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CITY OF OURAY

Vogts Sisters bring bluegrass to Wright

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The Vogts Sisters perform their sweet sister bluegrass harmony on Saturday, June 25 at the Wright Opera House in Ouray.

Often referred to as musical angels, the Vogts Sisters touch the hearts of audiences everywhere they go. They will bring their third album, Homeward, to their first Colorado Music Tour.

Homeward is their first self-produced album and is a humble attempt to define who they are as artists and musicians. Staying faithful to their love for sad songs, Homeward calls on the sisters' pure and graceful harmonies that reach deep into the heart and soul with themes of love, truth and honor.

Ten original works fully embrace their distinct style and inspiring growth as acoustic folk artists.

Touring the Midwest since May 2012, the young emerging artists have gained widespread recognition with over 140 performances. More than 60 of those have been in the past year—even though Maggie works full-time and Abigail is now a college student.

The Vogts Sisters have garnered numerous awards in regional and international songwriting competitions, including their latest win at the Ozark Folk Festival Singer-Songwriter Competition in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. The girls have more than 24 original songs that fit seamlessly into their acoustic Americana-Folk act, blending timeless music with sweet sister harmony. A few of their musical influences include Alison Krauss, Emmylou Harris and Gillian Welch,



but the two often surprise audiences with covers from Johnny Horton, U2 or Creedence Clearwater Revival, among others.

The show is from 7-9 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the box office the day of the show. Call 970-325-4399 for advance tickets.

TOWN OF RIDGWAY

RiverFest: the cool place to be this weekend

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As Colorado temperatures reach into the high 90s and beyond, everyone from toddlers to retirees can take refuge from the heat at the coolest place on the Western Slope this Saturday – the Ridgway RiverFest. Festival goers will be treated to fun activities from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the cool waters of the Uncompahgre River and on the river bank under canopies in Rollans Park, northeast of the bridge off of Highway 62.

For the ninth annual festival, the river races are expected to be the highlight once again. Watching at the start line in the park is a great time, and participating in the easy-going races is even more fun. While race winners get original, custom-made awards by local artists, the inflatables, hard kayaks and standup paddle board races focus more on the enjoyment of river sports than on competitiveness.

The Junk of the Unc Race, on the other hand, attracts racers who are serious about proving that their homemade watercrafts are the most buoyant, and the audience has serious fun observing the creative contraptions and the spirited competition.

Other highlights this year include live music by New Orleans blues guitarist and vocalist Kipori “Baby Wolf” Woods from 3 to 6 p.m., the Yogini Circus performing and training young audience members from noon to 1:30 p.m., a cultural presentation by Ute historian Roland McCook, face painting and a watershed education game with popsicle prizes for the kids. As always, the RiverFest will run a silent auction with great deals on river recreation and apparel plus outdoor adventures with local guides, books about the local area, restaurant certificates and a variety of keepsakes and gifts.

While enjoying all this entertainment, festival goers can cool down with locally brewed beers from Colorado Boy and Two Rascals breweries plus energetically crafted margaritas by “Glenda the Blenda” cocktail-blending bicycle. Melry’s, 99 Thai Food and the Backstreet Bistro will provide a fine selection of festival food.

The annual river festival is organized by the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership, a



Jeff Davis of Sawpit balances his board as he crosses a rapid on the Uncompahgre River at the 2015 Ridgway RiverFest.

Courtesy photo

Ouray County nonprofit focused on protection and restoration of the Upper Uncompahgre River Watershed. UWP’s projects include mine remediation, environmental restoration, water monitoring, and various community outreach events.

The Ridgway RiverFest schedule, race information, silent auction item list and other details can be found at ridgwayriverfest.org or by contacting ridgwayriverfest@gmail.com or 970-325-3010.



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