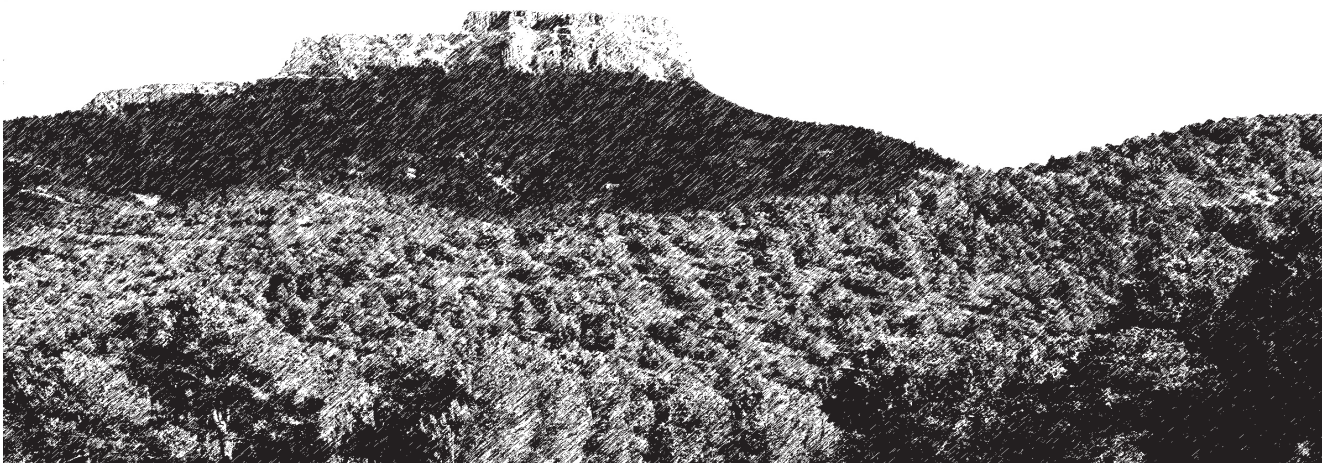


OVER THE PASS



"Watching senseless TV with the fan on, at night with a glass of wine and a chocolate ice-cream sandwich."

– Liz Wick, Raton High School science teacher (Raton)



TRINIDAD-RATON CONNECTION

"What's your favorite guilty pleasure?"

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"I watch too much TV, especially a lot of football and baseball. It's too hot to go outside."

– Arthur Alcon, retired Mission Foods sanitation worker (Raton)

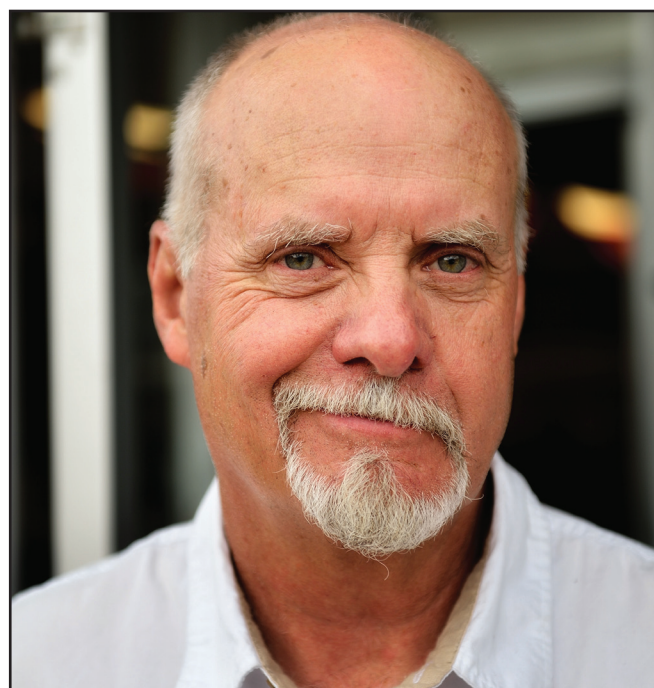
"Chocolates and casinos. I go to casinos every chance I get, usually at Española. I win a few nice little jackpots. Usually I just spend what I take."

– Ida Garcia, retired Target stockroom worker (Raton)



"Massage therapy! I work next door to Awaken Salon & Spa and I keep a running tab there!"

