordings featured string and horn sections, but there’s just four of us in the group now so our keyboard player is tasked with recreating those sounds,” said Puckett while traveling to New York from his home in Florida. “I think we’ll give fans what they want to hear.”

Turning 80 last year, Puckett says he was around 8 or 9 when his family realized he could carry a tune.

“My folks would get a tape recorder and we would sing songs and record Christmas messages to my grandparents,” he recalled. “Then they would make a little record of it. My voice was way, way ‘up in the sky’ back then, and I remember my mother telling me at one point she just thought all little boys could sing like that!”

Young Gary’s mother wasn’t alone in appreciation of her son’s vocal talents. While later attending college in San Diego, Puckett and the group toured the West Coast playing small clubs and were visited by Columbia Records producer Jerry Fuller.

“He came down to see us in San Diego,” Puckett remembered. “He liked my voice and the idea of wearing the outfits and walked up to the stage at midnight and said let’s go make a record.”

That record became their first hit, “Woman, Woman,” one of several Fuller would produce for the band.

“When he first played it to me it was written as a country song,” recalled Puckett. “So he added a 30-piece string, horn, and rhythm section and turned it into the pop record that established me as a singer in the music world.”

The band amassed six gold records in the space of about 3 years during the late 1960s. But musical tastes were changing as the 70s began closing in and for a decade there was little interest in the group’s music.

“Then in the early 1980s, radio stations began proliferating throughout the United States and featuring 60s music once again,” said Puckett. “I started getting calls from disc jockeys who were playing our songs and promoters who wanted us back on the road giving concerts.”

Puckett has continued to tour either solo or with the band ever since, releasing another nine solo albums over the years (see www.garypuckettmusic.com). Interacting with audiences remains a joy for the singer who is usually available at concerts to meet with fans to sign items they may bring along.

“I love to get out with the fans, it’s always great to see them smiling and enjoying the music we created way back when,” he says. “They are still appreciative of it all and the fact that they are there just honors me and the music.”

Nick Thomas teaches at Auburn University at Montgomery, in Alabama, and has written features, columns, and interviews for magazines and newspapers here, there, and everywhere. See www.getnickt.org

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Locally Produced Documentary Film Receives Prestigious Award

Second Documentary Starts Production

By Trevor Phipps

Starting a few years ago, the Ute Pass Region welcomed the production of one of the first major documentary films focused on the history of the area. The film produced by the Ute Pass Historical Society (UPHS) was finished earlier this year and has since been shown at a theatre in Woodland Park which has gained popularity for the film.

In fact, the first of its kind documentary has not only been the talk of the town, but it has recently won some awards and acclamations. After the film was finalized, it was

entered into several film festivals across the globe for consideration.

Last month, UPHS learned that the film had won an award at one film festival and then been accepted into another. The film was selected as a winner for best documentary at the 2023 Orlando International Film Festival.

The film was shown at the Florida festival on July 16 in the morning before the award was given to the production team later that evening. The film was also selected to be a part

of the 2024 Cine Paris Film Festival taking place next year in France.

The film was presented differently than most documentaries with Director Robert Adriel choosing to take another approach to producing an educational movie. "When we first sat down and started talking about the project we wanted to make it a little more interactive and personable than the ones we had seen," the movie director said. "So that when people see these two characters going through this journey, the audience is going on the journey with them. We wanted to make it more of a connection for folks so those that don't know anything about the history feel more connected to it and want to know more. And those that have been here feel like it was a great way to express what their family members might have been through or people they knew that went to these ranches. We wanted to give everyone a chance to feel like they were part of it."

The film's star actors Christy Cole and Charlie Chambers lead the audience through the stories of five local dude ranches from the past. The documentary told the stories of the ranches and the people who came to the west to start them.



For those who have yet to see the film, there will still be some showings at the Gold Hill Theatres in Woodland Park in the future.

UPHS Starts Production of Second Documentary Film

After the first film was so well-received by the community, as proven by multiple sold out showings and the winning of an award, UPHS didn't waste any time to start producing their next one. Adriel, his team and the UPHS crew started working on the second movie project earlier this year.

This time around, the new film will be focused on the Midland Railroad that used to run through Teller County as well as the Midland Terminal which went from Divide to Cripple Creek. The story will also discuss the many towns that came about in the region due to the railroad.

For the historical society's second film, Cole and Chambers will be back on the screen to tell the story. Local railroad enthusiasts and historian Dave Martinek and Mel McFarland will also have a role in researching and telling tales on camera.

Like this last movie, the documentary will also feature



accounts from other local historians and members of UPHS. So far the script for the new film entitled "The Mighty Midland and the Towns It Built" has been written and filming is slated to begin in Teller County and other areas in the state next week.

The documentary plans to be finished in December of this year.



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Obituary: Richard D. Sheridan

It is with deep sadness that we say Goodbye to our Associate Editor, Rick Sheridan. Rick was not only a coworker, but also a great friend. He made so many valuable contributions to Pikes Peak Senior News magazine from its earliest stages.

Rick was an active member of the community and participated in so many events throughout our region- he loved sharing his experiences with our readers. Rick was passionate about healthy living and wrote many educational articles about health and senior lifestyle options. He was quick to make certain we always included information on locations that were serving Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, so that our Seniors would not be alone during the holidays. Rick will surely be missed, but his legacy of kindness will continue on in our beautiful city that he loved so much.

– Anne Jensen, Publisher - Pikes Peak Senior News



Rick Sheridan, 8/26/1957-6/10/2023 spent his first 25 years in Lawrence and visited many times after that. He graduated from Lawrence High School in 1975, and he worked for several years before entering KU in 1980. Rick finished a bachelor's in American Studies (1985) and a master's in Theatre and Media Arts (1988). He later completed a D. Tech (Doctor of Technology) from Durban University of Technology in Africa after receiving a full scholarship.

