

OVER THE PASS



"Last week I drove to buy free weights and exercise stuff at K-Mart in Raton. We're just connected by a pass, almost like we're boroughs of each other. But K-Mart didn't have what I wanted. Days later, I found them here at Walmart."

— Bree Pappan, executive director, Gallery Main (Trinidad)



TRINIDAD-RATON CONNECTION

"The last time you left town, where did you go?"

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"I went to Tucson, Arizona, to visit my son last Christmas."

— Patricia Price, retired museum curator, Santa Fe, NM (Trinidad)



"I went to Goodland, Kansas, last month and won a prairie dog shoot. We had people from as far as Virginia and Ohio. I go up there for that every year."

— Bill Dailey, retired New York attorney (Raton)



"I went to Denver last week to see my orthopedist. I got a good report. Then I went to the new Clyfford Still Museum next to the Denver Art Museum."

— Sheigla Hartman, painter & printmaker (Trinidad)



"I went to Denver three months ago to visit my grandkids and sons. I do that a couple times a year. I was born and raised in Raton but my three boys were all born in Denver. I've been back home for 17 years. I love my hometown!"

— Gilbert Vigil, promotion associate, Raton MainStreet (Raton)



"I left home to come here to work, to develop a downtown master plan update that can help Raton qualify for grant funding. It's my first time to visit downtown Raton."

— Kelly Vandenberg, landscape designer, Albuquerque (Raton)



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Fisher's Peak Elementary offers 'Camp Read S'More' for summer youth program

The summer reading program at Fisher's Peak Elementary School is titled, "Camp Read S'More," and 160 students entering second- through fifth-grades have signed up for the camp, which will be held from 9 a.m. until noon each Wednesday through July 29. The camp is designed to help students retain what they've learned during the school year, and encourage a lifelong love of reading. Its theme is, "our goal this summer is for you to read s'more than ever before!" Here, Samuel Chavez and Cassidy Quinonez welcome their fellow students at Camp Read S'More's entrance area on Wednesday's first summer reading camp session.

PUBLIC MEETING

Colorado Civil Rights Commission to hold forum in Trinidad Wednesday

Staff Report
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The Colorado Civil Rights Commission (CCRC) will hold a public meeting and forum in Trinidad on Wednesday starting at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Trinidad City Hall on Animas St. The public is invited to both events. The public meeting starts at 1 p.m. and the public forum will start at 6 p.m.

Both events are opportunities for the CCRC to hear from the local community regarding the area's issues affecting civil rights. Both events will be facilitated by CCRC Director Rufina A. Hernandez. The CCRC has state jurisdiction to enforce Colorado civil rights laws in the areas of housing, employment and public accommodations.



"Members of the state's Civil Rights Commission and Division staff will be available to listen and answer questions. The information gathered will continue to assist in the development of plans to offer policy-makers and as an informational tool highlighting the civil rights issues in Colorado," said a release from the CCRC.

The doors from the public meeting will open at 12:45 p.m. For the forum, doors will open at 5:45 p.m. and light refreshments will be served.

Though the CCRC expects an open discussion on a variety of issues, they remind attendees that they only have jurisdiction in the areas of housing, employment and public accommodations.

For more information, call the CCRC at 303-894-7805.

STATE BRIEFS

Associated Press

Body found in river belongs to missing 11-year-old rafter

SALIDA, Colo. (AP) — Authorities say the body of a boy found in the Arkansas River is that of an 11-year-old from Golden who went missing after falling from a raft.

KCNC-TV reports that Chaffee County coroner on Friday identified the boy as Drake Durkee.

Durkee was thrown into the rushing river north of Salida on Wednesday during a commercial rafting trip.

Searchers scoured the river for his body using underwater cameras, divers and boats.

Chaffee County Sheriff officials say the boy lost his life vest at some point. They are still investigating how.

Sheriff John Spezza says he temporarily closed the river to boaters Friday because crews put ropes across the river while a diver searched the rapids.

Man claims self-defense after shooting elk in national park

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — A Colorado State University student says he killed an elk inside Rocky Mountain National Park in an act of self-defense.

Park spokesman Kyle Patterson confirmed that Raphael Bresselsmith is under investiga-

tion for illegally shooting the cow elk on June 3 but could not provide more details.

It is illegal to hunt or discharge a firearm in the park.

Bresselsmith said in a statement that the animal charged at him twice.

The first time, he says he ran and hid behind a tree. He shot her multiple times when she charged again.

He wrote that the elk fled and bled out a short distance away.

Bresselsmith said he reported the shooting and will continue to cooperate with federal investigators.

First Colorado adult pot survey

DENVER (AP) — Almost 14 percent of Colorado adults use pot. That's according to the state Health Department's first-ever survey of how many adults use the newly legal drug.

Results from the 2014 survey were announced Monday. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment says that 13.6 percent of adults currently use pot. Of those, more than a third said they use pot every day.

Almost half, 48.9 percent, said they've ever used pot. Adults with higher incomes and more education were more likely than others to have used marijuana.

The survey also asked about children. Almost 7 percent said they kept children in a home where children up to age 14 were living. More than 70 percent of those said they kept marijuana locked away.