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GARFIELD COUNTY FAIR BOARD



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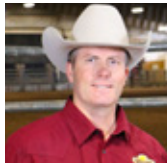
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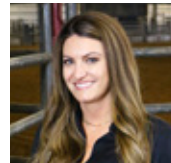
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The purpose of the fair board is, in collaboration with Garfield County administration, to ensure the successful promotion, production, and execution of the fair each year.

The fair board shall ensure fair programming is of high quality and that programming improves annually, as needed. Fair programming:

- Shall embrace all ages, persons, cultures, and entities within Garfield County
- Shall foster a spirit of community values.
- Shall promote the western and agricultural heritage and history of Garfield County.

WELCOME TO THE GARFIELD COUNTY FAIR!

On behalf of the Garfield County Fair Board and your Board of County Commissioners, I would like to welcome each of you to this year's Garfield County Fair and Rodeo. As fair board president, I want to express my gratitude to everyone involved that makes the fair possible each year. Thank you for your support and participation, whether as a sponsor, vendor, exhibitor, performer, or a member of our great community attending the fair; we couldn't do it without you.

There are some changes to the fair this year that will be noticed. We have moved the dates to early August to assist our exhibitors in 4-H and Open Exhibits to have a longer production cycle. This change will make us a more traditional fair. Unfortunately, to facilitate this change it meant we will no longer be on a routing schedule for the carnival. It will be missed, however, we felt it was important to maintain our heritage and western way of life. I hope you will bear with us as this transition takes place.

We are going to focus on our Midway and bring in more artisans

and crafters to display, vend, and showcase their wares. We are continuing with our rodeos and premier events throughout the week.

We invite you to come and enjoy your Garfield County Fair & Rodeo. Bring your families and friends so everyone can share in the joy and laughter and continue to build memories. As our guest, we take your safety seriously and ask that you have respect for all fair attendees. Together we can all have a memorable and enjoyable experience.

I also want to say thank you for all your hard work and dedication to all the fair board members that I have had the privilege to work with the last 18 years. It has been an honor to serve our community with you. To all our sponsors, volunteers, attendees, and participants, I want to say thank you for being a part of our community and the Garfield County Fair and Rodeo. This year's theme is "Celebrating the Bounty of Our County." Come have some fun and enjoy your time at the fair.

Levy Burris
Fair Board President

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Celebrating the Bounty of Our County

Fun, excitement, and pride in our western heritage will be on bountiful display at the 2025 Garfield County Fair and Rodeo. This year's theme, "Celebrating the Bounty of Our County," focuses on the many things we have to be grateful for here in Garfield County. The 87th annual event takes place from August 2-9, at the Garfield County Fairgrounds in Rifle.

"I love fair week and I'm excited to visit with all of you during these great activities that are coming our way," said Commissioner Mike Samson.

Coming to the forefront is our pride in the 4-H and the FFA kids and families, which are the backbone of the fair. Nothing is better than seeing these hard-working and dedicated kids display their talents at the Open Class Exhibits and with their livestock in the arenas. It's truly amazing what these talented youths can produce with their intelligence, tenacity, and grit. The future is bright in Garfield County!

"There's nothing like supporting our western heritage, way of life, and time-honored traditions," said Commissioner Perry Will.

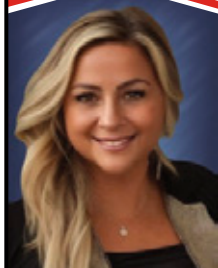
Make sure you come out to the annual parade down Railroad Avenue on Saturday, August 2, to kick things off. We love seeing all the smiling faces at this cherished community tradition. You might even catch some candy, too!

Swing on over to the fairgrounds August 6 and 7, for the Xtreme Bulls and PRCA ProRodeo. The adrenaline in the arena will be palpable as some of the toughest cowboys ever to take the saddle load up and wrangle with broncs and bulls determined to ruin their day.

On Aug. 8, we welcome music lovers for our always fantastic Friday night concert. We're thrilled to host the legendary Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and supporting act, David Nail. We guarantee it will be a night of fun and dancing you won't want to miss.

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The fair closes out with a bang – or a crash – on Saturday, Aug. 9, with the always thrilling demolition derby. It's a blast watching these brave drivers compete till the last tire is spinning.

This is just the tip of the iceberg of fun to be had at the Garfield County Fair and Rodeo. Come on out and

experience the bountiful reasons that Garfield County is the greatest place in the world to live and play.

Thanks, and we look forward to seeing you all at the fair!