Rick worked as a journalist for 25 years. He was the associate editor of the *Pikes Peak Senior News* in Colorado for several years. He also wrote freelance articles for the *Dayton Daily News*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, *New Orleans Times-Picayune*, *Tampa Bay Times*, etc. Rick was the art director of the *Louisiana Weekly* in New Orleans, and *Washington Life* in Washington, D.C.

He was a college professor for 16 years working as an assistant professor at Wilberforce University and as a lecturer at California State University, Butte College,

and Stanford University. Besides his careers, Rick loved hiking the mountains of Colorado with his wife Kimberly. They visited many attractions on the east and west coast, and they especially enjoyed visiting religious sites including churches, shrines, pilgrimage sites, etc.

Rick and Kimberly were a couple for 14 years right up to his death. Rick volunteered with Audio reader for several years and volunteered twice in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. He was also a disc jockey at KJHK and KKFI during his college years.

His life was not always easy. He was happy to have overcome some difficult times in his youth. Rick is survived by his wife Kimberly, his mother Audrey, his sister Margaret of Lawrence, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

There will be a memorial service to be announced later. Rick died of melanoma. Please sign his guestbook at <https://tinyurl.com/jn3bf8ra>



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Crowds Fill the Stands at the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo

Local Event Continues Colorado's Summertime Rodeo Tradition

By Trevor Phipps

It is basically a fact (although some have disputed it) that the world's first rodeo took place in Deer Trail, CO in 1869. When many think of Colorado they tend to visualize more of the mountain climber/snowboarder types, but not cowboys.

However, rodeos have been dear to communities all across the state for several decades. Many smaller rural communities celebrate their rodeos every summer and see it as a time where the community works together and has a good time.

In fact, the Pikes Peak Region is home to various rodeos and similar events during most of the summer. Many smaller towns in the area

have small rodeos as a tradition, but Colorado Springs is home to one of the biggest and most popular of them all.

The Pike Peak or Bust Rodeo draws spectators and participants from all over every year and it is seen as one of the city's biggest annual events. This year, the rodeo had to add two extra showing times due to being sold out for every show last year.

For 2023, the rodeo held an event every night from July 11 through July 15, plus a matinee in the afternoon on Friday and Saturday. During nearly every show, the stands were packed full with rodeo enthusiasts.

And some could say, that the rodeo competitions themselves were not the only part of the experience the crowds came for. During each night event, the rodeo didn't start until 7 p.m., but many spectators chose to get there at 4 p.m. when the grounds opened to enjoy the pre-rodeo festivities.

During the three hours before the rodeo competitions started, fans had the option to head to the Fan Zone or to the Roadhouse Saloon sponsored by Coors. Both places had the option of enjoying a meal and a cold beverage, and taking their chances riding a mechanical bull.

The Fan Zone also had several vendors that sold everything from water bottles to cowboy hats and other Western-style wear. In the Fan Zone area, there were several events like mutton busting, live gun fights, live music, and a blacksmith demonstration to witness.

Inside the Roadhouse Saloon, there was a large dance floor where couples could practice their line dancing skills. The saloon was also rented out for private parties to enjoy some pre-rodeo partying.



During the hours before the rodeo, the saloon and the Fan Zone were packed with spectators browsing and viewing all of the events. But then when it got closer to show time, the crowds emptied the two areas and started flooding into the stadium.

During each day of the rodeo, the event paid thanks to different groups of military and first responders. The rodeo this year was called the NFR Open and it featured Pro Rodeo World Champions and rising stars from all of the circuits in the U.S., Mexico and Canada.

Overall, more than 200 competitors brought their talents to the historic Norris Penrose Event Center. Every show featured Bareback Riding, Breakaway Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Saddle Bronc Riding, Tie-down Roping, Barrel Racing and Bull Riding. The five-day competition ended in a semifinals and finals round on July 15 where the national circuit champions were crowned.

History of the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo

The Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo became a tradition for Colorado Springs after the first event was held in 1937. Springs legend Spencer Penrose founded the rodeo and in 1938 he presented the famous "House that Spec built" which was the 10,000 seat Will Rogers Stadium across from the Broadmoor Hotel.

After Penrose passed away in 1939, the arena was renamed Spencer Penrose Stadium. The rodeo continued in that location by community leaders to continue Penrose's legacy.

But then in 1973, the rodeo moved to the 71-acre Pikes Peak Equestrian Center, where it stayed until 2001. The rodeo then moved indoors to the Colorado Springs World Arena from 2002 to 2004.

In 2005, the rodeo made its return to the outdoors when



the rodeo purchased and renovated the Norris-Penrose Equestrian Center. The legacy of the rodeo in the Pikes Peak Region was further recognized three decades ago when the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association located their National Headquarters and Hall of Fame to the Olympic City.

Since 1946, the proceeds coming from the rodeo have been used to help support military service members and their families who live in the Pikes Peak Region.



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Local Museum Celebrates the Street Railways of Colorado Springs' Past

Plans in Place to Bring Some Type of Trolley System Back to the City

By Trevor Phipps

Before technology allowed for motorized vehicles to become a daily mode of transportation, people struggled to get from point A to point B. In the early days, settlers travelled from afar to come see what the Wild West had to offer mainly on horseback or by stagecoach.

Once people started settling in the West, railroads started to make their way out to states like Colorado to help bring supplies and transport the valuable minerals being mined in the Rocky Mountain Region. Once towns started popping up, many cities started to develop street railway systems to help people travel around the neighborhoods.

Once cars got invented in the 20th century, railroads and street car systems seemed to slowly disappear. However, many don't know about the vast streetcar system of Colorado Springs' past or know that there is a local museum in town that educates visitors and celebrates the street cars that helped build the Olympic City.

