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Left: Diane Dixon, Joyce Petterlin, Shirley Macaron, Donna Neish, Felix Petterlin, and Mike Colangelo enjoy wine and dessert after the first live auction. Center: Abby Mouer pours wine for Michaele Sparaco as Lauren Ratliff looks on. Right: Dave Proctor provides acoustic guitar music for the Wine and Art Festival on Saturday. Bottom right: Art patron, Carol Woodworth, and Sue Fleming, Raton Arts Council board president, decide which piece of jewelry to keep.

Second Annual Wine and Art Festival a huge success

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function brought in nearly three times the revenue over the inaugural festival last year.

Local artists who painted with wine throughout the day were well-known favorites, Cindy Montoya, Marv Newton, Sam Hughes, Jim Mullings, Paula Little, Lois Petersen, Wayne Pritchard, and Susan Norris-Romero. Guitarists Eric Michaels, David Proctor, and Rick Trice, and harpist Karen Anderson provided music. Kelly Sparaco volunteered her design and decorating services

for the tables and buffet, which was sponsored by State Farm Insurance and Craftsman Glass. Many other council members, board members and art patrons, volunteered their time to make the festival a success.

Also contributing to the success of the festival were the more than 230 donated items for the live and silent auctions, including nearly two-dozen pieces from the estate of Ken and Nellie Laird. Some of the artists who donated pieces were: Martin Pavlitch, Bill Carroll, Terry Bumpass, Cindy Montoya,

Sam Hughes, Elaine Rountree, Laurelle Gallagher, Kathryn Engel, Cilla Mays, and Jim Mullings. Holiday Inn Express donated rooms and Stolar Research Corporation provided the printing needs for the festival. Other businesses that donated to this year's event were RBS True Value, Mandala Center, Chasing Fireflies Photography, First National Bank of New Mexico, Anthony's Jewelry, Raton Country Club, and Mia's Hallmark.

"I want to express my most sincere thanks to everyone for

their donations and support. I know the current economic climate is making it very difficult for non-profit organizations of all types across the country to survive. The people of Raton and the surrounding area continue to show us time after time that the RAHC is a vital part of our community." Hyatt stated.

Ryan Brown served as the auctioneer, and participating New Mexico wineries were: Black Mesa Winery from Velarde, La Chiripada Winery from Dixon, and Santa Fe Vineyard.



Left: Dallas Kiker rides his horse through mid-air in competition at Des Moines Right: Young riders await their turns at the SGLA youth rodeo in Des Moines Saturday.

Des Moines youth rodeo picks up speed

By TIM KELLER
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On a day when the wind was sometimes faster than the horses, the second youth rodeo of the season was held at the Des Moines rodeo arena Saturday. The series, now midway through its ninth year, is run by the nonprofit Sierra Grande Horse Association, which was originally formed by six sets of parents. "We had so many ranching kids with such a love of horses," says founding member Gayle Rivale, "but they had no place to show off their horses or their horsemanship."

SGLA and its rodeos are entirely run by volunteers. Saturday Shari Morrow and

Randy Monroe were in the ring as Judge and Ring Steward, respectively. Leanne Monroe escaped the wind as the announcer up in the crowd's nest, assisted by Shannon Hittson, the SGLA secretary/treasurer, who kept track of all the entries and results. President Raymond Rivale walked a couple miles just keeping everything running smoothly, assisted by his wife Gayle.

Many parents pitched in to work gates, move barrels or poles, and line up kids and their horses. Gayle Rivale heaped praise on the events' many sponsors - from Raton, Clayton, Boise City, Texline, Dalhart, Des

Moines, and Capulin. Their sponsorship not only covers expenses, she said, but also allows winners to take away nice prizes. In fact, individual point leaders at the end-of-year ceremonies win belt buckles and cash prizes.

