



Photos by Mike Garrett

Sandy Antu, left, a Pioneer Motors parts department employee and Redwing Electric owners Shantell, center, and Samantha Quintana were among approximately 35 community business and government leaders and "jailbirds" who participated in Thursday's Southern Colorado March of Dimes Jail & Bail fundraiser in Bella Luna Pizzeria to provide funds for Colorado March of Dimes programs for healthy moms and babies. Their target goal was to raise around \$11,000 in bail money from the jailbirds' families and friends to get them out of "jail."



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Getting 'jailed' for a good cause

Eight-year-old Blake Pritchard, a Hoehne Elementary School student, wasn't going to be behind bars for very long and her bail money was set very low during Thursday's Southern Colorado March of Dimes Jail & Bail fundraiser at Bella Luna Pizzeria for March of Dimes state programs.



RATON POLICE BLOTTER

ARRESTS:

- 12-02-10**
- Richard Trujillo / disorderly conduct & an arrest order for violating probation
 - Jarrod Sandoval / arrest order for failure to report & a bench warrant for failure to appear
 - Vincent D. Warrick / bench warrant for failure to appear for motions hearing 12-03-10
 - Aaron Keith / warrant for violation of his conditions of release
 - Alvin Joshua Rodriguez / arrest order for failure to obtain permission before changing residences

INCIDENTS:

- 12-03-10**
- Teresa Shea / victim of larceny
 - Esequiel Trujillo / victim of larceny

CITATIONS:

- 12-02-10**
- David Valdez / no proof of insurance
 - Caryn Sanchez / dog at large
- 12-03-10**
- Cologino Cope / larceny

Capulin Volcano National Monument to host open house

Special to The Chronicle-News

CAPULIN, NM – Capulin Volcano National Monument would like to invite the park's friends and neighbors to its Holiday Open House. The Open House will be held at the Visitor Center, on Thursday, Dec. 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Visitor Center is located on Highway 325, three miles north of the town of Capulin, 30 miles east of Raton, and 56 miles west of Clayton.

"In the spirit of the season, Capulin

Volcano is opening its doors in an attempt to better connect with its local communities," said Acting Superintendent Linda Alick. "We hope to make this an annual event in which we share what the park has been doing and what we have planned for the coming year. Food and drink will be provided and much of the staff will be on hand to chat with visitors."

Come tell your stories, share your memories and, as always, have a joyous holiday season.

Holy Family Hall hosts Christmas Bazaar



Photo by Richard Sitts

Holy Trinity Academy's Christmas Bazaar saw a steady flow of shoppers on Saturday at Holy Family Hall, 308 Church St. Artists, bakers and other creative folks offered a plethora of Christmas gifts and tasty goods for holiday browsers. The bazaar also was held on Sunday. Just one of the many booths present was Sisters Crocheted Trees & Crafts. Real sisters Yvonne Wilson, left, and Betty Jo Truitt stand here with an assortment of Christmas trees that they made. Betty Jo makes the trees out of crocheted yarn and then Yvonne adds her hand-beaded ornaments that adorn the trees. Many of the artists at the bazaar, besides the crafts they had on hand, also make custom-ordered items – whatever the customer wants. Sisters Betty Jo and Yvonne can be reached at (719) 680-9039 or 680-2245.



Photo by Tim Keller

The Christmas Carol cast took a curtain call from the stage of the elegant century-old Shuler Theater opening night.

Christmas Carol brings good cheer to Raton

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of community theatre at the Shuler, "Christmas Carol" brings out the community.

The musical's story is so universally known that the terms Scrooge and Dickensian are part of our lexicon. Ebenezer Scrooge has been a heartless miser all his working life. Even Christmas doesn't thaw him.

In his fourth consecutive season inhabiting the lead role, 75-year-old Joe Zink is Scrooge, the center around which the huge cast revolves, and he's delightfully convincing. The role allows him a full range of emotions; he's used his long experience in the part to hone his acting to perfection. His Scrooge is worth the price of admission.

Director Gail Dixon-Willden has again wrangled dozens of actors, including small children, into a working ensemble. The inevitable opening-night glitches sometimes added to the fun of the musical comedy. When a group of children chased around the stage in a game involving the tossing of a bouquet of flowers, the flowers slid right of the edge of the stage and deep into the dark orchestra pit. Watching the inexperienced young actors improvise their way out of the problem was long and unintentionally funny...in a good way.

The children provided other belly laughs, too, especially when the little urchins overwhelmed Scrooge in his office and tried to force him into Christmas cheer. Bella Sparaco, in particular, brought applause as she shadowed Scrooge throughout the scene, seen by the audience but not by Scrooge.

The cast and crew are a Who's Who of Raton's theatre scene, augmented by many new faces and children taking their first steps on the stage. The Chronicle-News listed all the names and roles in Laura Brewer's preview that ran last Friday. In this colorful production, everyone seemed to be having a great time bringing the timeless story to life.

Musically, the production features 18 seasonal carols while managing to avoid the hackneyed songs so often heard each December. Music director Michael Higgins leads the many singers in lovely renditions of songs that bring fresh emotion to the Christmas season.

Produced by Bill Fegan for the Santa Fe Trail School for the Performing Arts, the 2010 production of "Christmas Carol" has two remaining performances, at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights. General admission seating is available at \$10; seniors \$8; and students \$5. Additional information is available from the Shuler Theater at (575) 445-4746.

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