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THE FINE PRINT

TRINIDAD LAKE

All activities are rain or shine, and are free to the public. All vehicles are required to have a park pass. Info: 719-846-6951.

***SAT. (10 a.m.)** Adoptable Dog Hike with dogs from Noah's Ark and Park Staff. Meet at the Visitor's Center for a great Piñon-Juniper forest hike.

***SAT. (7 p.m.)** Volcanoes, Nature's Fireworks presentation with a Park Ranger from Mt. Capulin National Monument at the Amphitheater.

***SUN. (6 p.m.)** Explore the wonders of nature. Meet at the Visitor Center to hike Park Staff for a leisurely 90-minute hike on Levs Canyon Trail.

JULY 1

SUPPORT GROUPS

***WED. (5:30 p.m.)** Overeaters Anonymous meets Wednesdays at 120 W. Kansas St. Info: 719-680-0505 or 719-680-7732. No dues or fees.

***WED. (7:30 p.m.)** Alanon Family Group meets Wednesdays at 120 W. Kansas St. Info: 719-680-0505 or 719-680-7732. No dues or fees.

JULY 2

CONTINUUM OF CARE

THURSDAY (8 a.m.) Group will meet at Fisher's Peak Soup Kitchen, 308 Church St. Info: Charlene Tortore, 719-846-9159.

NETWORK COUNCIL

THURSDAY (8 a.m.) Regular meeting will be held in the Bell Block Building's Trinidad Community Foundation room. Information: Margaret Apodaca, 719-846-3943.

PRCVD WATER DISTRICT

THURSDAY (7:30 p.m.) The Purgatoire River Conservancy meets in City Hall Council Chambers, 135 N. Animas. Information: Thelma Lujan, 719-846-7285.

SPPRCD MEETING

THURSDAY (7 p.m.) Spanish Peaks Purgatoire River Conservation District will meet at the District Office. Information: 719-846-3681 Ext. 117.

JULY 2-5

COLLEGE FOR KIDS

FRIDAY (8 a.m.) Register for next Thursday's FREE Summer Workshop at TSJC. Limited to 50 students each week (ages 7-11). Event runs through July 9. Call: 719-846-5474.

FARMERS' MARKET

SATURDAY (8 a.m.-Noon) 15th Annual event every Saturday in Cimino Park runs thru mid-October. Information: 719-680-0184.

AMERICAN LEGION

FRIDAY (6 p.m.) The Trinidad American Legion meets at the Sayre Senior Center, 1222 San Pedro. Info: Commander David Walker, 719-846-5469.

PUBLIC SERVICE

LIFE-SAVING COURSES

Trinidad Ambulance Service offers ongoing instruction in First Aid, CPR and Automated External Defibrillation (AED). Info: 719-846-6886.

DISPLAY YOUR ART!

The Carnegie Library is looking for artists to display their art on the community art wall for July. Artists of all ages and abilities welcome. Info: Mallory Pillard, 719-846-6841.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

JULY 7 DEADLINE: "36 Views of Trinidad" — open postcard show at Gallery Main, 130 E. Main Street. Info: Bree Papan, 719-846-1441.

KIDS' FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Events are FREE for middle and high school kids. Parents are asked to sign kids in and out of each event. Info: Berni Arrazola, 719-680-8639.

***JULY 10 (7-10 p.m.)** Game Night at Brix

***JULY 17 (3-6:00 p.m.)** Fun with Water at Cimino Park

WET CANYON LANDOWNERS

JULY 11 (Noon-3 p.m.) Group annual meeting and potluck lunch will be held at the Stonewall Fire Protection District Station. Info: Barb Holik, 719-868-2024.

FREE ADVENTURE WEEKEND

JULY 17-19: Colorado Parks and Wildlife will host a great outdoors camping get away for kids and their immediate families at the Terco Ranch, 30 miles west of Trinidad on Hwy 12. Registration and info: 719-561-5300.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

THRU AUGUST 14 (11 a.m.-1 p.m.) Monday thru Friday all kids (18 and under) can eat a free lunch at the THS Cafeteria, 816 West St. Adults can join in for \$3.25. Information: Carol Villa, 719-845-2051 or 719-846-3314.

The Fine Print feature is NOT an advertisement — it is a courtesy notice used to inform the public of upcoming free public meetings and events. Notice runs day before and day of event. Placement is not guaranteed. For contributions please call 719-846-3311 or e-mail cathy@trinidadchronicle.com.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 06/29/15. Model Ditch --- Appropriation date: 01/22/1908.

Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:
Release 357.43 AF
Inflow 490.04 AF -- 247.06 CFS
Evaporation 15.61 AF
Content 32,145 AF
Elevation 6,198.66
Precipitation 0

Downstream River Call / JMR Conservation Storage: 12/31/1948.



ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL

Raton's balloon rally returns to brighten morning skies



By Tim Keller
Correspondent
The Chronicle-News

RATON — Raton MainStreet's 2015 International Santa Fe Trail Balloon Rally will launch 16 giant hot-air balloons into the skies south of Raton for three early-morning holiday mass ascensions Friday, Saturday and Sunday (July 3-5).

Sponsored by International Bank and Northern New Mexico Gas Company, which provides the propane used to take the balloons aloft, the rally begins each morning at 6:00 a.m. at the old La Mesa Airfield on York Canyon Rd, Highway 555, a half-mile west of Raton's southernmost offramp from I-25, Exit 450. (Take the first left—west—after the exit cloverleaf.)

The Kiwanis Club offers its pancake breakfast from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. each morning. Pilots will gather daily at 6:30 a.m. for wind and weather updates from balloonmeister Bill Dimmitt of Los Lunas, NM, then they'll gather their crews and volunteer helpers to inflate their balloons. Depending on winds, most or all of the balloons are usually up around 7 a.m.

The balloons provide a dramatic sight from I-25 south of Raton but most spectators park at the

Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Spectators get up close and personal at Raton's balloon rally. Some take pictures while others help visiting pilots inflate their balloons. A few lucky helpers get an invitation to fly.

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WELCOME CENTER

Howard named new director at Trinidad Welcome Center

By Steve Block
The Chronicle-News

The friendly faces who greet visitors to Trinidad at the Colorado Welcome Center have often been volunteers there for many years, sharing their knowledge and passion for the Trinidad area with out-of-town guests. Barbara Howard was recently named director of the Welcome Center located at 309 Nevada Ave., and shared a few thoughts about those volunteers and the job of putting Trinidad's best foot forward to travelers and tourists in a Thursday interview at the center.

The personable Howard and her husband, Tim, now the Trinidad Fire Chief, moved to the Trinidad area 17 years ago. The Howards have five children, four boys and one girl, ranging in ages from 15 to

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Barbara Howard is the new director of Trinidad's Colorado Welcome Center.

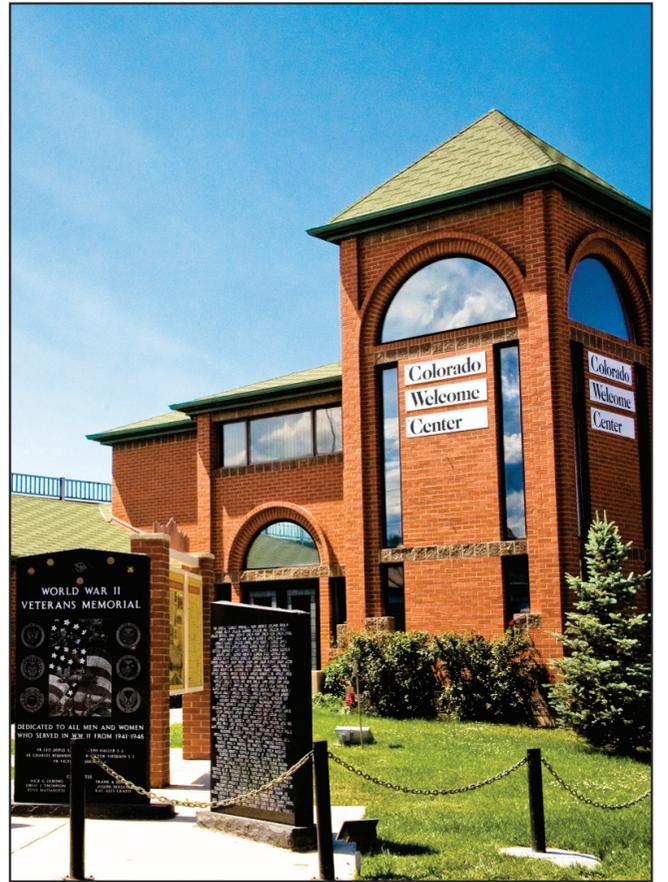


Photo courtesy of Trinidad Colorado Welcome Center



Photo courtesy TSJC

Students lined up in front of their targets to participate in last year's pistol class at Prator Gun Range in Trinidad.

