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### TSJC Summer Hoops Basketball Camp

Starts Wednesday June 3rd and runs through Friday June 5th. This is for boys and girls entering grades third through sixth. Spots are still available and walk-ins will be accepted at 7:45 a.m. on Wednesday. Cal 719-846-5519

### Trail Plan Task Group

The City of Trinidad will be hosting the next meeting for the Trail Plan Task Group at 5 p.m. on Wednesday at City Hall in the Council Conference Room on the third floor.

### Kiwanis BOD

Kiwanis Board of Directors will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday at FNB.

### Fiesta Meeting

There will be a Fiesta Meeting for all members of La Casa at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at La Casa.

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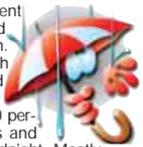
## WEATHER WATCH

**Today:** A slight chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 72. Calm wind becoming east southeast around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.



**Tonight:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 48. East northeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southwest.

**Tomorrow:** A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 81. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.



**Tomorrow Night:** A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50. West southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

## RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of 6/2/09. Southside priority #96 11/23/0883.

Trinidad Lake accounting; 480.92 acre ft.; Inflow, 395.15 acre ft.; Evaporation, 6.23 acre ft.; Content, 2,5333 acre ft.; Elevation, 6187.54; Precipitation, .31.

Downstream River Call, Ninemile 5/10/1887.

(Provided by Division of Water Resources)



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AP Photo/PA, John Stillwell, File

A May 19, 2003 photo from files of Millvina Dean the last living survivor of the Titanic disaster with a painting of the vessel, at an unknown location in England. The Titanic International Society says Millvina Dean, the last survivor of the sinking of the Titanic has died in her sleep. The society's president Charles Haas told the Associated Press Millvina Dean died Sunday. He said she had suffered from slight pneumonia last week. Dean was just over two months old when the Titanic hit an iceberg on the night of April 14, 1912, sinking less than three hours later.

## Last survivor of 'unsinkable' Titanic dies at 97

JILL LAWLESS  
Associated Press Writers

LONDON (AP) — Millvina Dean was the youngest passenger on RMS Titanic, just nine weeks old when she was wrapped in a sack and lowered from the sinking ship into a lifeboat bobbing on the frigid North Atlantic.

Dean lived to become the disaster's last survivor. She died Sunday at the age of 97 in Southampton, the English port from which her family sailed on the ill-fated liner, intending to begin a new life in the United States.

Dean's friend Gunter Babler said she died in her sleep at Woodlands Ridge Nursing Home early Sunday, the 98th anniversary of the launch of the

ship that was billed as "practically unsinkable."

Irish writer Don Mullan, who befriended Dean and set up a fund to help pay her nursing-home bills, said she was "one of the most beautiful human beings that I ever met."

"Her secret for a happy life was a sense of humor and a kind heart and that's what you experienced when you met Millvina," he said.

Dean was just over 2 months old when the Titanic hit an iceberg on the night of April 14, 1912. The ship sank in less than three hours.

Dean was one of 706 people — mostly women and children — who survived. Her father was among the 1,517

who died.

Babler, who is head of the Switzerland Titanic Society, said Dean was a "very good friend of very many years."

"I met her through the Titanic society but she became a friend and I went to see very every month or so," he said.

The pride of the White Star line, the Titanic had a mahogany-paneled smoking room, a swimming pool and a squash court. But it did not have enough lifeboats for all of its 2,200 passengers and crew.

Dean's family were steerage passengers emigrating to the United States. Her father had sold his pub and hoped

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## Ritter signs bill to block Army Expansion

By DAVID SANTISTEVAN JR.  
The Chronicle-News

On Tuesday Gov. Bill Ritter signed, sealed, and delivered on his promise, signing into law House Bill 1317, "The Landowner and School Protection Act", literally banning the Army from buying or leasing any state land from the Colorado State Land Board any where around the current 247,000 acre Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site (PCMS) in Southeastern Colorado.

This bi-partisan bill will also require the attorney general to resist any efforts by the U.S. Army to obtain any more land for training on these state lands. The state owns about 20 percent of land the Army is looking to buy or lease.