Perry, Tom, and Mike



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GARFIELD COUNTY FAIR 2025 EVENTS SCHEDULE

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Friday, July 11

4-H county shoot air events: 11 am, south hall

Saturday, July 12

4-H county shoot archery: 8 am, Sportsman's Range

Sunday, July 13

**4-H county shoot .22 rifle, muzzleloading, .22 pistol,
western heritage:** 9 am, Sportsman's Range

Saturday, July 19

4-H county shoot shotgun: 8 am, Sportsman's Range

Sunday, July 20

4-H county shoot shotgun: 9 am, Glenwood Gun Club

Wednesday, July 23

Model rocket launch: 8 am, fairgrounds outdoor arena

Robotics contest: 10 am, event hall

4-H Cake Decorating Contest: 1 pm, event hall

4-H Fashion Revue: 3 pm, event hall

Saturday, July 25

4-H County Horse Show: 8 am, fairgrounds arenas

Sunday, July 26

4-H County Horse Show: 9 am, fairgrounds arenas

Wednesday, July 30

Garfield Dog Show: 9 am, indoor arena

Saturday, August 2

Premier exhibitor interviews: 8 am – 5 pm, event hall

4-H general projects judging: 8 am – 5 pm, north hall

Parade: 10 am – 12 pm, Railroad Avenue

Car Show: 12 – 4 pm, Garfield County Fairgrounds

The Mixx: 12 – 3pm, live music on the free stage

Monday, August 4

Poultry show: 8 am, indoor arena

GARFIELD COUNTY FAIR 2025 EVENTS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 5

Rabbit show: 8 am, indoor arena

Sponsor BBQ (ticketed sponsor event): 5:30 – 7 pm, fairgrounds

Family & Kidz Rodeo: 6:30 – 9 pm, outdoor arena

Wednesday, August 6

Swine show: 8 am, indoor arena

4-H general project exhibits: 12 – 7 pm, north hall

Open exhibits viewing: 12 – 7 pm, north and south halls

Historical display: 12 – 7 pm, south hall

Hannah Haupt: 5 – 7 pm, live music on the free stage

PRCA Xtreme Bulls: 7 – 9 pm, outdoor arena

Wednesday Midway events:

Kids tractor pull: 12, 2 & 4 pm

Petting zoo: 12 – 8 pm

Cowboy cove: 12 – 8 pm

ShenaniGuns: 1, 3 & 7 pm

WEDNESDAY MAIN EVENT

PRCA Xtreme Bulls

7 – 9 pm, outdoor arena



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GARFIELD COUNTY FAIR 2025 EVENTS SCHEDULE

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Thursday, August 7

Sheep show: 9 am, indoor arena

4-H general project exhibits: 12 – 7 pm, north hall

Open exhibits viewing: 12 – 7 pm, north and south halls

Historical display: 12 – 7 pm, south hall

Goat show: 1 pm or one hour following the sheep show, indoor arena

Beef showmanship: 5 pm, indoor arena

PRCA/WPRA ProRodeo: 7 – 9 pm, outdoor arena

A Band Called Alexis: 9 – 11 pm, Live music on the free stage

Thursday Midway events:

Kids tractor pull: 12, 2 & 4 pm

Petting zoo: 12 – 8 pm

Cowboy cove: 12 – 8 pm

Ladies skillet toss: 3 pm

ShenaniGuns: 1, 3 & 6:30 pm

Line dancing: 5 – 6:30 pm

THURSDAY MAIN EVENT

PRCA/WPRA ProRodeo

7 – 9 pm, outdoor arena



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GARFIELD COUNTY FAIR 2025 EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday, August 8

Beef show: 9 am, indoor arena

4-H general project exhibits: 12 – 7 pm, north hall

Open exhibits viewing: 12 – 7 pm, north and south halls

Historical display: 12 pm – 7 pm, south hall

Round robin showmanship contest: 2 pm, indoor arena

Nitty Gritty Dirt Band,

David Nail opening: 7 – 9 pm, outdoor arena

Tyler Rust Band: 9 pm – 11 pm, live music on the free stage

Friday Midway events:

Kids tractor pull: 1:30, 3:30 & 5:30pm

Petting zoo: 12 – 8 pm

Cowboy cove: 12 – 8 pm

ShenaniGuns: 2:30, 4:30 & 6:30 pm

Line dancing: 12 – 1:30 pm

FRIDAY MAIN EVENT

Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, David Nail opening

7 – 9 pm, outdoor arena



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GARFIELD COUNTY FAIR 2025 EVENTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 9

Buyer's BBQ (buyers only): 11 am, event hall

Open exhibits viewing: 12 – 7 pm, north and south halls

Historical display: 12 pm – 7 pm, south hall

Livestock awards announcement: 12:30 pm, indoor arena

Jr. livestock sale: 1 pm, indoor arena

Demolition Derby: 7 – 9 pm, outdoor arena

Stone Kitchen: 9 pm – 11 pm live music on the free stage

Saturday Midway events:

Kids tractor pull: 12, 2 & 4 pm

Petting zoo: 12 – 8 pm

Cowboy cove: 12 – 8 pm

ShenaniGuns: 11 am, 1, 3, & 6:30 pm

SATURDAY MAIN EVENT

Demolition Derby

7 – 9 pm, outdoor arena



garfieldcountyfair.com/schedule/demolition-derby

GARFIELD COUNTY FAIR 2025 EVENTS SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 10

Livestock check out: 9 am – 12 pm, indoor arena

General project check out: 10 am – 12 pm, north hall

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Brock and Stephanie Hedberg

Brock and Stephanie Hedberg have been proud members of our community as a couple, since they got married in 2005. Stephanie grew up in Orem, Utah while Brock was raised here in Rifle, Colorado. They both attended Utah State University, where they graduated in 2005.

After graduation, they moved to Rifle, and Brock began working for the family business, Hy-Way Feed and Ranch Supply, in Silt. Stephanie took a job working for a marketing company in Glenwood Springs and is a local photographer in the valley. Today, they are the sole operators of Hy-Way Feed and Ranch Supply after Brock's father passed away 12 years ago. The business has been in the family for more than 35 years.

