



THURSDAY  
 MARCH 20, 2014

Vol. 138, No. 57

# THE CHRONICLE-NEWS

50 CENTS  
 TRINIDAD  
 COLORADO

Proudly Serving Southeastern Colorado and Northeastern New Mexico • www.thechronicle-news.com

## THE FINE PRINT

**MARCH 20**  
**-Trinidad Dog Park**  
**THURSDAY (9:30 a.m.)** Anyone interested in joining the effort to establish a dog park within the city please meet with us at the Carnegie Library, 202 Animas St. Information: Mary Rogers, 719-846-6030.  
**-Night out for Noah's**  
**THURSDAY (all evening)** Dine at Brix, Nana & Nano's, Wendy's and Bob & Earl's and help support Noah's Ark Animal Shelter. Information: 719-846-8578.  
**-Hoehne Schools**  
**THURSDAY (6 p.m.)** Hoehne School Board will meet in regular session (no work session), in the Superintendents Office. Information: Phyllis Muncy, 719-846-4457.  
**-Trust Unlimited**  
**THURSDAY (6 p.m.)** The Purgatoire River Anglers will meet at Ristras' Restaurant on Elm St. Guest speaker will be Ben Epstein, a hydrologist with the Colorado Water Conservancy Board. Information: Mark Hanson, 970-366-8148. Meetings are always open to the public.

## Today's Quote

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

**MARCH 21-23**  
**-Lenten Fish Fry**  
**FRIDAY (4:30-6:30 p.m.)** Holy Trinity Academy will hold a fundraiser Fish Fry Supper at Holy Family Hall (Soup Kitchen) on Church St. All proceeds benefit the school.  
**-Prayer Support Group**  
**FRIDAY (6:30 p.m.)** Everyone is invited to join the prayer support group at the International House of Prayer, 520 W. Baca St. Refreshments will be served. Information: 719-845-7815.  
**-Hoehne Alumni Basketball**  
**SATURDAY (9 a.m.)** The annual Hoehne Alumni Basketball Tourney will be at Hoehne High School. Proceeds benefit the Hoehne Boy's Basketball team. Information: Cliff Santistevan, 859-0801.  
**-Invasive Tree Training Clinic**  
**SATURDAY (10 a.m.)** Free hands-on training for invasive tree removal (Russian Olive and Tamarisk) from property will be held in the City Hall parking lot, 135 Animas St. Information: Shelly Simmonds, 719-383-5780 or Karen Wolf, 719-846-3843.  
**-Philosophy Discussion Group**  
**SATURDAY (12:30 - 2 p.m.)** Join this free discussion group at the Lava Yoga Studio, 828 Arizona, RSVP: 719-846-2325 or email: www.lavayogastudio.com. Everyone is welcome.  
**-Spay/Neuter Clinic**  
**SATURDAY-MONDAY:** Call for an appointment for the low cost Spay/Neuter Clinic or stop in for low-cost vaccinations and microchips on Saturday from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at 224 N. Chestnut St. Information: 719-680-2385 or stop by the shelter.  
**-Holistic Health EXPO**  
**SATURDAY (11 a.m.-5 p.m.)** A Holistic Health & Recreation EXPO will be held at the Mt. Carmel Community Center. Admission is free and open to the community. Information: 719-845-4894.  
**-Meditation Group**  
**SUNDAY (11 a.m.)** You are invited to experience what meditation can do for you. This free group meets at the La Quinta Inn on Toupland Drive. All skills welcome. Information: Noah Simpson, 719-680-0109 or 224-430-4322.

