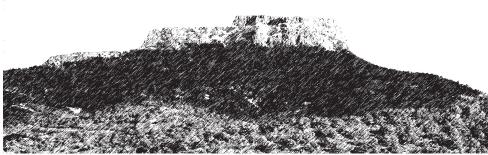
OVER THE PASS





``I know the words to 'Rocky Raccoon.' That tells my generation." (Starts singing...all the way through the song.)

- John Davis, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Walsenburg

"I Hope' by the Dixie Chicks. I love it. It speaks to what I hope for in life, for everyone—More joy and laughter, peace in the world, and that people hold onto important values like that."

- Marilyn Casey, massage therapist, Trinidad & Raton

TIM KELLER'S CONNECTIONS "What song do you know the words to?"



"Sweet Melissa' by the Allman Brothers. The lore was that it was about Lowell George of Little Feat and a girl that he liked. He was the gypsy in the song. It goes back with me a long ways. I used to be a performer. If I ever get nailed to sing a song these days, that's what I'll sing."

 - "Dr. B," William Beverly, psychotherapist and domestic-violence counselor, Trinidad, Walsenburg, Alamosa

"The Star-Spangled Banner and America the Beautiful. I know the first lines of lots of songs that I love, but that's all I know, the punchlines."

- Patti Davis, co-owner, Rio Cucharas Veterinary Clinic, Walsenburg

Lady Trojans fall to Lady Cougars

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The 2016 TSJC Trojan softball team includes, kneeling (L-to-R): Vanessa Rodarte (22) and Juanita Gallegos (35). Middle: Asst. Coach Rachel Ford, Shayla Felix (14), Demi Madalena (11), Adrianna DeVille (1), Aly McAdoo (28), Isabella Navarro (12), Courtney Vigil (10) and Tori Martinez (13). Backrow: Olivia Muniz (18), Ally Grywusiewicz (9), Kiera Jackson (3), Jessica Salbato (7), Coach Steve Swazo, Samantha Glover (4), Lauren Bending (6), Katelynn Findley (8), Kelsey Hernandez (17), Elizabeth Aguilar (5) and Chelsey Runyon (19). Not pictured are Kiani Silva, Megan Cosslett and Tashena McIntosh. TSJC All-Region selections were, sophomore outfielder, Samantha Glover, below right and sophomore pitcher, Jessica Salbato, below left.

Trinidad State advanced to the championship series with a sweep over McCook Community College earlier in the week by the scores of 11-3 and 3-1.

The Lady Trojans ended their season with most wins in school history (39). They also set new alltime school hitting records with home runs (79), hits (546), runs scored (407) and the highest team batting average recorded (.355).

Salbato put herself in the school's record book with 39 wins over her two years at TSJC. She was 22-7 this year, and the 39 career wins ties her with former TSJC standout pitcher, Kaycee Prevedel, on the all-time charts for most wins in a career. She was also selected as an All-Region pitcher for the second straight year.

Sophomore Samantha Glover hit .390, had seven homeruns, 10 doubles and 62 hits. She earned All-Region honors for the team as an outfielder.

Fellow Lady Trojan, Isabella Navarro, was selected All-Region as an infielder and also was voted "Freshman-of-the-Year" by the Region IX coaches. Navarro led the team with 17 homeruns and that total is second in school history for homeruns in a season. She also had the highest batting average this season, hitting .477 and most hits with 82. She tied for first in doubles with 16 and was second in RBIs with 51.

Other players who had outstanding seasons were sophomore Elizabeth Aguilar, finishing second in batting average, hitting .436 with 9 homeruns, 79 hits and 16 doubles. Freshman Olivia Muniz hit .404 with 10 homeruns and 36 RBIs. Sophomore Courtney Vigil hit .388 with nine homeruns, 69 hits and 39 RBIs. Freshman Chelsey Runyon was second in homeruns with 13, led the team in RBIs with 55, had 57 hits and ended the year hitting .377. Sophomore pitcher Demi Madalena finished the season with 15 wins in the circle for the Lady Trojans.

"I couldn't be more proud of these great young ladies who gave me their all," Coach Steve Swazo said. "Their drive and commitment was awesome. They came together as a team and it showed all year. To my graduating sophomores, thank you for two awesome years and some great memories. To my returning freshmen, let's get it done next year; it's your turn. One thing I know is that each of these young women will be successful in life and for me, that means more than wins or championships."

