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## THE FINE PRINT



### ARTCAR EXTRAVAGANZA ARTOCODE WEEKEND

**FRIDAY-SUNDAY:** Get your motor running—ArtoCade Weekend revs up in downtown Trinidad. For more information on all events go to www.artocade.com or artocadeun@hotmail.com

**Library ArtoCade Show**  
**FRIDAY (5 p.m.)** An opening reception for Rich Colombo's car-themed art exhibit will be held at the Library. Refreshments will be served. Information: 719-846-6841.

**Carbash**  
**FRIDAY (8-11:30 p.m.)** Meet CarArtists, eat, and imbibe with rockin' music by the Driftin' Suns at Brix on E. Main St.

**VehiculArt:**  
**Hubcapalooza at Galerie Vivante** (214 E. Main St.) Show opens Friday. Information: 719-334-0087.

**AutoMotivation at Gallery Main** currently showing at 130 E. Main St. Information: 719-846-1441.

**THE BIG PARADE**  
**SATURDAY (Noon-1:30-ish)** World Famous ArtoCade Parade on Main Street through downtown Trinidad.

**Kids Creation Station**  
**SATURDAY (2-5 p.m.)** Art fun for kids at Gallery Main on East Main St.

**Art & Music Events**  
**SATURDAY (all afternoon)** Gather to ogle ArtCars, chat with everyone and enjoy the festivities surrounding Main and Commercial Streets.

**CARDANGO GALA**  
**SATURDAY (7 p.m.-Midnight)** Fun party and dance for the adults will be held at the Sebastiana Gym on Animas St.

**BrickFest**  
**SUNDAY (8-10:30 a.m.)** Enjoy breakfast treats and the CarArtist sendoff at the Trinidad History Museum 312 E. Main Street across from the Post Office.

## Today's Quote

**"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy, they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."**

—Marcel Proust

**SEPTEMBER 9**  
**Trinidad City Council**  
**TUESDAY (1:30 p.m.)** Work session followed by a special session in Council Chambers, City Hall, 135 N. Animas St., Third Floor. Information: Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843.

**Trinidad Schools**  
**TUESDAY (6 p.m.)** The Board of Education will hold a board retreat in the Leone Room at the Sullivan Center, TSJC, 600 Prospect. Information: 719-846-3324.

**TSJC's Prator Gun Range**  
**TUESDAY (6:30 p.m.)** A development of the Prator Gun Range meeting to hear your ideas will be held in the Pioneer Room at the Sullivan Center on the TSJC Campus, 600 Prospect St. Information: Greg Boyce, 719-846-5530 or 719-821-6397.

**SEPTEMBER 10**  
**Piñon Water Sanitation**  
**WEDNESDAY (8:30 a.m.)** District meeting will be in the Century Financial Building, 109 W. Main. Information: Dana Phillips, 719-846-2080.

**Purgatoire Watershed**  
**WEDNESDAY (6 p.m.)** The Purgatoire Watershed Partnership will meet in the NRCS Office, 9590 E. Main. Information: Karen Wolf, 303-543-8688.

**Stonewall FPD**  
**WEDNESDAY (6:30 p.m.)** Board of Directors meets in the Stonewall Fire House. Information: Dana Phillips, 719-846-2080.

**PUBLIC SERVICE**  
**Carnegie Library**  
**THURSDAY (5:15 p.m.)** Book signing with refreshments featuring Larada Homer-Miller author of "This Tumbleweed Landed" will be at the Library, 202 N. Animas. Information: 719-846-6841.

**Carnegie Library**  
 First Annual Adult Reading Program is underway. Ask a library staff member to tell you how to participate. Information: 719-846-6841.

**Call for Volunteers**  
 The A.R. Mitchell Museum is looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please call 719-846-4224.

**Sayre Senior Center**  
**SEPTEMBER 23 (6 p.m.)** Annual "Burritos & Bingo" fundraiser night will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on N. Commercial St. Information: Anna Risley, 719-846-3336.