**PUBLIC SERVICE**  
**-CRCC Scholarships**  
**AVAILABLE NOW:** Culebra Range Community Coalition environmental scholarships are available for graduating senior majoring in any field that will benefit the environment. Contact: Tom Perry at 719-846-8380.  
**-ArtoCade 2014**  
**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS:** Anyone interested in participating in the Cardango Gala and all other events before and during the annual ArtoCade Festival please contact Rodney Wood at 719-334-0087 or artcarfun@yahoo.com.  
**-Bar NI Grant Fund**  
**MARCH 28 DEADLINE:** Applications are available for a Bar NI Ranch Community Grant. Information: Tom Perry, 719-846-8380.  
**-CALL FOR ARTISTS**  
**APRIL 1 & 2 (10 a.m. - 5 p.m.)** Submissions will be due for the 13th Annual T.A.L.A.S Art Show at the Corazon Gallery, 149 E. Main St. Information: 719-680-8596.  
**-ArtoCade 2014 Workshop**  
**APRIL 1 (6-8 p.m.)** A fun program for anyone interested in "How to Make an Artcar or Kooky Conveyance" will be held at 149 E. Main St. (next to the Corazon Gallery). Information: Rodney Wood, 719-334-0087 or artcarfun@yahoo.com.  
**-Peacock Ball**  
**APRIL 5 (5 p.m.-Midnight)** Join in the 11th Annual Peacock Ball to be held at the Sebastiani Gym on Animas St. Information: Lucky's Fetching Finds, 719-846-8578. All proceeds benefit Noah's Ark Animal Shelter.

## A THOUSAND WORDS

The fire escape behind the historic Columbian Hotel at the corner of Main and Commercial Streets reaches into a Colorado sapphire-blue sky.

## RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of 03/19/2014. Chilli ditch: Prior-ity #7 -- Appropriation date: 04/30/1862.

**Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:**  
 Release 0.52 AF  
 Inflow 39.19 AF -- 19.76 CFS  
 Evaporation 5.67 AF  
 Content 17,691 AF  
 Elevation 6,180.33  
 Precipitation 0

**Downstream River Call:**  
**Ninemile Canal: 05/10/1887.**



## WELLNESS

# Mt. Carmel to host Health EXPO Saturday

By Scott Mastro  
 Correspondent  
 The Chronicle-News

This Saturday, March 22, Mount Carmel Health, Wellness and Community Center will host a Holistic Health and Recreation EXPO, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 911 Robinson Avenue. The event is open to the public, admission is free, and volunteers who would like to offer their time are welcome.

The expo's mission is "to present all aspects of health and recreation information to our residents in an effort to educate and acquaint them with the large range of services available."

Since interest in holistic approaches to health and wellness is increasing, the EXPO offers an affordable, well-located venue for holistic-health practitioners, natural products retailers, growers or producers of natural and organic products, renewable energy vendors and recreation-based businesses and services to market themselves and their products.

"We are looking to bring wellness and healthy lifestyles to the forefront," explains Dr. Leo Bonfardini, Director of Wellness at Mount Carmel. "Everyone is looking for cost-effective ways to stay healthy, and providers are always looking for ways to meet prospective clients. This EXPO offers many ways to do just that."

Local and regional health-and-wellness providers will network and present information regarding their services and products, building visibility and generating new business while promoting a healthy lifestyle.

The EXPO is sponsored by XTO Energy, Pioneer Natural Resources and Phil Long Toyota.

Mount Carmel Chief Operating Officer Karl Gabrielson said, "Anyone that is interested in promoting their business, showcasing their products or services and reaching out to people and making personal contacts in a short amount of time should be registering for this trade show."

Vendors can participate in the EXPO for as little as \$25 for an 8-foot table indoors, or \$35 for a 10-x-10-foot space outdoors.

The day's activities will be broadcast on KCRT 92.5 FM/1240 AM, and there will be hourly prize drawings.

Mount Carmel invites everyone to participate in this inaugural community health EXPO event. The day's motto is "Together we can create a healthier community." The EXPO promises to bring health, wellness and recreation opportunities to the forefront for the entire community.

Registration for exhibitors and vendors is open. Applications can be downloaded at [mtcarmelcenter.org](http://mtcarmelcenter.org). For more information, email [mhackett@mtcarmelcenter.org](mailto:mhackett@mtcarmelcenter.org) or phone 719-845-4894.



Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

## ... a thousand words

## THE ARTS

# Book club turns deadly funny in Shuler comedy production

By Tim Keller  
 Correspondent  
 The Chronicle-News

RATON - When the veteran actors of Raton High School's Mask & Wig Club mount the comedy

"Murder by the Book" at the Shuler Theater on the nights of Friday, March 21 and Saturday, March 22, literature will suddenly turn lively when a woman is discovered murdered just after making a book presentation.

Ten of the cast's 11 young actors have grown up on the Shuler stage through Raton's many youth theater programs. They bring their experience and talents to the story of a ladies literary society that meets for presentations and dis-

cussions of the great works of literature. The setting is the old Gurney House, a Midwestern mansion that once housed a wealthy family but has been restored and is now a museum and the home to the local historical society.

The closest the middle-aged women have ever been to murder is discussing a Stephen King novel. By the morning after the crime, however, they find themselves in the midst of a murder investigation conducted by the county sheriff and a sharp young police detective. Crowds gather outside the mansion to witness the most excitement the small town has experienced in ages.

That the suspects are eight dowdy book-club ladies makes the "who-done-it" engaging and fun. Readers and English teachers will enjoy the action even more for its abundant literary references. Christopher Marlowe's writings provide a key clue, and Marlowe's contemporary, William Shakespeare, is among the many authors mentioned.

Other references include Virginia Woolf and Sylvia Plath, along with Jane Fonda and the "Hallmark Hall of Fame" on PBS. Confusion between Christopher Marlowe and Raymond Chandler's Philip Marlowe gives an idea of the humor. The police detective's name is Roger Hemingway, leading to abundant jokes

Continued on Page 2 ...



Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

The cast and crew of "Murder by the Book" flaunt danger by laughing in the face of books. Clockwise from left are director Stefani Milstrey, Patrick Blaisure, Tess Neary, Collette Village Center, Ashley Hester, Juan Prieto-Archuleta, Rachel Patty, Allie Irvin (face covered), Ashya Gertler, George Rose, Bonnie Gonzales and (foreground) Emily Berry. Not shown: Laura Robertson, Kate Little and Audrey Munden.

## CITY POLITICS

# Councilmember Mattie reports good, bad, ugly

By Steve Block  
 The Chronicle-News

Trinidad has its positive and negative elements, just as every city does. Councilmember Anthony Mattie recently talked about a few things he'd heard about in the city, describing them as the good, the bad and the ugly.

Mattie's remarks came during Tuesday's City Council meet-

ing under the agenda item that calls for each councilmember to talk about city-related meetings they've attended and what's going on around town.

Mattie said the good news was the Philanthropy Fair held at the Mitchell Museum last Saturday. "I spent a considerable part of that Saturday there, and it was encouraging to see Trinidad's best putting their best foot forward," Mattie said. "There were a lot of smiling faces with eager optimism who were touting the assets they have to offer our community, and I was very encouraged to know that. I think that it would be something every citizen of this community would do well to emulate. It was good practice for the Rural Philanthropy Days that's coming up here this fall."

Councilmember Michelle Miles

also praised the efforts of all those involved in the Philanthropy Fair.

Mattie next referred to the bad, saying a City Parks and Recreation Department employee had told him that he had to punch in at the time clock located at the Trinidad Community Center, then travel across town in his personal vehicle to the place where City work trucks and other vehicles were parked, before beginning work for the day. He said that practice was an inefficient use of the employee's time, and it would be better to put the time clock at Central Park, where much of the department's work is done.

"You have maybe eight people doing that and it might take 15 minutes, so that's two hours of productive time wasted in transit," he said. "Not to mention that they're on duty and traveling in

their personal vehicles, and who knows what legal complications might result from that if they're injured in an accident while driving their personal vehicles."

Mattie said the department could have an office, including a time clock, at Central Park. He said a plan to do just that had been approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission and City Manager Tom Acre last October and asked why nothing had been done about it.

