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## THE FINE PRINT

**MARCH 4**  
-Las Animas County  
**TUESDAY (9 a.m.)** Board of County Commissioners meeting is in the Las Animas Courthouse, 200 E. First St., Room 201. Information: 719-845-2568. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Gary Hill (719-845-2595), Mack Loudon (719-845-2592), and Anthony Abeyta (719-846-9300).  
-Annual Pancake Supper  
**TUESDAY (4:30-6:30 p.m.)** Holy Trinity Academy will host their annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at Holy Family Hall. Proceeds benefit the school.  
-Trinidad Schools  
**TUESDAY (6 p.m.)** Board of Education will hold a special meeting and work session at Eckhart School, 1021 Pierce St. Information: 719-846-3324.  
-Trinidad City Council  
**TUESDAY (7 p.m.)** Regular session, Council Chambers, City Hall, 135 N. Animas St. Information: Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843.

## Today's Quote

"A morning-glory at my window satisfies me more than the metaphysics of books."

- Walt Whitman

**MARCH 5**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent in the Western Christian calendar, directly following Shrove Tuesday and occurring 46 days before Easter.

**PUBLIC SERVICE**  
-TSJC English Tutoring  
**FRIDAY (10 a.m.-Noon)** The English Department at Trinidad State is offering free English tutoring to any high school student. Students should bring relevant books, notes and a flash drive to Room 312 in the Freudenthal Library. Information: 719-846-5530.  
-"Songs of Hope"  
**FRIDAY (7 p.m.)** Jason & Denise will be in concert at New Hope Church, 38096 Hwy 160 (old Wagon Wheel). No admission and everyone's welcome.  
-Philanthropy Phair  
**SATURDAY (3-6 p.m.)** The community is invited to explore opportunities with local non-profit organizations and enjoy entertainment, prizes and refreshments at the Mitchell Museum, 150 E. Main St. Event hosted by the Trinidad Community Foundation. Information: 719-846-3943.

-The Great Chocolate Tour  
**SATURDAY (3-7 p.m.)** Sample a variety of delightful chocolate treats at this benefit for the Colorado State Future Business Leaders of America at the La Quinta Inn on Toupal Drive. Tickets and information: Hoehne FBLA, 719-846-4457.

-Awards Banquet  
**SATURDAY (5:30 p.m.)** Junior Achievement Awards Banquet will be at the Trinidad Masonic Lodge, 132 E. Main St. Information: Russ Sharpe, 719-845-1698.

-Call for Design Submissions  
**MARCH 10 DEADLINE:** Send your Corazon de Trinidad crosswalk art design submissions to: City of Trinidad Arts & Culture Advisory Commission, P.O. Box 880, or call Kim Marquez at 719-846-9843, ext. 123 for more information.

- From the LA County Clerk  
License plate renewal online. Go to: [www.colorado.gov/renewplates](http://www.colorado.gov/renewplates).

-RECYCLE  
**Terra Firma Recycling (Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. & Sat. 9 a.m.-Noon)** at 2400 Nevada Ave. (The Water Station) will recycle paper, cardboard, tin can and plastic #1-#7. Information: Kelli Van Matre, 719-859-3998.

-SUICIDE/CRISIS HOTLINES:  
\*ADULT HOPE: 800-784-2433  
\*TEEN: 877-968-8454  
\*GLB-YOUTH: 866-488-7386  
\*VET-YOUTH: 877-838-2838  
\*When the world says "Give up!" Hope says "Not today!" -Unknown

- ABUSE HOTLINES:  
\*Domestic Abuse Hotline: In Trinidad call 719-846-6665 (24-hours a day). National Hotline call: 1-800-790-SAFE (7233).

\*Animal Abuse: Do your part and help put a stop to animal cruelty. Report animal abuse and dog/cock fighting at Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line: 720-913-7867.

## A THOUSAND WORDS

The Children's Museum on North Commercial Street.

## RIVER CALL

Purgatory River Call as of 03/03/14. Chilli ditch: Priority #7 -- Appropriation date: 04/30/1862.

**Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:**  
Release 0.24 AF  
Inflow 37.97 AF -- 18.99 CFS  
Evaporation 3.97 AF  
Content 17,175 AF  
Elevation 6,179.52  
Precipitation 0.08

Downstream River Call. John Martin Reservoir -- 12/31/1948.



Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

## ... a thousand words

### THE ARTS

# Dance extravaganza on tap at Shuler Theater

By Tim Keller  
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RATON - It's been a long dry spell since a big touring musical production brought rousing entertainment to the area. Wednesday night's Shuler Theater performance of "Tap - The Show" ends the drought with a full program of song and dance featuring tap-dance classics like "Singin' in the Rain" and "I've Got Rhythm."

The show celebrates the breadth and history of tap dance with nine dancers — five men and four women — performing costumed and choreographed production numbers from throughout the past century and from around the world, including tribal, flamenco and Irish step-dance music.

Assembled in Nashville and featuring performers from New York City, Los Angeles and points between, ranging from Florida and Massachusetts to Nebraska and Utah, the production opens this year's fifth touring season with the Raton show, then dips south through New Mexico and Texas before turning east. Raton is the closest the show will get to Colorado this year.

Created by writer/director Scott Seidl and choreographer Mike Minery, "Tap - The Show" is "fueled by a non-stop explosion of rhythmic energy." The music has been arranged and recorded as a soundtrack specifically for the show, with sets and costumes also designed for the production. In fact, production credits number more than three-dozen people, a third of whom will be in Raton



Photos courtesy of TAP - The Show

"TAP - The Show" begins its 2014 national touring season on Wednesday night at Raton's Shuler Theater. Featuring nine dancers who come from coast to coast, the rhythm extravaganza showcases music from Broadway productions, the movies of Shirley Temple and Fred Astaire, "Singin' in the Rain" and makes forays into country and patriotic songs.

as dancers, singers and technical crew.

Show creators Seidl and Minery typify the levels of experience seen throughout the cast credits. Seidl is an actor, dancer, director, stage manager, playwright and country-music songwriter. He's been a Nickelodeon TV host, road manager for Steven Tyler and Aerosmith, and a university

music and theater teacher. His lengthy acting and dance credits include "Annie Get Your Gun," "Bye Bye Birdie" and "Man of La Mancha."

Minery has toured the world as a featured soloist with Manhattan Tap Company. The 1997 World Tap Champion debuted his own dance company, Tapaholics, at The Duke on New York City's fabled 42nd Street. He recently choreographed and directed the Off-Broadway production Slide.

Dancers on the Shuler stage on Wednesday night will include the show's producer, Greg Woodruff, dance captain Aaron Parkhurst and company manager Maria Logan. They will be joined by Michelle Fortner, Carissa Gravelle and Sarah Mangold, along with male dancers Sebastian Goldberg, Soren Wohlers and Shawn Kurliko. Tapthetour.com provides vivid photos and biographies of everyone in the company, along with full production credits and performance photos and videos.

The show opens with a high-energy, song-and-dance medley of the classic show tunes "42nd

Street," "I've Got Rhythm," "Crazy Rhythm" and "Fascinating Rhythm." Members of the audience may tap their feet to the music, but the performers on stage will actually be creating much of the music by tapping their feet.

The show features Shirley Temple's "The Good Ship Lollipop," Fred Astaire & Ginger Rogers' "Top Hat, White Tie and Tails," Ann Miller's "Tap Your Troubles Away" and the Nicholas Brothers' "Tap." Another highlight will be the soft-shoe performance of "Me and My Shadow."

Presented by Raton Arts & Humanities Council's annual Performing Arts Series and underwritten by The Whited Foundation, Wednesday night's show will begin at 7 p.m. Reserved-seat tickets are available at Raton's Old Pass Gallery, located at 145 S. 1st Street, and the gallery's phone number is 719-845-2052. Also available at the door, tickets cost \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$10 for students. The 99-year-old Shuler Theater is located in Raton's downtown historic district at 131 N. 2nd St.



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**WEATHER WATCH**  
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 61. W-SW wind 5 to 10 mph becoming NW in the afternoon. Night: A slight chance of rain showers before midnight,

then a slight chance of rain and snow showers between midnight and 2am, then a slight chance of snow showers after 2am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 31. N-NW wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.  
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 49. N-NW wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east in the afternoon. Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 31. SE wind 10 to 15

mph becoming west SW after midnight.  
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 67. West wind 10 to 15 mph. Night: A slight chance of snow. Partly cloudy, with a low around 36. W-SW wind around 10 mph.  
Friday: A chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 57. W-NW wind 5 to 10 mph becoming NE in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 40%.