

Black Diamond + Diamond Head



(photo by Renee Rinehart)

Pictured left to right: Rich McEntee (center) stands with event organizers Tammie Chaumillon, and Traci Brown of Boulder's Halau Hula o na Mauna Pohaku dance studio. The two organizers visited Walsenburg on Tuesday.

Colorado Aloha Fest has local connection

Rich McEntee of Black Diamond Park in Walsenburg is the title sponsor of the Colorado Aloha Festival in Boulder on September 17-19.

A concert will be held on Friday, September 17 at 7 p.m. at Macky Auditorium on the University of Colorado campus. The concert features hula dancers from Boulder's Halau Hula o no Mauna Pohaku dance studio, with special guests including five-time Grammy winner Daniel Ho, and composer, musician and hula master Leoa Hewett.

Events include a marketplace at the 29th St. Mall on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hula and ukulele workshops will be offered each day.

The event coincides with the University of Colorado versus University of Hawaii on Saturday, September 18 in Boulder.

For information and tickets visit www.coloradoalohafest.com.

Local to tell tales of Southern Colorado and New Mexico in Civil War

Sandy White, local retired lawyer, will present his lifelong study of The Civil War in New Mexico on Saturday, September 11 at 4 p.m. in the Francisco Fort Museum saloon. White first went through Glorieta Pass at age eight and saw a billboard saying "Battle Area."

Much later at West Point, a memorable professor inspired Sandy by including this battle among the most significant. Since then it has been a passion. Colorado played a critical role, as did California, Texas and Arizona Territory. Discussion will be lively at the last Saturday Museum program of the summer.

Join Sibley, Jefferson Davis, Chivington, Canby and Gilpin's "Pet Lambs" as they prepare for the Battle of Glorieta Pass, which proved decisive in the Confederacy's plan to seize the West. White will tell of these historical figures riding in excruciating pain, near starvation, newsmen who shot and were shot during this decisive moment in history. Slides, handouts, food, and it's all free!

New book arrivals at Fort Gift Shop

The Francisco Fort Gift Shop, next to the Library, has received new shipments of the most popular history and nature books of this area, craft books, souvenir baseballs, posters, maps, campfire games as well as old-fashioned candy. The gift shop carries several out of print books and can order others for you.

Visit Francisco Fort in September

Francisco Fort Museum will close for the season on Sunday, September 26. Last chances for individual tours in 2010 will be Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Sundays 12 - 3 p.m. through September. School tours can be arranged through October 14 by calling 742-3070.

Slow down for workers in cone zone

Be aware of all the dangers that are associated with construction zones. Especially, locally with the on-going construction on Interstate 25.

In construction zones, lanes are usually narrower with no shoulder(s) available. Also, be cautious of the old pavement markings as they have probably been replaced with new ones. Uneven lanes and unexpected drop offs or pot-holes cause many issues while driving.

Most importantly, drivers must expect the unexpected. What was there yesterday may be different today. Stop signs, speed limits signs, and flaggers are commonly posted in different locations daily. Be mindful of all workers in these areas. They are simply trying to earn a living by improving the roadway in the most efficient and safest way.

These construction areas are so haz-

ardous that all fines are doubled in construction zones; not just speeding fines any longer. This stems from several serious incidents that have occurred in Colorado work zones. Do not be surprised if you receive a citation in a construction zone for nearly \$1,000.00.

For example, if you are speeding in the construction zone, fail to signal for the off ramp, and then roll through the stop sign at the end of the off ramp; then your fine will be \$935.00 with 12 points on your driver's license.

This may seem outrageous but consider the alternative, which would be a crash where you injured or killed someone; \$935.00 would be a miniscule amount to pay in comparison.

Drive slower, and be more cautious and alert than normal during the work zones.

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