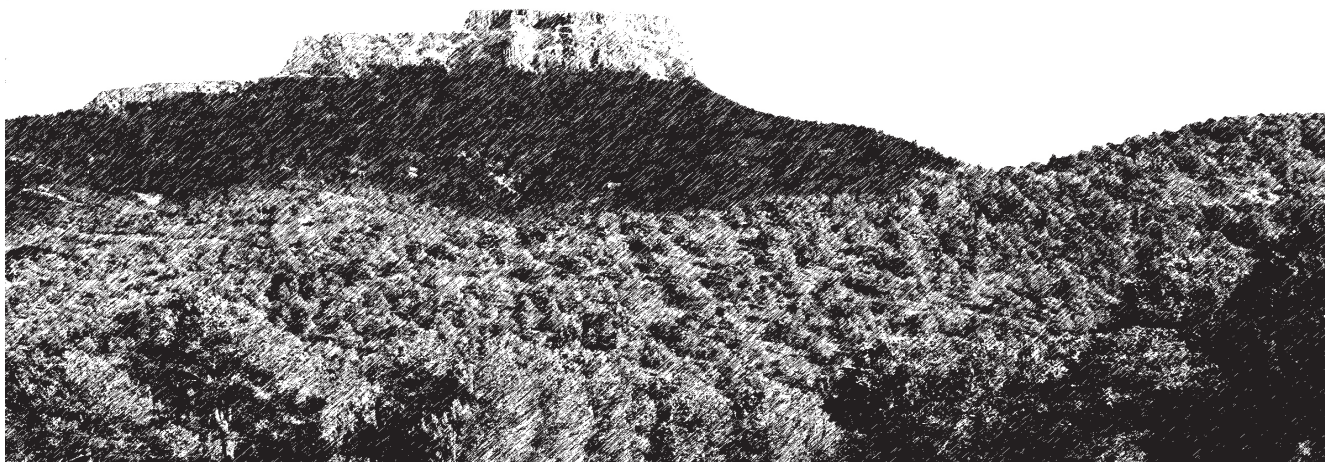


OVER THE PASS



"When I was 9, we weren't allowed to watch scary movies, but our parents were away. I watched a movie called 'The Catwoman,' and she really scared me."

– David Stafford, "recovering lawyer" (Raton)



"A tornado hit campus. My wife, daughter and dog were with me, but I didn't know where our son was. I ran home and found the roof gone over his room. Then my wife walked in with him. He was OK."

– Tom Evans, theater director (Raton)

TRINIDAD-RATON CONNECTIONS

By **Tim Keller**
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Question of the Week:

"Do you remember the most frightened you've ever been?"

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"Last summer we climbed the Manitou Incline at night. It took forever and we didn't make the top until 11. We had to use our phones as flashlights to get down. It was scary, because we were alone and it was hard to see the stairs and there were animals all around."

– Alissa Samora, THS senior (Trinidad)



"I was diagnosed with spinal fusion and had to get back surgery. The X-ray was bad enough. I was scared of having my back split open!"

– Arik Garcia-Swift, Hoehne HS senior (Trinidad)



"The older I get, the more I'm afraid of heights. When I take my kids on amusement-park rides, I'm getting more frightened, especially when I drop from heights into water."

– Kristie Medina, Raton Middle School principal (Raton)



"That storm we had a couple weeks ago! I just moved here from Oregon three months ago. The thunder and lightning you guys get is crazy!"

– Lisa O'Brien, aquatic center assistant manager (Trinidad)

Good Grief program helps kids deal with loss

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toys and other items at the Grief Store. It's an example of that creative thinking that Bueno was talking about. Pinwheels, temporary tattoos, bubbles, kites and color crayons were all available at the store.

Grief Tablets were also used to help the kids honor the memories of their lost loved ones. The rectangular, 9-inch-by-12-inch tablets each had a small empty picture frame in the center. The kids could put a picture of their loved one in the frames and surround them with colorful decorations, with the names of those they'd lost written below the picture.

A local woman who had lost a loved one expressed her grief by making decorated, full-size fleece blankets, which she then rolled up and tied. Every kid at the event was able to pick out a free fleece blanket, Bueno said. Kids from Trinidad, Walsenburg and Raton, New Mexico attended the Good Grief event. Bueno said it was great to see everyone come together to deal with each other's personal losses.

Figuroa said Friday's event was one of six such events sponsored by Sangre de Cristo Hospice and Palliative Care throughout the region this summer. The program will be held in Walsenburg this Saturday. Figuroa said it had been difficult to spread the word about the Good Grief event and explain its purpose, but the success of the event will spread the word throughout the community. She said the hospice hopes to double the number of kids in attendance at next year's event.

Sydney Worley, 8, became good friends with Diego Macias when the two were first-grade classmates at Holy Trinity Academy. Tragically, young Diego developed cancer and then died not long ago. Worley made a grief tablet in honor of her friend at the Good Grief event.



Christi Worley, Sydney's mom, described what the loss had meant to her daughter by saying, "They were in first-grade together, and Diego's health got progressively worse. He had to go through a lot of treatments, and the children were exposed to that. I'm a hospice nurse, so I know what she's going through."

The Good Grief event concluded with a group of five Native American dancers of various Nations performing a traditional grief dance, a type of dance performed by many Native American tribes. Raoul Figuroa, Melanie's husband, described how the grief dances were a way for Native Americans to honor their loved ones while dealing with their own feelings of grief in an expressive form. Figuroa, a member of the Assiniboine Sioux Nation from the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Montana who now resides in Pueblo, had the kids make a star on the floor of the gymnasium with colored string, as a symbol of how Native

The Spanish Peaks Bon Carbo Fire Protection District responded to a missing person call at approximately 12:30 p.m. on June 21, 2014.

Thirteen firefighters responded to the call assisting the Las Animas County Sheriff's Department in the search. A 65-year-old resident was reported to have wandered off from his residence near Bear Canyon. By Saturday evening, he was still missing and the search was called off until Sunday morning. At 7:00 a.m., SPBCFPD, Stonewall Fire Department, Pinon Canyon Fire Department, Purgatory Fire Department, and the Sheriff's Department resumed the search. At approximately 10:00 a.m., the patient was found in a steeply forested area approximately 1 1/2 miles from his home. EMTs & paramedics treated the patient on scene, who was then transported to St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center by Flight for Life.

**THANK YOU
TO ALL THE AGENCIES
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Americans interpret their relationship with the Creator.

"We believe that we come from the stars and the stars we will return," he said. "In essence, this is what we portray on the ground here. All of your spirits are there and all your relatives are there. So when we look up at the stars twinkling up above, those are our relatives, we believe. This is our way that we salute and honor them, and with that we honor you tonight. We honor your families, you brave

young children who gave of yourselves when you came to this camp today. We lose a lot of things in our lives, and that anger, that fear, that loneliness is there, but with Sangre de Cristo Hospice and your parents you can begin to deal with those feelings and realize that your life can continue.

Your loved ones will always be with you, and slowly but surely you'll mend. There will be scars, but you will heal, and that's what we're here for, to give you the gift of ourselves and our dance."

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Cathy Bueno holds one of the fleece blankets that was given to each child who attended the Good Grief program.



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