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Free concerts, acts on tap at Colorado State Fair



Fairgoers walk past the Carnival at the Midway's giant Ferris wheel during the Colorado State Fair on Sunday, Aug. 31, 2025 in Pueblo. ZACHARY ALLEN/THE PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN

Fairgoers offered a 'diverse lineup of experiences'

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From a strongman show and a chile cookoff to free live music, the upcoming Colorado State Fair is set to offer families more than a quarter-million dollars' worth of entertainment for just the price of admission.

This year's fair, which begins Aug. 28

and goes through Sept. 7, will feature a "diverse lineup of experiences," according to a Colorado Department of Agriculture news release.

"The state fair is all about creating memories, and we want fairgoers to be able to do that without breaking the bank," Andrea Wiesenmeyer, general manager of the Colorado State Fair, said in the release. "Your general admission tickets unlock more than \$250,000 in

non-stop entertainment over the 11 days of the fair."

Free music at the fair includes some well-known Pueblo artists

This year's free music lineup "features several artists who would typically require separate tickets

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St. John Neumann Catholic School is located at 2415 E. Orman Ave.
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City's last Catholic school marks 50th anniversary

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Six years after Catholic schools in the Diocese of Pueblo closed, a community effort led by Sister Liguori Sullivan opened St. John Neumann Catholic School in Pueblo.

St. John Neumann opened in 1977 and will be celebrating its 50th anniversary with a community-wide celebration at Colorado State University Pueblo's Occhiato Student Center on Nov. 13 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Over 3,800 students have graduated from the school in its almost 50-year history, and St. John Neumann Foundation Board President Michael Salardino told the *Chieftain* that school officials are inviting as many alumni as possible to the celebration.

"People have gone on to do some really great things," Salardino said. "We even have a rocket scientist at NASA."

Regina Caputo, a chief technologist for astrophysics, is a St. John Neumann alumna. Community leaders like CSU Pueblo Vice President of

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Iran threatens Gulf states, urges pressure on Trump

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REUTERS

Iran has made a concerted diplomatic push with Persian Gulf states, warning them explicitly that Tehran will hit their oil, power and water plants unless they convince President Donald Trump to end U.S. strikes on Iran and instead seek a negotiated end to the war.

The warning envisaged attacks on

the energy facilities, oil fields, refineries, electricity grids, water infrastructure, transportation networks and other strategic assets of Washington's closest Arab allies, according to a senior Iranian official.

The message, part of a broader Iranian effort to deter further U.S. military action by raising the prospect of severe economic disruption across the Gulf, was delivered through a flurry of high-

level diplomatic contacts after Trump threatened on July 28 to strike Iran's energy network and infrastructure, the sources said.

Two senior Iranian officials, two Gulf sources and a senior regional diplomat with knowledge of the discussions said Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi spoke with his Saudi, Turkish and Qatari counterparts, as well as Pakistan's army chief. All spoke on condition of an-

onymity because of the sensitivity of the matter.

Araqchi urged Washington's Gulf allies to use their influence with Trump to dissuade him from launching renewed strikes, the senior diplomat said, warning that any attack on Iran would prompt retaliation against U.S. assets and critical infrastructure across the

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