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## THE FINE PRINT

### ■ APRIL 21

**LAS ANIMAS COUNTY TUESDAY (9 a.m.)** Board of County Commissioners work session will be held in the Las Animas Courthouse, 200 E. First St., Room 201. Information: 719-845-2568. **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:** Gary Hill (719-845-2595), Mack Loudon (719-845-2592), and Anthony Abeyta (719-846-9300). **CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY (7 p.m.)** Regular session will be held in Council Chambers, City Hall, 135 N. Animas St. Information: Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843. **CITY COUNCIL:** Mayor: Joe Roorda and Council Members: Carol Bolton, Joe Bonato, Pat Fletcher, Anthony Matie, Michelle Miles, and Liz Torres.

**BIBLE TALKS TUESDAYS / APRIL 21 & 28 (7:30 p.m.)** Free quiet, reverent services with teachings about Jesus Christ that will be held in the lower level meeting room at the Sayre Senior Center, 1222 San Pedro. There will be no collections taken. Info: Daren Kindred, 702-353-4891.

**TRINIDAD AMBULANCE WEDNESDAY (4:30 p.m.)** PLEASE NOTE: THIS MEETING IS ON WEDNESDAY NOT THURSDAY FOR THIS MONTH ONLY. Trinidad Ambulance District Board of Directors regular meeting at the Trinidad Ambulance District Office, 939 Robinson Ave. Information: 719-846-6886.

**PURGATOIRE WATERSHED WEDNESDAY (6 p.m.)** Group regular meeting will meet in the NRCS Office, 3590 E. Main. Information: Karen Wolf, 303-543-8688.

**TRINIDAD SCHOOLS WEDNESDAY (6 p.m.)** The Board of Education will hold its regular session at the District Administration Office, 612 Park St. Information: 719-845-2048.

**PUBLIC SERVICE SUPPER CLUB THURSDAY (6 p.m.)** April's Spring Fling Celebration Dinner will be held in the Leone Room in the Sullivan Center on the TSJC Campus, 600 Prospect. Info: Yvonne Marques, 719-846-3518. Guests are always welcome.

**ACOUSTIC EIDOLON CONCERT FRIDAY (7-9 p.m.)** A powerful, enchanting night of music at this Mt. Carmel concert fundraiser, 911 Robinson Ave. Tickets and info: 719-845-4894.

**FREE LANDFILL DAY SATURDAY (7 a.m.-4 p.m.)** Area residents are encouraged to take advantage of this free Saturday disposal day at the City's Landfill, 2401 N. State St. Electronic waste excluded. Tires will be assessed normal tipping fees. Info: 719-846-2538.

**COMCAST CARES SATURDAY (8 a.m.)** Join your friends and neighbors to help with the City's spring cleanup. Registration and free breakfast kickoff at Cimino Park.

**LADIES GOLF CLUB SATURDAY (9 a.m.)** This group will hold their annual season kick-off breakfast at the Trinidad Municipal Golf Course, 1413 Nolan Drive. Info: Deborah Bernhardt, 719-680-9048.

**EARTH DAY CELEBRATION SATURDAY (11 a.m.)** Join in the fun at the Community Coop at Elm and Maple St. Info: Joni Steiner, 719-680-0215.

**PHILOSOPHY GROUP SATURDAY (12:30 - 2 p.m.)** Free discussion group at Lava Yoga Studio, 828 Arizona. The day's topic will be: C.S. Lewis. Please RSVP. Jean Chrisler, 719-846-2325. Everyone is welcome.

**CHARITY FUNDRAISER SATURDAY (6-11 p.m.)** Benefit Dinner and Dance for Dolores "Dee" Gierlach will be held at JuJo's, 125 N. Chestnut St. Music by The Cliques and Grupo Vive. Info: John Peach, 719-680-7161.

For more events, please see the Community Calendar on Page 2...

**RIVER CALL**

Purgatoire River Call as of: 04/20/15. Johns Flood ditch: Priority # 20 --- Appropriation date: 10/07/1865.

Trinidad Reservoir Accounting: Release 39.89 AF Inflow 105.79 AF -- 53.32 CFS Evaporation 6.87 AF Content 21,149 AF Elevation 6,185.22 Precipitation 0

Downstream River Call / Highland Canal: 05/31/1866.