Three to four dozen kids enter in four divisions: Pre-boosters are aged 3-8; Boosters are 9-11; Juniors 12-14; and Seniors are 15 years and up, including some 18-year-olds. Most youngsters enter multiple events, with entry fees of \$5 to \$10 per event, though the discounts that come with an annual SGLA membership lead most entrants to join up at \$20 per individual or \$30 for a whole

family. The rodeo runs all day on a Saturday from 9 a.m. to late afternoon, with entrants coming from as far as 100 miles away. There are two rodeo days left this summer, July 11 and July 18. Further information is available from Raymond and Gayle Rivale at 575-278-2780.

Saturday's top winners follow, by event and age division.

Showmanship: Seniors, Paul Grice 1st, Sydney Main 2nd; Juniors, Tanner Moore 1st, Reinda Rivale 2nd; Boosters, Rayelle Rivale 1st, Jaiden Nixon 2nd; Pre-Boosters, Paiton Owensby 1st, Makenna Hittson 2nd.

Western Pleasure: Seniors, Morgan Daugherty 1st, Paul

Grice 2nd; Juniors, Reinda Rivale 1st, Tanner Monroe 2nd; Boosters, Rayelle Rivale 1st, Cabe Emery 2nd; and Pre-Boosters Walk Trot, Makenna Hittson 1st, Paiton Owensby 2nd.

Western Horsemanship: Seniors, Riata Rivale 1st, Paul Grice 2nd; Juniors, Tanner Monroe 1st, Reinda Rivale 2nd; Boosters, Rayelle Rivale 1st, Cabe Emery 2nd.

Reining: Seniors, Paul Grice, 1st, Riata Rivale 2nd; Juniors, Reinda Rivale 1st, Tanner Monroe 2nd; Boosters, Rayelle Rivale 1st, Cabe Emery 2nd.

Barrels: Seniors, Paul Grice 1st, Sydney Main 2nd; Juniors, Reinda Rivale 1st, Hank Lewis

2nd; Boosters, Rayelle Rivale 1st, Jaiden Nixon 2nd; Pre-Boosters, Lane Clavel 1st, Makenna Hittson 2nd.

Poles: Seniors, Paul Grice 1st, Riata Rivale 2nd; Juniors, Reinda Rivale 1st, Holli Araiza 2nd; Boosters, Cabe Emery 1st, Rayelle Rivale 2nd; Pre-Boosters, Lane Clavel 1st, Makenna Hittson 2nd.

Goats: Seniors, Laekyn Reust 1st, Clark Reik 2nd; Juniors, Reinda Rivale 1st, Tanner Monroe 2nd; Boosters, Rayelle Rivale 1st, Cabe Emery 2nd; Pre-Boosters, Makenna Hittson 1st, Chase Kiker 2nd.

Saturday's roping events were cancelled due to high winds.



Rich and Penny Sue Kuhns accept the key to the downtown business district from Rose Petal owners, Beverly Baca and Lynda Brown while Buddy Springer, KRTN radio host announces it over the air.

Main Street Galeria holds its grand opening during Raton Street Fair

By LAURA L. BREWER
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Main Street Galeria held its grand opening on Saturday during the Raton MainStreet street fair, where owners Rich and Penny Sue Kuhns, accepted the MainStreet key to the city from Rose Petal owners Beverly Baca and Lynda Brown. The Raton MainStreet key is presented to the newest business to open in the downtown business district, and then is passed on by that business to the next one to open.

The building had been

home to the Center Mall, but recently underwent renovations in order to divide the large space into smaller retail cubicles. Each cubicle has its own secure door, and the businesses that occupy each set their own business hours. Currently the building houses Kuhn's Website Design and Hosting business, The Computer Guys, Creative Creations, and De Colores Gallery.

The MainStreet Galeria is set up as a business incubator, which will help small busi-

nesses get established and grow before moving into a larger downtown space. Rent for each cubicle varies according to size and includes electricity and heat. Walls of some of the cubicles are decorated with fine art by several local artists, which can be purchased directly from the business in which it is displayed.

Kuhns hopes to fill the remaining spaces by summer's end. For more information, call Rich Kuhns at 575-445-7065.