Brock and Stephanie have four children, Rylee (17), Colby (14), Chase (11), and Blake (7). Together, the family looks forward to the Garfield County Fair and Rodeo every year. They participate in 4-H, and Brock was a member of the Garfield County Fair Board from 2014 to 2017.

Together, their favorite part of the fair is watching the youth of the valley show off the projects and



animals they have worked on over the past year.

The Hedberg Family believes very strongly in giving back to their community.

"These are the places you can truly make a difference; it starts in your home and branches out to those who live around us," they said. "We love living here and find the values of this community are the same ones we strongly believe in."

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Rick Arbaney

Rick Arbaney, a fourth-generation resident of Garfield County, is a true cowboy whose life has revolved around horses, ranching, and community. Renowned for his skill in training horses, Rick cowboied for nearly every cattle producer in the valley, earning a reputation as a dependable and masterful horseman. Always sure to complete

the task he set out to do, his passion for rodeo has extended beyond personal achievement, as he has dedicated himself to mentoring the younger generations in his favorite past time. Rick's legacy will forever be woven into the fabric of Garfield County, where his love for 4-H and rodeo will continue to be evident.



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Alyson Johnson

Alyson (Pilcher) Johnson was born and raised in Rangely, CO, where she attended dental hygiene school after graduating high school. She started her dental hygiene career in Boise, ID, but soon moved to Rifle,

where she lived the rest of her life. She married Chad Johnson in 2002, and gave birth to her only child, Kellen, in 2006.

Aly was passionate about everything she did, especially being a mother and wife. She volunteered at Graham Mesa Elementary, was a member of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) at Rifle Middle School, and both a member and president of the Bears Booster Club. She also volunteered as a track coach at the middle school, at the kids' programs at New Creation Church, helped score 4-H shooting sports at county shoots, and was always there to help wherever and whenever she could. She exemplified the volunteer spirit, particularly in supporting the youth of the community.

Robert Flohr

Robert was born and raised in Kansas and after graduating North Central Kansas Vo-Tech, he met the love of his life, Joann Bunker. They married in 1972 and would eventually move to New Castle, Colorado in 1977. They settled on a ranch outside of Rifle, Colorado in 1982. Robert and Joann made a life together farming the hay fields, ranching, and raising three children, five grandkids and one great-grandchild.

Robert could be seen driving tractors and equipment through the towns of Rifle and Silt. He was an active member of the community and past president of the Garfield County Fair Board, the Colorado



Quarter Horse Association, and Northwest High School Rodeo Club. Robert's tradition of hard work and western lifestyle still lives on through his family.

Matt Nieslanik

Matt was a lifelong resident of Carbondale. He took pride in working hard on the ranch he leased and continue the family legacy of ranching that his parents started in 1956. As a young man, Matt participated in 4-H, with his livestock eventually winning the grand champion steer.

Matt attended Northwestern Community College on a baseball scholarship, and then transferred to Mesa State College. He met his wife Heather at Mesa State and together they raised two wonderful boys.

Matt had a passion for horses and was a gifted horseman. He loved to ride and raised many good horses from his breeding stock. Team roping was one of the events Matt loved and was also successful at. His collection of buckles and saddles



are a reminder of his dedication to the sport of rodeo. When Matt was not roping at the rodeo he worked as a pickup man for the Snowmass and Carbondale rodeos, as well as several high school events. He was nothing short of a cowboy's hero.

Matt was well-known throughout the Roaring Fork Valley. He had a contagious smile and a quick wit that is dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Sharon Nieslanik

Sharon Nieslanik, of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, was born on November 6, 1940, in Collbran, Colorado. Sharon graduated from Rifle High School in 1958 and Colorado State University in 1962 with a Bachelor of Science in Dietetics. After graduating, Sharon became an Extension Agent in Rio Blanco County, living in Meeker, Colorado.

Sharon married James Nieslanik on November 14, 1964. Jim and Sharon lived in Spring Valley ranching their land before moving into Glenwood Springs in 1994. Sharon enjoyed sewing, quilting, canning, making homemade pickles, baking and



decorating wedding cakes, and judging entrees at many county fairs across Colorado for over 25 years. Sharon's involvement in county fairs went far beyond judging, as she spent many years as a club leader and volunteer at the Garfield County Fair.

ROYALTY PROGRAM

Royalty mission statement

The Garfield County Fair & Rodeo Royalty program is dedicated to providing an opportunity for young women to be spokespersons for the Garfield County Fair & Rodeo, the sport of rodeo, the western way of life, and their community of Garfield County. The royalty program utilizes teamwork, organizational skills, public speaking, community service, and relationships to prepare participants in becoming future community leaders.



Elle Garcia

Hi! My name is Elle Garcia and I am the 2025 Garfield County Fair and Rodeo Queen!!! I am extremely grateful and beyond excited to experience this opportunity to represent Garfield County for the third year in a row. I have always dreamed of being the queen, ever since I was little. It is surreal to be named queen two years in a row and I am so excited to see what the year holds for our team and community.

