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## THE FINE PRINT

**AREA SPORTS**  
**BASKETBALL**  
**TUE:** TSJC travels to Lamar / Women (5:30 p.m.) & Men (7:30 p.m.) at Lamar Community College

**SPECIAL NOTICE**  
The Chronicle-News 2014 Collector Mugs you've all been waiting for are here and waiting for you to come pick them up.

## Today's Quote

**"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?"**

-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**JANUARY 19**  
**Mesa Cowboy Church**  
**MONDAY (6 p.m.)** Please note new location: Potluck fellowship every second Monday at New Hope Ministries Church, Highway 160 east of Trinidad, go 10 miles, across from Feed & More. Information: James Duran, 719-846-8590.

**JANUARY 20**  
**Trinidad City Council**  
**TUESDAY (7 p.m.)** Regular meeting in Council Chambers, City Hall, 135 N. Animas St., Third Floor. Information: Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843.

**Writers' Group**  
**TUESDAY (2 p.m.)** The Trinidad Writers' Group will meet at 109 E. Fifth St. Info: Dana Miller, 719-422-8352 or danamiller65@gmail.com.

**Trinidad Schools**  
**TUESDAY (4:45 p.m.)** District Accountability meeting at the Administration Office, 612 Park Street. Information: Diane Montoya, 719-846-3324.

**Caregivers Support Group**  
**TUESDAY (6:30 p.m.)** This group meets at the LaQuinta Inn on Toupal Drive. Information: Age Wise Advisors, 347-852-0752.

**JANUARY 22**  
**Hoehne Board of Education**  
**Thursday (7 p.m.)** the Hoehne Board of Education Meeting will be on January 22, at 6 p.m.

**JANUARY 23**  
**Teen Duct Tape Night at Library**  
**Friday (5 p.m.)** Join in on Friday January 23 from 5-6:30 p.m. for a night of crafts and fun with duct tape. This event is free to the public and is for teens ages 13-18.

**PUBLIC SERVICE**  
**SUPPORT YOUR HOMETOWN**  
**SHOP LOCAL:** Dine out and shop area and downtown merchants for special January sales and promotions. Help Trinidad thrive!

**Housing Authority**  
**WEDNESDAY (5 p.m.)** Trinidad Housing Board of Commissioners will meet in regular session at the Trinidad Housing Authority Conference Room, 128 W First St. Information: Rosemarie Shier, 719-846-7204.

**Dine out for Noah's Ark**  
**THURSDAY:** Dine out all day and evening at Bob and Earls, Brix, Nana and Nano's and Wendy's to help support Noah's Ark Animal Shelter. Information: 719-846-8578.

**MOM'S NIGHT OUT!**  
**FRIDAY (5-7 p.m.)** Mom's let us help you enjoy a night out! Moms of all ages are welcome to join us at the Carnegie Library for a free movie and snacks. Info: Felicity Boepple, 719-846-6841.

**Calling all Square Dancers**  
Step up, swing your partner, join the fun at the Square Dance Club at LaCasa on Hwy 12 in Jansen. Beginners are welcome. Info: Peter Monzon, 719-845-0375 or pmm49@hotmail.com. **SW Youth Art Show**

**SATURDAY (1 p.m.)** Opening reception for the 3rd annual Shades of the Southwest Youth Art Show will be held at Raton's Old Pass Gallery, 145 S. First St. in Raton. Show runs through Feb. 1. Info: 575-445-2052.

**Santa Fe Trail Byway**  
**JANUARY 21 (11:30 a.m.)** The annual meeting of the Santa Fe Trail Scenic and Historic Byway-Mountain Branch will be at the Primero Café at Mt. Carmel Health and Wellness Center, 911 Robinson Ave. Info & RSVP: Wyvonne Graham, 19-846-2396.

**Doggie Donations!**  
**And kitty too!** The Noah's Ark pantry can always use dog and cat food supplies, which will be used to help elderly and in-need residents maintain their pets. If you'd like to make a donation of food or funds stop by the animal shelter at 224 N. Chestnut St. or call 719-846-8578.

**Books & More**  
The Carnegie Library's bookstore is located at 132 N. Commercial St. All proceeds benefit the public library. (Open noon-4 p.m., Monday-Saturday.) Volunteer information and book donations: 719-846-8522.