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## EDUCATION

# Girls in the Middle: Taking a look at career opportunities

By Steve Block  
The Chronicle-News

Young girls in the middle school years can often be uncertain of what the future holds for them, in terms of continuing their education after high school and building careers in the professional world. The Fourth Annual Girls in the Middle Conference held last

Friday at Trinidad State Junior College (TSJC) was designed to show those girls how to gain entry into professional fields, with presentations hosted by working professionals in a variety of fields of endeavor.

Among the workshops included in the conference were those about potential careers in the fields of Criminal Justice,



Nursing, Geology and Engineering, Hydrology, Medicine, Robotics, Speech Pathology, Computer Technology, Veterinary Science and Wildlife Education Management. A keynote address by Darci

Duran, Instructional Design Team Manager at Colorado Community College Online in Denver, was followed by group activities and a series of 40-minute workshops. The students had the chance to sign up for the workshops in advance, based on what potential careers they wanted to learn more about.

The goal of the conference was to introduce the many exciting possibilities that engineering, science, math, technology and technical education had to offer girls. By introducing those possibilities to the over 100 girls from Colorado and New Mexico attending the conference, organizers hoped that the girls would want to continue studying these subjects as they enter high school and beyond.

Crystal Dreiling, Park Ranger at Trinidad Lake State Park, said she hadn't considered a care with Colorado Parks & Wildlife until she needed a summer job when she was in high school and got a job as a boat ranger at Cherry Creek State Park. Working with park visitors during four consecutive summers brought her into

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Photos by Steve Block / The Chronicle-News

More than 100 middle school girls from around the area attended Friday's Girls in the Middle conference at TSJC. Crystal Dreiling, Park Ranger at Trinidad Lake State Park, top right, holds up a mountain lion pelt to show students how to identify the predator at TSJC's Girls in the Middle conference Friday.

## SHULER THEATER

# Poetry Rocks! A celebration of student creativity

By Tim Keller  
Correspondent  
The Chronicle-News

RATON - Celebrating the 100-year anniversary of its first show, the Shuler Theater will present five shows over four days beginning Friday evening at 6 p.m. with its 5th annual presentation of Poetry Rocks!, a free community show celebrating student creativity and expression.

Throughout two weeks of late April, National Poetry Month, Raton High School hosts three visits. Continued on Page 3 ...



Photo by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Last year's Poetry Rocks! performances featured 35 students reading new poems they'd written with visiting poet-educators at Raton High School during the last two weeks of National Poetry Month. Among the highlights were group poems, including this Shuler Theater performance by Rochelle Jackson, Cheyenne Starr, Rachel Patty, and Ashley Neurauter (left to right).



Photo courtesy of Six Appeal

A cappella singing group Six Appeal combines vocal rhythms and harmonies with laugh-out-loud humor. Raton Arts & Humanities Council presents Six Appeal in concert Friday night at the Shuler Theater, immediately following the annual Poetry Rocks! student poetry performance show that begins the Shuler's big centennial celebration weekend.

## RATON ARTS & HUMANITIES

# Six Appeal entertains Harmony, laughter comes to town

By Tim Keller  
Correspondent  
The Chronicle-News

RATON - Presenting a wide range of songs from Maroon 5, Justin Bieber, John Legend and others, Minneapolis a cappella group Six Appeal brings its acclaimed touring show to the Shuler Theater Friday night in a concert sponsored by Raton Arts & Humanities Council.

Known as much for their humor as their complex harmonies, the singers founded their group in 2006 while freshmen at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. Building on their classical music and choral backgrounds, they tackled contemporary popular songs, cre-

ating six-part arrangements using only their voices to create all of the rhythm parts along with lead and harmony vocals.

Three years later, they were performing concerts around the Midwest and winning national a cappella competitions. When they finished school, they moved their home base to Minneapolis and expanded their touring. At 2012's National Harmony Sweepstakes A Cappella Festival in San Rafael, CA, they triumphed with awards for audience favorite, best original song, and the national championship.

