

RHS Constitution Day is fun and games

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In honor of U.S. Constitution Day, Raton High School's Mock Trial students presented a full day of educational fun and games in the school's library on Sept. 23.

The Mock Trial class spent the first weeks of school creating and building the games, which included a dartboard, a wheel of fortune, a target shoot, and a trivia buzz-in. Each game quizzed students on a variety of aspects of United States history and constitutional law.

The Mock Trial students ran the games all day, excused from their other classes to be on hand as teachers brought their students to participate.

"I'm good with history," said junior James Neary, operator of the Wheel-of-Constitution game. "I've remembered most of what I've learned about the U.S. Constitution, but I was surprised at how little some of the other kids seemed to know about history."

Neary shared some of the questions students encountered...and didn't know. What is one executive office agency? Which constitutional amendment allows for a speedy and public trial? What does the third amendment restrict? Who is one president who has died in office?

How many constitutional amendments are there? What are some of the duties of the White House Chief of Staff? Which amendments are sometimes known as "the Civil War amendments?" Which amendment made alcohol illegal, and which amendment made it legal again? Which amendment gave women the right to vote? Which amendment gave the vote to 18-year-olds?

Prizes were awarded to



Photo by Tim Keller

RHS freshman Tucker Berry takes a turn blindfolded at one of the Constitution Day games set up by Mock Trial students for the recent all-day event.

knowledgeable students in the form of "Constitution Cups:" tasty homemade treats furnished by the Tiger Culinary Program.

"I'm glad Mock Trial is holding a fair like this," Neary concluded. "If some of the students came away from this knowing a few

more of their inalienable rights, we did our part."

Mock Trial sponsor and RHS social studies teacher Robin Smith was pleased enough with the inaugural event that he's hoping to make it an annual occurrence.

Colorado Trout Unlimited meets in Trinidad Saturday

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Purgatoire River Anglers Chapter #100, Pioneer Natural Resources, Black Jack's Steakhouse & Saloon, Trinidad Community Foundation and the Trinidad & Las Animas County Chamber of Commerce have come together to host the annual Colorado Trout Unlimited State Council meeting on Saturday in Trinidad, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the La Quinta Inn. The goal of these groups is to educate Trout Unlimited members from across the state about the newly formed chapter and the Purgatoire River Restoration Project.

In honor of the CTU meeting, a mixer will be held at Black Jack's Basement, Saturday from 5-8 p.m. Donations will be accepted and Black Jack's will donate 10 percent of proceeds back to the Purgatoire River Anglers. For information, call Kim at the chamber, (719) 846-9285.

The Purgatoire River Anglers Chapter #100 of Trout Unlimited was founded in August 2009 by a group of local Trinidad citizens with a strong desire to protect and restore the river. The Purgatoire River Anglers are part of a network of 22 Trout Unlimited

Chapters in Colorado. With 10,000 members across the state, Colorado Trout Unlimited works on the ground to conserve, protect and restore Colorado's rivers and watersheds.

From the Trinidad chapter the idea to restore the Purgatoire River below Trinidad Dam emerged; the purpose of Purgatoire River Improvement Project is to improve the aquatic habitat and riparian areas from the Trinidad State Park Lake dam through the town of Trinidad, to the Highway 160 Bypass, approximately 4-3/4 miles of river. The Planning Phase will result in a written assessment of the current conditions and a feasibility study for designing and funding future work projects.

The Purgatoire River, a free flowing trout stream, was dammed in the 1970s to create Trinidad Lake. Low winter flows and poor structure in the river have prevented a sustainable trout population. In recent Colorado Trout Unlimited meets in Trinidad Saturday, many people in the community have become supportive of efforts to clean up the river trails and improve the habitat.

Hibbett Sporting Goods, Inc. coming soon

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National sporting goods retailer Hibbett Sporting Goods, Inc. in Birmingham, Ala., is pleased to announce that its newest Hibbett Sports store will be opening in the Trinidad, Colo. market, employing approximately eight full and part-time team members.

Announcing the opening, Jeff Rosenthal, President and CEO of Hibbett Sports said, "We're thrilled to be opening a new store in Trinidad. People in Trinidad take their sports seriously, and we plan to give them the sporting goods products and know-how they've been looking for."

Hibbett Sports is a fast-growing operator of over 750 full-line sporting goods stores in small to mid-sized markets, most of them located in the Southeast, Mid-Atlantic and Midwest. The primary store format is a 5,000 square-foot store in dominant strip centers and enclosed malls.

Hibbett Sports offers a large selection of quality athletic equipment, footwear and apparel, with a focus on knowledgeable, friendly customer service, offering customers information they can't always get at other

stores selling sports products. The company features an expansive selection of brand name merchandise, with an eye toward meeting the needs of the team and individual sports participants. Another priority is offering localized apparel and accessories so that a wide range of customers within each market will be able to find just what they're looking for.

Hibbett Sports has a long history of focusing on the needs of local teams and leagues, providing a variety of services to meet the needs of coaches and players alike.

Hibbett Sports is the only sporting goods chain committed to serving small markets. Keeping costs low while keeping customers happy has proved to be a successful goal for Hibbett Sports as the company continues to successfully expand its number of stores across the U.S.

According to Rosenthal, from Hibbett Sports' beginning in 1945, the focus has been on serving the local community. "No matter how many stores we open, we don't lose sight of the fact that every town we serve is a hometown."

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