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Gold Hill Cajun Cookout and Concert

DAVE GIBSON
GOLD HILL

Every year on Labor Day the Gold Hill Inn bids summer adieu with its Cajun Cookout and Concert. Dating back so many years that longtime owners Brian and Chris Finn aren't exactly sure when it started. Family-owned since 1961 and both having grown up on the historic property, regardless of its inception, the cookout and concert is now a firmly established Gold Hill tradition where great food and a good time is "gar-on-teed."

Chris Finn manned the iron skillets where he fried the perfectly seasoned breaded catfish. 125 pounds of filets that equated to 400 servings were purchased and prepared for the event. Through a window at the Gold Hill Inn, tray loads of side dishes to compliment the fish were shuttled outside from the kitchen. Jambalaya, beans, coleslaw, corn muffins, and watermelon filled the rest of your plate.

Kicking off five hours of music was The Vipers. Featuring the southern vibes of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast, their playlist included songs like "Zydeco King," "Voodoo," "Bayou Blood," "Texas Jumbo Shrimp," and "Hot Sauce." Frontman Rich "Papamo" Johnson ripped on accordion while Dave Gunders accompanied on guitar. Chicken Coop Willaye sat in on washboard.

New Family Dog took the stage next with Jon Ridnell's

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PHOTO BY DAVE GIBSON

A family tradition

"Papamo" and The Vipers brought authentic Cajun and Creole sounds to the well-attended event.

Music alive and well in Nederland



PHOTO BY MINDY LEARY

Silas Herman and the Tone Unit debut

Silas Herman and the Tone Unit light up the stage with their debut performance at the Nederland Summer Concert Series. The crowd at Chipeta Park on Saturday, August 31, couldn't get enough of their infectious energy and fresh sound.

MINDY LEARY
NEDERLAND

The Nederland days of old seemed revived this past Saturday afternoon, August 31, 2024, at Chipeta Park as Silas Herman and the Tone Unit played to a huge crowd of residents and visitors.

Concertgoers set up on the grassy field with lawn chairs, blankets, and beverages, while children played in the park. Kaleidoscope Kitchen food truck dished out fried plantains, crab cake sliders, and chicken skewers for hungry mouths. The festive affair was the final in a series of summer concerts sponsored by the Nederland Downtown Development Authority and the Town of Nederland.

The stage, sound, and engineering were orchestrated by Time Served Production Ltd., an employee-owned company that has been producing music in the Front Range for 35 years.

Peter Fiori, owner of The Caribou Room and employee-owner of Time

Served Production, said that attendees have been very respectful of the park, cleaning up after themselves and their pets. Good job, Nederland!

Silas Herman, also an employee-owner of Time Served Production, is the son of Vince Herman, lead musician and singer of the progressive bluegrass band, Leftover Salmon, and who has been playing for 30 years as a nationally touring act.

Silas has graced the stages of Nederland since he was a teenager, honing his skills, musicianship, and dexterity on the mandolin. He has appeared on stage alongside notable artists such as Del McCoury, Sam Bush, Billy Strings, The Infamous Stringdusters, Leftover Salmon, Yonder Mountain String Band, Greensky Bluegrass, Railroad Earth, Elephant Revival, The Kitchen Dwellers and The Lil Smokies...to name a few.

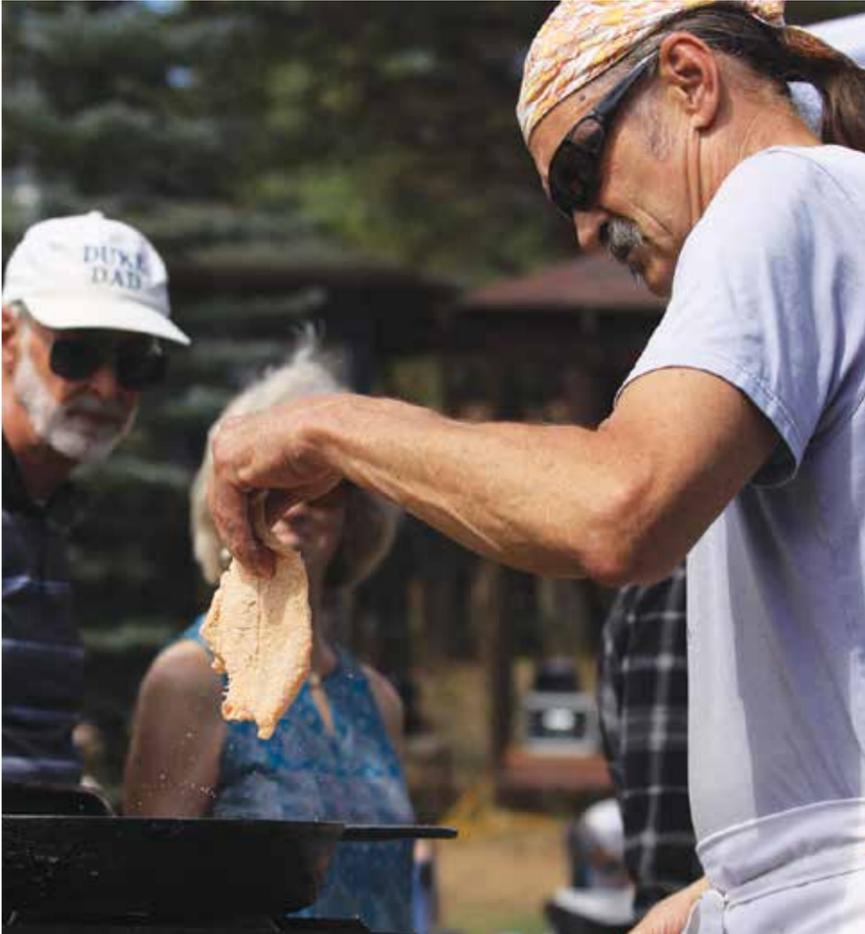
He was joined by Matt Cantor, Ricky Miera, and Jack Cloonan, collectively