The Pikes Peak Trolley Museum and Restoration Shop located on 2333 Steel Dr. near Fillmore and Interstate 25 was founded in 1982 and their mission has been to preserve the history and artifacts of the Pikes Peak region's street railways. The Museum is open Wednesday thru Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Visitors can get the chance to view the restoration shop, see old street cars from the region, and ride on an authentic street rail car. The museum also sits right on the railroad tracks

going next to the interstate so visitors can watch real freight trains drive by while they are visiting.

The First Street Cars Helped People Get to Work

When Colorado was first settled in the 1800's, the main source of transportation was by horseback. Then when mining came in the later part of the 19th century railroads started coming in mainly to bring supplies into the mining areas.

By the 1880's, the railroad systems helped Colorado Springs grow and the city's mills, railroads, coal mines, and other industries began requiring more labor. As the town expanded in all directions it became harder for workers to walk from their homes to their jobs each day. By 1887, the growing need for some type of public transportation system was met when the owners of the Colorado Midland Railroad started the Colorado Springs & Manitou Street Railway. The first railway ran from the Santa Fe Depot on Pikes Peak Avenue west to 28th street in Colorado City and another line ran down Tejon Street.

The first trolleys were each pulled along the tracks by four horses, but soon it became apparent that there had to be a better way to power the trolleys than to use horses. "With all of the manure they produced and all of the feed they required, it was not really a great way to move people around," historian John Caulfield with the Pikes Peak Trolley Museum said. "So in the 1880s and 90s they tried to figure out a way to motorize the cars. They

tried steam powered, they tried (oddly enough) battery powered, and they tried gasoline and diesel. Electricity seemed to be one of the best options, but they couldn't put everything together correctly."

After engineers spent several years on perfecting the electric motors, the railway company turned electric and incorporated as the El Paso Rapid Transit Company in 1889. The trolley system then expanded to Manitou Springs to the west, Broadmoor to the south, Roswell to the north, and Knob Hill to the east.

In the 1890's, the street railway basically was tourist-driven and the cars stopped running in the winter. The early rail cars were not heated so the engineers had to stand outside and dress in their own warm clothes during cold weather. By 1900, the trolley lines had suffered neglect and were due for an upgrade.

Winfield Scott Stratton Purchases the Colorado Springs and Manitou Railway Systems

Winfield Scott Stratton became a millionaire when he sold his Independence Mine in the late 1800's. He then began to give back much of his wealth to the City of Colorado Springs. In 1901, Stratton purchased the street railway systems and put around \$2 million into upgrading them.

"He insisted that all of the cars had enclosed vestibules and heaters for the drivers," Caulfield said. "He got uniforms for the drivers. Unfortunately, two years after he purchased the

trolley system he died. The foundation that inherited the system and all of his earnings afterwards did things like if you want to buy a house and work for us we will co-sign the loan. They bought a life insurance policy for their employees. You are talking about 1910. When were things like that ever done?"

The foundation also decided that instead of laying off their workers in the winter, they would keep them busy by building trolley cars. Over 30 trolley cars were built in the trolley house in downtown Colorado Springs.

However, as technology advanced trolleys were unable to compete in the world of public transportation. By 1926, buses began operating in the city and they quickly proved that they were more flexible with routes and cheaper to operate. In April 1932, all trolleys in Manitou and Colorado Springs ceased operations.

Multiple Attempts to Bring Trolleys Back to the City

These days, most of the old rail systems have been taken up by highways, Interstate 25, and major city streets. Bringing back the old trolley system would be nearly impossible without drastic measures being taken to change some of the city's major streets.

However, recently the Pikes Peak Trolley Museum and Restoration Shop has taken on several projects to bring trolleys back to the city, but they would all be done where there is space on the side of the road. "We have had several attempts to bring trolleys back to town," Caulfield said. "In fact there was a city-wide vote about 25 years ago that said, 'we want to put trolleys back here.' And that was where we got our initial funding. And it was to go from downtown out to Manitou Springs. The bridges on I-25 are actually built for trolleys. We did all of the engineering work. Then there was a sewer main break in Old Colorado City. And they found that the trolley was going to run right over top of an 1880's clay sewer pipe. They said that if the main were to break they would have to tear out the track all the way down and all the way back up. So the city said, 'no we can't do that.'"

Caulfield said that since the city is working towards replacing the sewer line, the plans for the trolley from downtown Colorado Springs to Manitou could still take place in the future. He also said that the museum has held talks with other entities to partner with and put some type of trolley system in place within the city.

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Bill to Prevent the Round Up of Wild Horses Passes

\$1.5 Million Put Into Wild Horse Management

By Trevor Phipps

Over the last few years, Colorado residents were shocked to hear about horses getting removed from their homes and relocated to holding facilities. To help cull the herds of wild horses in the state, the federal government's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has conducted a number of round-ups including ones that use helicopters to remove horses from certain parts of Colorado.

Since the round-ups began last year, media outlets have covered the often brutal ways that BLM chooses to relocate herds. In the past, Colorado's Governor Jared Polis has even spoken out against the round-ups saying that the methods used were cruel to animals.

Horses are not native to Colorado, but after humans brought them to the state over a century ago, some herds have existed in the wild in parts of the state mostly on the Western Slope. Officials from BLM have stated that since horses are not a native species, they must be removed from the land to prevent over-foraging.

It has also been reported that BLM leases sections of the land to cattle ranchers who therefore compete with the wild horses for shrubbery. But, the BLM contends that the horses must be removed so that the natural shrubbery on the lands do not disappear.

The controversy hit the forefront last year when it was reported that 145 horses that were relocated to a holding facility tragically died from a flu outbreak. After the deaths, it was determined that the holding facility was in breach of 13 policies that most likely resulted in the death of the horses.

When the 2023 state legislative session started, a number of lawmakers wanted to draft a bill to come up with a solution for the wild horse issue. The State House Majority Leader Democrat Monica Duran was a main sponsor of the bill that she had been working on for two years prior.