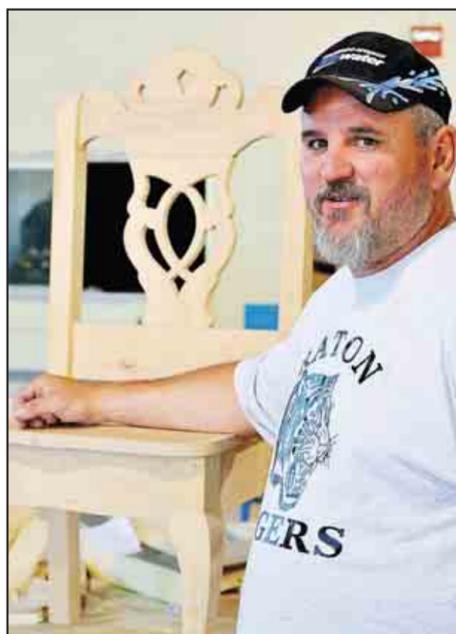
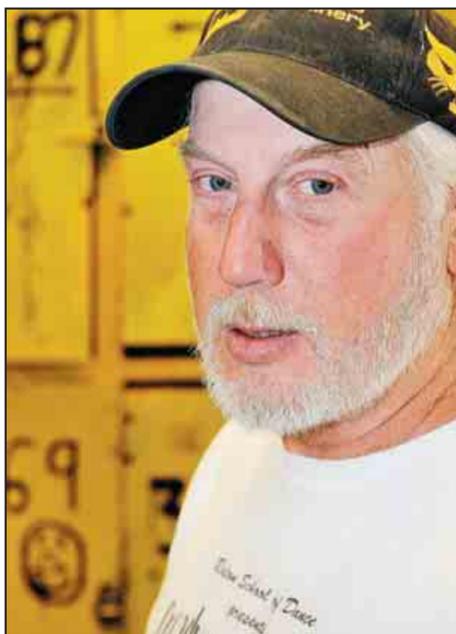
Back in 2007 members on both sides of the isle supported House Bill 1069, which also is an effort to keep the Army from expanding out at PCMS, that bill keeps the Army from taking any land around the PCMS through eminent domain.

"I am very happy that Gov. Ritter signed the bill. It shows great courage on his part to sign this bill into law and stand behind not only the people of Southeast Colorado but everyone in the state of Colorado, because this was a bi-partisan effort with a lot of support in the senate and the house that benefits all of Colorado," Mack Loudon said Tuesday afternoon.

Lon Robertson stated, "We are very pleased that Gov. Ritter has signed this legislation into law to help eliminate a back door approach that could have been used to expand Pinon Canyon. We have held expansion off by staying together as a community but the struggle is far from over."

A Federal ban is pending supported by U.S. Representatives John Salazar and Betsy Markey, both of whom are working together to get permanent legislation passed to totally ban any further attempts to expand PCMS by the Army.

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Photos by Tim Keller

Left: Mark Honeyfield, teacher of industrial arts and agriculture. Center: Man of many talents, Richard Main. Right: Raton Schools Superintendent David Willden

# The future of Ag at RHS

By TIM KELLER  
The Chronicle-News

When rumors started circulating last month that departing Raton High School agriculture teacher Amanda Armacost would not be replaced, they quickly took on an assumption that the Raton Schools administration was killing the Ag and FFA programs. In a town with a long history and culture of agriculture, this became news.

Like many rumors, this one had only a kernel of truth. More importantly, it didn't touch on a much bigger truth. Ag programs are not dead at RHS, but they are undergoing a transformation into the 21st century that may render them unrecognizable from the past.

Superintendent David Willden explains, "The Ag program is valuable to the community and, more impor-

tantly, to the students." He describes the coming school year as one of transition, gearing up into a new program the following year. It's true that Armacost is not being replaced this year; industrial arts teacher Mark Honeyfield will teach two Ag classes - Horticulture, and Ag Mechanics 1 & 2. Willden is currently looking for someone to take over Armacost's role as sponsor of Raton's FFA chapter.

When the multi-million dollar construction project is finished at RHS this summer, the Ag and FFA programs will have a modern new home with all new shops, classrooms, and offices. Luna Community College is contributing \$500,000 worth of equipment to new shops that will be shared by RHS industrial arts and Ag programs during the day and Luna class-

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