

Davenport Days swing into Silverton for a weekend of fun

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This year, the classic August festival will feature its annual mainstays as well as exciting new events celebrating one of Silverton's most renowned citizens.

The main event at Coolidge-McClaine Park will be the Arts and Crafts Fair, where vendors from around the country will congregate, displaying and selling handmade art, jewelry and collectables. Children ages 8 to 16 are also invited to participate in the Youth Arts and Crafts Fair to display their own handiworks.

Saturday morning will hail in Davenport Days with the annual Hometown Parade. See local businesses and organizations strut through downtown Silverton. Entries include floats, antique automobiles, Davenport Arabian horses, bands and dancers.

And no true Silvertonian can forget the Davenport Races. The "Silvy 250" will take place Sunday, and will feature people from throughout the area racing couches – yes, couches – down 250 feet of Main Street in downtown Silverton. Remember, drivers must wear a helmet!

If davenports on wheels aren't your cup of tea, partake in the Homer's Classic 10K Fun Run/Walk on Saturday through the flat and incredibly scenic Covered Bridge Loop. The Fun Run/Walk will begin and end at Silverton High School's Schlador Street Campus, and the overall winners will receive trophies.

While it's too late to enter art to be a part of the annual Homer Davenport International Cartoon Contest, it's never too late (until August 7) to look at the winning piece. The often-political cartoons are accepted from entrants across the globe – a tribute the famous cartoonist who worked with famous publishers such as William Randolph Hearst. All entries will be displayed at the Silverton Art Association's Borland Gallery, adjacent to



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Coolidge-McClaine Park.

This year's Davenport Days also welcomes Davenport's Arabian Quest, an interactive theater production including live horses. Buy a passport in the park for \$20, and let the fun begin. Participants will be shuttled to GeerCrest Farm and can be a part of living history.

Finally, the leisurely activities at Coolidge-McClaine Park are not to be missed. Enjoy the abundance of food from the food court, or check out the barbecue contest. But be sure to listen to the wonderful selection of local music.

Davenport Days are sure to please.