From the beginning, the bill proved to be bipartisan with the state's House Minority Leader Republican Mike Lynch also sponsoring the bill.

The proposal entitled Senate Bill 23-275 Colorado Wild Horse Project quickly made its way through both branches of the state legislature.

The bill was passed in both the House and Senate by large margins. Then on May 20, Governor Polis signed the bill into law.

What Will the Colorado Wild Horse Project Do?

Overall, the main purpose of the bill was to create an entity under the state government that would work towards managing the wild horse herds in the state. The bill also intends to put measures in place to ensure the health and safety of horses after they get relocated.

The passage of the bill requires the state treasurer to transfer \$1.5 million from the General Fund to the wild horse project fund. A group consisting of several stakeholders will be put in charge of making recommendations to the governor and the general assembly.

"A wild horse stewardship program is created to help manage range health and infrastructure," the bill's summary states. "The wild horse



fertility control program is created to manage the wild horse herd population by collaborating, coordinating, and training people and entities to manage wild horse populations. Both programs are overseen by the wild horse project.”

The bill also requires the commissioner of agriculture “to provide support in the form of grants and contracts to assist with managing wild horse populations using fertility control methods, subject to approval by the bureau, until July 31, 2024, or until the wild horse project commences its own program to manage wild horse populations if commenced earlier than July 31, 2024.”

The Wild Animal Sanctuary Purchases Land for Wild Horses

At the beginning of the year, a Colorado-based nonprofit organization called “The Wild Animal Sanctuary” announced that it acquired land to help with the issue of wild horses being inhumanely removed from their lands. The organization purchased over 22,000 acres in Northwest Colorado near the town of Steamboat Springs.

The land was specifically acquired to house wild horses or mustangs. The Wild Horse Refuge will serve to rescue and protect the herds of wild horses that call the lands within Colorado’s Sand Wash Basin and Piceance-East Douglas Herd Management Areas (HMA) home. The move from the organization came about after the BLM started conducting their round-ups in early 2022.

The land consists of rolling hills and canyons that are covered in native grasses, sagebrush, and juniper trees.



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The land that was once a large cattle ranch has Lay Creek running through it which creates a perfect habitat for the mustangs.

The Wild Animal Sanctuary started up 43 years ago with a mission to rescue various species of wild animals in captivity. The organization currently operates three other properties that are used to house various animals including tigers and lions.

The sanctuary has made headlines recently due to their efforts to rescue several large wildcats like lions and tigers from zoos and private owners in Ukraine after the country was attacked by Russia last year. The organization has also rescued animals that became homeless after the Oklahoma zoo made infamous by the Netflix documentary "The Tiger King" was forced to close.

The sanctuary has a 1,214-acre facility northeast of Denver, a 10,000-acre chunk of land in Southeastern Colorado near Springfield, and a third facility west of Fort Worth, TX. With the recent acquisition of the Wild Horse Refuge, the organization now has over 33,000 acres of land dedicated to rescuing and protecting various species of animals.

A Bill to Ban Horse Slaughter for Human Consumption Fails in the State Senate

Earlier this year, it was reported that animal welfare groups found that around 20,000 horses from Colorado and other states were being auctioned off and then sent to slaughter houses in Canada and Mexico to be used as meat. Even though horses have not been slaughtered for human consumption in the United States for several decades, countries like Canada and Mexico

still slaughter them to use as meat or to send to other countries where they are consumed.

"Horse slaughter is ultimately a terrible betrayal of animals who helped us settle America and helped America succeed," Wayne Pacelle, president of Animal Wellness Action, based in Washington, D.C. told The Colorado Sun. "We treat them like disposable commodities and reduce them to a price per pound."

The animal welfare groups have petitioned states and the federal government to end the practice of horses getting auctioned, killed, and then sent to foreign slaughter houses. "The numbers were backed up by a study in the American Journal of Veterinary Research published last week, which said that 18,292 U.S. horses were slaughtered in Mexico and 5,193 in Canada in 2021," The Colorado Sun stated.

The investigation recently conducted by the animal welfare groups prompted activists to push the federal government to take steps to end the practice. Many groups have pushed congress to ban the sale of horses for slaughter as a part of the Farm Bill which is a "catch-all" agricultural legislation that expires every five years.

"The horse slaughter issue is of particular interest in Colorado, where the U.S. Bureau of Land Management has rounded up thousands of wild horses in the past few years," The Colorado Sun stated. "Federal law prohibits them from going to slaughter, but mustang advocates say that many end up in Canada and Mexico. Advocates were opposed to a rule change in 2018 that raised the buying limit to 25 wild horses per person from six, saying it would lead to more horses going to kill barns."

However, when a group of lawmakers proposed making it a crime to send horses to slaughter, their efforts failed. On March 16, the state senate voted 20-14 to kill the proposal.



In the end, according to a different article published by The Colorado Sun, the lawmakers sided with ranchers and livestock groups who said that the legislation was unnecessary and that it could lead to more horses dying inhumane of sickness and old age.

“The Colorado Cattlemen’s Association, the Colorado Farm Bureau and the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association were against the legislation,” the article published by The Colorado Sun stated. “Ranchers argued that the bill was pointless because they already have to abide by federal laws governing the transport of livestock, and they said slaughter is sometimes the most humane option for an animal. Also, they worried they could end up facing prosecution if any of their animals ended up at a slaughterhouse, even if that was not their intention when they sold them.”

Due to the recent controversies surrounding wild horses in Colorado, expect more ways to deal with the issue to come from stakeholders and state government officials in the future.

