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### **Victor, Colorado Packing Fun In September Burro Race**

Experience a day of fast, furious, and furry racing that must be seen to be believed. Load up the kids of all ages and come to historic Victor Saturday, Sept. 7 for a day of four-footed races packed with old-time fun.

The annual Victor Pack Burro Race will kick off at Noon in downtown with racers from across the region competing for cash prizes. The furry four-footeds are historically dubbed the Rocky Mountain Canary for their role in underground mining; the burros were used above ground during the gold rush era for hauling heavy loads, but also underground in the mines for the same tasks.

Today the burros are beloved symbols of days gone by and are, along with their trainers and human counterparts, the centerpiece of this event.

The race kicks off at noon in downtown. But there is much more to do before and after.

Starting at 9 a.m. downtown merchants and others will host sidewalk sales.

From 12:30 to 1:30 Victor's Gold Camp Ag & Mining Museum will host Susie Knight, cowgirl poet and musician, live in the Pinnacle Park Plaza and tractor-churned ice cream made by the museum will be on sale.

Knight lives in Conifer, CO and performs as a singer and cowgirl poet for kids of all ages from classrooms to campfires to concert halls. She presents ranch life, rodeo, and romance from a woman's viewpoint. Audiences from Canada to Arizona and from Washington to Missouri have enjoyed her enthusiastic stage presence and professional delivery.

Knight has worked on both dude ranches and horse-and-cattle operations in Illinois, Wisconsin, South Dakota, and Colorado. When she's not on stage, Knight is the President of the International Western Music Association Colorado Chapter. She sells saddles at Colorado Saddlery and is a wrangler at Bear Creek Stables in Morrison.

Her all-original CD, "Fillin' Tanks" won the 2016 Western Music Association Cowboy Poetry CD of the Year. Also, this CD was number one on radio in 2016 for Cowboy Poetry bumping Knight to be the top Performer of Cowboy Poetry on Radio worldwide. Knight's additional awards include 2014 and 2016 Western Music Association Female Poet of the Year, 2013 Academy of Western Artists Cowgirl Poet, and 2013 Cowboy Idol Poet.

The Victor Elks Lodge #367 on north Third Street will have its bar open and provide live music after the race. Local musician Greg Brazil will perform starting at 2 p.m. at the Elks where there

will also be a cash bar, barbecue, race awards (including the Nicest Ass Award), and the presentation of the carrot cake to the winning donkey.

Proceeds from the burro race entries benefit the Southern Teller County Focus Group (STCFG), a non-profit that maintains the Trails of Gold and assists with historic preservation and mining education.

The race will begin and end in downtown so you can spend the day surrounded by the historic buildings from the gold rush era. During the day while racers are running trails you can look for unique treasures in Victor's shops and at the sidewalks sales, eat and drink at four local establishments, pan for gold at the Victor Lowell Thomas Museum, check out the old-time tractor display at the Ag & Mining Museum, or hike to the top of Battle Mountain for a superior view of the area.

The race is sanctioned by the Western Pack Burro Ass-ociation and sponsored by the Southern Teller County Focus Group with assistance from event sponsor Newmont GoldCorp.

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