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FRIDAY *afternoon* fun

START YOUR WEEKEND WITH DRINK SPECIALS, TASTY FOOD AND FABULOUS VIEWS AT THESE NEARBY FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUBS

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It's Friday, you just got off work and you want to grab a drink with some friends. Per usual for 5 o'clock in Eagle County, it's beautiful out, so you'd prefer to be outside, with a mountain view. Luckily summertime here means Friday afternoon clubs, where membership is as simple as showing up to partake in drinking, eating and relaxing with live music. With FACs scattered across the county, — including on Vail Mountain, at the Westin in Avon and at the Wolcott Yacht Club — each provides a unique setting to start your weekend off right.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: Eagle's Nest deck often turns into a dance party during the FAC celebrations. The first FAC of the summer is slated for June 28.
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Local guitarist Kevin Heinz will perform at the Vail Mountain FAC on July 12.
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Maya's deck overlooks the Eagle River and Beaver Creek Mountain.
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PATIO PARTY AT MAYA

Maya, the modern Mexican kitchen and tequila bar owned by chef Richard Sandoval, is inside The Westin Riverfront Resort in Avon (formerly Cima) and kicks off its own FAC today. The lovely patio overlooking the Eagle River opens at 4 p.m., which is the start to the daily happy hour that goes until 6 p.m. Happy hour includes specials like \$5 margaritas made with tequila blanco, \$4 beers, \$2 tacos and \$4 bites, which include items such as steak or wild mushroom flatbread, chicharrones and more.

Live music starts at 6 p.m. and goes until 10 p.m. Tonight, Louisville-based singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Kyle James Hauser will perform. Following Hauser's performance, Denver native Holly Lovell will take the stage. Produced by The Fray's Ben Wysocki, Lovell's versatile sound can be compared to Patty Griffin and Mindy Smith.

On June 28, Maya brings two Boulder bands to town. The evening begins with The Yawpers, a three-piece that bring a fresh blend of alt-country and rock 'n' roll. After The Yawpers, West Water Outlaws will jam for the rest of the night. The West Water Outlaws performed at Shakedown Bar in Vail last week and have been compared to The Black Keys and The Doors.

"I like the crowd out there in the mountains," said West Water Outlaws bassist Vince Elwood in a recent interview with Vail Daily. "The audience is always really receptive to the music."

Convenience is key for Maya's FAC.

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