## RIVER CALL

**Purgatoire River Call as of: 01/16/15. Johns Flood ditch: Priority # 5 --- Appropriation date: 03/20/1862.**

**Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:**  
Release 0 AF  
Inflow 34.00 AF -- 17.14 CFS  
Evaporation 0 AF  
Content 15,517 AF  
Elevation 6,176.76  
Precipitation 0

**Downstream River Call / John Martin Reservoir: 5/31/1949.**



Photo by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

After an intermission the musicians from 'Yesterday,' a Beatles tribute band, returned as Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band. Altogether, they played 28 Beatles classics from "I Want to Hold Your Hand" to "Revolution."

## REVIEW: YESTERDAY TRIBUTE BAND Beatles wannabes close enough for sold-out Shuler

By Tim Keller  
Correspondent  
The Chronicle-News

RATON – When Don Bellazzo was in college in Chicago during the 1970s, he did the prevailing singer-songwriter thing, accompanying himself with an acoustic guitar at campus coffeehouses. His covers of songs by The Beatles' John Lennon always brought his best applause. A smart lad himself, he followed the applause. Thirty-five years later, the only career he's ever had is as a John Lennon impersonator.

Saturday night his band, Yesterday, played to a sold-out Shuler The-

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## NEW BUSINESS

# Fumio Sawa Fine Art

New gallery to feature unique artworks

By Steve Block  
The Chronicle-News

There was work galore going on Friday as the brand new Fumio Sawa Fine Art gallery prepared for its Grand Opening at the end of February. Sawa and his partner, Walt Boulden, were coming ever closer to realizing their dreams as they began their seventh year of completely rebuilding the former bar and travel agency located at 514 W. Main St., in down-



Steve Block / The Chronicle-News

town Trinidad.

Sawa, a classically trained visual artist from Japan who's also studied art in the United States, uses line drawing with a high tech computer program, and an advanced printer to produce the gloriously beautiful artworks that will be featured in the 1,200 square-foot gallery and can be viewed online www.fumiosawafineart.com.

Sawa's background is very traditional, having learned oil and watercolor painting,

and line drawing in both Asian and European forms. He bought an Apple computer that had the 'Illustrator' drawing program about 18 years ago, and immediately began pushing the envelope of what could be accomplished with computer-based drawing programs. More advanced computers and drawing programs followed throughout the years since, until Sawa

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## MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

# Raton to resurface Roundhouse Park walking trail

By Steve Block  
The Chronicle-News

The popular walking trail at Roundhouse Memorial Park in Raton, N.M., is going to get spruced up this in the near future as the City Commission approved a resolution Tuesday supporting an application for a \$50,000 grant from the state highway department's

surface. Jason Phillips, Raton's public works director, said he'd been working with Jared Chatterley, the City's parks and recreation director, on preparing the grant application. Phillips said the grant process was a competitive, statewide application process, with no guarantee that Raton would get the grant funding.

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Federal Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Recreational Trails Program funds. The City will contribute approximately \$6,700 in matching funds for the project.

The park is in the same general location as the City's aquatic center, and the grant funding would pay for the resurfacing of approximately half of the existing trail's

that would accomplish approximately 50 percent of the trail's structures, with new asphalt approximately 1.5 inches thick," Phillips said. "There would also be some crack sealing. Some of the preparation work would be done

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Jason Phillips, Raton's public works director addressed the City Commission about a grant application to pay for resurfacing part the Roundhouse Park trail.

## WEATHER WATCH

**M.L. King Day:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 59. West southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.  
**Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low

around 24. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west in the evening.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 42. North northwest wind around 5 mph becoming southeast in the afternoon.

**Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 23. East southeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening.

**Wednesday:** A slight chance of snow before 1pm, then a slight chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 38. South southwest wind around 5 mph becoming east in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Night:** A 20 percent chance of snow. Partly cloudy, with a low around 19. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

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In Loving Memory of **Isabelle Rodriguez** who passed away 7 years ago January 19, 2008



God's Flower Garden  
It's hard to lose the ones we love, to see them pass away. The sweetest and the kindest gone, while others are left to stay. But if we had a garden, with roses fair and bright, we'd love to pick the loveliest, and think it to be right. And so as is with Jesus, in his heavenly garden here, He often picks the fairest flower, the ones we love so dear. The flowers that are picked by Him will never fade away, we know they'll live forever, and we'll see them again some sweet day. Sadly missed by the Spahr, Jaques and Rodriguez Families



“Come, ye disconsolate, where'er you languish, Come at the shrine of God fervently kneel; Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish – Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.”  
~Thomas Moore

# COMMUNITY

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## Beatles wannabes close enough for sold-out Shuler

ater where the audience was nearly the age of the Beatles themselves. A few brought their grandkids, who must have found it a revelation to see Grandma scream like that. The band and the fun were infectious enough to produce the most gleeful Shuler concert in a long time.

