

Concerts for every taste

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Music of all kinds, performed by musicians of all ages, is on tap this week.

Bluegrass at Sylvan Dale for a Father's Day treat

The new Northern Colorado bluegrass band Hit and Run Bluegrass, which won the RockyGrass Band Competition at Lyons in 2002, will be featured at the annual Father's Day Bluegrass and Barbecue Festival at Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch in Loveland.

Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch is at 2939 N. County Road 31 D. Call 667-3999 for ticket information.

The Father's Day Bluegrass and Barbecue Festival is 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. It is an all-ages entertainment event.

Hit and Run Bluegrass is a contemporary bluegrass band inspired by the grooves of Alison Krauss and Union Station and the Lonesome River Band, among other musicians.

Hit and Run Bluegrass includes Todd Livingston, who was the 2001 Rockygrass Dobro Contest champion; John Frazier, who sings and plays fast mandolin; banjo champion Aaron Youngberg, from Fort Collins; Erin Coats, who grew up playing bass with her banjo-pickin' father in Wyoming, and has a powerful bluegrass voice; and Rebecca Hoggan, who has received acclaim for her guitar flatpicking and her vocal abilities.

Hit and Run Bluegrass will perform at the Telluride Bluegrass Festival on June 19; Avogadro's Number in Fort Collins on June 28; and at the Rocky-Grass Festival at Lyons on July 25.



Northern Colorado's energetic young bluegrass band Hit & Run Bluegrass, which won the RockyGrass Band Competition in 2002, will perform June 15 at Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch, 2939 N. County Road 31 D, in Loveland for the annual Father's Day Bluegrass and BBQ Festival 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 667-3999 for ticket information. Hit & Run Bluegrass will also perform at 8 p.m. June 28 at Avogadro's Number, 605 Mason St., in Fort Collins. The opening act is The Blue Canyon Boys. Tickets are \$5; call 493-5555 for more information.

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**Hard driving,
yet tasteful**

By Jeffrey V. Smith

The young Colorado bluegrass band Hit and Run has made a pretty impressive start to its career. After being together only three months, the group of pickers won the coveted Rockygrass Band Competition in Lyons. Since then, the band has been capturing the attention of bluegrass fans throughout the region with its driving sound, tasteful interpretation of standard bluegrass and traditional tunes and its member's skillfully crafted original tunes and "stellar pickin'."

The band's award-winning members met and played music with each other at bluegrass festivals around Colorado and soon came to realize they had to form a band. Dobro player Todd Livingston was the 2001 RockyGrass Dobro Contest Champion; mandolin player John Frazier was the founder of Boulder's popular Tall Trees Grove; banjo champion Aaron Youngberg brings his tasteful and hard-drivin' original tunes; 21-year-old bass player Erin Coats grew up playing with her banjo-pickin' Dad; guitar player Rebecca Hoggan has received national attention in Flatpicking Guitar Magazine and Bluegrass Unlimited for her flatpicking and vocal accomplishments. See the act at the Acoustic Café Friday.

Hit & Run