

Life *in the* Valley

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The Silver Crest Rocket Club team, left, and Silverton Class of 1977 team compete in the Davenport Races during the Homer Davenport Community Festival in Silverton on Sunday. PHOTOS BY ANNA REED/STATESMAN JOURNAL

Homer Davenport Community Festival

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For 19 straight years, Dan Feller and his family have loaded up an old couch and driven it down the streets of Silverton. Sporting a bike helmet, Feller steered as his team pushed the sofa on wheels in a race against others with their own couch concoctions on Sunday. The Davenport Races have been part of the tradition of the Homer Davenport Community Festival for more than 30 years. The festival honors Silverton native Homer Davenport, who was a famed political cartoonist and Arabian horse breeder. Though the Davenport Races have little to do with the man himself, beyond the obvious pun on his last name, at this point, the festival wouldn't be complete without them.