Councilmember Joe Bonato agreed with Mattie's comments, saying it was time for the Parks and Recreation Department employees to have a working home.

Acre noted, after Mattie concluded his remarks, that there was a line item for such a project in the

Continued on Page 2 ...

Weather Sponsored by:  
  
 Inn & Suites  
 Wellness  
 Hotel  
 719-845-0102

**WEATHER WATCH**  
**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 68. W-SW wind 5 to 10 mph. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 30. W-SW wind 5 to 15 mph.  
**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 54. West wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the afternoon. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. E-NE wind around 5 mph becoming calm after midnight.  
**Saturday:** A 10 percent chance of showers after noon. Mostly sunny, with a high near 52. S-SW wind 5 to 15 mph. **Night:** A slight chance of rain and snow

showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26. SW wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light and variable after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

**Sunday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 52. Calm wind becoming south around 5 mph in the morning. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 29. S-SW wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west after midnight.

**COMI FUNERAL HOME**  
 Trinidad's Leading Funeral Home  
 1804 East Main  
 Trinidad, CO 81082  
 (719) 846-3347  
 Owned & operated by:  
 Mary (Kitsy) Winter

**David Lee Velasquez**  
 David Lee Velasquez passed away unexpectedly at home on March 12, 2014. Visitation will be Thursday March 20, 2014 from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. at the Comi Chapel. Rosary will be Thursday March 20, 2014 at 7 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church. Funeral Mass will be Friday, March 21, 2014 at 1 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church. Interment will follow at the Trinidad Catholic Cemetery. Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.

**Dolores Yopez**  
 Dolores "Dolly" Yopez, age 81, passed away at the Trinidad Inn Nursing Home on March 17, 2014. Memorial Mass will be held Friday, March 28, 2014 at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church. Inurnment will be at a later date. Complete obituary to follow. Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.

**Ed Torres**  
 Ed Torres, age 56, passed away at Parkview Medical Center on March 11, 2014. Funeral Services will be Friday, March 21, 2014 with Rosary at 9 a.m. at the Comi Chapel followed by the Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church. Private inurnment at a later date. Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.

**Samuel Kenneth Niccoli**

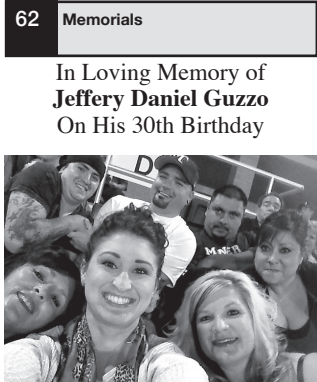
Sam Niccoli was born March 25, 1936 in Trinidad, Colorado and entered eternal rest with God on March 16th, 2014. Sam's memory lives on with Gaylene Niccoli, his loving wife of 48 years, and their sons: Walter Niccoli (Wendy) and Steve Niccoli (Mas Kondo); grandchildren Cody Niccoli and Bailey Niccoli; sister Jane Serfling (Bill); countless nieces and nephews, and innumerable others whom he has touched in his life. Sam was preceded in death by his mother Dorothy Journey Niccoli, father Charles Niccoli, brother Foster Niccoli, and sister Nancy Highline. Sam ranched outside of Aguilar Colorado all of his life. He attended Colorado State University in Ft. Collins, Colorado and graduated with a B.S. in Vocational Agriculture in 1959. He was drafted into the US Army where he honed his teaching skills as a drill sergeant for six years. Afterward he blessed



parting. Lonely are our hearts today. For the one we loved so dearly, Is celebrating his birthday in Heaven today.  
 Sadly Missed By, Jaclyn, Jared, Tristyn & Avery "Happy Birthday Jeffery"  
 In Loving Memory of **Jeffery Daniel Guzzo** On his 30th Birthday  
 A Celebration of Life will take place Saturday, March 22 at 1 p.m. at the Weston Fire Station, 16200 Cty Rd 31.9, Unit 10, Weston, Colo. 81091. Memorial donations can be made to the Hunter Safety Education Program, or the Stonewall Fire Protection District, in care of Comi Funeral Home, PO Box 122, Trinidad, Colo., 81082. Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home

