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## 'The 90s are having a major moment'



The Fray perform at Ocean's Calling Sept. 26, 2025, in Ocean City, Maryland. LAUREN ROBERTS/SALISBURY DAILY TIMES

### '90s pop culture icon among headlining acts for Colorado State Fair

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A pop culture icon from the 1990s who's as cold as Ice and a homegrown Colorado rock band are among the latest headlining acts announced for the 2026

Colorado State Fair. The "I Love The 90s Tour," headlined by Grammy-nominated rapper Vanilla Ice, will stop by the Southwest Motors Events Center at the state fair on Sept. 5, and Denver-based band The Fray will take the stage the following evening on Sept. 6.

The "I Love The '90s Tour" is anchored by Vanilla Ice, the rapper best known for his 1990 smash hit "Ice Ice Baby", which was nominated for a Grammy award and was the first hip hop single to top the Billboard charts. The Colorado State Fair stop on the tour will also feature appearances by rapper Tone Loc, best known for his 1989 song "Funky Cold Medina", R&B group Color Me Badd, known for early

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## Pueblo County child dies from RSV

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A Pueblo County child under 5 years old recently died after contracting respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), marking the county's first RSV death in at least five years.

In an April 8 news release, officials with the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment confirmed the pediatric RSV death and encouraged community members to get the RSV vaccine.

"It is with a heavy heart that we announce the first death related to RSV in Pueblo County this year. We send our most sincere condolences to the impacted family and loved ones," said Randy Evetts, PDPHE public health director.

PDPHE spokesperson Trysten Garcia told the *Chieftain* that the pediatric death was not only Pueblo County's first of 2026, but the first in over five years.

### What is RSV?

RSV is a common respiratory virus that infects the nose, throat, respiratory tract, and lungs, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The virus can spread when an infected person coughs or sneezes, or by direct contact with a contaminated surface, PDPHE officials said in the release.

Symptoms of RSV may include cough, runny nose, congestion, a decrease in appetite, sneezing, wheezing, or fever. The virus can also cause more severe illnesses, such as

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## Pueblo County High celebrates six new Hall of Fame members

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The Pueblo County High Alumni Foundation is celebrating the new inductees into its 2025 and 2026 hall of fame classes.

Carmen Avalos, Andy Beeman and Robert Colletti are being recognized as part of the hall of fame's class of 2025,

while Adam Daurio, John Musso and Della Tafoya headline the hall of fame class of 2026.

An induction ceremony will take place on Sept. 24.

### Carmen Avalos, Class of 1974

The longtime principal of Avondale Elementary began a pursuit of higher education at age 33. Avalos spent time

teaching at Baca Elementary prior to serving as Avondale's principal. She received the 2008 Pueblo Hispanic Education Foundation Outstanding Educator of the Year and the 2025 Pueblo City-County Library District Outstanding Women Award, among other honors.

"As principal, she cultivated a warm, inclusive school culture grounded in respect, collaboration, and love. She empowered staff to grow professionally,

ensured every student felt valued and supported, and strengthened meaningful partnerships with families," according to her hall of fame biography.

### Andy Beeman, Class of 1977

Beeman's 38-year career in Pueblo County School District 70 included time

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