The festival's executive producer, John Neal, said, "I've presented

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## WEATHER WATCH

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after

2 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 66. West southwest wind 5 to 15 mph. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch. Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 39. East wind 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers before 7 a.m., then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. West

southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 38. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west after midnight.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 69. South wind 5 to 10 mph. Night: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 40. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

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**60 Obituaries**  
 daughter would later compare him to Edward Bloom from the movie Big Fish. One of her favorite stories was about her great grandmother and Pancho Villa. Xellina has selected the following quote which describes him best. "In telling the story of my father's life, it's impossible to separate fact from fiction, the man from the myth. The best I can do is to tell it the way he told me. It doesn't always make sense and most of it never happened... but that's what kind of story this is." William Bloom, Big Fish

**65 Comi Funeral Home**  
**Leroy Munoz**  
 Leroy Munoz, age 49, passed away on April 14, 2015, at Parkview Medical Center after a short illness. Visitation will be Monday from 3 p.m.-7 p.m. at the Comi Chapel and Tuesday from 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Aguilar. Funeral Mass will be Tuesday April 21, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

*An angel tiptoed quietly into our world, silently, only lingering for a moment it seemed. Oh, but what an imprint those footprints left upon our hearts.*  
 ~Unknown

At Leroy's request, cremation to follow with private inurnment at a later date. Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.

**60 Obituaries**  
**Jack A. Carpenter**  
 Jack A. Carpenter, 82, of Aguilar Colorado, passed away April 14, 2015. Family and friends of Jack are invited to gather at Roughnecks Saloon in Aguilar, Co at 4:00p.m. Wednesday, April 22, 2015 for a pot luck dinner in celebration of Jack's life.



**Joseph R. Duran**  
 Joseph R. Duran, 74, of Trinidad, passed away in Pueblo on Monday, April 13, 2015, after a long illness.

He was preceded in death by his father, Eugene Duran; and his sister Ruby Joy Duran-Maez.

He is survived by his daughter, Xellina (Daniel) Wieland; granddaughter, Victoria; mother, Jennie Duran; siblings, Tom (Janet), David (Karen), Bernadine, Rose (Richard) Cozzette, Larry (Roma), Phillip and Dorothy; cousins, Marcia (Bob) Robinson; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Born and raised in Aguilar, the son of Eugene and Jennie (Jimenez) Duran. He was the second born and oldest son of 9 children. Joe graduated from Aguilar High School in 1959. He attended TSJC before enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps. After his military service, he would go on to attend the University of Northern Colorado. Later, he would settle in Trinidad. He would work odd jobs over the years. He was content to just get by and be able to lend a hand when needed. He even spent a short time working alongside his father in the coal mines. In later years, this would allow him the ability to provide transportation for his mom from Aguilar to Trinidad on a regular basis. He would often be seen outside grocery stores waiting for her to finish her shopping. Joseph was a great storyteller. He would often hold court in the Del Monico on Main St. His

# COMMUNITY & STATE

## DIAL THE NUMBER

# 1-844-CO-4-KIDS, Better Safe than Sorry

**Colorado Department of Human Services**  
*Special to The Chronicle-News*

Social services agencies throughout Colorado assessed the safety and well-being of 47,419 children and youth last year, and discovered that 10,853 children were experiencing abuse and neglect.

But there may be more children suffering who need your help.

According to public opinion research commissioned by the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS), 51 percent of Coloradans said they have personally encountered a child they suspected was a victim of abuse or neglect. However, CDHS data indicates that the public isn't calling. Seventy-five percent of calls reporting child abuse and neglect don't come from the public, they come from mandatory reporters —professionals required by law to report suspected child abuse and neglect. Everyone plays a part in preventing child abuse. Social services cannot do it alone, so we need the public to call.

In accordance with Gov. John Hickenlooper's "Keeping Kids Safe and Families Healthy" child welfare plan, Colorado now has one, easy-to-remember phone number, 1-844-CO-4-KIDS, that connects callers directly to the county where the child resides to report suspected child abuse and neglect. Calls are confidential and answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, by a certified call-taker who is there to walk you through the process of helping a child.

According to the research, the most common reason people hesitate to call boils down to fear.

Fear that they might be wrong, that



Photo: Business Wire / CDHS

Governor John W. Hickenlooper, members of Colorado's legislature and child advocates today marked National Child Abuse Prevention Month by launching Colorado's first statewide child abuse and neglect hotline: 1-844-CO-4-KIDS.

everything is fine. But when it comes to the safety and well-being of a child, isn't it better to be safe than sorry? Shouldn't a child's fears of harm outweigh our own?

