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Hip-Hop

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While there are plenty of heavy metal and country bands that perform in and around Gallup, one thing you don't see is a lot of hip-hop. That changed on Wednesday, May 21, when The Jivin Scientists rolled through during their national tour. While the Jivin Scientists are originally from Gallup, they brought with them a slew of talent in the form of MC's and DJ's, all with their own unique voices, and all with something to say. Three acts and two DJ's packed the house at Coal Street Pub, which is host to many great acts that come to town, although the venue had yet to see a show quite like this.



TOP: Wake Self, aka Andrew Martinez, rocks the house at Coal Street Pub with his group Definition Rare. Not pictured is Def-I and DJ Deeko rocking it in the background. ABOVE MIDDLE: A record spins on the turntable. LEFT: DJ Cloudface, aka Patrick Burnham, takes a spin on the turntables. Burnham is part of the local crew Definition Rare. ABOVE: Big Meridox, right, aka Marcus Williams, and Def-I, aka Christopher Biddah, freestyle while at KGLP radio station. Members of the touring act stopped in for interviews with local DJ Patrick Burnham, aka DJ Cloudface, before the show. BELOW: The Jivin Scientists' Runt, aka James Owens, and DJ Deeko, aka Jason Owens, perform their set. BELOW LEFT: Brayden Trujillo watches DJ Abelrock, aka Jason Allison, perform.

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