

Shuler to mark birthday with Poetry Rocks!



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Tegan Thompson revels in her ovation after sharing a new poem in last year's first annual Poetry Rocks! event at the Shuler Theater. Thompson is returning for Friday's show.

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RATON — The Shuler Theater celebrates its 97th birthday Friday night with its second annual student Poetry Rocks! program. Last year's show was such a success that a catered reception has been added to follow this year's performances.

Raton High School students have been working in their English classes for two weeks with Albuquerque poet-educators Manuel Gonzalez and Tracey Dahl, producing original poems they share aloud with their classmates. Many will sign up to share with a larger crowd at Friday's all-day 6th Annual Poetry Marathon in the school library.

Last year, 140 students shared their new poems, about a third of the student body. Thirty-eight of them took the next step and mounted the Shuler stage that night to share with parents, families, and

the community. The National Poetry Month festivities join last fall's Poetry Out Loud competition that sent Raton freshman Clair Willden to Santa Fe to represent Raton in February's New Mexico state competition.

The Whited Foundation has sponsored Raton's Poets-in-the-Schools program for two years, with the professional poet-educators provided by New Mexico CultureNet.

Earlier this year, donations at a KRTN Movie Night at the El Raton Movie Theatre produced enough funding to add a reception after Friday night's student poetry performances. Mexican food will be prepared by Raton High School's Culinary Arts catering team and served next door to the Shuler Theater at the Isabel Castillo Center for the Performing Arts.

Showtime at the Shuler Friday is 7 p.m. Admission is free, with the reception following immediately after the show.

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District Court Las Animas County, Colorado 200 E. 1st Street, Room # 304 Trinidad, CO 81082 Court Phone: 719-846-3316		COURT USE ONLY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DOROTHY MAY STIFFLER, aka DOROTHY M. STIFFLER, aka DOROTHY MAY HODGSON, aka DOROTHY M. HODGSON, Deceased. Attorney for Executor: Dennis Michael Malone, Esq Dennis Michael Malone, P.C. 100 E. Main St. Suite 209 Trinidad, CO 81082-2789 Phone Number: 719-846-4428 Fax Number: 719-846-7917 Atty. Reg.# 5645 E-mail: dennis@colocounsel.com		
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Notice is hereby given that the following described foreign estate, through its attorney and counselor, Dennis Michael Malone, Esq., of Dennis Michael Malone, P.C., has duly filed true and correct authenticated copies of documents in the District Court, Las Animas County, Colorado, in Case No. 2012 PR 18, on April 4, 2012.

Foreign Estate Information:

Name: Dorothy May Stiffler aka Dorothy M. Stiffler, aka Dorothy May Hodgson aka Dorothy M. Hodgson
 State: Pennsylvania
 County: Lancaster
 Court/Docket No: 36-2011-2417
 Executor: Richard K. Kearns

The authenticated copies have been filed pursuant to C.R.S. 15-13-204 and C.R.S. 15-13-205, for the purpose of empowering and enabling the foreign executor to transfer real property located in Colorado from the foreign estate in the State of Pennsylvania to designated devisees, distributees, or purchasers.

Respectfully submitted April 12, 2012.

DENNIS MICHAEL MALONE, P.C.

By: /s/Dennis Michael Malone
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 Attorney and Counselor
 For the Foreign Estate of Dorothy May Stiffler, aka Dorothy M. Stiffler, aka Dorothy May Hodgson, aka Dorothy M. Hodgson

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The regular (and annual) meeting of the Arkansas River Power Authority (ARPA) Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2012, at 9:00a.m. at the Otero Junior College Student Center, La Junta, CO. The agenda will include an executive session beginning at 9:00 a.m. followed by an open session beginning at 10:30. It will also include a comment period to provide an opportunity for any member of the public to submit comments regarding the Authority's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). The IRP outlines plans for meeting the future electric power needs of ARPA and its member communities. The Arkansas River Power Authority is a political subdivision of the state of Colorado, supplying wholesale electric power to its municipal members of Holly, La Junta, Lamar, Las Animas, Springfield and Trinidad, Colorado ARPA Board meetings are open to the public.

A proposed agenda for the meeting will be posted at a designated location in each of the member cities at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. If any member of the public desires a copy of the agenda prior to the meeting you may request one by calling the ARPA office at 719-336-3496.
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Merlock, a 13-month-old neutered greyhound mix, wears an Adopt Me sign Saturday while at Big R. The store hosted an adoption event for pets from the Noah's Ark Animal Shelter.