Fans came from as far as Denver, Pueblo, Amarillo, and Albuquerque. (The band drove in from its home base of Las Vegas, NV, via a first tour stop in Artesia in southern NM.) Beatles John Lennon and Paul McCartney wrote, “When I get older losing my hair many years from now, will you still need me when I'm 64? You'll be older too, and if you say the word, I could stay with you.” Under their Beatles wigs, the band members' ages reached 64, but they've stayed with the Beatles and so has the audience.

Despite the ages, the wigs, and the inconsistent British accents, the band produced a great entertainment and credible renditions of Beatles classics right down to playing them in their original keys. No one's going to get any closer than



Photo by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Saturday night's Shuler Theater audience was as old as the Beatles themselves, and so were the members of Yesterday, the Beatles tribute band. It didn't matter: the band rocked, and a full house rocked with them.

this to seeing the Beatles in concert; that was enough to sell out the Shuler, and it didn't look like anyone regretted the \$20 ticket purchase.

Frankly, to play 28 Beatles songs well enough to please a full house of 450 people, the band members have to be, first and foremost, great musicians. Then, they have to be credible actors, performing in character. Like actors, the four members of Yesterday have studied their Beatles counterparts to the smallest details, duplicating their playing along with their mannerisms, stage banter and personalities, sense of humor, and even the way they hold their instruments.

Bellazzo founded Yesterday in

1981, and he does a good John Lennon, having spent a lifetime perfecting it. None of foursome can match the Beatles' voices or playing exactly, but they produce a reasonable facsimile.

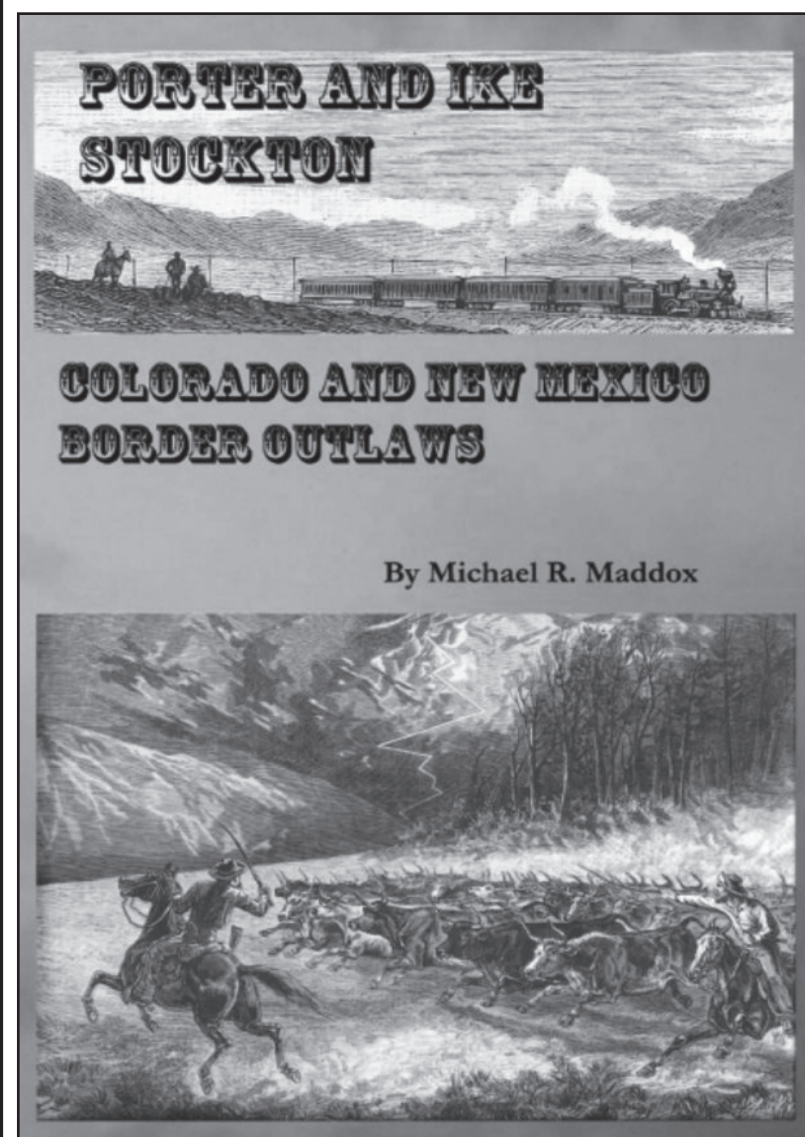
The rest of the band has been intact for eight years. Drummer Dick Cunico, the group's Ringo Starr, was raised in Colorado Springs according to the band's website, but he has family in Raton. Bassist Rich Fazzi was too heavy and round-faced to pass for Paul McCartney, but he ignored that as he played McCartney's left-handed Hofner violin-shaped bass and his McCartneyisms were often spot on. Austin native Monte Mann came

