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Salidan Garrett Bachand competes in the 2014 Rocky Mountain Enduro Circuits A-Open. He finished the season in the top 10 overall in the series, which qualifies him as AA for the next 2 years. He said he was thankful to his dad for being supportive throughout the season.

# Bachand wins 2014 Rocky Mountain Enduro A-Open

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Salida motocross racer Garrett Bachand finished the racing season by winning the 2014 Rocky Mountain Enduro Circuits A-Open. Bachand also finished ninth overall for the RMEC series, which qualifies him as AA for the next 2 years. Racers must finish in the top 10 overall to make AA, accord-

ing to a press release.

“At the beginning of this year I set a few goals to strive for throughout the season, and not only did I reach them, I did surprisingly better than I expected,” Bachand said.

“One of my goals was to make top three in the A-Open class, and not only did I achieve that but I ended up first in the A-Open class and finished ninth overall for the

series, which earns me a AA spot for next year,” he said.

“But first off let me add that I wouldn’t even be here if it weren’t for my dad, Darren Bachand. He’s the main man and has helped me out more than anyone. Couldn’t have done it without you, Pops.”

People interested in following Bachand’s progress next year can visit Garrettbachand.com.

# SHS, SMS host holiday concerts

by Ryan Hoffman  
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Salida High School will host a concert by the Salida Middle School band today, followed by performances by the high school band, concert choir and jazz band Wednesday.

The middle school performance starts at 6 p.m. today in the high school auditorium. The show will start with the fifth-grade band, lasting roughly 20 minutes, said Andre Wilkins, middle school and high school band director.

Sixth-graders will follow the fifth-graders, with seventh- and eighth-graders playing toward the end. The show will end with a few pieces by the newly formed middle school jazz band, which practices every Tuesday morning before school.

While the concert will include a few holiday-themed songs, the show will mostly consist of traditional concert band material, Wilkins said. He expects the concert to end by 8:30 p.m.

The high school show will start at 7 p.m. Wednesday in

the school auditorium.

The performance will include an eclectic mix of traditional classical songs, holiday numbers and some pop songs, Wilkins said.

Unlike the middle school per-

formance, the high school show will feature several individual performers, including a version of “O Holy Night” with three or four solos, Wilkins said.

Admission to both shows is free.



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