I am 17 years old and participate in basketball at Rifle High School. I spent many years participating in the The Garfield County 4-H program, but last year I made a huge decision to just focus on basketball and royalty. I enjoy being outside, hanging out with friends and family, riding my horse, and playing sports. I have been riding for over 12 years now and look forward to learning and growing every day. I love working with Elizabeth Holmes, the Garfield County Junior Queen,



and couldn't have hoped for a better human to have by my side and to call my royalty family.

I am looking forward to building stronger, more amazing bonds with my team, the community, and my

horse, and maximizing what this experience has to offer. I could not do this without the support of my parents, family, coaches (Duston and Kaitlyn) and best friend, Isaac, and I am beyond grateful for them.

Elizabeth Holmes

Hi, my name is Elizabeth Holmes, and I'm incredibly proud to serve as your 2025 Garfield County Fair and Rodeo Junior Queen! At 17 years old, I'm a driven student-athlete at Rifle High School, where I balance academics with competing in both basketball and soccer. I bring energy, responsibility, and a strong work ethic to everything I do — on the court, in the classroom, and in the arena. This marks my fourth year in the Garfield County 4-H program, where I've developed leadership skills, responsibility, and a passion for agriculture. This year, I'm excited to show my steer, Hilbert, and continue growing as both an exhibitor and role model in our local 4-H community.

I've been riding horses since I was little, and I'm constantly working to improve my horsemanship and deepen the bond with my horse. I'm passionate about representing Garfield County with pride, positivity, and professionalism. I love being outdoors, staying active, and building strong relationships with those around me. One of the most meaningful parts of this experience is working alongside Elle Garcia, our two-time Garfield County Queen and one of my best friends. Elle's

I, Elle Garcia, the Garfield County Queen, and Elizabeth Holmes, the Garfield County Junior Queen, are looking forward to representing our county and community and cannot wait to see you out there at our events!



leadership and example have truly inspired me, and I'm honored to serve with her. I'm excited to use this opportunity to be a positive influence, grow as a young leader, and strengthen my connection to our amazing community. I am endlessly grateful for the support of my best friend Makayla, my family, and my coaches — their encouragement fuels everything I do. Thank you for letting me represent our county with pride. I can't wait to meet more of you at upcoming events and make this year unforgettable!

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2025 GARFIELD COUNTY FAIR PARADE

Railroad Avenue, Rifle

Saturday, August 2, 10 am

One of the most historic and cherished events in American history is the local parade. People of all ages line up to see which float is just around the corner. Get there early and find a spot along the parade route to enjoy this colorful community celebration. Interested parties may elect to enter their group's float, classic car, or marching band to be part

of the parade. Groups or people who participate in the parade can win 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in each of four categories: Float, Classic auto, Performance team, Horse entry, and the coveted "Best Themed Float Award" will also be given.

The parade starts at 10 a.m.

Come join the fun!

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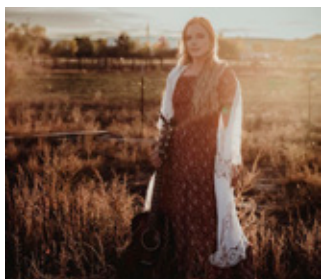
Live music on the free stage:



The Mixx

Saturday, August 2

12 to 3 pm



Hannah Haupt

Wednesday, August 6

5 to 7 pm



A Band Called Alexis

Thursday, August 7

9 to 11 pm



Tyler Rust Band

Friday, August 8

9 to 11 pm



Stone Kitchen

Saturday, August 9

9 to 11 pm



SUMMER OF THUNDER CAR SHOW

Garfield County Fairgrounds

Saturday, August 2, 12 - 4 p.m.

The 18th annual Summer of Thunder Car Show returns to Rifle on August 2, from noon to 4 p.m. Get up close with these vintage works of art and muscle, and chat with the owners about this true labor of love. The show and judging take place at the Garfield County Fairgrounds, 1001 Railroad Ave. A swap/shop car parts flea market is also taking place at this year's event. Bring your spare

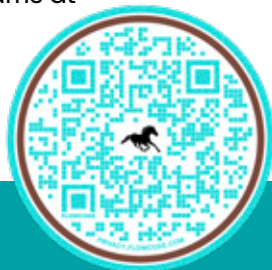
parts and sell them, trade them, or donate them to someone who is working on a classic.

The Summer of Thunder Car Show is free to viewers.

Early bird entry is \$20 through July 25, and \$25 thereafter. Contact Levy Burris at 970-589-7903 with questions.

Come see these steel beauties!

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MIDWAY EVENTS



ShenaniGuns

August 6-9

Bringing high-caliber comedy to Rifle. Featuring elements of improv and plenty of audience participation, this free family friendly comedy event is sure to hit the mark! See event schedule for daily times.

Kids tractor pull

August 6-9

Kids pump their legs to see who can pull the most weight in their wake. You don't want to miss this family friendly excitement! See event schedule for daily times.



Petting zoo and pony rides

August 6-9

The zoo is free and cups of feed for the animals are \$3. Pony rides are \$10, and framed photos of the kiddos atop the ponies are available for an additional \$10. Daily from noon to 8 p.m.

Cowboy cove

August 6-9

Kids can bounce, splash, and slide for free in this wet and wild inflatable paradise!