as close to being George Harrison as anyone could. Quiet and slender, the bashful Beatle stepped forward to add vocals or play exciting electric-guitar solos. Along with Bellazzo's John Lennon, Mann came closest to making this feel like the real deal.

The band performed 28 Beatles classics in two sets that took just over two hours including a 20-minute intermission and a pair of encores. For the few kids in the audience, it was likely the first time they'd seen their grandparents so giddy. It'll teach the kids the meaning of Beatlemania, and help them to recognize all those songs that are still played on the radio in 2015.

### BOOK TALK

## Raton Museum hosting author Mike Maddox Feb. 6



By The Raton Museum  
Special to The Chronicle-News

The Raton Museum will be hosting a presentation by author, Mike Maddox on Friday, February 6, 2015. Maddox will discuss his recently published book, Porter and Ike Stockton: Colorado and New Mexico Border Outlaws. There will be a meet and greet at 5:00 PM and the presentation will begin at 5:30. Books will be available for purchase and a book signing will follow.

The book includes previously unpublished information about the early history of Cimarron and the hell on wheels railroad camp of Otero. It also describes the establishment of the cattle industry in Colfax County. Maddox's presentation will focus heavily on the early cattlemen and cowboys of the area. The lives of the Stockton brothers intertwined with pioneer residents like; John Dawson, Joel W. and Zenas Curtis, Clay Allison, I.W. Lacy, Marion Littrell, Chunk Colbert, David Crockett and others.

Porter Stockton was indicted for three murders while living in Colfax County. The first of those murders occurred in December 1873 and the last took place

in June 1879. He would never stand trial for these murders. In 1880, the Stockton brothers carried similar troubles to the San Juan country of northwest New Mexico and southwest Colorado. Stockton-caused turmoil would involve New Mexico governor Lew Wallace, Colorado Governor Frederick Pitkin and high level federal officials. In 1881, the brothers met violent ends, one near Farmington and the other in downtown Durango.

Research and writing the book encompassed six years. The author made numerous trips to university archives, museums and county courthouses in New Mexico, Colorado and Texas (including trips to Cimarron, Raton and Trinidad).

### Book Details

Non-fiction, 530 pages, with endnotes, a bibliography, an index and over 70 photos, illustrations and maps.

The author: Mike Maddox was raised in Farmington and Santa Fe. He attended New Mexico State University and graduated from Colorado State University. He is retired from the New Mexico State Parks. He and his wife Pam live near Farmington

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## Raton to resurface Roundhouse Park walking trail

by City Public Works staff, to keep the project's costs down to something that we could bid. It is a federally based program with full federal requirements. It's a good way to get bang for our buck, even in the toughest times. To leverage less than \$7,000 against \$43,000 just makes a lot of sense at this point."

Phillips said the grant funding would cover Phase One of the repaving project at the park, with Phase Two requiring federal grant funding in the 2018 Federal Fiscal Year.

"It's a statewide, open process," he said. "In the past, the grants were regionalized and they were a lot easier to get. It's going to be competitive. We're going to be lucky to be funded, but we're optimistic that we will."

Scott Berry, city manager, said there were plenty of good reasons why the City wanted to repave the heavily used Roundhouse Park trail.



"I would that just from our observations, the trail is very popular," Berry said. "We see a lot of people out there walking at all times of the day. It's getting a little age on it. We're observing transverse cracking that's pretty wide, and that could lead to trips and falls. We're required to maintain it and we saw an opportunity to do that."

Mayor Sandy Mantz asked Phillips what could be done to control the weed problems along both sides of the trail. Phillips said the City had some mulch available that could be placed along the sides of the trail, which would control the weed problem without the use of herbicides. Mayor Mantz said the mulch would be more attractive than looking at all those weeds.

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