**62 Memorials**  
 In Loving Memory of **Jeffery Daniel Guzzo** On His 30th Birthday  
 Nothing could be more beautiful Than the memories we have of you. To us you were very special, God must have thought so too. Gone is the face we loved so dear, Silent is the voice we loved to hear. Too far away for sight or speech, But not too far for our thoughts to reach. You know how much we loved you. And yes, we love you yet.  
 We Love you Daddy, Love your dollies Daneah, & Presley Guzzo

**62 Memorials**  
 In Loving Memory of **Jeffery D. Guzzo** On His Birthday 30th March 20, 2014



A son and a friend Sent to us from above. He listened to our sorrows And soothed them with his love. He was a teacher Whose place no one could take, For he's the source from which We learned to think and navigate. He was a gift from God From which we learned to be patient, strong and loving, Filled with integrity. A day does not go by When you are not in our thoughts. Your sacrifices and your love Have left us with tender memories. We love and miss you. Who always saw his family have the things he did without? And gave so much, unselfishly, for that's what love's about. Who thought and planned and struggled, too, As nobly as he could. To set a good example, and Be a respected man? Who sought no honors, no rewards For all that he had done? Except to raise a family, The very finest one. Though we cannot evaluate Our son, his love, his worth, to us he'll always be "Jeffy" The greatest guy on earth. And now in heaven.  
 Sadly Missed by, Your Mom I Love & Miss you every day! Gina, Billy, & Bubba Vigil

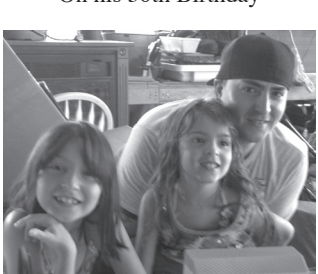
In Loving Memory of **Jeffery Daniel Guzzo** On his 30th Birthday



Do not ask us if we miss him, For there is such a vacant place. Often we think we hear his footsteps, Or see his smiling face. Sad and mournful was his

**62 Memorials**  
 In Loving Memory of **Jeffery Daniel Guzzo** On his 30th Birthday  
 Nothing could be more beautiful Than the memories we have of you. To us you were very special, God must have thought so too. Gone is the face we loved so dear, Silent is the voice we loved to hear. Too far away for sight or speech, But not too far for our thoughts to reach. You know how much we loved you. And yes, we love you yet.  
 We Love you Daddy, Love your dollies Daneah, & Presley Guzzo

**62 Memorials**  
 In Loving Memory of **Jeffery D. Guzzo** On His Birthday 30th March 20, 2014



"The Broken Chain" We little knew that morning That God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, In death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, But you did not go alone, For a part of us went with you The day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories, Your love is still our guide, And though we cannot see you You are always at our side. Our family chain is broken, And nothing seems the same, But as God calls us one by one, The chain will link again.  
 Sadly Missed By Grandpa & Grandma Ortiz

**62 Memorials**  
 In Loving Memory of **Jeffery D. Guzzo** On His Birthday 30th March 20, 2014

parting. Lonely are our hearts today. For the one we loved so dearly, Is celebrating his birthday in Heaven today.  
 Sadly Missed By, Jaclyn, Jared, Tristyn & Avery "Happy Birthday Jeffery"  
 In Loving Memory of **Jeffery Daniel Guzzo** On his 30th Birthday  
 A Celebration of Life will take place Saturday, March 22 at 1 p.m. at the Weston Fire Station, 16200 Cty Rd 31.9, Unit 10, Weston, Colo. 81091. Memorial donations can be made to the Hunter Safety Education Program, or the Stonewall Fire Protection District, in care of Comi Funeral Home, PO Box 122, Trinidad, Colo., 81082. Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home