Noah's Ark, Big R team up for pets

By Sharon Moe Furl
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Big R and Noah's Ark teamed up Saturday to help find homes for animals at the shelter:

Several of the shelter's animals were at Big R so residents could get a chance to see them.

Among the pets was Merlock, a 13-month-old neutered greyhound mix. He is house-broken and good with children and cats and other dogs. He has already been taught to sit, fetch, and "shake hands."

Also on view were Bella, a 3-month-old female shepherd mix, Kelly, a spayed 5-year-old calico female, and Mufasa, a 10-year-old neutered tabby-point Siamese.

To adopt these pets or any other pets, call Noah's Ark at 719-680-2385 or go to 224 N. Chestnut in Trinidad.

Relative upset by grandson's tattoo meant to honor late grandmother

DEAR ABBY: Two weeks ago I got a memorial tattoo done for my beloved grandma. It's on my arm and says "in loving memory" at the top. Gram's portrait is underneath, and a beautiful poem my grandpa wrote for her is under the portrait. The tattoo artist did a phenomenal job! It looks just like her and I was thrilled with the results.

The problem is, I posted a picture on Facebook of the tattoo, and out of the blue a distant cousin sent me a message telling me that the tattoo was "selfish and attention-seeking behavior"! He said he was hurt in more ways than one because of it.

Abby, I don't understand. I love this tattoo. I wanted to honor the woman who meant so much to me. Did I honor her the wrong way like he says? Was I selfish? I'm so hurt, I guess I'm just looking for some input into this. My friends and family say he's jealous and not to give it another thought, but I'm obsessing. Please help. -- HONORING GRANDMA

DEAR HONORING GRANDMA: Please accept my sympathy for your obviously heartfelt loss. Your family and friends are correct that your cousin's comments are out of line. You are not responsible for your cousin's feelings, so stop obsessing. Whatever has hurt him "in more ways than one" is not your tattoo, or anything you posted on Facebook.

You say he is distant. Keep it that way and concentrate on something positive like the fact that you have honored your grandmother's memory. Then go on and build a happy and constructive life. I'm sure that is what she would want you to do.

DEAR ABBY: My neighbors' teenage sons ask to borrow our lawn mower and other yard tools so they can make money



Dear Abby
Jeanne Phillips

cutting the grass for other neighbors. What do we do? -- LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

DEAR NEIGHBOR: How responsible are the boys? If they can be trusted with your lawn mower and other yard tools and you're kind-hearted, allow them to use the items with the understanding that they will be returned to you in the same condition in which they were borrowed. Then have them

cut your lawn as a way of showing their appreciation.

DEAR ABBY: My co-worker "Oscar" is a grouchy, bitter man. His cubicle is close to mine, so I can hear everything he says. He constantly talks about other employees and even about the owners of the company.

Oscar's general bitterness and poor attitude constantly bring me down. Please help. -- NEEDS POSITIVITY IN LEXINGTON, KY.

DEAR NEEDS POSITIVITY: The first thing you should do is tell Oscar that you can hear every word he's saying because he may not know that he's being overheard. Tell him his conversations are distracting and ask him to stop. If he does not comply, complain to a supervisor. And if your complaint is not acted upon, bring headphones, if it's allowed, so you won't be subjected to the daily dose of negativity.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

STATE BRIEFS

Associated Press

First Presbyterian Church votes to join more conservative group

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — The First Presbyterian Church in downtown Colorado Springs has voted to split from its denomination and align with a new, more conservative organization.

The vote ratifies a decision made by church leaders in January to leave the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), after the church voted in 2011 to allow openly gay ministers to be ordained.

Of the nearly 1,800 church members, about 1,700 voted to dismiss the old church and switch to a more conservative denomination called the Evangelical Covenant Order Of Presbyterians.

Groups upset by proposed gas lease auction settlement

CARBONDALE, Colo. — Five Colorado conservation groups are criticizing a proposed settlement with two natural gas companies accused of rigging auctions of four gas leases on federal land.

The groups including Western Colorado Congress and Wilderness Workshop say the U.S. Department of Justice is letting the companies off with a "wrist slap."

Gunnison Energy Corp. and SG Interests were accused of agreeing in 2005 not to compete against each other in the auctions. Federal prosecutors said in February that each company agreed to pay \$275,000 to settle the claims. The companies aren't admitting guilt. The public was given 60 days to comment on the settlement before a judge decides whether to approve it.

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