

Amy Helm at TLCA, July 27



Left: On July 27, Amy Helm and her band brought their energetic and eclectic Americana sound that brought the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA) audience to its feet and the dance floor. Helm, daughter of acclaimed The Band drummer Levon Helm, performed songs from her latest album *This Too Shall Light*, from her previous band *Ollabelle*, placing her sound on an interesting mix of covers. Those covers included Alan Toussaint's *Freedom from the Stallion*, Bruce Springsteen's

Atlantic City, Dave Mason's *Only You Know and I Know*, and closing with vocal-only *Gloryland*, a Ralph Stanley hymn taught to her by her father. Though Levon died in 2012, Helm continues to oversee the *Midnight Rambler* shows he started at his Woodstock, N.Y., barn as a "rent party," but has grown to be a premier performance location. Information on upcoming events at the TLCA is at trilakesarts.org. *Photo and caption by David Futey.*

Rosie's car show, July 28



Weeds beware!

Above: The Town of Monument recently purchased a cutting-edge machine that uses super-heated steam to kill weeds. This is the newest measure taken by the town to phase out the use of chemical herbicides in public spaces and rights-of-way. This form of weed treatment is relatively unheard of in the United States. Developed by Jeremy Winer of Weedtechnics in Australia and purchased through Rocky Mountain Steam-N-Weed, the steamer is an effective weed control method that holds many benefits over the traditional chemicals or even mechanical methods used by municipalities. The machine is carried on a truck accompanied by a 100-gallon water tank. These summer days, one can find Public Works or Water Department employees at work around town with what looks like a garment steamer in hand and the smell of steamed spinach in the air. Pictured above is Kellyn Bryan of Monument Public Works, cleaning up the trails at the Santa Fe Trailhead on Third Street. *Photo courtesy of Cassie Olgren, landscape supervisor, Town of Monument.*

Left: Car enthusiasts came out to celebrate beautifully restored vintage cars and vintage music July 28 in the parking lot at Rosie's Diner. Owners shared stories of their lives and the cars they love. Some bought the cars decades ago and restored them, and some bought their cars recently because it was their bucket list, "always dreamed of" car. While the Royal Aces band played golden oldie songs about cars and surfing and the like, visitors put in their vote for top favorite cars of the day. The show had vintage, meticulously restored vehicles from many favorite collector eras, including a 1938 Chevy vintage fire truck. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

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