parting. Lonely are our hearts today. For the one we loved so dearly, Is celebrating his birthday in Heaven today.  
 Sadly Missed By, Jaclyn, Jared, Tristyn & Avery "Happy Birthday Jeffery"  
 In Loving Memory of **Jeffery Daniel Guzzo** On his 30th Birthday  
 Nothing could be more beautiful Than the memories we have of you. To us you were very special, God must have thought so too. Gone is the face we loved so dear, Silent is the voice we loved to hear. Too far away for sight or speech, But not too far for our thoughts to reach. You know how much we loved you. And yes, we love you yet.  
 We Love you Daddy, Love your dollies Daneah, & Presley Guzzo

**62 Memorials**  
 In Loving Memory of **Jeffery D. Guzzo** On His Birthday 30th March 20, 2014



parting. Lonely are our hearts today. For the one we loved so dearly, Is celebrating his birthday in Heaven today.  
 Sadly Missed By, Jaclyn, Jared, Tristyn & Avery "Happy Birthday Jeffery"  
 In Loving Memory of **Jeffery Daniel Guzzo** On his 30th Birthday  
 Nothing could be more beautiful Than the memories we have of you. To us you were very special, God must have thought so too. Gone is the face we loved so dear, Silent is the voice we loved to hear. Too far away for sight or speech, But not too far for our thoughts to reach. You know how much we loved you. And yes, we love you yet.  
 We Love you Daddy, Love your dollies Daneah, & Presley Guzzo

**62 Memorials**  
 In Loving Memory of **Jeffery Guzzo** On His 30th Birthday March 20th  
 You're my best friend and my only son. Your time on earth God said was done. Cherished our time together from dawn to dawn. The closeness and love still lives on. I hear your voice and feel your touch. You help me through when times get tough. In my heart is where you stay. Until we're together again one day. Happy 30th Birthday Jeffery!!  
 Love, Dad  
 In Loving Memory of **JEFFERY GUZZO** On His 30th Birthday March 20th



30 years ago today was such a joyful day. Today it's filled with tears and sorrow. Your smile, your laugh lives in our hearts. Today and every tomorrow.  
 Happy Birthday, Jefferson  
 Love and Miss You Uncle Ron, Aunt Robin, Pops and Grandma Nanc

**62 Memorials**  
 In Loving Memory of **Jeffery D. Guzzo** On His Birthday 30th March 20, 2014



parting. Lonely are our hearts today. For the one we loved so dearly, Is celebrating his birthday in Heaven today.  
 Sadly Missed By, Jaclyn, Jared, Tristyn & Avery "Happy Birthday Jeffery"  
 In Loving Memory of **Jeffery Daniel Guzzo** On his 30th Birthday  
 Nothing could be more beautiful Than the memories we have of you. To us you were very special, God must have thought so too. Gone is the face we loved so dear, Silent is the voice we loved to hear. Too far away for sight or speech, But not too far for our thoughts to reach. You know how much we loved you. And yes, we love you yet.  
 We Love you Daddy, Love your dollies Daneah, & Presley Guzzo

# Governor's 2012 trade mission to Mexico

## Opportunities for Colorado potato farmers

Special to The Chronicle-News

DENVER — Gov. John Hickenlooper and the Colorado Department of Agriculture announced that Mexico has published new rules that permit expanded access to the Mexican market for U.S. fresh potatoes. This will allow producers in Colorado, particularly those in the San Luis Valley, to increase potato exports to Mexico. "Agricultural exports have become increasingly important to our state's economy," Hickenlooper said. "We have a strong partnership with Mexico and we are excited about the continued growth of these export markets."