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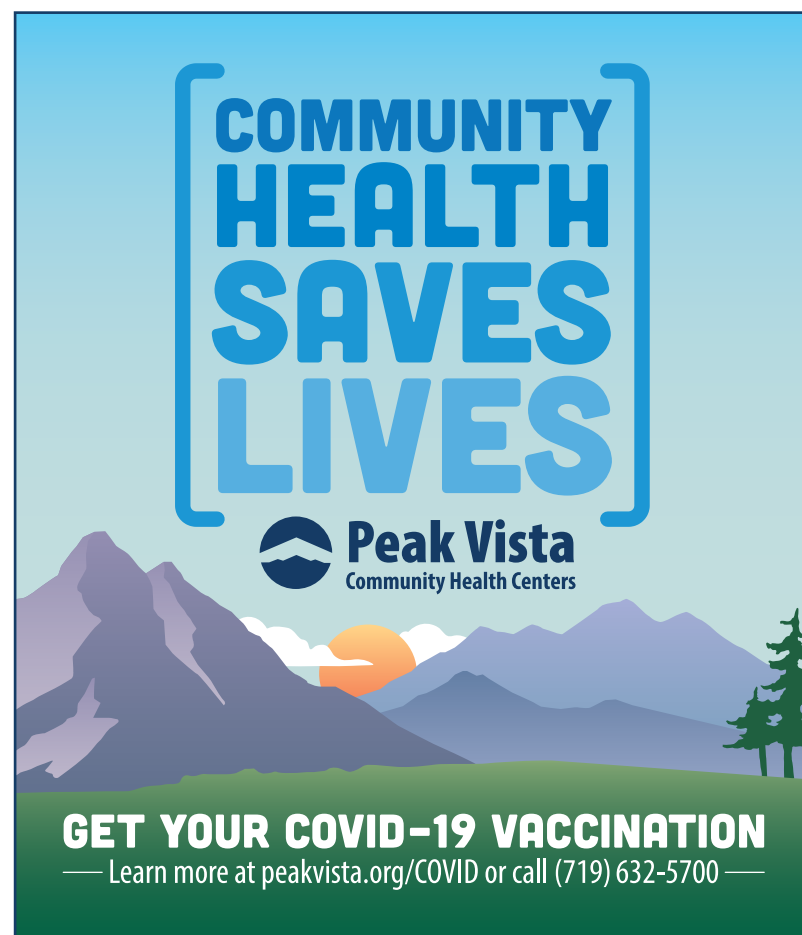
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Colorado horses are being slaughtered abroad for human consumption. A new bill could shut down the industry.

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Crossword Puzzle

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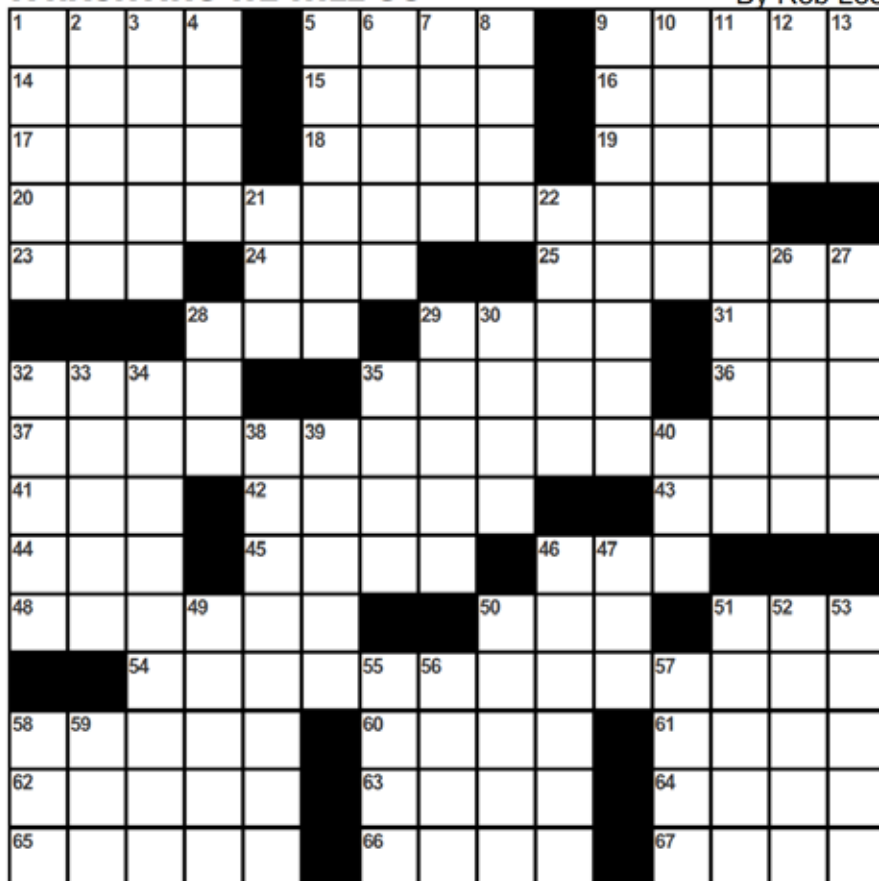
- 1) Bygone period
- 5) "Head" or "heart" hurt
- 9) Some finger foods
- 14) Better this than never
- 15) Answered "not guilty"
- 16) Notre Dame faithful?
- 17) Archer on Olympus
- 18) Gave money for
- 19) Recess for a statue
- 20) Space shuttle part
- 23) Wind up or wind down
- 24) Sturdy furniture material
- 25) End product
- 28) Leather piercer
- 29) Pouring vessel
- 31) Bit of sunlight
- 32) Current units
- 35) Punishment's partner
- 36) Squid's weapon
- 37) Atlas, encyclopedia or dictionary
- 41) Bleacher feature
- 42) Finish in the money
- 43) Who-knows-how-long
- 44) Beverage in a yard
- 45) Sunroof option
- 46) Drill sergeant's title
- 48) Big game fisherman's catch
- 50) Antiquated
- 51) Blue ____ (cops' sick-out)
- 54) Dances, in old slang
- 58) Part of a power saw
- 60) "____ and Otis" (film)
- 61) Fish tank organism
- 62) Iraqi city
- 63) Make ready
- 64) Metal refuse
- 65) "Man of ____" (Superman)
- 66) Theatrical trappings
- 67) Sitcom role for Nabors

