

ROCKY RIDGE

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Aurora's Summer Concerts & Live Performances

John Depew Trio: Blue Grass (\$)

Monday, August 25, 6:30 p.m.
The Peoples Building, 9995 E Colfax Ave.

Potcheen: High energy Celtic folk rock (\$)

Monday, September 22, 6:30 p.m.
Aurora Fox Arts Center, 9900 E Colfax Ave.

—https://www.auroragov.org/things_to_do/events/

Summer Vibes: Glow In The Park

Wednesday, August 6, 5 to 9 p.m.

Bicentennial Park, 13655 E. Alameda Ave.

Join us for Summer Vibes, Glow In The Park, a FREE event for teens! All activities, entertainment and prizes are FREE for teens and pre-teens ages 10 to 17. Featuring a DJ, glow in the dark mini golf course and LED glow games.

—<https://www.visitaurora.com>

Open Air Market At Painted Prairie

August 9, 2025 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Discover some of Denver's best crafters at our Saturday market in High Prairie Park. You'll find fresh produce, baked goods, soaps, crafts and much more. Grab breakfast at our on-site food and coffee trucks, browse the market for unique finds and enjoy a relaxing summer morning at Painted Prairie.

Admission: FREE

Location: High Prairie Park
E. 59th Place and N. Orleans St.
Aurora, CO 80019

Email: info@lifeatpaintedprairie.com
—<https://www.visitaurora.com>

August is the month of the high-sailing hawks.
—John Burroughs

This Month In History

August 1, 1779 - Star-Spangled Banner author Francis Scott Key (1779-1843) was born in Frederick County, Maryland. After witnessing the British bombardment of Fort McHenry on the night of September 13-14, 1814, he was enthralled to see the American flag still flying over the fort at daybreak. He then wrote the poem originally entitled Defense of Fort McHenry which became the U.S. National Anthem in 1931.

August 5, 1861 - President Abraham Lincoln signed into law the first Federal income tax, a 3 percent tax on incomes over \$800, as an emergency wartime measure during the Civil War. However, the tax was never actually put into effect.

August 13, 1818 - Women's rights pioneer Lucy Stone (1818-1893) was born near West Brookfield, Massachusetts. She dedicated her life to the abolition of slavery and the emancipation of women and aided in the founding of the American Suffrage Association.

August 15, 1969 - Woodstock began in a field near Yasgur's Farm at Bethel, New York. The three-day concert featured 24 rock bands and drew a crowd of more than 300,000 young people. The event came to symbolize the counter-culture movement of the 1960's.

August 17, 1978 - The first transatlantic balloon trip was completed by three Americans; Max Anderson, Ben Abruzzo, and

Larry Newman, all from Albuquerque, New Mexico. Starting from Maine on August 11th, they traveled in Double Eagle II over 3,000 miles in 137 hours, landing about 60 miles west of Paris.

August 18, 1920 - The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote.

August 21, 1959 - President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation admitting Hawaii to the Union as the 50th state.

August 26, 1873 - American inventor Lee De Forest (1873-1961) was born at Council Bluffs, Iowa. He held hundreds of patents for inventions and was also a pioneer in the creation of wireless radio broadcasting and television.

—<https://www.historyplace.com>

National Farmers Market Week, August 6-12

National Farmers Market Week is a great opportunity to show the nation how much value markets bring to their communities. With fun events, specials, contests, and activities, the week helps to boost market attendance and visibility.



Back-to-School Traditions

In anticipation of another school season, not to mention all the shopping that comes with it, these first-day-of-school traditions and ideas will help get kids in the headspace for a new year.

- **Have a show-and-tell dinner on the first night.** Family dinners are always important, but make it a back-to-school tradition to allow the kids to tell you everything about their first day, from the friends they haven't seen over the summer to the classroom layout or what they had for lunch.

- **A day-one surprise.** Celebrate the first day in style with a visit from the First Day of School Fairy. She can deliver a few back-to-school school supplies and an encouraging note for the new year.

- **Customize something.** You can order specialized pencils with their name or label their new water bottle, but allowing your kids to stake their claim on school gear can help them feel confident about heading back to school.

- **Make an awesome breakfast.** You'll be throwing cereal and milk at the kids soon enough, so why not whip up a fancy breakfast for their first day? It'll keep your kids full, and make them look forward to getting up early!