Carnival games available for a fee. Daily from noon to 8 p.m.



Line dancing

August 7-8

Get ready for some boot scootin' over at the Garfield County Fair and Rodeo. Join free line dancing classes: Thursday, August 7, 5-6:30 p.m. Friday, August 8, 12-1:30 p.m.



FAMILY AND KIDZ RODEO

Outdoor arena

Tuesday, August 5, 6:30 pm

Pull on your boots and dust off your cowboy hat for the 87th annual Garfield County Fair & Rodeo on Tuesday night. This fun-filled event brings in all the local cowboys and

cowgirls for the Family and Kidz Rodeo. Anyone can compete in the events on Tuesday night. These are free events for the whole community to watch!

Registration for all participants 4-5:30 pm; line-up at 6 pm

Competitor entry fees

Family rodeo

Family team branding/dally

Ribbon roping – \$25/team

Rescue race – \$15/entry

Barrel racing – \$15/team

Rawhide race – \$15/entry

Kidz Rodeo

Boot scramble – FREE

Stick horse barrel races – FREE

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Mutton bustin' – \$15 / entry

Goat tying – FREE



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PRCA XTREME BULLS

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Outdoor arena

Wednesday, August 6, 7 pm

The Garfield County Fair and Rodeo welcomes back the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) Xtreme Bulls competition. The dust and dirt will fly as some of the

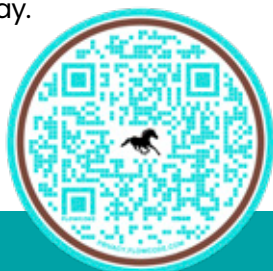
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PRCA & WPRA RODEOS

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Outdoor arena

Thursday, August 7, 7 pm

The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) and the Woman's Pro Rodeo Association (WPRA) return to Rifle with the ProRodeo competition. Not for the faint of heart, these cowboys and cowgirls display their strength, skill, and grit under the lights of the arena.

Gates open at 6 pm

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Outdoor arena*Friday, August 8, 7 pm*

GRAMMY-nominated, multi-platinum singer/songwriter David Nail comes to Rifle hot off a busy touring year in 2024. His “pull no punches” style and reflective songwriting have earned Nail a legion of die-hard fans.

“My philosophy has always been, I just hope to have a good enough year that I can have a next year while staying as true to myself as I possibly can,” he said.

Nail released his hit EP “Best of Me” in 2023, a follow-up to his smash albums “Bootheel,” “The Sound of a Million Dreams,” “I’m a Fire,” and “Fighter.” His cover of Bruce Cockburn’s “Pacing the Cage” is

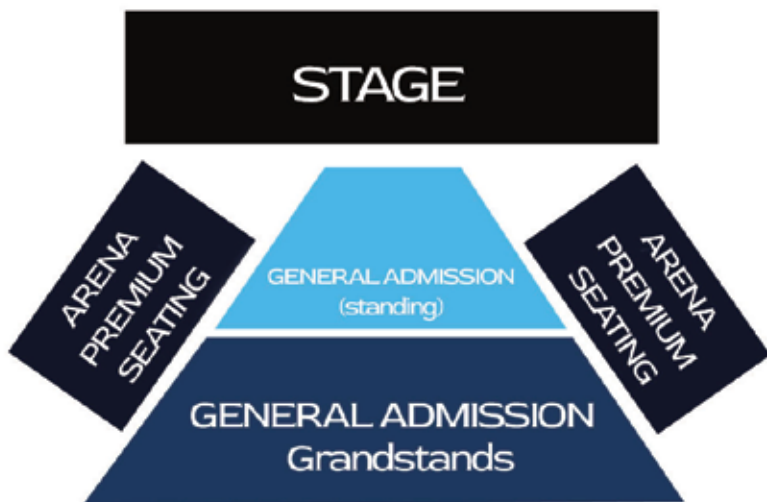


featured in the 2024 Vanity Fair documentary, “Take No Prisoners.”

Come on out to the Garfield County Fairgrounds for an amazing evening of music on Aug. 8. Be sure to get your tickets early, as this is one show you won’t want to miss!

Grandstand seating

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Outdoor arena

Friday, August 8, 7 pm

Formed in southern California in 1966, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band relocated to Colorado in the early 1970s and was inducted into the Colorado Music Hall of Fame in 2015. With strong ties to the Western Slope and the Roaring Fork Valley, the band's Rifle stop on the farewell tour takes its storied career full circle.

"All The Good Times' perfectly describes our career," the band recently said. "Playing our music for Dirt Band fans all over the world has been an incredible experience for us. The most important part of that has been the connection to our audience — that beautiful communal give and take is like nothing else. That's the very spirit

we'll be celebrating as we head into our farewell tour. We really look forward to seeing you folks. Good times will be had by all!"

The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band has entertained audiences with their top-shelf musicianship and timeless hits "Mr. Bojangles," "Fishin' in the Dark," "An American Dream," and many more. And now, the time has come for the band, which has carried a torch for American country and roots music, to say so long to the highways and byways they've crossed an unimaginable number of times throughout their career.

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Outdoor arena

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Come watch the wreckage!

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The open exhibits program of the Garfield County Fair gives residents the opportunity to brag and say, "See what I can do!"