By now you've likely seen or heard the ads, "Sometimes child abuse isn't easy to spot. But now it's easier to stop... You dial the number, we'll make the call." The ads are everywhere because we need everyone to get involved.

LAS ANIMAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES is

proud to partner with CDHS, along with more than 90 other public awareness campaign partners throughout the state, to raise awareness for the prevention of child abuse and neglect. We are supporting this effort by asking people in our community to help stop child abuse —Dial the Number, 1-844-CO-4-KIDS, or you can call the local HOTLINE at 719-846-2330 or 846-8596. Better safe than sorry.

For more information and to learn the signs of child abuse and neglect, visit CO4Kids.org.

## Raton Art: Harmony, laughter comes to town

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hundreds of a cappella groups over the years and Six Appeal has to be one of the most entertaining of them all. They're sure-fire audience pleasers."

Six Appeal's repertoire spans the past forty years and includes such classic songs as "I Will Survive," "Low Rider," "Circle of Life," Van Morrison's "Brown-Eyed Girl" and Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean." Vocal bass lines and per-

cussion underpin complex soaring harmonies in each song. Beat-boxing and parody add to the group's sometimes-antic humor, billed as family-friendly fun.

Scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. Friday night, the Six Appeal concert will follow the 6 p.m. 5th annual Poetry Rocks! student poetry performance show that opens a four-day celebration of the

Shuler Theater's 100-year anniversary. The Shuler's first show was presented on April 27, 1915.

Six Appeal's show is this year's second to last in RAHC's Performing Arts Series. Reserved-seat tickets are available at Old Pass Gallery, 145 S. First St., (575) 445-2052, and at the Shuler immediately before the performance. Adult tickets are \$20, seniors \$15 and students \$10.

## Taking a look at career opportunities

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close contact with wildlife, the great outdoors and the people who loved them. Coming out of college, she was able to develop a career with the state park service.

A lot goes into being a park ranger, and Dreiling showed the girls how to identify the signs of the presence of various species of wildlife, and how to protect park visitors from such predators as mountain lions, which are often present at state parks. She had the girls examine owl pellets, the excretions of owls, and figure out what species of animals the owls had eaten recently. She described how rewarding she found the life of a park ranger could be.

Darci Duran gave each girl a flash drive and showed them how to download beautiful graphic images from: www.weavesilk.com, downloaded from the Internet, and use those images to create their own Power Point presentations and save them to the flash drive. Duran noted that the number of women in the computer technology field had been dropping in recent years, but added that the technology field continued to grow, creating new opportunities for girls to enter that field. She showed the girls how technology could positively influence their learning experiences.

TSJC's Sarah Salome and Officer Jennifer Lay of the Trinidad Police Department hosted the Criminal Justice workshop. Salome said she'd spent 15 years as a law enforcement officer, but

was now working on her master's degree in law enforcement and teaching law enforcement classes to TSJC students. She said it was usually necessary to work as a patrolman in a police department or sheriff's office for several years before being able to move up to a job as a detective or forensic specialist. She showed some of the means of identifying criminal suspects, including fingerprint identification and DNA testing. Salome and Lay both complimented the girls for their incisive and intelligent questions about the working world of a modern law enforcement officer.

The conference concluded with all the students and teachers giving a written critique of the conference and the information presented. Many of the girls seemed exhausted by the end of the long day, but the ideas brought forth at the various workshops could provide them with plenty of food for thought as they move on into high school and begin to prepare for professional careers of their own.

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Caped crusader Darci Duran showed students at the Girls in the Middle conference how to use computer technology to create their own Power Point presentations.