– Karen Jo Agnello, occupational therapist, Mariposa Rehabilitation Center (Trinidad)



"Absolutely chocolate and movies, and I mean movies in the theater. I want to be enveloped in it, no phones or other distractions. I like films and I like movies, both."

– Rodney Wood, artist & owner, Galerie Vivante (Trinidad)



"Treasure hunting—that's what we're doing down here. We hunt anything that sets off a metal detector, usually a lot of junk and a little money. Ghost towns and old coal-mining towns, there's a lot of those down here."

– Tom Stuart, retired postal worker, Pueblo West (Trinidad)

Trojans excel

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nis (Women's Soccer), Jackson Pritchard (Baseball), Mary Carpenter (Women's Basketball), Rylee Abert (Volleyball), and Shelby Cornett (Softball). Earning the Exemplary Academic Achievement Award were Colby Schrade (Baseball), Justin Frederick (Golf), Marcella Sanchez (Women's Basketball), Morgan Ginger (Softball) and Samantha Miele (Softball).



The NJCAA also recognizes teams that shine in the classroom as a whole. To earn the award the team's GPA needs to remain above a 3.0 for the year. TSJC had three teams reach this milestone in 2014-2015 with the Women's Basketball team leading the way with a team GPA of 3.2. Also earning the award were the Lady Trojan Volleyball squad and the Trojan Baseball team.

Finally, Region IX also awards individuals who maintain at least a 3.25 over 30 credit hours of coursework. Trinidad State had 33

This success could not have been accomplished without the amazing faculty and staff at Trinidad State who put in endless hours helping the student-athletes find success in the classroom. It will be difficult to top this year's totals but the Trojan coaching staff, along with the outstanding faculty and support staff, TSJC will work to take Trojan Athletics to even higher levels in both the classroom and on the field/court.

All Region IX Academic Award Winners in 2014-2015

Men's Soccer –

- Alq Fuieler
- Joseph Leal

Women's Soccer –

- Braelah McGinnis
- Courtney Lowry
- Raven Paiz

Softball –

- Corey Aragon
- Shelby Cornett
- Katelynn Findley
- Morgan Ginger
- Sami Miele

Volleyball –

- Jennifer Morris
- Riley Abert
- Rachel Pirtle
- Leia Zagone

Baseball –

- Colby Schrade
- Phillip Underwood
- James Smith
- Jackson Pritchard
- Caden Pratt
- Josh Payne

Golf –

- Justin Carlock
- Justin Frederick
- Frazer Pomfret

Men's Basketball –

- Evan Motlong
- James Thomas
- Nathan McAnally
- Preston Bungei
- Elijah Valdez

Women's Basketball –

- Mary Carpenter
- Kori Eurich
- Claire Ioannidis
- Zoe Ruff
- Marcella Sanchez

COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE

High water returns to John Martin Reservoir near Lamar

Special to The Chronicle-News

HASTY, Colo. - The wet Colorado spring at John Martin Reservoir has allowed something that hasn't been seen for quite a while: high water levels.

That means it's a great time to visit the park. There's plenty of room for boating in the reservoir that now spans roughly nine miles long and two miles wide. There's also 200-plus campsites and nearly five miles of hiking trails to explore.

Water levels at John Martin Reservoir are nearly seven times higher than levels last year. As of June 23, the reservoir had 276,000 acre feet of water, while last year at a similar time of year the reservoir held only around 30,000 acre feet.

For photos of John Martin Reservoir as of June 17, visit: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/127579068@N05/sets/721576550684801>

"The reservoir hasn't looked like this in a long time," said Park Manager Dan

Kirmer. "If you haven't been to the reservoir before or haven't been in awhile, you definitely need to come check it out."

Boat, picnic and fish at this peaceful oasis that known for its wildlife. John Martin Reservoir is also considered a birdwatcher's paradise with almost 400 species documented in Bent County.

Beat the crowds and long lines at boat ramps at other reservoirs across the state and enjoy the open water at John Martin Reservoir. While the dock at the east boat ramp had to be closed, boats can still launch and both the east and west boat ramps remain open.

The reservoir is letting in water at a rate of around 3,900 cubic feet per second and is releasing at a rate of about 820 cfs, so the high water levels will remain for a while.

For more information about John Martin Reservoir State Park call 719-829-1801, or visit <http://cpw.state.co.us/places-to-go/parks/JohnMartinReservoir/Pages/default.aspx>.



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