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Saturday, August 2

1 – 5 pm: drop off exhibits, entries accepted in all divisions. Artwork and photography entries must be entered by Sunday.

Sunday, August 3

1 – 6 pm: drop off exhibits, entries accepted in all divisions. Artwork and photography entries must be entered by Sunday.

Monday, August 4

7 am – 6 pm: drop off exhibits, entries accepted for baked goods, farm goods, food preservation, home goods, crafts, horticulture, needlework, and quilting.

Tuesday, August 5

7 am – 6 pm: hall closed for judging

9 am: Judging of artwork, photography, and quilting

10 am: Judging of all remaining departments

Wednesday, August 6

12 – 7 pm: Exhibit Hall open for public viewing.

2 – 6 pm: Entries accepted for commissioners' cookie jar contest and apple pie contest.

Thursday, August 7

12 – 7 pm: Exhibit Hall open for public viewing.

10 – 11:00 am: Entries accepted for commissioners' cookie jar contest and apple pie contest.

12:00 pm: Judging commissioners' cookie jars

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Friday/Saturday, August 8/9

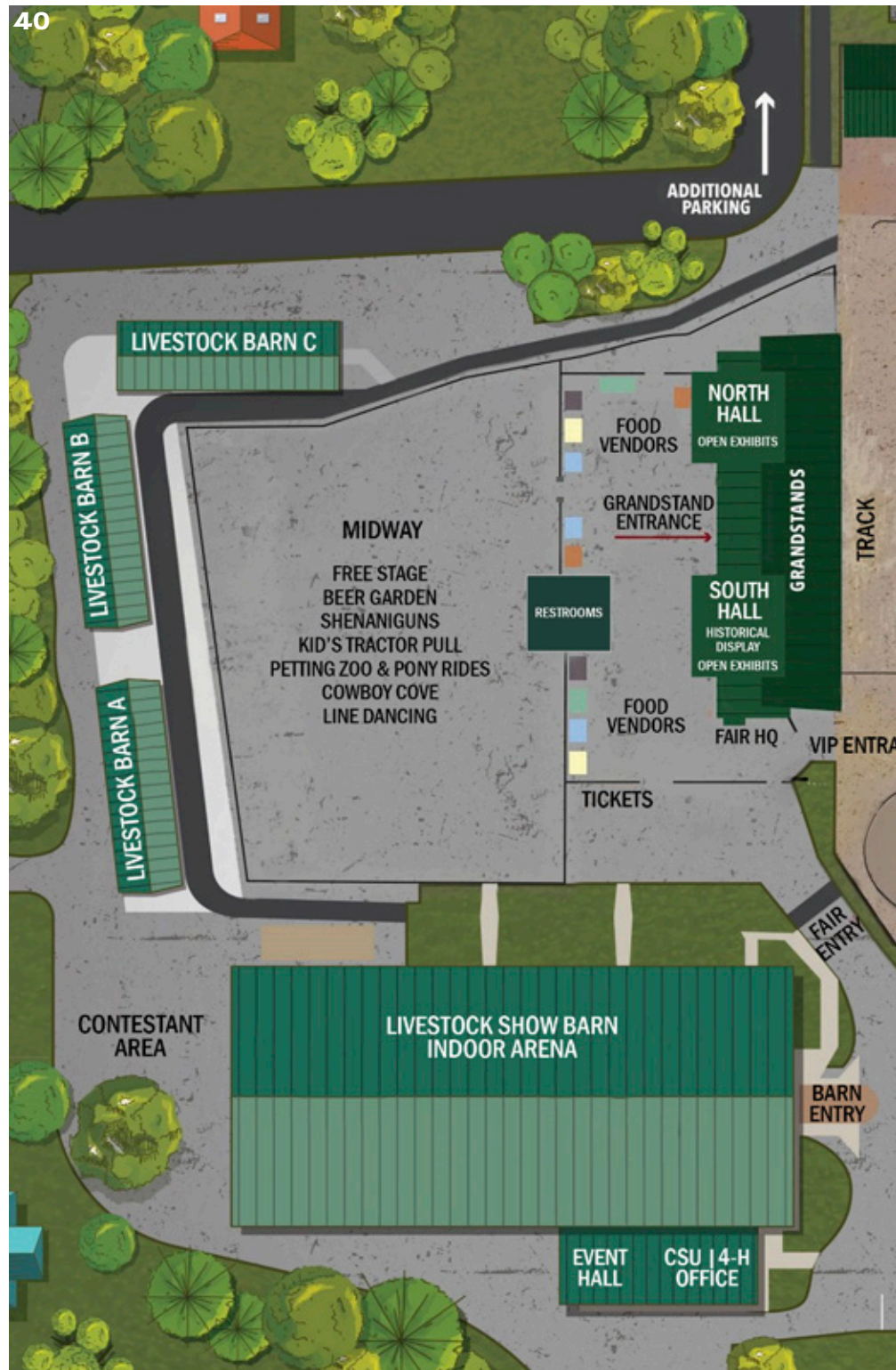
12 – 7 pm: Exhibit Hall open for public viewing.

Sunday, August 10

7 – 11 am: Entry pick-up and premium payout. Entries not picked up shall forfeit premiums. Vehicles will not be allowed on the midway. Assistance will be given by staff as needed.