## RIVER CALL

**Purgatoire River Call as of: 09/07/14. Enlarged South Side ditch: Priority # 74 --- Appropriation date: 02/17/1876.**

**Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:**  
 Release 110.16 AF  
 Inflow 250.07 AF -- 126.08 CFS  
 Evaporation 6.91 AF  
 Content 11,954 AF  
 Elevation 6,169.96  
 Precipitation 0.71

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



## ARTS & ACTION

# Raton to celebrate Art of Great Outdoors events



Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Near the end of the 2013 Masters of the Mountains, bike racers encountered two dramatic water crossings. At 7:30 a.m., spectators begin to line the Lake Maloya spillway for a prime view of the running, kayaking, and bicycling legs of the 2013 M.O.M. relay race.

By **Tim Keller**  
 Correspondent  
 The Chronicle-News

**RATON** — After the success of last year's Art of the Great Outdoors slate of events, Raton's doing it again this year with a focus Friday and Saturday on its premier arts event followed by a pair of down-and-dirty racing events.

Friday night from 6 to 8 p.m., Raton Arts & Humanities Council presents the artists reception and awards ceremony for its 38th Annual International Art Exhibit and Sale at the downtown branch of International Bank. The show opens to the public Wednesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and closes after the gala celebration Friday night, arguably Raton's single biggest arts event of the year. Admission is free to the public and refreshments are served.

Spectators need to drive all the way up Sugarite Canyon early Saturday morning in order to be on or near the Lake Maloya spillway in time for the start of the Masters of the Mountains Adventure Relay Race at 8 a.m. Runners will cross the

spillway and proceed along the lake, then across a high mountain pass on a rugged trail before returning across the spillway six miles—about an hour—later.

At the adjacent boat ramp, some runners will jump straight into a kayak or canoe while others will tap a relay teammate to tackle the three-mile paddling portion of the race affectionately known as M.O.M.—its tagline is "Think you mom is tough on you? Try our M.O.M." Last year, 41 racers vied for the Master of the Mountains title, won by John Winkley of Aztec, NM. This year, 55 racers are preregistered.

After leaving the water, entrants pick up speed as they race bicycles across the spillway and down the canyon, continuing through downtown Raton (at about 10 a.m.) and then westward to the NRA property out on York Canyon Rd., where a fourth stage requires a timed shotgun course. Winkley's time of 2 hours 45 minutes last year was only two minutes ahead of second place Santiago Gamboa of Roswell, NM. Winkley took home a check for \$500.

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## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### Ending term limits for DA nixed by boards

By **Steve Block**  
 The Chronicle-News

The County Commissioners of both Las Animas and Huerfano Counties jointly decided not to end term limits for the position of Dis-

trict Attorney. Incumbent District Attorney Frank Ruybalid filed a written request to end term limits for the DA position on August 25, but after a Wednesday conference call, each board decided there wasn't enough time to get a measure ending the DA's term limitations on the ballot in time for the November 4 general election.

The Colorado Secretary of State's office had a deadline of Friday, September 5 for the election ballot order and content to be finalized. The board members felt that there wasn't enough time to go through

the process of having a public hearing on the issue and then having each board pass separate resolutions to get the measure on the ballot by last Friday's deadline.

Las Animas County Commissioner Mack Loudon said the two boards were being asked to decide a very important issue in very short timeframe, adding that more time was needed to properly consider the issue of putting such a measure on this year's ballot.

Huerfano County Commissioner Art Bobian said Ruybalid was well aware of the term limits when he ran for reelection in 2012. Under current law, the district attorney is limited to two consecutive four-year terms.

Colorado's Third Judicial District consists of Las Animas and

Huerfano Counties, whose voters elect a District Attorney every four years, with the next election scheduled for November 2016. Ruybalid won his first term in 2008 and his second in 2012. Unless the term limits are changed, he wouldn't be able run for DA again until the 2020 election. He was previously elected District Attorney in the 2000 election, but was defeated in his bid for reelection in 2004.