Colorado agricultural exports continue to grow, nearly doubling since 2009. Mexico is Colorado's second-largest agricultural export market. This step by Mexico will further strengthen that relationship, not only increasing exports of Colorado fresh potatoes to that country, but also potentially opening more opportunities for Colorado agriculture in general. Expanded exports of fresh potatoes could have a positive economic impact of \$30 million for Colorado. "This is great news for Colorado and for potato producers in the San Luis Valley," Commissioner of Agriculture John Salazar said. "We have been working to expand this market since 2003. I especially want to commend Gov. Hickenlooper on his leadership in helping make this day

happen." Hickenlooper led a trade mission to Mexico in 2012 that focused on opening Mexico's interior market for potatoes. To date, only areas along the border have been accessible to U.S. potatoes. During the 2012 visit, the governor and Salazar met with Mexican President Felipe Calderon to press the case for potato-market expansion. The trade mission supported ongoing industry efforts to promote Colorado products in Mexico and helped to lay the foundation for this significant action by Mexico. Shipments of Colorado potatoes increased 26 percent between 2012 and 2013. In addition, the export value of Colorado potatoes sold to Mexico grew to \$23 million in 2013 from \$17 million in 2012. The release of this new rule comes at an opportune time as the Colorado Department of Agriculture, which recently exhibited with several Colorado potato companies at the 2014 ANTAD trade show March 12-14 in Guadalajara, Mexico. "Our presence at ANTAD will help us continue to develop market opportunities for potatoes and other Colorado agricultural products," Salazar said. "We will be able to network with buyers from some of the largest retail outlets in Mexico."

A list of companies that exhibited within the Colorado Pavilion at ANTAD can be found at [www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/ag\\_Markets/CBON/1251651298717](http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/ag_Markets/CBON/1251651298717).

# Shuler comedy production

... Continued from Page 1

about Ernest Hemingway, so this is certainly a literary comedy. The women are played by seniors Tess Neary, Ashley Hester and Georje Rose; junior Collette Village Center; sophomores Bonnie Gonzales, Ashya Gertier, Rachel Patty and Laura Robertson; and freshman Allie Irvin. Sophomores Juan Prieto-Archuleta and Patrick Blaisure play the county sheriff and police detective. Blaisure is the only acting novice in the cast. He and Robertson are home-school students joining the RHS theater group for this production. Junior Kate Little is the stage manager, senior Emily Berry is the costumer, and sophomore Audrey Munden is in charge of props. The company has spent six weeks rehearsing the two-act play, which

was written by Thomas Hischak, a New Yorker and former Fulbright scholar whose 33 published plays have won him a long list of awards. Director Stefani Milstrey is approaching the end of her two-year run in Raton. She has directed student productions while working as the Shuler Theater's production stage manager since arriving for the summer 2012 season. After a May production of "The Odd Couple," Milstrey plans to move on to other adventures. "Murder by the Book" will be presented on Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m. at the Shuler Theater. General admission tickets, available at the door, are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students. Additional information is available by calling the theater at 575-445-4745.

# City Council report — good, bad, ugly

... Continued from Page 1

City's 2014 budget, listed under Capital Improvements Projects. Mattie then turned to what he called the ugly. He said John Pearse, parish manager of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, had contacted him about getting a City letter of support for the parish's grant application for funds to repair its steeple, which was damaged by an earthquake in 2011. He asked why the City hadn't sent such a letter of support to the parish office. He said Pearse told him he'd asked Mayor Joe Reorda for his help in getting the letter several months ago but hadn't received it. Mattie said Pearse told him about the situation last Friday, saying he needed the letter for the grant application by the following Tuesday. Mattie said Acre then called Pearse at Mattie's request, with Acre saying the City could write a letter of support for the steeple-restoration project. A City employee was assigned the task of writing the letter on Monday, but Mattie said Pearse told him on Monday that it was too late for the letter of support to be included in the grant application. Mattie said he was unhappy about how the situation had been handled. "The point I'm painfully trying to make, controlling myself as I am, is that that's the ugly part," he said. "We should do a better job of this. We need to build partnerships. We need to work with