FIREARM SAFETY & EDUCATION

TSJC, NRA offering class for pistol owners

By Eric John Monson
News Editor
The Chronicle-News

Trinidad State Junior College (TSJC), in cooperation with the National Rifle Association (NRA), is offering a two-day class for pistol owners July 11-12.

The class meets the training requirements for a concealed carry permit and is operated by TSJC, the only NRA Certified Training Center in the United States. The class will include lecture-style learning at TSJC and shooting at TSJC's Prator Gun Range. Organizers say participants will learn pistol knowledge and safe handling; loading, firing and cleaning the pistol; shooting two handed

and one handed; and various pistol shooting activities.

The class runs July 11, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and July 12, from 1 to 6 p.m. The total cost of the class is \$110.55, which includes instructional materials.

NRA Summer Program Coordinator at TSJC, Donna Haddow, said the college has had pistol-based classes before, but this is the first that is tailored to satisfying training requirements for conceal and carry permits. Yet, with TSJC now the only NRA certified training center in the country, organizers thought this class would be one local residents would be most interested in attending.

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WEATHER WATCH

Tuesday: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. West southwest

wind 5 to 15 mph. **Night:** A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. West southwest wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 88. West wind 5 to 10 mph. **Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61. Northeast wind 10 to

15 mph.

Thursday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 83. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. **Night:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. Southeast wind 5 mph.

Friday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 80. West wind around 5 mph.

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COMMUNITY

Raton's balloon rally returns to brighten morning skies

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airfield and walk among the balloons or set up lawn chairs on the rise just east of the balloons. Pilots love Raton not only for the dramatic landscapes but also for the "box effect" its crosswinds provide, allowing pilots to steer in different directions by adjusting altitude.

As the balloons float south and east of

a great time in Raton with flying and fishing and hospitality that they decided to do an annual event. Thus the Santa Fe Trail Balloon Rally was born."

Hale served on the board of directors of the famed Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta from 1990 through 2009. He helped grow Raton's rally, returning to fly 14 times. Hale passed away in February; this year's Raton rally is dedicated to his memory, with his grown sons and daughters and Charles Ludberg all coming to join in the festivities.

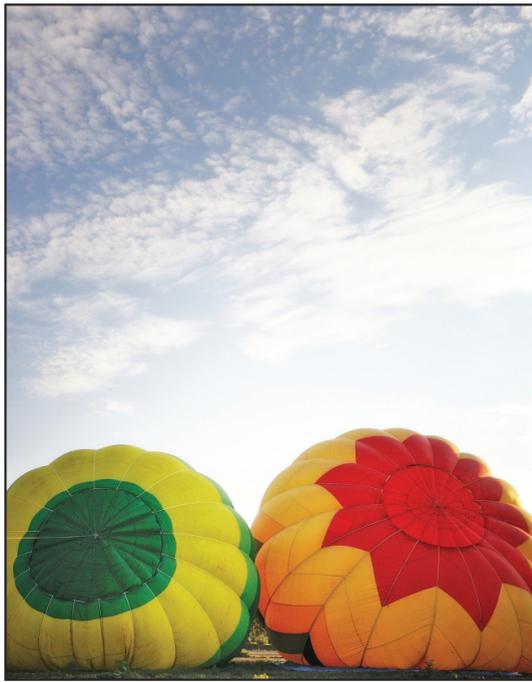
An invitation-only rally, Raton's event will have a couple of new and unique balloons this year. Graham Bell of Malvern, United Kingdom, is bringing his balloon, Blank Czech, which has no basket for passengers; instead, Bell and one passenger sit on hanging seats.

In addition to one regular round balloon, James Cassell and his Big Dog Ballooning Company are bringing their gigantic Beagle Maximus—a balloon 100-foot high and 135-feet long, in the shape of a Beagle dog. They plan to tether Beagle Maximus at the airfield during the festival's Balloon Glow, joining all of the other balloons. Saturday morning, they'll do it again.

Raton High School student Alina Pillmore designed the 2015 International Santa Fe Trail Balloon Rally logo, featured on posters, t-shirts and websites.