DOWN

- 1) USMA rookie
- 2) Hank, of baseball fame
- 3) Honored the flag
- 4) Trueheart of comics
- 5) Take it to a higher court
- 6) Second half of an exploring duo
- 7) Beneficiary
- 8) Taro corn
- 9) Mister fix-it, typically
- 10) Springtime arrival
- 11) Forming mental images of
- 12) A tray may hold it
- 13) Common pronoun
- 21) It may be covered by insurance
- 22) Oreo innards
- 26) Tilting weapon
- 27) Nursery denizens
- 28) Assume the role of interviewer
- 29) Put up a building
- 30) Legitimate deduction
- 32) The "A" in James A. Garfield
- 33) Money, in slang
- 34) Political source of influence
- 35) Start of some juice blend names
- 38) Not mandatory
- 39) Self indulging escapade
- 40) Stirrup's spot
- 46) Single-masted vessels
- 47) Prenuptial agreement?
- 49) The longest river in France
- 50) Little wise bird
- 51) Young mare
- 52) Conforming to the rules
- 53) Customary habit
- 55) Mischief-makers
- 56) Leprechauns' home
- 57) Exhibit shock
- 58) Breakers' equipment
- 59) It may be passed

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Chuckwagon Cornbread

Enjoy this recipe for chuckwagon cornbread, courtesy of Clint Combs of the Curley Cue Cooking Team in Las Vegas. If you don't have an outdoor Dutch oven, these recipes can be prepared in a covered casserole dish or indoor Dutch oven at about 350 F, unless temperature is otherwise noted.

Ingredients

- 1 cup cornmeal
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon sugar optional
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2 eggs beaten
- 2 tablespoons butter melted

Directions

1. Blend all dry ingredients in a bowl.
2. Add milk and eggs; beat well.
3. Add hot butter.
4. Mix and pour into well-greased 8-inch square pan.
5. Bake at 450 F for about 25 minutes.



Cowboy Steak Medallions with Potatoes

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 pounds bite-size potatoes
- Kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 6 tablespoons salted butter
- 1 1/2 pounds
1-inch-thick filet steaks, cut into 2-inch medallions
- 2 tablespoons Montreal steak seasoning
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic

Directions

1. Place the potatoes in a large, high-sided skillet, cover with water and bring to a boil. Add a good pinch of kosher salt and cook until tender, about 12 minutes.
2. Heat the olive oil and 2 tablespoons of the butter in a large heavy-bottomed skillet over medium-high heat. Season the steak medallions all over with the steak seasoning. When the oil is hot and the butter has melted, add the steak to the skillet and cook 2 to 3 minutes per side for medium rare. Remove to a plate and cover with foil to rest.
3. Without cleaning the skillet, add the garlic, thyme, oregano and onions. Reduce the heat to medium and cook, scraping the skillet to release any flavorful steak bits stuck to the bottom, until the onions are starting to become golden, 6 to 8 minutes. Add the white wine to the onions and allow it to reduce for 1 minute. Add the remaining 4 tablespoons butter and allow it to melt.
4. Drain the potatoes and pour onto a serving platter. Using the bottom of a glass, press firmly to slightly crush the potatoes and sprinkle over a little kosher salt. Top with the onion mixture. Place the steak medallions on top and garnish with the chopped parsley and flaked sea salt. Serve with horseradish cream if desired.



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August & September 2023 Events in the Pikes Peak Region

(visit their website for any last-minute scheduling changes)

Mountain Arts Festival in Woodland Park

What: Plan to spend the day admiring the art, listening to live music, eating great food, and relaxing. Renovations made to the park include a fishing pond with multiple fountains, a small stream, and two large grassy areas for artists' booths. Flat paths winding through the park make for easy walking. There are restroom facilities, which are ADA compliant. The park also boasts an amazing view of Pikes Peak, America's Mountain

When: 10am-5pm August 12th, 10am-4pm August 13th .

Where: Memorial Park

Cost: FREE



Vino and Notes

What: Get ready to sip and sway at the 15th annual Vino and Notes Festival in Woodland Park's Memorial Park. Colorado wineries, including Black Art Cellars, Dragon Meadery and Mountain Spirit Winery, will be pouring all day long. Local vendors will be serving delicious bites. The Beer Garden will have ice-cold brews, and the live music lineup will keep you dancing the night away.

When: August 5th

Where: Memorial Park, Woodland Park

Web: vinoandnotes.com



Donkey Derby Days

What: Now in its 92nd year, Donkey Derby Days tops the list of favorite Cripple Creek events. People from all over the world descend on downtown to be inspired by the town's resident donkey herd, believed to be distant relatives of the original donkeys from the town's Gold Rush days. Enjoy Beer tent, food vendors, parade, and races.

When: August 11th - 13th

Where: Downtown Cripple Creek

Web: More information will be released so check our website at cripplecreekdonkeys.com



City Aud Sounds Downtown Music Festival

What: The first annual Downtown COS Music Festival features live music in local shops, restaurants and galleries. The two-day festival is a great chance to celebrate and experience the local music scene. Save the date for the grand finale concert at the City Aud. The headliner hasn't been announced yet but is promised as "not to be missed."

When: Aug. 25-26

Where: City Auditorium 221 E Kiowa St, Colorado Springs

Web: communityculturalcollective.org



La Vida 2023

What: Celebrate the rich Hispanic culture in Southern Colorado. Hosted by the Colorado Springs Hispanic Chamber, this year's La Vida festival will take place at the Country Club of Colorado at Cheyenne Mountain Resort. Enjoy Latin-inspired music and cuisine with gorgeous views of Cheyenne Mountain. VIP tickets grant you early admission and access to the VIP Lounge, where you can meet Hispanic celebrities and enjoy lounge-exclusive musical performances.