other entities wherever and whenever possible, whether it's the hospital, the library, the college or the county, so that we work together to make good things happen. ... Damn it, we dropped the ball on this and it's ugly as hell. When all they needed from us was a letter of support for their grant application, with no other contribution from us, and we dropped the ball." Mattie said Pearse came to him after failing to get a positive action from Mayor Reorda and he accused Reorda of acting rudely toward Pearse. Reorda said he had no comment on the issue of the letter of support. Councilmember Carol Bolton said the issue of a new home for the Parks and Recreation Department should have been brought before Council for a thorough discussion, saying a line item in the budget "was insufficient." Councilmember Pat Fletcher said the liability involved in having City workers travel in their personal vehicles while on the City's clock was an issue that needed to be addressed immediately. Reorda said the City too often put important issues "on the back burner" and said the City needed to act more rapidly on such issues. Acre agreed that the City had to take action more quickly on those important issues.

**THE CHRONICLE-NEWS**  
 Proudly Serving Southeastern Colorado and Northeastern New Mexico  
 USPS #110-040  
 200 West Church Street  
 P.O. Box 763, Trinidad, CO 81082  
 (719) 846-3311 • Fax (719) 846-3612  
 Member: Associated Press, Colorado Press Association  
 Periodicals Postage Paid For At Trinidad, CO.  
 Published Monday - Friday  
[www.thechronicle-news.com](http://www.thechronicle-news.com)

**General Manager**  
 Allyson Sheumaker  
[asheumaker@trinidadchroniclenews.com](mailto:asheumaker@trinidadchroniclenews.com)

**Advertising**  
 Sales-Adam Sperandio  
[advertising@trinidadchroniclenews.com](mailto:advertising@trinidadchroniclenews.com)  
 Classified- Kyla Clark  
[classified@trinidadchroniclenews.com](mailto:classified@trinidadchroniclenews.com)  
 Design & Legals- Krysta Toci  
[ktoci@trinidadchroniclenews.com](mailto:ktoci@trinidadchroniclenews.com)

**News Room**  
 Editor: Bruce Leonard  
[editor@trinidadchroniclenews.com](mailto:editor@trinidadchroniclenews.com)  
 Features Editor & Fine Print  
 Catherine Moser  
[cathy@trinidadchroniclenews.com](mailto:cathy@trinidadchroniclenews.com)  
 Reporter: Steve Block  
[news1@trinidadchroniclenews.com](mailto:news1@trinidadchroniclenews.com)

**Circulation:** Kaylee Reorda  
[circulation@trinidadchroniclenews.com](mailto:circulation@trinidadchroniclenews.com)

**Subscription Rates**  
 Effective Aug. 1, 2013

Home Delivery Trinidad	
1 Month .....	\$7.00
3 Months.....	\$21.00
6 Months.....	\$42.00
1 Year.....	\$84.00
Las Animas County Mail	
1 Month.....	\$12.00
3 Months.....	\$36.00
6 Months.....	\$72.00
1 Year.....	\$144.00
Outside County Mail	
1 Month.....	\$18.00
3 Months.....	\$54.00
6 Months.....	\$108.00
1 Year.....	\$216.00

**Business Hours:**  
 Monday - Friday  
 8 AM - 5 PM

**JOEY MONTERA**  
 CELL PHONE: (719) 680-4878  
 PUEBLO, COLORADO  
[referee1976@yahoo.com](mailto:referee1976@yahoo.com)

**Pueblo Toyota**  
 OVER 1000 VEHICLES AVAILABLE-IF I DON'T HAVE IT, I WILL GET IT!  
 2125 HIGHWAY 50 WEST

**NEW & USED VEHICLES MOST MAKES, MOST MODELS**  
 JOEY MONTERA IS A TRINIDAD NATIVE & SOLD CARS IN TRINIDAD FOR OVER 30 YEARS!  
 I CAN GET YOU ANY KIND OF VEHICLE YOU WANT! FINANCING GUARANTEED

*The Legacy*  
 AT TRINIDAD  
 "Make Our Home Your Home"  
 (719)-846-8662  
 33 Legacy Lane Trinidad, CO 81082  
[www.heritagehealthcaremanagement.com](http://www.heritagehealthcaremanagement.com)