Saturday, Raton MainStreet also presents a downtown festival in Ripley Park from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with arts, crafts, food, and live music. The annual 4th of July parade on Historic First Street starts at 12:30 p.m. and ends at Ripley Park. The Shuler Theater presents a special 6 p.m. performance of the musical "Into the Woods," followed at dusk by the big annual fireworks display presented by the City of Raton and its fire department.

Additional information about any of Raton's holiday events is available at 575-445-9551 or 575-445-2052.



Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Clockwise from above, balloonists love Raton for its "box effect" and its gorgeous scenery as far as the eye can see. This year's balloon rally Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings begins with the Kiwanis Club pancake breakfast at 6 a.m. Balloons start rising shortly after 6:30 a.m.. Last year's International Santa Fe Trail Balloon Rally balloonmeister Royce Miller of Guymon, OK, was silhouetted behind his friend Tom Gardner's balloon. Miller and Gardner both return to fly their balloons above Raton this weekend. This year's balloon rally is dedicated to the memory of Bruce Hale, the pilot who first flew over Raton in 1994, then returned the next year to inaugurate the annual International Santa Fe Trail Balloon Rally.



Raton, their chase crews can be seen following them, racing to meet wherever they come down.

Raton's rally began in 1994 with an 18-year-old's wish. Californian Jarrod Giacomo had multiple sclerosis but dreamed of floating above the earth in a hot air balloon. Giacomo spent the summers with his grandmother in Raton where his uncle, Chuck Henry, arranged a balloon ride for him with his Albuquerque pilot friend, Bruce Hale. Giacomo was unable to travel to Albuquerque so, accompanied by his student pilot Charles Ludberg, Hale brought his balloon to Raton.

"Jarrod got his ride that lasted almost two hours," Balloon Life reported three years later. "Bruce and his crew had such

ART TREK ACTION

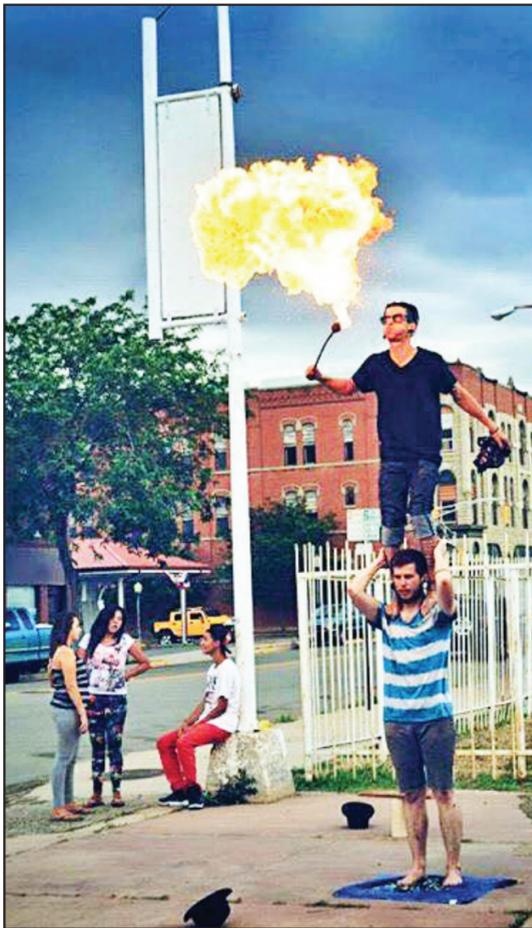


Photo courtesy of Melissa Gerry



Photo courtesy of Laurel Ozzello / Noah's Ark

Firebreathers astound, entertain with fiery art

On Friday, during Trinidad's Art Trek, local photographer Laurel Ozzello, usually at work with Noah's Ark, paused to enjoy a fire breathing demonstration hosted by Skate Land in downtown Trinidad. Performers Kenneth Smith (shown in striped shirt) and Dillon Ocanas (black shirt) drew a small crowd as they practiced their fiery craft. **See more from Art Trek on page six.**

ATTENTION LOCAL FAMILIES! LET'S GET FIT!

Sign up NOW for the Family Fitness Challenge Taking Place this Summer!!

- 6 Week Program
- Starts Saturday, July 11th
- Local Healthy-Living Activities Every Week
- Hear from Fitness & Healthcare Experts
- Weekly Awards

ORIENTATION - 7/8/15 REGISTER NOW!

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 individual cole slaw | 1 freshly prepared biscuit

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