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In Master of the Mountains, or M.O.M., the multi-discipline endurance event that took place near Raton on Saturday, Santiago Gamboa of Roswell, New Mexico (above) races through the six-station shotgun course on the NRA Whittington Center property near Raton. He was the second-best shooter of the day and finished in second place in the overall competition. His time of 2 hours and 45 minutes was just 2 minutes behind Aztec, N.M. resident John Winkley, who took the winner-take-all \$500 prize and the "Master of the Mountains" title. Gamboa walked away with nothing but a big smile.

Elise Bow (right) leads the second pack along the lake one-half mile into the race. She's from Golden, Colorado, but lives, works and trains at Vermejo Park Ranch in New Mexico.

Raton's Ted Kamp (below right) paddles hard as he tries to gain on eventual winner John Winkley in the long red kayak in the background.

Elise Bow (below left) races through a natural water obstacle near the finish of the bike leg on the NRA Whittington property southwest of Raton.

Masters of the Mountains



Primero Bulldogs look scary on Friday the 13th

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There would be no bad luck for the Primero Bulldogs at homecoming Friday night as they battled cross-divisional rival Cheraw in the Dog Pound. Led by junior quarterback James Lujan, senior running back

Jussiah Sanchez and sophomore Jonah Bollinger, the Dogs made short work of the Wolverines, defeating them by a final score of 56-32.

The three-headed monster of Lujan, Sanchez and Bollinger proved to be too much to handle as the Bulldogs had four touchdown plays of more than 20 yards, including an electrifying 55-yard scamper by Sanchez as time expired in the first quarter. Bollinger and Sanchez would reach the end zone three times each, and Lujan would toss another three scores through the air as the dogs chewed up more than 300 yards of total offense on the night.

The game was in doubt for the first three minutes, when Cheraw blocked a punt on the first Primero possession and returned it 30 yards for the opening

touchdown. That was the only lead the Wolverines had Friday night, as the Dogs punished Cheraw with one big play after another. The Bulldogs repeatedly gobbled up terrain and found the end zone "Under the Neon Moon," the theme of this year's homecoming festivities. The night would also see freshman Creed Roybal and senior Roxanne Quesada crowned homecoming king and queen.

With the win, Primero moves to an overall record of 2-1 (0-1 league), and will play host to Hanover this Friday in Weston. With a league win against the Hornets this weekend and a league win against Mountain Valley on Oct. 4, the Dogs could be hosting a cross divisional matchup when playoffs start at the end of October.



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Jussiah Sanchez looks on as Coach Fernandez gives his Bulldog offense some encouraging words late in fourth-quarter action. The Bulldogs knocked off the Cheraw Wolverines by a score of 56-32.

Honorary feline mayor goes home after dog attack

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Stubbs, the honorary mayor of an Alaska town, has recovered enough from severe injuries sustained in a dog mauling to be released from the animal hospital.

The 16-year-old cat's owner, Lauri Stec, drove to Wasilla to bring Stubbs home to Talkeetna on Mon-

day. She said he's doing OK, but is still in a lot of pain and on a pain patch.

Stubbs lives at Nagley's General Store, and Stec is the manager there. She said for at least a few days, Stubbs will be cared for at a house connected to the back of the store and away from the hubbub. He'll have to be quiet for a couple of months.

But Stubbs is a social creature and getting on in years. Stec doesn't want him to get depressed, so she plans to move him back to the store in a few days. She'll keep him in his regu-

lar sleeping spot on top of a freezer that holds his bed: a mushing sled piled with furs of fox, caribou, beaver and lynx.

"He'll be with his pals," Stec said of the furs.

The quirky community of 900 elected the orange-beige cat in a write-in campaign 15 years ago. There is no human mayor in the town, where Stubbs holds court at the store, greeting customers. He's also a known presence at the next-door pub, where he enjoys drinking water-catnip concoctions from a wine glass.

ArtoCade: seen through the rear-view mirror

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This weekend's Artocade attracted car enthusiasts and "cartists" — artists who use cars as canvases — from cities across the state, such as Colorado Springs and Gunnison, and also from places farther afield, such as Houston, Texas and Kansas.

Dave Major, owner of the art car "Whirlbird," a converted 1958 BMW Isetta that looks like a helicopter, came to Trinidad with his wife, Irene, from Wichita, Kansas, for ArtoCade and couldn't believe the turnout at the event.

"We go to shows like these all over the United States, and we've been doing these kind of shows with our cars for maybe 13 years. We've never seen one like this — this big the first year," said Major. "It's usually five or six cars, I'm serious. So we're loving this show. I hope they do it again, 'cause we would definitely come back."

Major also noted that Houston has the biggest show in the country, with more than 300 participating cars. That number, however, drops down to about 70 in other cities, placing Trinidad's ArtoCade, with more than four-dozen participants, among the top few events, in terms of the number of entries.

Art Stevens, from Weston, said, "I didn't think it would be this big, but it's pretty good," said Stevens.

Eugene Jurajda and his wife, Elise, were visiting from Amarillo, Texas, and they both enjoyed their first ArtoCade experience, calling it "great."

Carolyn Stapleton, cartist of "The Stink-Bug," came to Trinidad from Albuquerque, and noted that the event was fun and participation was great for a first-year event.

"I've been to Houston three times and have three really ugly trophies to prove



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Happy kids lined the street to collect the candy and treats tossed to them by passing participants during the ArtoCade Parade on Saturday.

it; that is Mecca. But this is a great start, really great start. People here are lovely, and Rodney Wood did a great job," said Stapleton.

Kenny Browning came for ArtoCade with his art car, "The Roachster," all the way from Houston, Texas, and like other cartists he, too, was amazed by the turnout and the participation at the event.

Having participated in other first-year parades, Browning congratulated Wood on putting a wonderful parade together, noting that Wood would not have any problem getting a lot of people to come next year.

"The experience has been great. I love the town, the people have been wonderful, and I think you'll double in size next year," said Browning.

Mario Ewell, from Gunnison, said ArtoCade was "total joy, smiles from ear to ear," and talked about her plans to enter a car next year from Trinidad that would rival Gunnison's cars. Ewell heard about the event through people involved

in Trinidad's Creative District, and she came here specifically for ArtoCade.

Christina Reich and her husband Norm, from Colorado Springs and the creators of the art car "Any Last Words?," participated in their first art car parade. Christina said, "It's fantastic to see so many people come down here and make and decorate their cars and share with the people, and it's been wonderful," said Reich. "The crowd has been very enthusiastic, and it was fun going through the parade and waving at people."

Al Brody, who resides in Colorado Springs and rode on the pedal bar "The Levitator Lounge," said, "I've driven through Trinidad so many times on the highway but never been on this street, so to see the downtown, it's really cool," said Brody. "I'd like to come back. The buildings are worth looking at, the architecture's beautiful. The people that came out for the parade were great, so I'll come back."