

Life *in the* Valley

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Drawing a crowd at the city park

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Silverton Fine Arts Festival proved to be a popular draw Saturday, and some speculate that eclipse visitors may be providing a significant boost in its attendance.

Nobody knows that better than the greeters at the front gate to Coolidge-McClaine Park, who said they had notched more than 1,000 visitors by early afternoon, and there was another entrance to the east by the footbridge over Silver Creek also notching entries.

Shade from the park's venerable firs and scores of artist booths furnished an amiable mix for mingling on a sunny day, as Highway Johnny enriched the background with a perfect blend of classic rock oldies: "Solitary Man," "Lodi," and "The Weight."

A little bit of congestion downtown saw traffic trickling slowly down Water Street near Oak and Main streets. But several shuttle stops minimized what could have been multiplicatively worse traffic headaches given the number of visitors in town.



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