- **Read a special book the night before.** Whether it's *Oh, The Places You'll Go!* or *Miss Nelson Is Missing!*, find a classic picture book that'll get your kids ready to start the new year.

- **Make a sundae bar.** This sweet, simple back-to-school tradition will calm anyone's jitters about heading back to school. Put your favorite toppings in jars and make them meaningful with labels encouraging the qualities you'd like to see demonstrated throughout the new year. Have your little scholar cover their ice cream in kindness, bravery, obedience, and happiness, then top it off with sprinkles of love.

- **Celebrate School Year's Eve.** You celebrate New Year's Eve, so why not do the same for School Year's Eve? Get poppers or noisemakers, provide treats, and throw a little dance party. It'll get your students excited for what's to come, and it's a great way to include other fun first-day-of-school ideas on this list.

- **Have a back-to-school dinner.** Making a favorite meal and celebrating the start of another school year with an awesome dinner in their honor will always make your kids feel special.

- **Have a special activity for the end of the first day of school.** Whether you take them to their favorite park to burn off that first-day anxiety, have a craft planned, or grab an ice cream and talk, it's easy to make the first after-school afternoon unique.

- **Write a sidewalk chalk message.** If there's a sweeter first day of school tradition than a chalk message outside the front door, we haven't found it. Go all out or keep it simple—either way, it's an extra boost to help ease those first-day jitters. If your first day is distance learning, surprise the kids with a message they can see from the window or on a quick preschool start walk.

- **Pack a super special lunch.** Packing their lunch in a special lunchbox or bento box with a treat or a lunchbox joke is a great first-day-of-school idea! Get your kids involved by asking them what they want, and have them help you get it ready.

– <https://tinybeans.com>

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Pick Peaches In Palisade

Colorado may not be known for the abundance of fruit it grows, but we are certainly proud of the peaches that come from the bountiful farms in Palisade. Found along the Western Slope near Grand Junction, the town is home to numerous farms, orchards, and vineyards that grow everything from wine-producing grapes to the juiciest peaches around.



The entire harvest season runs from late June to early October. While you can purchase Palisade peaches from almost any grocery store or at your local farmer's market, one of the most memorable ways is to pick your own. Choose from over 30 farms in the area, where you can schedule a time to stroll the fields and find the perfect peaches.

National Water Quality Month

National Water Quality Month is dedicated to making the most of the relatively small amount of fresh water we have. Clean water is vital to our individual health, our collective agricultural needs, and our environment.

*This morning, the sun endures past dawn.
I realize that it is August: the summer's last stand.*

–Sara Baume

Mexican Street Corn Pasta Salad

Active Time: 25 mins

Total Time: 35 mins

Servings: 6

Ingredients

- 4 medium (6 1/2 oz. each) ears fresh yellow corn
- 1 Tbsp. canola oil
- 1 1/2 tsp. kosher salt, divided
- 2/3 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup crema Mexicana
- 2 tsp. minced garlic (from 2 medium garlic cloves)
- 1 1/2 tsp. ancho chile powder, plus more for garnish
- 1/2 tsp. ground cumin
- 1 (16-oz.) pkg. orecchiette pasta, cooked according to pkg. directions
- 2 1/2 oz. Cotija cheese, crumbled (about 1/2 cup), plus more for garnish
- 1/2 cup finely chopped red onion (from 1 small [6 oz.] onion)
- 1/3 cup chopped mild pickled jalapeño chiles plus 2 Tbsp. liquid from jar (from 1 [12-oz.] jar)
- 1/4 cup finely chopped fresh cilantro, plus more fresh leaves for garnish

Directions

1. Preheat a gas grill to medium-high (400°F to 450°F). Brush corn with oil; sprinkle evenly with 1 teaspoon of the salt.
2. Place corn on oiled grates; grill, uncovered and turning often, until charred in spots and tender, 8 to 10 minutes. Let corn stand until cool enough to handle, about 15 minutes. Cut off kernels; discard cobs.
3. Whisk together mayonnaise, crema, garlic, chile powder, cumin, and remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt in a large bowl.
4. Stir in corn kernels, pasta, Cotija, onion, jalapeños and liquid, and cilantro until evenly combined.
5. Garnish with chile powder, Cotija, and cilantro.

