Downtown Night Out – a boost for local biz

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SpotLight on the Phoenix-based band 'DAISY'

Gallup Coffee Company was one of several establishments that teamed up to bring the community of Gallup together to join in on a night of special offerings and entertainment, hosted by downtown businesses.

The American Bar, Camille's Sidewalk Café, Coal Street Pub, Sammy C's, and the El Morro Theatre all took part in Gallup's Downtown Night Out Sept. 30.

The Gallup Coffee Company with the support from Zia Sound welcomed the band "DAISY" from Phoenix, Ariz.

DAISY is an alternative/pop combo with classic rock influences. They balance themselves to the likes of U2 and other guitar classics. They were created at a young age, growing up with family that was into music. Fast forwarding to today, DAISY was created among childhood friends.

The collection and creation of the band's songwriting comes from all of their own individual parts. It is a collaborative environment as they create their music.

DAISY lead singer Anthony Perre personally writes about his life at the moment or maybe something that has happened to his friends or family.

"Nothing is ever plastic," he said. "It's always going to come from the heart and it's always got to make sense for us to want to play it live."

DAISY band members include lead singer Anthony Perre, bassist and keyboards Ty Kidd. D

Drummer Dylan Keilly and lead guitar Michael Petry could not make the trip to complete the four-man group due to prior engagements in Phoenix, band manager Philip Young said.

Kidd was impressed with the Gallup area.

“I’m in love with this town. It is such a quaint little town. I was born and raised in New Hampshire. I always had that small-town vibe,” Kidd said.

As well as Perre, who was taken by the friendly downtown atmosphere.

“You can just walk up to anyone on the street and ask how their day is, and they’re just happy to see you,” he said.

The Gallup Downtown Night Out is held on the last Saturday of the month.

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