When: Aug. 26

Where: Country Club of Colorado

Web: cshispanicchamber.com



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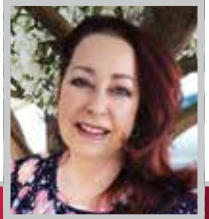


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Colorado Renaissance Festival

What: Step back in time and experience the 16th century with jousting knights, royal feasts, acrobats, magicians and jesters. When you're not captivated by the Renaissance spectacles, you can visit the artisan marketplace for unique handmade goods and gifts, and don't forget to indulge in the delicious turkey legs, mead and other treats.

When: June 17 – Aug. 6

Where: Larkspur

Web: coloradorennaissance.com



Labor Day Lift Off.

What: Colorful hot air balloons are the stars of this buoyant festival, which includes morning liftoffs, evening balloon glows, live music, skydivers and remote-controlled balloon displays.

When: Sept. 2-4

Where: Memorial Park, Colorado Springs.

Web: labordayliftoff.com



Commonwheel Art Festival

What: Celebrate and support local artists at the 49th annual Labor Day weekend festival in Manitou Springs. Enjoy live music and specialty foods as you tour the talents of sculptors, jewelers, potters, painters and more.

When: Sept. 2-4

Where: Memorial Park, Manitou Springs

Web: commonwheel.com



Pikes Peak APEX

What: This one's for the mountain bikers — and now runners. This world-class mountain bike challenge draws pros and amateurs for three days of riding on some of the area's best trails. Runners can join on the final day for a 5K or 10K following the cyclists send off. Everyone is also welcome to the finish line for the APEX Outdoor Festival & Expo, where you'll find food trucks, a beer garden and more fun at America the Beautiful Park.

When: Sept. 8-10

Where: Palmer Park, Cheyenne Canon, America the Beautiful Park

Web: pikespeakapex.com



Best of the West Wing Fest

What: Take your taste buds on a tour of wings from around town from participating restaurants, such as Buzzed Crow Bistro, Lost Sauces, Golden Flame Hot Wings and more to come. Cast your vote to crown the Best Wings. Enjoy live music and a performance from the Colorado Springs Children's Chorale. And don't miss the wing and hottest wing-eating competitions.

When: Sept. 16

Where: Western Museum of Mining & Industry

Web: bestofthewestwingfest.com



Blues on the Mesa

What: Blues on the Mesa gives music lovers one last chance to get out and shake it before the autumn leaves are all shaken down for the season. Blues fans might appreciate the seasoned chops of the lineup's national talent, but any music or festival fan will savor the day-long scene in the grassy, natural amphitheater at Gold Hill Mesa. This year's lineup features stellar talent, including Damon Fowler, Too Slim & The Taildraggers, Deborah Stafford & The Night Stalkers, Austin Young Band, Scott "Shack" Hackler and more. Get ready to wail.

When: Sept. 30

Where: Gold Hill Mesa

Web: bluesonthemesa.org



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August 2023 Statewide Events

(visit their website for any last-minute scheduling changes)

Leadville Boom Days.

Aug. 4-6

Venture up to the highest incorporated city in North America for a long weekend packed with family-friendly activities that celebrate Leadville's mining and Old West heritage. Wander through the street fair, cheer on your favorite donkey during the burro races, watch the parade and ogle impressive vehicles at the car show. Leadville.

leadvilleboomdays.org

Larimer County Fair.

Aug. 4-8

Back for its 140th year, the Larimer County Fair is a beloved Northern Colorado tradition that features 4-H shows, a parade, exhibitions, games, a cornhole tournament, rides, pig wrestling, a farmers market and more. This year also marks the 75th year of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) Rodeo, held in conjunction with the fair. treventscomplex.com/events/larimer-county-fair

Olathe Sweet Corn Festival.

Aug. 5

Corn is having a moment this year, thanks to a viral video of a cute 7-year-old named Tariq professing his love for the juicy yellow vegetable and gleefully exclaiming, "It's corn!" (And if you don't know what we're talking about, do yourself a favor and look it up.) What better way to celebrate the majesty of this starchy staple than by heading to Olathe for its 33rd annual festival? Olathe. olathesweetcornfest.com

Sand & Sage Round-Up.

Aug. 5-12

Head east for a fun week of live music, carnival rides, a parade, rodeo events and other family-friendly activities at the Sand & Sage Round-Up, aka the Prowers County Fair. Lamar. sandandsageroundup.com

Snowmass Plein Air Art Festival.

Aug. 5-6

More than 20 Colorado artists will set up shop in Snowmass and spend four days getting inspired by the awe-inspiring natural surroundings. Then, over the weekend, they'll put their masterpieces on display so that festivalgoers can ooh and aah and, ideally, take a painting or two home. Snowmass.

gosnowmass.com/event/plein-air-art-festival/2023-08-06

Vail Wine Classic.

Aug. 10-12

Vail Wine Classic. Whether you love whites, reds, rosés, bubbles or all of the above, you're sure to find your new favorite wine at this three-day event, which includes paired dinners, seminars and grand tastings with wineries from all over the world. Vail. vailwineclassic.com

Rocky Mountain Folks Festival.

Aug. 11-13

Pop your tent and plop down your lawn chair along the banks of the mighty St. Vrain for three days of folk music and community. This year's lineup includes Charley Crockett, Josh Ritter & The Royal City Band and Larkin Poe. Lyons. bluegrass.com/folks

Telluride Jazz Festival.

Aug. 11-13

Gregory Porter, St. Paul & The Broken Bones, Tower of Power, The Soul Rebels and Jamison Ross are just some of the talented musicians slated to play this year's festival, which has been running since 1977. Telluride. telluridejazz.org

Sculpture in the Park.

