

## Biscuit Throw Re-enactment

The Biscuit Throw re-enactment dates back to the Windsor Hotels beginning. Captain Walker, a good natured hotel proprietor in 1875, struggled with tenants who had no money to pay rent. When the winter snows came tenants would sit around drinking whiskey and playing sluff (card games) all day. Since no one had any money and the games were more for sport and diversion than for profit, the men seldom played for cash. The poker players began using worthless pieces of paper, some unproductive mining claim stock, as betting stakes. Captain Walker's good nature is illustrated by the recollection that, to despite the financial hardships of his boarders, his jovial tenants from the Animas River country would often start throwing biscuits in the hotel dining room, and wouldn't stop until the room was covered in biscuits.

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## Del Norte

Del Norte was founded as a service center for the mining activities going on in the area, becoming the supply base & financial center at the west end of the San Luis Valley.

By the mid 1870's, prospectors had found the nearby San Juan Mountains rich in gold and silver deposits. Many mining claims were registered and the fury of the mining activities began. Recognized as the "Gateway to the San Juans"...and the gold...Del Norte, organized and incorporated in 1872.

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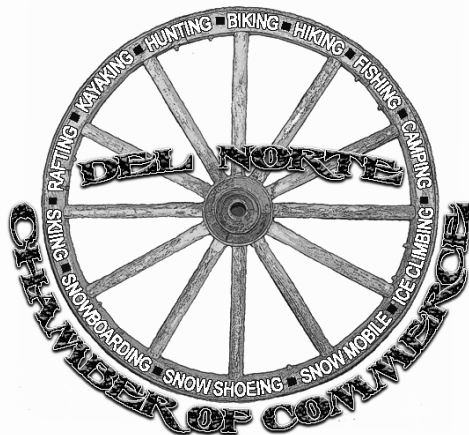
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www.highvalleycommunity.org

Parade, Matt 657-2586

RGC Museum 657-2847

Wildwood Sounds 657-4757

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37th Annual

## Covered Wagon Days

*"Agriculture, Our Future  
Depends on Our Roots"*

July 31, Aug. 1 & 2, 2009

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## Friday Events

- 4pm **Cowboy Up, Grub & Thirst-Quenchers**  
Windsor Hotel Patio, enter thru Colo.  
Cowgirl, \$10 adult, \$5 child
- 5pm **Evening Prayer Service**  
Traditional Gospel Music with Guitar  
Accompaniment, Epiphany Episcopal  
(7th & Columbia St.)
- 6pm **5th Annual Bike Decorating - Free  
Hotdogs, Chips & Drink \$1**  
(Centennial Park 140 Spruce)
- 7pm **Concert at Wildwood Sounds**  
(850 Grande Ave)  
Kort McCumber, country music singer,  
song writer, multi-instrumentalist... one  
of Colorado's finest songwriters. There  
will also be a free sweetie, snackie  
potluck.

## Saturday All Day

**4th Annual Car Show** Registration begins at  
8am

**Vendors**—Art vendors Downtown & all other  
vendors in the Park, Midway games will be in  
the park also.

**Library Book Sale** (7am-12pm, 790 Grande  
Ave.)

**Commemorative Postal Cancellation** available  
today only! Take your outgoing mail to the Post  
Office.

**Quilt Show - Free** (Town Hall in Centennial  
Park, 140 Spruce St.)

### **RGC Museum**

Exhibitions & Demonstrations  
(drop in anytime) (6th & Oak, )

## Saturday Events

- 6:30 - 9am **Pancake Breakfast**  
\$5 adult, \$3 child  
(Columbia & Grande)
- 7:30 **HVCC 5K Run/walk** \$10  
(595 Grande Ave.)
- 8:30 **Parade line-up**  
(6th & Cedar)
- 9:30 **Mennonite Pie Sale**  
(9:30 or upon arrival and until sold out)  
(Columbia & Grande, Windsor Hotel)
- 9:45 **Biscuit Throw & Gunfight**  
Re-enactment from The Windsor  
Hotel in 1875 (Columbia & Grande)
- 10am **Parade**
- 11-1pm **Fireman's BBQ** \$8 adult \$6 Child  
Firehouse (880 Grande Ave)
- 11am **Horseshoe Tournament**  
Registration (Centennial Park)
- 12pm **Horseshoe Tournament**  
Doubles \$5 (Centennial Park)
- 1pm **Olde-Fashioned Picnic Games**  
**Free** (Centennial Park, east of the Car  
Show)
- 1:30 - 2:00ish **Horno Bread Baking**  
(6th & Oak, RGC Museum)
- 2pm **"Gold Rush"**  
The Tin Cup Mystery -Treasure Hunt  
\$50 Cash Prize to the winning Team  
(Centennial Park, east of the Car Show)

## Saturday Events

- 3pm **Pie Eating Contest - \$4**  
(Centennial Park)
- 4pm **Awards Presentation**  
Awards for all events including Parade  
winners (Centennial Park)
- 8pm-12 **Country Dance - \$7, under 12 free**  
Frontier Conner (Grande & Columbia)

## Sunday Events

- 7am **Fly-In - Free**  
SLV Pilots Association
- 8am **Breakfast \$5**  
(Del Norte Airport)
- 10am **Church Service In the Park**  
(Centennial Park)
- 11:30 **Guided Hike to Mount Lookout's  
Summit**  
Natural & cultural history, landmarks,  
and sacred landscapes. Bring a sack  
lunch for a picnic at the top. Join us at  
the Museum.
- 12:00 **Horseshoe Tournament**  
Singles \$5 (Centennial Park)

*Schedule Subject  
to Change*

**Music in the Park** (afternoon on)