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BIG FRIDAY



AUSTIN COLBERT/THE ASPEN TIMES

People dance through the streets during the annual Pride Parade on Friday in downtown Carbondale. The event was part of the monthly First Friday festivities, organized by Carbondale Arts. More photos on page A6.

Two more Pitkin County calf depredation incidents reported

Reports 'inconclusive' as to whether it was wolf-caused

Colin Suszynski
The Aspen Times

A ranch in Old Snowmass has reported two incidents of calf depredation this week.

According to Tom Harrington, president of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, the two separate incidents were discovered at the McCabe Ranch on Monday, June 2, and Tuesday, June 3. He said that an investigation by Colorado Parks and Wildlife has been concluded for the two incidents, ruling both inconclusive.

"It was inconclusive because there were bear tracks, coyote tracks, and wolf tracks," said Harrington of both incidents. "So it was not confirmed as a wolf kill."

Rachael Gonzales, public information officer for the Northwest Region of Colorado Parks and Wildlife, said

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Federal cuts haven't stopped Pitkin County Senior Services program

Local support has provided the program with the ability to serve older adults another year

River Stingray
The Aspen Times

When federal cuts eliminated a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant used to fund a Community Supported Agriculture program for older adults in Pitkin County, the Board of

County Commissioners refused to let the service suffer.

Instead, the Pitkin County Commission approved a \$50,000 one-year funding solution for Pitkin County Senior Services, covering the entire cost to provide a farmers market on site for older adults and combat food insecurity.

"It's really a win-win," said Lisa Guida, Senior Services community enrichment coordinator. "Food insecurity is a rising issue in the Pitkin County area. That along with securing nutritional needs for older adults ... It covers a lot of bases, having the farmers market here."

County Commissioner Jeffrey Woodruff agreed.

"When I think about the social needs of our senior

community, food security and food quality is part of the equation," Woodruff said, "part of the critical services the county offers our residents."

The program kicked off its 2025 season Friday, June 6, in partnership with Two Roots Farm, a regenerative farm based out of Basalt.

"We are so fortunate to partner with a local farmer for our

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Fresh produce from the kickoff for the 2025 Senior CSA farmers market on Friday.

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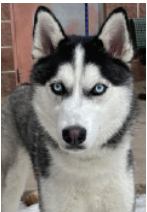
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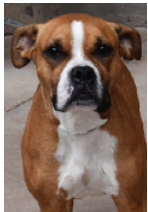
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Crafting at the Library — 3 p.m., Pitkin County Library, 120 North Mill Street, Aspen. Free.

Catholic Mass — 5:30 p.m., St. Mary Catholic Church, 533 E. Main St., Aspen. Free.

John Michel — 7 p.m., Heather's Snowmass, 300 Carriage Way, Snowmass Village. Free.

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locally grown fruits and vegetables," Woodruff said. "Harper Kaufman and her team have been working the land at Emma Open Space through an agricultural lease from Pitkin County Open Space and Trails. So the offering leverages the work of our local land stewards to support seniors' nutritional needs."

Aside from nutrition, the number one goal of the Senior CSA is to help older adults "age in place," according to Guida, so that they don't have to leave the Roaring Fork Valley.

"They're us in the next 20, 30, 40 years," Guida said. "Imagine you retire and you're living here but things just keep getting so expensive. You're in your mid to late 80s, and you're trying to figure out where to go to live because the place you've lived for the past 50 years that you love, you can't afford the food here."

The numbers from 2024 underscore the critical community need. In June and July, the Senior CSA provided 285 distributions, 145 in August, and 119 in September. Fifty-five distributions were made in October, which was not a full month for the program.



LISA GUIDA/COURTESY PHOTOS

Participants enjoying the kickoff for the 2025 Senior CSA farmers market on Friday.

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Participants in the 2025 Senior CSA farmers market on Friday.



All smiles at the 2025 Senior CSA farmers market on Friday.

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investigators look for a variety of factors to determine what might have caused the kill.

"When conducting a depredation investigation, staff will look for any bite marks," she said in an email. "Hemorrhaging, tracks, scat, and other signs to determine if the animal was killed by a predator or if the animal died from natural causes and was scavenged on by another animal."

There was little of the animals left when they were discovered on McCabe Ranch, according to Harrington.

He noted that, while there were three predator tracks

leading to the dead calves, he believes it is unlikely that a bear or coyote would have taken down calves as large as these ones.

"These (calves) are 6- to 7-weeks-old, 180-pound calves," he said. "They're healthy, and a black bear or a coyote just does not kill a calf like that."

While Harrington suspects wolf depredation, McCabe Ranch will not be able to seek reimbursement from the CPW Wolf Depredation Fund unless it can confirm that the depredation was caused by wolves.

The Roaring Fork Valley saw two confirmed wolf depredations in mid-May. The McCabe Ranch encountered a wolf depredation as recently as May 17.

CPW confirmed that it had "lethally removed" a member of the Copper Creek pack in a press release on May 29, following multiple confirmed incidents with a member of the pack.

The Colorado Cattlemen's Association put out a statement calling attention to the stresses depredation has caused.

"We do know this: Ranching families are facing increasing emotional and financial pressure as depredations continue to rise," said the association in a Facebook post. "Colorado's livestock producers are committed to stewardship of both land and livestock, but we need meaningful solutions that recognize the real, daily challenges happening on the ground."

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There were 227 individuals who participated in the 2024 farmers markets, who visited for a total of 604 times across the whole season.

"That tells you that there's definitely a need for this," Guida said. "We're incredibly thankful to the BOCC for approving this funding. We know it was a big ask."

Woodruff underscored the relevancy and meaningfulness of the program to the Pitkin County Commission and Roaring Fork Valley as a whole.

"Livable and supportive communities are part of Pitkin County's strategic plan, for our seniors — our neighbors," Woodruff

said. "We live in a beautiful place, where we can thrive when we leverage our precious resources — land and water — and share pea shoots and oregano and garlic grown on Emma Open Space by Two Roots Farms with our seniors."

Even after securing the funding, though, there's still uncertainty for the program going forward. Right now, Guida said they're operating on a year-to-year basis without the promise of the USDA's Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement.

"I feel like our community forgets about our older adults," she said. "These are the people that built our community. The Aspen we have today is because of the older adults."

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