Ruybalid is facing an October trial before a three judge panel appointed by the Colorado Supreme Court on charges of mishandling 16 criminal cases since 2010. The Colorado Attorney Regulation Counsel made the allegations, but Ruybalid has filed a response in which he denied claims of rules violations by himself and his prosecutors.

## CRUMBLING INFRASTRUCTURE



Steve Block / The Chronicle-News

This piece of tin cornice work, along with some masonry, fell off of the Franch Building sometime Saturday. Orange cones were put in place to warn the public of possible danger. The building is the former home of a photography business, a pawn shop and a Mexican restaurant.

## PUTTING THE POST TOGETHER AGAIN

# American Legion gets Veterans their benefits

By **Scott Mastro**  
 Correspondent  
 The Chronicle-News

With the re-establishment of the Trinidad American Legion Post 11 and a new generation of veterans home from Iraq, Afghanistan, Bosnia, Mogadishu and other recent conflicts and wars, a re-vitalized Post 11 is reaching out to veterans of all ages. To that end, this past Friday evening, the new Assistant Veterans Service Officer, Al Trujillo, spoke to the assembled members of Trinidad's troop.

"I was born and raised here in Trinidad," Al said. "I left for the military in 1969. When everybody was headed to Canada, I stepped forward and signed up. I came back for a brief period, moved to Colorado Springs, came back again to get my degree in Criminal Justice from Trinidad State in 1975, was a state trooper in Walsenburg for 21 years, moved to El Paso, Texas where I swore I wouldn't

do law enforcement and ended up a crime scene investigator. Traffic was so bad, they've got six lanes in each direction, and with the lights blaring one evening on a squad car, we got rear-ended and spun around. I told my wife, 'That's it. We're moving back to Colorado where it's less hectic.' We were in Colorado Springs from 2000 to 2011, but it got to be too busy there too, so we came back to Trinidad, and we're home for good. My wife is from here too." Al's wife, Virginia Trujillo, is the write-in candidate for County Clerk and Recorder.

About how he came to be involved with Veteran's Affairs, Al said, "Nick DeBono recruited me. Veterans Affairs has always helped me. This is my giving back. There are 1,000 veterans in Las Animas County. Many have questions, need help, and deserve benefits."

Al said the Veterans Office is in

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## WEATHER WATCH

**Tuesday:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before 7 a.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 87. West wind 10 to 15 mph.

Chance of precipitation is 10 percent. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53. North northwest wind 5 to 15 mph.

**Wednesday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 74. North northwest wind around 5 mph. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50. Southeast

wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Thursday:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before 7 a.m., then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 74. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10 percent. **Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. Southeast wind around 10 mph.

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# COMMUNITY

## Raton celebrates art

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This year's total prize money is \$2500. Sugarite Canyon State Park charges a \$5 per vehicle park fee, payable at the park headquarters when first entering, or at self-pay station at the Lake Maloya spillway. When returning to Raton on York Canyon Road, M.O.M. racers and spectators will notice crowds already gathering in the grandstands at the Raton Rodeo Grounds for mud bog racing. Raton Mud Bogs is the final points event of the year prior to the September 27 state championships in Belen. Since late

March, point races have been held in Belen, Pecos, Las Vegas, Questa, Clayton, Moriarty, Cimarron, and Wagon Mound. Mud bog action begins at noon. Entrants pay a \$75 fee for a loud run that lasts seconds, throwing up vast amounts of mud as they speed past the audience—or bog down to a halt in front of that audience. Rookies can enter for \$20 and women can enter for the "Powder Puff" fee of \$40. Divisions include stock, super stock, modified, super modified, and outlaw. Last year the rodeo grounds' two

grandstands filled early with cheering fans. Admission at the gate is \$10, with children six and under admitted free. Additional information for all Art of the Great Outdoors events is available at Raton Chamber of Commerce, (575) 445-3689.

**Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News**  
Mud bog racing returns to Raton Rodeo Grounds all afternoon Saturday in the final points race before the state championships later this month.



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