

SUMMER FUN COMES TO EAGLE

Eagle's largest and most popular event during summer is the annual Eagle Fun Days celebration. This celebration can trace its roots to August 2, 1964, when the first Eagle "Fun Fair" began with a parade at 11:30 a.m., followed by day-long events, carnival games, and an auction at the Eagle Grade School. The fair's fundraising goal was to improve the baseball field at the school, including the installation of new bleachers and a backstop. The theme of the event was "Fun for all and all for fun." and ended up raising \$1,062.13.

Eagle Fun Days once played host to the "World's Largest Rocky Mountain Oyster Feed." Rocky Mountain oysters used to be a well-known novelty dish in the American West. This cowboy dish commonly used to be served at festivals, among ranching families, or at certain specialty bars or restaurants. "The Nut Feed", another name for this once long-standing Eagle tradition, started in the 1950s when Dr. Ralph Wilder, a local veterinarian and then President of the Alliance Club, began donating them to firemen as a fundraiser to provide children with reading glasses. When the oyster feed was in full swing, the proceeds would have gone to support the Eagle Volunteer Firefighters Association. However, the popularity dwindled through the years, and in 2014 the last Rocky Mountain Oyster Feed took place.

Eagle has always played host to summer fun for its residents in some fashion or another. Eagle Fun Days has changed throughout the years, but has always brought with it family fun. Please join us here at the Eagle Historical Museum for Eagle Fun Days on July 8th and 9th. Hope to see you here!