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THE FINE PRINT

SEPTEMBER 9
-SPBC Fire District
MONDAY (9 a.m.) The Spanish Peaks/Bon Carbo Fire Protection District Board of Directors will meet in Century Financial Group Building, 109 W. Main St. Information: Dana Phillips, 719-846-2080.
-Cowboy Church
MONDAY (7 p.m.) Free gospel music concert "Traditions" by The Bost Family at New Hope Ministries Church in the Historic Wagon Wheel building on Highway 160 east of Trinidad. Information: James Duran, 719-846-8590.

Today's Quote

"People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does bathing - that's why we recommend it daily."

-Zig Ziglar

SEPTEMBER 10
-Trinidad City Council
TUESDAY (1:30 p.m.) Work session in Council Chambers, City Hall, 135 N. Animas St., Third Floor. Information: Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843.

PUBLIC SERVICE
-Patriots' Day Ceremony
WEDNESDAY (10 a.m.) The Trinidad Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 984 will conduct a memorial service for the community in honor of the anniversary of September 11.

-VFW
WEDNESDAY (7 p.m.) Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #984 meets in the Elks Club Banquet Room, 120 S. Maple St. Information: Post Commander John Rios, 719-846-6094.

-Annual Spaghetti Supper
THURSDAY (5-7 p.m.) The Primero Junior Class is hosting a fundraising dinner at the school. Proceeds will benefit their senior trip. Information: 719-868-2715.

-If you LOVE Art & Cars...
SEPTEMBER 13-15: This is for you! "Artcade" is coming to Trinidad at the Mitchell Museum, 150 E. Main St. Artists and anyone interested in making an artful vehicle for the upcoming 2013 event and parade. Information: Rodney Wood, 719-334-0087. This event sponsored by the Tourism Board.

-Fun Festival
SEPTEMBER 14 (Noon-3 p.m.) A free event, which includes food and fun with carnival games, slides, face painting, bouncy house and more at Central Park. Sponsored by Fisher's Peak Community Church. Information: 719-846-6018.

-Trinidad Recycling Event
SEPTEMBER 27 & 28; FRIDAY (8 a.m.-6 p.m.) SATURDAY (8 a.m. to noon) Las Animas County recycle event at Waste Connections, 2600 Freedom Road. Information: ReGroup, 719-845-8218.

-Bar NI Ranch Grant
OCTOBER 4 Deadline: The Bar NI Ranch Community Fund is accepting grant proposals. Grants may be awarded in the areas of education, youth development, environment and conservation, health and human services and civic or public benefit. Grant awards must be made to 501c3, non-profit organizations in the Purgatory Valley. For a proposal packet, contact Tom Perry at tomandlindaperry@gmail.com.

-Call for Artists
UNTIL OCTOBER 4: "Figure This" an all-media art show celebrating the human form at the Corazon Gallery, 149 East Main St. Information: 719-846-0207.

-Volunteer Firemen
Anyone over 18 interested in becoming a volunteer fireman for any of our area fire protection districts, please call Buddie Curro at 719-859-1535. Any donations of food, water and funds for our area fire district volunteers call 719-846-4074.

-Landfill Reminder
Please remember, when driving to the landfill, all wastes regardless of type, size or weight must be completely covered with a tarp and secured to your vehicle or trailer. Non-compliance will result in doubled fees.

-Community Recycling
Aluminum cans in trash bags (NOT grocery bags) and used ink cartridges are now being accepted at Noah's Ark Animal Shelter, any time of day, any day of the week, 244 N. Chestnut. Proceeds benefit shelter operations. Information: ReGroup, 719-845-8218.

-Noah's Ark
If you love animals and would like to volunteer to help at the shelter, special events or provide foster care call Jenna Waldschmidt at 719-846-3766.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of 09/06/2013. Johns Flood ditch priority # 20 - Appropriation date: 10/07/1865

-Trinidad Reservoir Accounting
Release 253.35 AF
Inflow 124.39 AF - 62.71 cfs
Evaporation 10.04 AF
Content 11,480 AF
Elevation 6,168.95
Precipitation 0
-Downstream River Call
Lamar Canal - Appropriation date: 02/04/1876

Indoors and out – big weekend to supply thrills for all

Adventure race tops Raton's festive Saturday

By Tim Keller
Correspondent
The Chronicle-News

RATON – "Think your mom is tough on you? Meet our M.O.M."

That's the catchline for Master of the Mountains, a new adventure race and relay that arrives in Raton Saturday morning. Beginning at Sugarite Canyon State Park and finishing at the NRA Whittington Center's Mountain Man Rendezvous site, Master of the Mountains is a race consisting of a rugged six-mile forest run, followed by a three-mile lake paddle

and a 20-mile bike course. An optional six-station shotgun course awaits some competitors at the finish line.

Forty-one adventure racers have signed up to begin the race at 8 a.m. at the south boat ramp just across the Lake Maloya spillway. Most entrants are members of seven relay teams, and 13 contestants plan to race the entire course solo. Eleven competitors are from Raton, and nine live in Trinidad. The other 21 athletes come from relatively close locations such as Cimarron, New Mexico and Centennial, Colorado, and others hail from as far away as Albuquerque, N.M. and even Smithville, Missouri. Most visiting competitors

will stay at the Holiday Inn Express in south Raton, the official lodger of the event.

