Town of Ridgway

Star Party

When: Saturday October 10, 7:30pm till??

Where: Ridgway Soccer Field

As a celebration of Dark Skies in our Community a Star Party will be hosted at Ridgway's soccer field (Athletic Park). Stargazing using binoculars and professional telescopes from the experts at Black Canyon Astronomical Society will be the highlight of this Dark Sky event. **Laser guided constellation tours** will point out star clusters and galaxies of the Fall sky.

This time of year offers a special opportunity to see summer constellations early in the evening as well as early winter deep sky objects just a bit later in the evening. The last of **the bright summer Milky Way** and its many star fields will be above the southwestern horizon, as well as the winter star cluster **the Pleiades** above the eastern horizon. Plus, **the Andromeda galaxy** (the sister galaxy to our Milky Way) will be nearly overhead – all visible **thanks to Ridgway being an International Designated Dark Sky Community**. The moon will be at its new moon phase so the sky will be dark all night.

Please park cars at the Soccer Field with your headlights pointing to the east away from the observing field. Bring a warm jacket and hat, maybe gloves and a red flashlight. A limited number of binoculars will be available for star gazing.

Check ROCC's website for any Weather updates.

This event will be hosted at the Ridgway Soccer Field and is supported by the Town of Ridgway, ROCC's Dark Sky Committee, and the Astronomers at the Black Canyon Astronomical Society.