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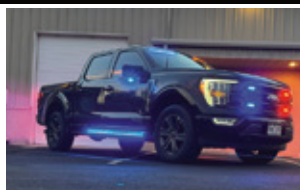
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Dixie Wright

Dixie Wright loves to work with her hands. The talented 12-year-old from Silt has participated in 4-H for five years and developed a unique skill set along the way.

"I do scrapbooking, sewing, and swine," she said with a bright smile.

Dixie's mom, K.C., encouraged her to give 4-H a shot, and she didn't look back. Dixie signed up as a Cloverbud and worked with horses for the first two years before taking on pigs, which hold a special place in her heart.

Her interest stemmed from working with pigs in the round robin at the Garfield County Fair and Rodeo and the experience grew her love for the colorful – and oftentimes temperamental – animals.

Dixie said the key to training swine is to start with them early so you form a stronger bond, making them easier to work with. Her current pigs, Wyoming and Cheyenne, are better behaved and more attuned to Dixie than the pigs she worked with the prior year.

"Handling the pigs when they are young made a huge difference. They're much easier to work with this year," Dixie explained. "Last year's pigs scared me a little bit. They would run more when being shown. When I'd walk them, they just took off."

"These pigs are far more connected to her," K.C. added. "They like people.



They're all about people. She has them trailer-loading without shoots and is walking them all around the yard."

Seeing people's reactions to her pigs is a gratifying reminder of why she puts in all the hard work.

"I like when the people come by and seeing their

interest in the pigs," Dixie said. "Last year, I had a couple people come by and check out the pigs, but that was about it. This year I hope more people come by."

When she's not working with animals, Dixie spends her time scrapbooking and sewing, both of which will be on display at fair.

"I am making a dress for sewing and working on my scrapbook," she said. "I've been sewing for two years, and this is my first year doing scrapbooking."

Blessed with an active horse family, Dixie has been riding horses her entire life. Of the family's six horses, Dixie's are Anna and Kiss. She plans to participate in Gymkhana in the future and wants to be a farrier when she's older.

"We offer horse training and riding lessons, and we also have cattle. We are pretty oriented in that way," K.C. said. "Pigs were definitely not in the realm of things."

"Mom told me we're never having pigs," Dixie added. "Look where we are at now! It's the second year we have pigs. It was either pigs or rabbits, and the pigs won out."

Tyler Miernicki

At age 15, Tyler Miernicki already knows a thing or two about a hard day's work. The Rifle High School freshman developed a passion for welding at an early age after building a theme project for 4-H.

He's also enjoying his first year in Rifle FFA and is showing a cow and calf pair, two steers, and five pigs at the Garfield County Fair and Rodeo this year.

"I've always loved cows and really all animals," Tyler said. "I started off small with sheep, but I didn't really get into it, so I tried pigs and steers, and I really enjoyed it and have stuck with cows ever since."

His FFA team earned gold at a state convention for agriculture mechanics, including welding, plumbing, trailer wiring, and troubleshooting, and Tyler placed gold as an individual. He's also been welding handrails, staircases, and structural elements professionally on homes near Meeker.

"Welding is one of my favorite things and math is probably my best subject," he said. "I've been welding for three or four years now and last summer I got a job welding for C&C Industries and doing a lot of structural work and this year I'll be certified."

Tyler has taken part in 4-H for more than seven years, and participates in shooting sports and livestock. A

hunter since he was 12, shooting sports has helped hone his skills in between hunting season.

"I shoot shotgun and do archery. I started off with .22, and then switched to shotgun," Tyler said. "I like hunting deer with a rifle. One of the deer I shot was a very cool buck, a 24-inch wide, two-point."

He noted that his parents were in 4-H and he wanted to have the same experiences they had. He enjoys helping others, making 4-H a natural match.

"I'll be helping out where I can at fair," Tyler said. "I'll probably be working at the concession stands some nights."

Tyler has worked for his grandfather's business, Mountain View Tree Farm & Nursery, since he was eight. He operates heavy equipment,

digging up stumps with a track hoe, and running the skid steers.

With such a strong work ethic, Tyler already has his sights set on a career with pipeline welding.

"I want to get on a pipeline and do mainline," he said. "I'd like to work on live gas lines eventually. That's my dream; there's live gas running through the line and you're performing repair work. My boss did it when he was younger, and you can make a lot of money. Ideally, I'd like to be able to do that, retire, and then do fabrication."

"I like the more dangerous work," he added with a grin. "I'm not a fan of heights but I do like setting columns. That's fun."



Emma Cordova

For 16-year-old Emma Cordova of Silt, a love of learning and a curiosity about the world have fueled her involvement in both 4-H and Coal Ridge FFA. As a student at Coal Ridge High School, Emma is passionate about science and is taking full advantage of the hands-on educational opportunities provided by STEM-related programs, including those offered through agriculture.



Emma's journey began eight years ago when her mom, a former 4-H member herself, encouraged her to join the program. Since then, Emma has been raising and showing cattle, gaining not only agricultural knowledge but also valuable life skills.

"4-H has taught me responsibility, determination, and so many life lessons," Emma said.

Emma's dedication paid off at last year's Garfield County Fair and Rodeo, where she earned Overall Grand Champion with her steer—a proud accomplishment that earned her the big trophy. This year, she's returning to the fair with both a market steer and a breeding heifer, excited to see the results of her hard work.