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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR** **SHOP AT HOME**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
**CHILDREN'S CHORALE**  
**APRIL 30 (7 p.m.)** This year's annual free Spring Musical "Lost in the Movies" will be presented at the Trinidad Middle School, 614 Park St. Info: 719-846-2513.  
**CHENOWETH AWARDS BANQUET**  
**MAY 2 (7 p.m.)** This annual event will be held at the Mt. Carmel Community Center, 911 Robinson St. Tickets & info: Chamber of Commerce, 719-846-9285 or John Schecter, 719-846-7727.  
**HABITAT PROJECT**  
**MAY 2&3: The Trinidad Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF)** and the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site (PCMS) invite hunters, conservationists and interested parties to become more familiar with the area and participate in the Habitat Improvement Project. Details, registration and info: Tim Nash, 719-846-8653.  
**WATER FESTIVAL**  
**MAY 14 (all day)** The community is invited to attend Trinidad's 4th Annual event to be held on the campus of Trinidad State Junior College. Info: Tom Perry, 719-846-8380 or email tomandlindaperry@gmail.com.  
**BRANSON HIGH SCHOOL**  
**MAY 28 (5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.)** Senior Class Dinner followed by the Drama Department's presentation of "Just Another High School Musical" at the Branson School Auditorium. Intermission to include free ice cream and the Football & Cheerleaders Servant Auction. Info: Kimberly Schor, 719-946-5555.

**CREATIVE ARTS**  
**GALERIE VIVANT ART SHOW**  
**THRU APRIL 23: "There's No Such Thing as an Ordinary Cat"** all media art show will run at the Oasis Studio/Galerie Vivant, 214/218 Main St. Info: Susan Palmer, 805-603-6181.  
**TASTE OF SPRING**  
**APRIL 24 (4-9 p.m.)** Come meet the artists at the opening reception for the Spring Art Show at the Fumio Sawa Fine Art Gallery, 514 W. Main St. Info: Walt Boulden, 719-680-0739. Refreshments will be served.  
**TRINIDAD WRITERS GUILD**  
**APRIL 24 (6 p.m.)** Join us for an Open Mike reading at TAAC's Gallery Main, 130 E. Main St. Info: Dana Miller, 719-422-8352.  
**TALAS ART SHOW**  
**APRIL 25-MAY 22:** The community is invited to see the spectacular all-media artwork pieces by Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico artists that will be at the Corazon Gallery, 149 E. Main St. (10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily). Artist's reception and awards ceremony will be MAY 22 (5 p.m.). Info: Trish Keck, 719-859-7702.  
**TAAC ART SHOW**  
**THRU APRIL 30: "Primal Dance: Movements in Color"** an exhibition of art by Roxanne Regan-Briggs will be held at TAAC's Gallery Main, 130 E. Main St. Info: 719-846-1441.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**  
**PARSONS SCHOLARSHIP**  
**APRIL 27 DEADLINE:** Scholarship available to high school seniors in the Stonewall Fire Protection District. Applications may be obtained at Primero High School. Info: Charlie Hislop, 719-868-3660.

**COMMUNITY**  
**TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS**  
**THRU MAY 13 (MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS/ 9-10 a.m.)** Group will meet at Mount Carmel Community Center. Registration & Info: 719-845-4894.  
**YOUTH LEAGUE BASEBALL**  
**MAY 15 SIGNUP DEADLINE:** Boys & Girls (ages 4-15) can register to play baseball at the Trinidad Community Center, 1309 Beshear Dr. Info: 719-846-4454.  
**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., Mon.-Sat.) Volunteer info and book donations: 719-846-8522.

**Low-Cost Spay/Neuter**  
 The Fisher's Peak Veterinary Clinic (719-846-3211) and the Trinidad Animal Clinic (719-846-3212) offer grant-funded, low-cost spay/neuter surgeries. Call for information and appointments.  
**COMMUNITY RECYCLE**  
**NEW LOCATION:** Terra Firma Recycling (Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. & Sat. 9 a.m.-Noon) will open at 201 W. Indiana and will recycle paper, cardboard, tin can and plastic #1-#7. Info: Kelli Van Matre, 719-859-3998.  
**Fire Season Volunteers**  
**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.  
**THE SAMARITAN CLINIC**  
**1st & 3rd TUESDAYS (9 a.m.-4 p.m.)**  
 Here to serve the under-insured and non-insured community with free health care and low-cost lab work, 413 E. Frost. Info: 719-846-3536.

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**VET-2-VET: 877-838-2838**  
 "Hope is holding on and going on and trusting in the Lord. Hope is endurance."  
 ~Michael Novak

**ABUSE HOTLINES**  
**Domestic Abuse Hotline:** In Trinidad call 719-846-6665 (24-hours a day). In Walsenburg call: 719-738-0770. National Hotline: 1-800-790-SAFE (7233).  
**Animal Abuse:** Report animal abuse and dog/cock fighting at Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line: 720-913-7867.