

NedFest headlines Los Lobos

Featuring Local and National Acts

by Dave Gibson

In memory of NedFest's creator and former promoter "Michigan" Mike Torpie, through a nonprofit organization that supports children's music programs, his family and friends sponsored this year's festival in Nederland last Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

With the same casual feel of the previous thirteen, local and national acts took the stage.

Many of the same vendors were back as well as some familiar faces. "Scramble" Campbell, who produces an entire painting during each musical performance, and has two hundred works from Red Rocks Amphitheater to his credit, was in attendance.

Gilpin County's own NoGo Gillbillies, manned by Adam Pause (banjo), Dave Pullins (mandolin), Paul Sink (guitar), and Dave "Pump" Solzberg (bass), got the crowd loose with some raucous bluegrass.

Talented child sensation Jaden Carlson is now almost as grown up as her resonant voice!

From the Front Range, She Said String Band belted out four part harmonies, and Boulder's Danny Shafer "tweener" of country blues satisfied.

Local Vince Herman, formally of Leftover Salmon, was well received as always.

Nederland-based Mackenzie Paige and Gypsy Moon came through with some homespun picking, while Jimmy Herring's forty years of guitar playing brought the blues power and feeling.

Since exploding onto the rock scene over three decades ago with their debut album "Just Another Band from East L.A.," it has become apparent that Los Lobos is not just another band from East L.A.! Winners of three Grammys, the current group members have been together for 28 years and continue to enthrall audiences of all sizes. When Los Lobos took the stage and someone from the smallish crowd yelled "Thanks for coming!" it was reciprocated with an enthusiastic "Thanks for having us!" A couple hours of Tex-Mex-R&B-Rock-Blues ensued until the concert-goers went



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"loco" when they played the Grateful Dead's "Bertha."

When the dancers' dust had settled at the end of the August 26th, 2012, NedFest went on the books as a relaxing, entertaining, enjoyable, musical experience that "Michigan" Mike would have been proud of.



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