In addition to 4-H, Emma has been involved in the FFA program for the past two years. She competes in Career Development Events (CDEs) and has already made a mark. Last year, she was part of the floriculture

team, and this spring, she competed in the veterinary science team—earning first place in an online competition.

While agriculture is a major part of Emma's life, her eyes are set on a future in the medical field. After high school, she hopes to apply to a radiology program and build a career that combines her love of science with helping others.

During fair week, when she's not in the show ring or tending to her animals, Emma enjoys relaxing with friends and taking in the concerts and rodeo events.

"Fair time is the highlight of my summer," she said. "It's where all the hard work pays off, and I get to make great memories with people from all over the county."

With her blend of determination, curiosity, and passion, Emma Cordova is a shining example of how 4-H and FFA programs can inspire the next generation of leaders — both in agriculture and beyond.

Rilee Clark

Rilee Clark's time in 4-H has developed her confidence and fostered her love for animals and helping others. It has also provided the Rifle High School graduate with the experience needed for a successful career doing what she loves.

Now in her tenth year in 4-H and fourth year in Rifle FFA, Clark possesses an affinity for cattle and pigs, having honed her agricultural skills on the family ranch in Rulison. She has also built lasting relationships with her fellow 4-H members and staff at the Garfield County Colorado State University (CSU) Extension office.

"My family has a cattle ranch and ever since I was little, I've ridden horses and worked with cows, so it was natural be in 4-H and FFA. That and I've always loved animals," Clark said. "I love showing, but it's the community and the people that have made 4-H so special. Everyone in the 4-H office is my best friend."

Clark is participating in leadership general projects and is showing two pigs, a steer, a pair, and a heifer at this year's Garfield County Fair and Rodeo. She's shown pigs for 10 years, cattle for 8, and raises her cattle (breeding and market classes) on the family ranch.

"It's fun working with the pair because I showed the mother as a heifer and then I showed her with her calf last year, and now I'm showing that same calf by herself, and I'm showing the mother with this year's calf," she explained. "So, I've been able to show the mother and her

calves for a couple years now."

Her 4-H and FFA experience has also cultivated her passion for helping others. Initially a bit shy, her confidence has bloomed and she now relishes helping the new kids find their voices in 4-H.



"In 2022, I earned the Trent Goscha Memorial Scholarship, which was pretty cool for me because he was a really cool kid," Clark said. "The saying is 'stay kind and be ornery,' which is definitely me. I earned the scholarship for going out of my way during fair week to help others, especially the younger kids, so I am proud of that."

A former Garfield County 4-H Council president, Rilee embraced the leadership programs, all of which have prepared her for the next step. She is attending the University of Wyoming this fall to study nursing, with a minor in agricultural business.

"I want to run my family's ranch, but I needed another career, too," she said. "I work as a medical assistant now and I love it. The minor in ag business will help me to one day operate feed lots on the Western Slope so that I can give back to the ag community."

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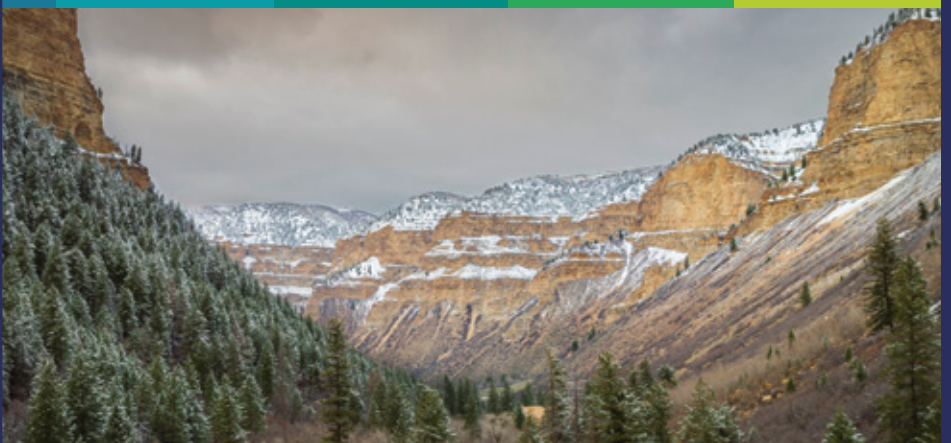


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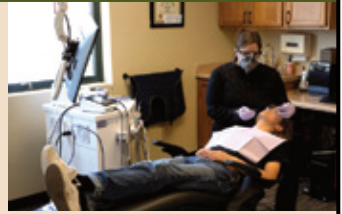
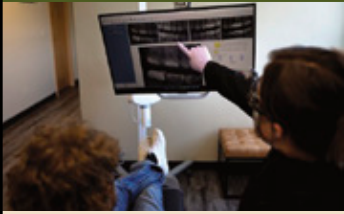
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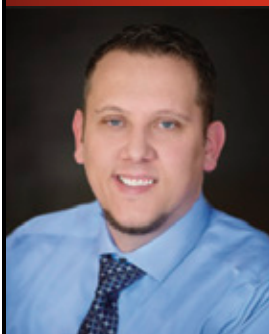
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