—Southern Living

August was nearly over -the month of apples and falling stars, the last care-free month for the school children.

The days were not hot, but sunny and limpidly clear - the first sign of advancing autumn.

—Viktor Nėkrasov

Try Stand Up Paddleboarding

Cool off this summer with one of the most popular water sports in the state: stand-up paddleboarding (SUP). SUP involves standing on top of a large surf-like board while using a long handheld paddle to navigate the waters. Gaining quite a bit of popularity over recent years, it's a fun alternative to boating or canoeing at Colorado's lakes and reservoirs.

While there are plenty of spots to choose from such as Chatfield Reservoir, Cherry Creek State Park, Boulder Reservoir, and Horsetooth Reservoir, there are also several others throughout the state that make for a great day of SUPing. Here are a few notable ones:

- Blue Mesa Reservoir – A massive reservoir located near Durango that offers nearly 100 miles of shoreline and numerous scenic outlooks.
- Grand Lake – Colorado's largest and deepest natural lake near Grand Lake, CO.
- Dillon Reservoir – Surrounded by the towns of Frisco, Silverthorne, and Dillon, the Dillon Reservoir is a favorite summertime escape.
- Lake Pueblo State Park – The state park is home to a large reservoir with plenty of room for paddling. Plus, with its unique rocky shoreline, there's plenty to admire from your board.
- Lake San Cristobal – Located near Lake City, this pristine lake offers some of the calmest, bluest waters around.

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Danielle truly loves her hometown of Aurora, Colorado. It's where she was born and raised, graduated from Overland High School, graduated from the Community College of Aurora, served our country honorably, started her businesses, and is raising her son.

Focusing on what's important to Aurora...

Jobs & the Economy

As a successful small business owner and entrepreneur, Danielle knows firsthand what it takes to live within a

Public Safety

Danielle will continue to fight for a stronger, safer Aurora while bridging the gap between Aurora citizens and our local Aurora law enforcement.

Taxes & Fees

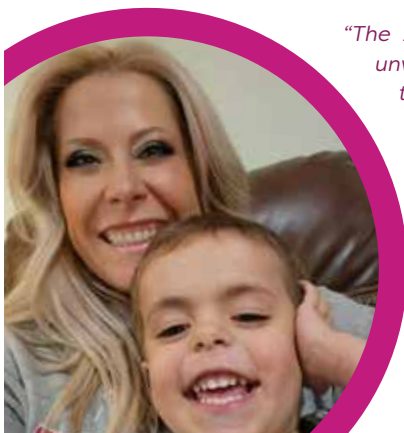
Danielle isn't a politician, she's a job creator and a single mom who works hard to live within her budget and believes government should do the same.

Development

Danielle will continue to ensure Aurora is one of the most business-friendly cities in the state and will continue to eliminate bureaucratic red tape and burdensome government regulations.

Revitalizing Neighborhoods

Local Aurora residents know what's best for their neighborhood and unlike politicians, Danielle will listen to those needs and respond.



"The Aurora Police Association proudly endorses Danielle Jurinsky for Aurora City Council. Her unwavering support for law enforcement in Aurora has been crucial for us to do our jobs, protect the public, and rebuild relationships in the community. Danielle is not only an Aurora resident, but she is a business owner in the City. This puts her in a unique position to understand the many aspects and challenges Aurora is facing today. Danielle has the knowledge and energy to drive this city back to a safe and prosperous place to live and raise our families. Danielle supports all first responders and we look forward to continuing our relationship with her in the City of Aurora."



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Savor The Rocky Ford Cantaloupe Season

While Palisade is known for its peaches and Pueblo is known for its green chiles, Rocky Ford is best known for its cantaloupes. The harvest begins in mid-July and runs through mid-September, with the prime time for picking in August. On average, the seasonal crops produce about four million cantaloupes to be sold to nearby farmers' markets, grocery stores, and local roadside stands.

These cantaloupes are said to be the best in the world. This is due to the growing conditions' combination of extremely hot days, cool nights, and fresh water from the nearby Arkansas River.



Book Lovers Day: August 9

An unofficial holiday encouraging everyone to celebrate reading and literature. People are advised to put away their smartphones and technological distractions and pick up a book to read.

Optimism doesn't mean that you are blind to the reality of the situation. It means that you remain motivated to seek a solution to whatever problems arise.

—The Dalai Lama



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