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-QUOTE OF THE WEEK-
When we love, we always strive to become better than we are. When we strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better too.
 – Paulo Coelho

Gold Hill Cajun Cookout and Concert



PHOTOS BY DAVE GIBSON



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rocking jazz guitar playing and Brittney Wagner's vocals. "Don't Ever Change Even If You Could" achieved sentiment and sarcasm in the same song.

To wrap things up, Dunk Maxwell and the DFunk incorporated a trumpet, trombone, and a percussionist that brought original funk and soul numbers as well as cover tunes.

Bill Withers' "Ain't No Sunshine" waxed melancholic for slow dancers. Santana's "Evil Ways" was a hit as were Joe Cocker's "Feelin' Alright," The Rascals' "Mustang Sally," and John Mayall's harmonica infused "Room to Move." The dance floor was packed by attendees of all ages as they welcomed autumn and grooved away the afternoon.

Regional food and all the "fixins"

Top, left: Chris Finn cooked catfish to perfection. Top, middle: Rich Johnson on squeezebox. Top, right: A DFunk vocalist. Bottom, right: Trays of delicious food. Bottom, left: Dancing the day away.

Let's talk **trash**

Understanding where your waste can go not only protects the environment, it keeps you and your community healthy. Boulder County has facilities that make sure materials are handled properly to prevent harmful waste from getting into our air, soil, and water.

- Recycle:** Nederland or Allenspark transfer stations
- Food scraps:** Nederland transfer station
- Household hazardous waste:** Boulder County Hazardous Materials Management Facility accepts these for FREE:
 - Batteries
 - Household cleaners
 - Mercury containing bulbs
 - Motor oil
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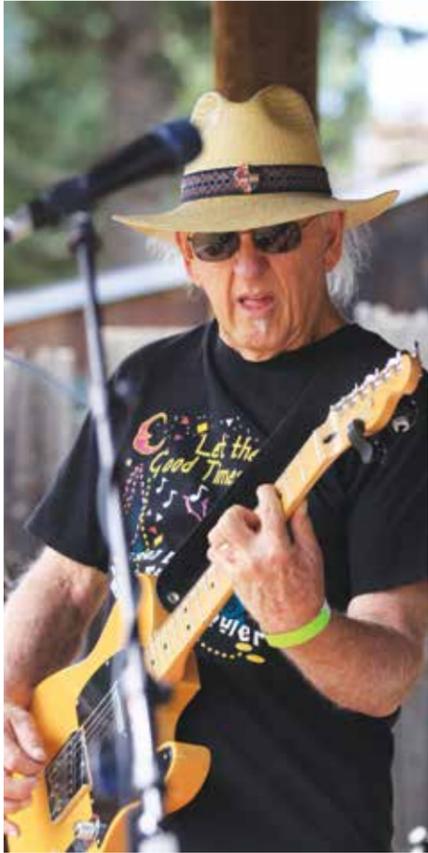
Local grants available from Alan Green Memorial Foundation

The Alan Green Memorial Foundation (AGMF) is accepting grant applications from Gilpin County organizations and groups that benefit Gilpin County residents. This non-profit organization was created by the family and friends in memory of Alan Green.

Ken and Lela Green lost their son and his wife in a commercial plane crash. AGMF has given out grants since 1983 to benefit our Gilpin residents.

Grant applications are available on the website: alanguememorialfoundation.org.

RETURN COMPLETED GRANT APPLICATION AS A PDF DOCUMENT TO: alanguememfdg@gmail.com. The deadline is September 30.



Cajun Cookout



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The unofficial end of summer
Top, left: Guitarist Dave Gunders. Top, right: Chicken Coop Willaye on washboard. Middle, right: The Vipers' saxophonist. Bottom: The Jamensons came up from Denver for a fun family getaway. Middle, left: DFunk's guitarist.

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