

# SPORTS

## Gadeken signs with TSJC

Lauren Gadeken, a 5'10 setter/middle blocker/right side hitter from Grand Junction High School, recently signed to play for the 2010 Lady Trojans.

Lauren has been playing volleyball since seventh grade. She has played club volleyball with the Western Colorado Volleyball Club for the past four years.

"I am very excited that Lauren will be joining us next fall," said Coach Ellen Johnson McGill. "She will bring some much needed height and experience in the front row for the Trojan Volleyball team."

"She is very coachable and has an extreme passion for the game of volleyball. She is very strong in the middle and puts up a big block. Lauren will be huge help for us both in the middle and on the right side."

Lauren is the daughter of Michael and Barbara Gadeken.



Lauren Gadeken

## Trojans get slow start in 2010

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After wrapping up 2009 with a 10-3 record, the Trinidad State basketball team has dropped three tough road games to start the new year.

The road trip started in Wyoming as the Trojans took on Central Wyoming and Casper College in back-to-back nights. The first night they fell to the 10-3 Rustlers by a score of 79-76. Marqus Richards led Trinidad with 19 points and Devon Manning added five rebounds.

The next night the Trojans faced Casper. The score was close at the half, but the T-Birds pulled away late for a 71-54 win. Richards had 15 and Shane Burrell added 14 to lead Trinidad State.

Three nights and 800 miles later, the Trojans were in Roswell, N.M., to face the New Mexico Military Institute. Trinidad rolled to an early 19-point lead but ran out of gas down the stretch as NMMI fought back to claim the 70-67 victory. Freshman Justin Lindsey put in 23 points to lead the Trojans.

The Trojans, now 10-6, will return home this Friday night to face Air Force Prep. The game will tip off at 7 p.m. at Scott Gym.

## So, you want to be a writer?

### Steven Havill gives Raton writers workshop

By TIM KELLER  
The Chronicle-News

Veteran prolific novelist Steven F. Havill will bring another of his popular writers' workshops to the Raton Public Library next week when he starts a new group of beginning fiction writers.

Open to the public and offered free of charge, the eight-week workshop is intended for any aspiring writer - someone who has always thought she might be able to write, or who has often heard from his friends, "You should be a writer."

The 20-hour course will meet from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on eight Thursday nights, beginning Jan. 21. Enrollment is available through a simple sign-up sheet on the front desk at the Raton Public Library at 244 Cook Ave., or by phoning the library at 445-9711. Librarian Dennie Gum is available to answer questions.

Havill says the beginning fiction workshop leads many participants to work toward a novel, explaining that the strictures of the short story form actually make success more difficult than it is with a novel. In the late spring, he will offer a

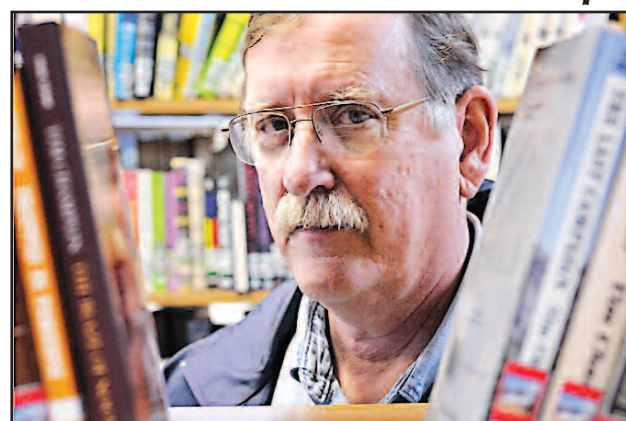


Photo by Tim Keller

Novelist Steven F. Havill can often be spotted in the Raton Public Library.

second workshop series in advanced novel writing, followed in the fall by a course on editing for publication. Through the three courses, Havill hopes to help shepherd several new novelists to their first published books.

Havill began writing novels 30 years ago; his 24th book is contracted to go to his publisher in June. He began with westerns just before their long run on television ran out of steam. Faced with diminishing sales, his agent asked whether Havill could switch to mysteries. The former police reporter and newspaper editor said he'd give it a try. In 1991, "Heartshot" was published, launching Havill's greatest success, the long-running Posadas County Mystery Series featuring rotund and aging Undersheriff William Gastner in a rural New Mexico town not unlike Raton. "Red, Green, or Murder" became the 17th book in the series when it was published last summer. Havill is currently at

work on the sequel to his 2009 historical/medical novel, "A Race for the Dying."

Havill's workshops stress storytelling as an art form. He teaches the urgency of maintaining momentum by writing to a regular daily schedule and not stopping to edit until a complete rough draft is finished.

Offering his fourth beginning fiction series at the Raton library, Havill says he enjoys them because each participant really wants to be there, unlike high school and college courses he's taught where students enrolled just for what they thought might be an easy credit. His last group, recently completed, included writers as young as a high school sophomore and as old as Undersheriff Bill Gastner and Steven Havill himself. Fledgling writers become a close-knit group, sharing snacks and fresh writing as they watch each other develop into the real deal.

