













The 94th Annual Donkey Derby Days was a resounding success, bringing joy and excitement to our community over the weekend of June 27-29. It was a time of celebration, filled with activities and entertainment for all ages. Here's a look back at some of the highlights that made this weekend truly unforgettable.



















The weekend kicked off with an exciting concert series on Friday. We were thrilled to have Maddox Ross open the evening by singing the national anthem. His performance set the tone for a weekend filled with fantastic music.

Although we had a last-minute change to Friday night's concert lineup, the audience was in for a treat. USAF Blue Delta stepped in and delivered an electrifying performance that left everyone in awe

What a hoot to have the Flying W Wranglers lasso in Saturday's concerts, serving up a hearty slice of authentic western tunes!

The Derby Days concert lineup was electric, featuring standout performances by Mimic, Austin Ross Band, Tenderfoot Bluegrass Band, Maddox Ross, Jason Lee Band JustUs and many more talented artists!



















Donkey Races Recap

The donkey races were the crown jewel of Donkey Derby Days, stealing the show and winning the hearts of everyone around! With fierce competition and electrifying excitement, here's who galloped to glory:

- Trophy Race: Hats off to Team Burro Bros, who dazzled the crowd with their phenomenal skill and teamwork to snag first place!
- Media Race: In a nail-biter, Fox 21 zipped past the rest, flaunting their speed and agility!
- Military/1st Responders Race: Team Green Mtn. Falls/Chipita Park Fire Dept showcased their might and unity, racing to the top spot!
- Casino Race: Century Casino took the jackpot!
- Businessmen Race: Wild Ass Soap Co cleaned up the competition!







The parade was nothing short of spectacular. Kicking off with a breathtaking flyover performed by Panther Flight, five planes soared through the sky in perfect formation, setting the tone for an unforgettable event. The Fort Carson Color Guard and the 4th Infantry Division Band added a patriotic flair, marching proudly and filling the air with rousing tunes that stirred the hearts of all in attendance.

One of the most poignant moments of the parade was the Purple Heart Tribute Float. It was a deeply moving sight as military members surrounded the float, saluting the honored Purple Heart veterans aboard. This tribute brought forth a wave of emotions, reminding everyone of the sacrifices made by our brave servicemen and women.

Congratulations to all of our parade winners, whose efforts and imagination contributed to a truly grand parade!







Cripple Creek Donkeys Update

The donkeys will be penned up for the 4th of July for their safety. Dr. Maria did a health check up and under her guidance, we made the call to keep the donkeys in the pasture at least until the end of July. We really need everyone's help in keeping the donkeys healthy.

Please follow the "Healthy Herd" Campaign guidelines and only feed the donkeys approved hay cubes. Please visit our website to learn more at cripplecreekdonkeys.com

Support the Healthy Herd Campaign

Please NO carrots, NO apples, NO bananas, NO human food









Please only feed donkeys approved hay cubes provided on the feeding platform and available at local shops and museums. Thank you for your cooperation.

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