Aug. 11-13

Back for its 39th year, this Loveland festival features 2,000 works from 160 artists from around the world. Admire the artworks in the park and maybe even buy one to take home. Benson Sculpture Garden, 2908 Aspen Drive, Loveland. sculptureinthepark.org

Estes Park Wine Festival.

Aug. 12-13

This popular wine festival typically sells out, so grab a ticket while you can and enjoy unlimited wine tastings, live music, food and shopping in scenic Bond Park. Estes Park. estesparkwinefestival.com

Art in the Park Loveland.

Aug. 12-13

For more than 50 years, Art in the Park has been promoting the visual arts. During this year's festival organized by the Thompson Valley Art League and Lincoln Gallery more than 200 craftspeople and artisans will display their works. North Lake Park, 2750 N. Taft Ave., Loveland. artintheparkloveland.com

Palisade Peach Festival.

Aug. 18-19

Take a minute to thank the hard-working farmers who toil away to bring us these sweet, juicy fruits every summer. Now in its 55th year, this festival of deliciousness on the Western Slope includes orchard tours, a pancake breakfast, a 5K fun run, peach-eating contests, barbecue, cooking demos and more. Palisade. palisadepeachfest.com

Snowmass Cidermass.

Aug. 19

There are so many reasons to love cider. It tastes great, for one. It's friendly to those folks who can't do gluten. And it has a way of bringing people together, like it does at this festival, which features sips from more than 30 cideries and distilleries. Snowmass. gosnowmass.com/event/cidermass

Breckenridge Wine Classic.

Aug. 24-26

Toast the beauty of the mountains in summertime at this wine-centric festival, which includes paired wine lunches and dinners, seminars, wine hikes, blind tastings and all-inclusive grand tastings. The fun, spotlights more than 100 wineries, breweries, distilleries and other culinary creatives. Breckenridge. breckenridgewineclassic.com



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durangobluestrain.com

Loveland Corn Roast Festival.

Aug. 25-26

Loveland Corn Roast Festival. This year marks the 127th year of this festival, which pays homage to those sweet yellow kernels that farmers harvest every August. The two-day celebration includes a parade, a beer garden, live music, activities for kids and, of course, tons of delicious roasted corn. loveland.org/events-2/festival-information

Colorado State Fair.

Aug. 25-Sept. 4

Show your Centennial State pride at this long-running, family-friendly tradition. The schedule includes live musical performances, 4-H events, competitions, rodeos, carnival rides and more. Pueblo. coloradostatefair.com

Boulder Taco Fest.

Aug. 26

Go ahead, eat as many tacos as you want — we won't judge. And while you digest, check out lucha libre wrestling matches, live music, pinatas and other activities. Wash it all down with a margarita (or two). Boulder Civic Area and Library, 1001 Arapahoe Ave., Boulder. bouldertacofest.com

September 2023 Statewide Events

(visit their website for any last-minute scheduling changes)

Four Corners Folk Festival.

Sept. 1-3

Set up your camp chair or pop your tent in the shade of the evergreen trees for three days of live folk performances at Reservoir Hill. Marvel at the views of the San Juan Mountains while listening to this year's performers, including Peter Rowan, Gangstagrass, Chatham County Line and Jim Lauderdale. Pagosa Springs. folkwest.com

Jazz Aspen Snowmass' Labor Day Experience.

Sept. 1-3

Don't let the name fool you: There's way more than jazz at this beloved end-of-summer music festival. Headliners this year include Foo Fighters, the Lumineers, Old Dominion and Billy Idol. Snowmass Town Park, Snowmass Village. jazzaspensnowmass.org

Solo Flights.

Sept. 7-14

Love the performing arts? Then venture up to the Roaring Fork Valley for this weeklong new works festival, put on by Theatre Aspen to help directors and actors fine-tune their one-person shows. Watch the creative process work its magic as you attend performances, discussions, talkbacks, panels and receptions. Aspen.

theatreaspen.org/solo-flights

Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival.

Sept. 8-10

You don't have to be Scottish or Irish to appreciate Celtic culture—or, more importantly, to enjoy yourself at this lively annual shindig, which includes military music displays, whiskey tastings, strongman

Snowmass Wine Festival.

Sept. 16

For a quick weekend getaway filled with wine and beautiful scenery, head to this half-day fest in the Roaring Fork Valley. As you sip and sample your way through the more than 30 tables of international wines, be sure to bid on some of the silent auction items. Your dollars help fund scholarships and grants offered by the Rotary Club of Snowmass Village. Town Park, 2909 Brush Creek Road, Snowmass. gosnowmass.com/event/snowmass-wine-festival

Telluride Blues & Brews Festival.

Sept. 15-17

Need an excuse for one last summer road trip? Point your wheels southwest for three days of craft beer and live musical performances in an array of genres, including gospel, soul, indie, funk, blues and jam band. Bring the kids, too, because it's a family-friendly affair.

tellurideblues.com

Pueblo Chile & Frijoles Festival

September 22-24

Celebrate Colorado's agricultural prowess and get your fill of smoky green chiles at the Pueblo Chile & Frijoles Festival this fall. If you're feeling brave, consider entering the jalapeño-eating contest. And, if not, there's still plenty to do and see at this three-day gathering, from a chihuahua parade to live cooking demonstrations to a colorful farmer's market.

Steamboat Food & Wine Festival

September 28–October 1

The Steamboat Food & Wine Festival is a beloved Yampa Valley event that brings together award-winning chefs, winemakers, and other epicurean experts from across the nation. Choose from educational seminars, tastings, paired dinners, and more at this fall foodie event in the mountains.



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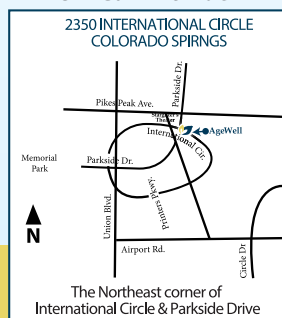
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