Even as the bike racers speed through downtown Raton, beginning at approximately 10 a.m., they'll be just one part of the all-day festivities that begin with a street fair along Main Street, between Cook and Park. Raton's bustling farmers market begins one block over on Historic First Street at 1 p.m., which is also when Raton Museum's "Museum on Main Event" presents Marcy Heller's book signing for her "Loco Dog & Tom."

The street fair has more than 25 vendors signed up, presenting a variety of crafts, handmade jew-

elry, food and drink and an Orbi-tron ride, as well as bear carving. At 7 p.m., a block-long street dance begins with music by Whiskey Creek. All of the events, including the M.O.M. adventure race, are part of Raton MainStreet's third annual Art of the Great Outdoors weekend celebration.

Raton Director of Parks and Recreation Jared Chatterley worked with several agencies and dozens of volunteers to create the new M.O.M. race. "We are really excited," he says. "Adventure racing has become a popular sport, and what better way to show off Raton and its recreational opportunities than to host our own adventure race?"

He's pleased with the size of the race field. "We have enough for a great event but not too many to create first-year logistical challenges. We anticipate the event will grow in the years to come."

There are many choices available for good vantage points to view the race. The best is at the Lake Maloya spillway and boat ramp, where running, paddling and biking will all be visible from one location. Visitors must stop to pay a \$5-per-vehicle fee at the visitor center or the pay station at the spillway.

Bike racers can be cheered along Highway 72 from the point at which they exit the state park to downtown Raton via First Street and Cook Avenue, then to Tiger Drive via Fifth Street and then on to York Canyon Road via Gardner Road. Maps and comprehensive details are available at the race's impressive website, www.ratonmom.com.

The finish line, southwest of Raton off of Highway 555, York Canyon Road, will have tents hosted by the National Guard and by MCMC Emergency Services. State police and county sheriff's deputies will patrol the course and be available at the finish line. Spectators can watch the shooting portion of the competition before heading back into town for the street fair and farmers market.

Master of the Mountains results and awards will be presented in a ceremony and celebration at 5 p.m. along Historic First Street, where food and beverages will be available.



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More than taking up the slack for the recently retired Capulin Volcano Run, Saturday's Master of the Mountains race – M.O.M. in the parlance of endurance athletes – requires participants to run a six-mile mountain foot race, paddle a kayak three miles, then pedal 20 miles on a bicycle over slick pavement and bumpy dirt roads.

Patriot Day service set for Wednesday

By Steve Block
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A solemn ceremony will be held to commemorate the lives of the nearly 3,000 people who died during the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Trinidad's annual Patriot Day memorial service takes place at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 11, at the Colorado Welcome Center, located at 309 Nevada Ave.

The service is sponsored by the local VFW Post 984 and will be attended by other groups of veterans, local fire-, police- and emergency-services departments and local dignitaries. The public is invited to attend this free event.

County Sheriff James Casias will serve as master of ceremonies at the memorial service. The U.S. flag will fly at half-staff, and then veteran Gilbert Martinez will play "Taps" on his trumpet. Mayor Bernadette Baca Gonzalez and other local dignitaries will make some special remarks for the occasion.

Patriot Day is not a federal holiday and schools and businesses do not close. Many organizations hold a brief prayer service during business hours, and some churches hold special services. By order of



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Commander John Rios, VFW Post 984, stands beside the 9-11 Memorial Against Terrorism that sits outside the Welcome Center at the corner of Animas and Nevada Streets. The marker honors our military personnel who served in Operation Desert Storm in Iraq.

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Trindiefest to feature 26 films this weekend

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The house lights will dim and theater screens will light up this weekend in Trinidad and Raton as the Second Annual Trindiefest Independent Film Festival fires up crowds of moviegoers throughout the area. Twenty-six films will be shown at six different venues, a significant increase over last year's 14 films. Four guest speakers will speak about different aspects of the film industry.

Trindiefest will start entertaining audiences on Thursday, September 12, and will continue through Sunday, September 15. A complete listing of the films, show times and venues is available on the website www.trindiefest.net. Filmgoers have the option to buy tickets for individual films or to buy multiple-movie packages. Tickets will also be for sale at the various venues on a cash-only basis.

TSJC is the main sponsor of Trindiefest, and films will be shown at its Berg-Little and Massari Theatres. Other venues include SCRT's Famous Performing Arts center at 131 W. Main St., the El Raton Theatre in Raton, Mul-lare-Murphy Funeral Home at 335 E. Main St. and Purgatoire on Elm Restaurant.

Trindiefest organizer Kirk Loudon said Friday that things were coming together very well in advance of the festival, which will

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WEATHER WATCH
-Monday: Partly cloudy with isolated storms. Highs around 84°F. Southwest wind 9 to 16 MPH, gusting to 23 MPH. Chance of precipitation near 20%. Night:

Partly cloudy with isolated storms. Lows around 55°F. South southwest wind 6 to 15 MPH, gusting to 21 MPH.

-Tuesday: Mostly cloudy with isolated storms. Highs around 75°F. North wind to 9 MPH. Chance of precipitation near 55%. Precipitation amounts less than one tenth of an inch possible. Night: Mostly cloudy with scattered storms. Lows around 54°F. West northwest wind to 7 MPH. Chance

of precipitation near 35%.

-Wednesday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 76. West southwest wind around 5 mph becoming south in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation near 40%. Night: Partly cloudy with scattered storms. Lows around 54°F. Southwest wind to 8 MPH. Chance of precipitation near 30%.