## Trash is major topic at Raton

### commission meeting

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finance should not be expected.

The presentation of the Mainstreet master plan was postponed until the Feb. 9 meeting.

The open meetings resolution was passed; the only major change is that the commission meetings will now begin at 6 p.m.

An error in the ordinance numbering was found and the commission approved the correction.

City Manager Mileta noted the letting of the sewer projects bids was to be opened Wednesday, Jan. 13, for the project in northeast Raton.

The Raton city commission will meet again on Jan. 26 at 6 p.m.

## SCHOOL EVENTS

### MONDAY

Primero Booster Club - Regular meeting - 5:45 p.m. Mon. Jan 18 @ the School Library.

### FRIDAY

Trinidad Board of Education Work Session with the Unions - 12 p.m. Fri @ the District Administration Office.

## Springer tops Des Moines

### Scoring

Springer	13	12	12	17	54
Des Moines	13	25	21	21	80

### Springer High Point

Jessica Burton 21  
Shelby Decker 9  
Rainie Ramirez 9  
Free Throws - 12 of 26 attempts

### Des Moines High Point

Myra Newkirk 25  
Ann Vincent 19  
Cassidy Doherty 12  
Free Throws - 17 of 25 attempts



Above, Lady Red Devil Autumn Ebell and Lady Demon Myra Newkirk look up at the referee, awaiting the call during a district game in Des Moines Friday night.



At left, Lady Red Devil Gabbi Aragon (15) and Rainie Ramirez chase Lady Demon Myra Newkirk to the basket as she moves in for a shot.

Photos by Marty Mayfield

## THE FINE PRINT

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### Carbondale

Greeville Carbondale Water Association - Annual Meeting & Election of Board Members - 7 p.m. Thurs @ Century Financial Group Office, 109 W. Main, Trinidad - Call 719-846-2080 (Jenny) for information.

### FRIDAY

#### Economic Development

Board of Directors Meeting, Trinidad & Las Animas Co - 12 p.m. Fri @134 West Main Street (Bell Block), Suite 12 Conference Room.

#### Housing Authority

Trinidad, Board of Commissioners, Special Session - 3 p.m. Fri @ the Housing Authority Office, 128 Main St.

#### Al-Anon Family

Family Group meets at 6 p.m. Fri @ the Presbyterian Church, 801 San Pedro, in the basement. Info call: Sharon 719-846-9999. No charge.

#### Eagles #179

Joint Meeting 6 p.m. Fri @ Eagles Hall, 204 Pine St. All officers are to attend & members welcome.

### SATURDAY

#### Gideons

Fisher's Peak Gideons - 7 a.m. Sat Prayer Meeting. Call 719-680-0290 for location.

#### Genealogy

Trinidad Research Committee - 1 p.m. Sat. Anyone interested in doing genealogy research is invited. For more information, please call (719) 846-2623.

#### La Casa Party

La Casa Lodge in Jansen is celebrating its 81st Anniversary with a Potluck Dinner & Dance - Sat, Jan 16. Call 846-8558 to

RSVP or for more information.

### SUNDAY

#### UJC

Election of officers with Potluck Dinner to follow - 1:30 p.m. Sun, Jan 17 @ Holy Family Hall. New members welcome. Call 846-8614 (Dolly Padilla) for info.

### MONDAY

#### Arthritis Exercise

Arthritis Exercise Class - 9 a.m. every Mon @ Corazon Square & 1 p.m. @ Early Learning Center. Info call: 845-1133 ext. 224.

#### PEO

Chapter J Regular Meeting - 12:45 Mon @ the Presbyterian Church.

#### Photography

Trinidad Photo Club - 6 p.m. Mon @ Corazon Gallery, 149 E. Main Street, Trinidad. Info: <purgatoryphoto@hotmail.com> (Peggy Westmoreland).

#### Community Chorale

Rehearsals begin 6:15 to 8:30 p.m. Mon, Jan 11 for April "Frank Sinatra Concert" @ the United Methodist Church (Broom & State Streets). New members are welcome until Feb 1. There are no auditions, but regular attendance & dedication are required.

#### Catholic Daughters

Regular Meeting - 7 p.m. Mon @ the Knights of Columbus Hall

### PUBLIC SERVICE

#### Bake Sale

Fund Raiser for Kevin Cole's wrestling trip to Australia & the Down Under Sports event - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fri @ Trinidad Physical Therapy, 441 University, Trinidad - Burritos, stuffed Sopapillas & assorted Sweets & Goodies.

#### Benefit

Raffle & Benefit for Troy Velarde - One (1) Angus Cow, on the hoof - 4 p.m. Sat, prior to the Dart Tournament @ the Elks Lodge, 120 South Maple. Call 846-2980 (Elks) or 846- 7593 (Dave Miller) for info.



Rehabilitation Department - Mt. San Rafael Hospital Rehabilitation Department is committed to provide quality patient care, restore patient function, and improve quality of life. Services for inpatient and outpatient include:

- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy

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