

Folsom, New Mexico hosts half-marathon and 5K

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FOLSOM – Northeastern New Mexico's town of Folsom is hosting a half-marathon and 5K on Sunday, September 27, 2009 beginning at 7 a.m. This annual race is a fundraising event for the Folsom Museum.

The half marathon race starts on highway 325 just south of the entrance to Capulin Volcano National Monument. The first segment is 1.3 miles of flat, curving, asphalt to the Visitor's Center at an elevation of about 7,000 feet. The next segment is a 1000 foot climb over a 2.15 mile asphalt road with a 6% grade which winds around the volcano. The third segment is a 1 mile, circular, asphalt trail rising to a peak of 8,182 feet (400 feet above the upper parking area) and descending back down to the parking area. The fourth segment is the descent back down to 7,000 feet at the Visitors' Center. The final segment is 6.5 miles through moderate hills on the asphalt of highway 325, ending at the Folsom School House.

The 5K race is a round trip on Highway 325 starting and ending at the Folsom, NM School House. Prizes will be awarded and T-shirts are guaranteed for the first 50 entrants in each of the races. There will be several family events including a fun run and short kid's sprints.

There is a \$25 registration fee for the half-marathon and a late registration fee of \$35. The

5K and fun run fees are \$5.

Registrations for the races will not be accepted at the event. Online registration and instructions to mail in registrations can be found at www.FolsomMuseum.org.

All proceeds from this event benefit the Folsom Museum. The Museum was founded in 1965 to share the history of the area including the devastating flood of 1908 and the incredible Folsom Man discovery that stunned archeologists and changed the known arrival date of humans in North America from 3,000 years ago to over 10,000 years ago. For more information please visit www.CapulinVolcanoRun.com.

Capulin Volcano is one of the most perfectly shaped volcanoes in the world. Named a National Monument on August 9, 1916 by President Woodrow

Wilson, more information on the park can be found at www.nps.gov/cavo/.

Make it a weekend to remember:

■ Des Moines Street Fair—Saturday, Sept. 26, Noon-4 p.m.

■ Spaghetti Dinner and late registration (Folsom School House)—Saturday, Sept. 26 5-6:30 p.m.

■ Free Classical and Pop musical entertainment with wine and cheese social (Mandala Center)—Saturday, Sept 26, 7-9 p.m.

■ Half Marathon and 5K—Sunday, Sept. 27, 7 a.m.

■ Post Race Party and Giveaways on Sunday

Places to stay in the area are the Capulin RV Park in Capulin, NM; the Mandala Center and M&M Inn in Des Moines, NM or various hotels in Raton, Clayton or Trinidad.

Back to School Festival

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RATON – The Raton Public School District is hosting a "Back to School" Festival this Saturday, August 8, 2009 at Ripley Park from 8:00 -12:00. It is the desire of the Raton Public School System that students be able to start to a new school year with many of the supplies they need. To help families, Superintendent Dave Willden said the community has pulled together and very generously donated supplies for the students of Raton. The donation of supplies from local businesses has been better than we could have imagined. Bring your school-aged Raton students to the park to collect supplies this Saturday morning.



Photos by Tim Keller

Trick-shooting John Satterwhite prepares to make a cabbage salad.

Youth hunters flock to NRA competition

By **TIM KELLER**
The Chronicle-News

RATON – Last week's seven-day, 24th Annual NRA Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC) at the Whittington Center southwest of Raton brought 380 official contestants, aged 10-18, from 18 states. With staff, volunteers, coaches, and families, approximately 1000 hunting and firearms enthusiasts spent the week enjoying the competitions and other activities. Some camped or stayed in on-site cabins, while others stayed in Raton motels. Most explored and shopped in Raton and other area towns.

Contestants compiled points for themselves and for their YHEC (pronounced "Why Heck") teams in eight official team event competitions: Archery, Muzzleloader, Rifle, Shotgun, Orienteering, Responsibility Exam, Safety Trail, and Wildlife Identification. Prizes were awarded in each event for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place juniors, seniors, and teams.

The YHEC program began in Maryland in the summer of 1985. It first came to the then-new NRA Whittington Center in 1990 and has since returned

ten times; it now alternates with the Mill Cove Environmental Center in Mansfield, Pennsylvania, the Whittington Center hosting the competition in odd-numbered years.

There are many special events throughout the week, including barbeques, tug-of-wars, demonstrations, and swap meets, but none is more popular than the perennial Cherokee Run competition. Competitors of all ages enter strictly as individuals and just for fun – although prizes, including muzzleloaders, are awarded to top scorers. Each entrant begins by making an apparent bird's nest by unraveling three short strands of jute string, to be used at the end of the run to start a fire.

Then they bind their own feet in a noose and the stopwatch starts ticking. They do a bunny hop for time, release the rope and race up a steep rough hillside, encountering a series of skills competitions. In order, they are Rock Throw, Tomahawk Throw, Spear Throw, Slingshot, .22 Rifle, Bow and Arrow, Ring Toss, another Tomahawk Throw, and Turkey Feather Darts. Finally, they

carry a golf ball down the hill balanced precariously on a stick.

Returning to the starting point, they use flint and char cloth to create a spark in their jute nest, and then vigorously blow on it until it bursts into flame. The timer is stopped. Points are earned for accuracy in the skill events and for overall speed. Thursday afternoon, the point spread ranged from 125 points down to 15 points, and laughter was abundant.

Another crowd-pleaser was Thursday's shooting exhibitions by Mississippi shotgun trick-shooter John Satterwhite, a former longtime national champion. Satterwhite combined humor and extraordinary sharpshooting skills to provoke both laughter and admiration, throwing in many teaching moments for the young shooters in his audience.

The 2009 NRA Youth Hunter Education Challenge wrapped up Friday afternoon with a 2-hour awards ceremony followed by an awards banquet barbeque. After a 2010 stint in Pennsylvania, the 26th annual event will return to the NRA Whittington Center near Raton in late July 2011.



Photo by Larua Brewer

With flyers in every door, and 73 fluorescent yellow shirts invading Raton, it was hard not to notice the people from First Baptist Church of Russellville, Arkansas. During this eight-day mission trip to Raton, the church held basketball, cheerleading, and music camps for the local children. The visitors from Arkansas held block parties at local parks where a praise and worship band played music as free snow cones, bags of popcorn, face painting and hand-crafted bracelets were given to local residents.

First Baptist Church of Raton provided the large ensemble with Sunday school classrooms as dormitories, and food in the Fellowship Hall.

Unlimited rides, unlimited fun Colorado State Fair offers new, unlimited carnival pass

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PUEBLO. – The Mega Ride Pass will make its debut at the 2009 Colorado State Fair. The pass sells for \$80 and provides entrance into the Fair and unlimited carnival rides for the entire 11-day event plus the 98.9 Magic FM Sneak Peek Night on Thursday, August 27th.

"We are excited about this new offer; the value of the Mega Ride Pass is over \$350," said State Fair General Manager, Chris Wiseman. "Colorado State Fair management and staff are dedicated to providing families with a fun and affordable summer event and this is just one example of that commitment."

The owner of the pass will be provided with a photo ID which allows that person free admission onto the grounds every day of the Fair with

unlimited carnival rides.

"Plus, when pass users need a break from the midway whirlwind, they can still enjoy the numerous free attractions we have scheduled this year—like Shark Encounter. This is a great opportunity for parents to provide nearly two weeks of non-stop entertainment for their kids," said Wiseman.

The Mega Ride Pass is now on sale for \$80 and may be purchased at the Colorado State Fair box office. The pass is also available at any Ticketmaster outlet, or by logging onto www.ticketmaster.com. To charge tickets by phone, call 1-800-745-3000.

The 2009 Colorado State Fair runs from August 28 – September 7, 2009. For more information, visit www.coloradostatefair.com.

RATON POLICE BLOTTER

ARRESTED:

■ 08-03-09 Randy Raught – Arrest Order from State of New Mexico Corrections Department violated conditions of parole/probation on offense of battery
■ 08-03-09 Leeann Vargas – DWI

INCIDENTS:

■ 08-03-09 Don P. Arthur Jr – victim of aggravated burglary
■ 08-03-09 Sherry Casas – victim of battery
■ 08-05-09 Raton Recreation and Education Council - victim of criminal damage to property

CITATIONS:

■ 07-31-09 Nikki Salazar – following too close
■ 07-31-09 John Rogers – speeding and suspended driver's license
■ 08-03-09 Rancy Raught – battery
■ 08-03-09 Adella Duran – no proof of insurance and expired registration
■ 08-03-09 Martin Bone – seatbelt violation
■ 08-03-09 Rolecia Cruz – no proof of insurance
■ 08-03-09 Dwight Cook – speeding
■ 08-03-09 Amber Segura – no valid insurance
■ 08-03-09 Michael Rife – no valid insurance and current registration (expired tags)
■ 08-03-09 Leeann Vargas – careless driving

■ 08-05-09 Ralph Trujillo – no city tags and dog at large
■ 08-05-09 Justin Mattorano – speeding
■ 08-05-09 Antonio Garcia – suspended driver's license
■ 08-05-09 Miguel Mendez – speeding
■ 08-05-09 Juan Gonzales – speeding

■ 08-05-09 Juan Rascon-Figueroa – speeding
■ 08-05-09 Adella Duran – no proof of insurance and expired registration

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July 2009 – 1056

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