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THE FINE PRINT

■ APRIL 21
LAS ANIMAS COUNTY
TUESDAY (9 a.m.) Board of County Commissioners work session will be held 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).
CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY (7 p.m.) Regular session will be held in Council Chambers, City Hall, 135 N. Animas St. Information: Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843. **CITY COUNCIL:** Mayor: Joe Roorda and Council Members: Carol Bolton, Joe Bonato, Pat Fletcher, Anthony Matie, Michelle Miles, and Liz Torres.
BIBLE TALKS
TUESDAYS / APRIL 21 & 28 (7:30 p.m.) Free quiet, reverent services with teachings about Jesus Christ that will be held in the lower level meeting room at the Sayre Senior Center, 1222 San Pedro. There will be no collections taken. Info: Daren Kindred, 702-353-4891.

Today's Quote

"Spring — It is an explosive green that, if one could watch it moment by moment throughout the day, would grow in every dimension."

~Amy Seidl

■ APRIL 22
TOURISM BOARD
WEDNESDAY (9 a.m.) Committee meets in the City Hall Third Floor Conference Room, 135 N. Animas St. Information: City Clerk, 719-846-9843.
TRINIDAD AMBULANCE
WEDNESDAY (4:30 p.m.)
PLEASE NOTE: THIS MEETING IS ON WEDNESDAY NOT THURSDAY FOR THIS MONTH ONLY. Trinidad Ambulance District Board of Directors regular meeting at the Trinidad Ambulance District Office, 939 Robinson Ave. Information: 719-846-6886.
PURGATOIRE WATERSHED
WEDNESDAY (6 p.m.) Group regular meeting will meet in the NRCS Office, 3590 E. Main. Information: Karen Wolf, 303-543-8688.
TRINIDAD SCHOOLS
WEDNESDAY (6 p.m.) The Board of Education will hold its regular session at the District Administration Office, 612 Park St. Information: 719-845-2048.

■ PUBLIC SERVICE
SUPPER CLUB
THURSDAY (6 p.m.) April's Spring Fling Celebration Dinner will be held in the Leone Room in the Sullivan Center on the TSJC Campus, 600 Prospect. Info: Yvonne Marques, 719-846-3518. Guests are always welcome.
ACOUSTIC EIDOLON CONCERT
FRIDAY (7-9 p.m.) A powerful, enchanting night of music at this Mt. Carmel concert fundraiser, 911 Robinson Ave. Tickets and info: 719-845-4894.
FREE LANDFILL DAY
SATURDAY (7 a.m.-4 p.m.) Area residents are encouraged to take advantage of this free Saturday disposal day at the City's Landfill, 2401 N. State St. Electronic waste excluded. Tires will be assessed normal tipping fees. Info: 719-846-2538.
COMCAST CARES
SATURDAY (8 a.m.) Join your friends and neighbors to help with the City's spring cleanup. Registration and free breakfast kickoff at Cimino Park.
LADIES GOLF CLUB
SATURDAY (9 a.m.) This group will hold their annual season kick-off breakfast at the Trinidad Municipal Golf Course, 1413 Nolan Drive. Info: Deborah Bernhardt, 719-680-9048.
EARTH DAY CELEBRATION
SATURDAY (11 a.m.) Join in the fun at the Community Coop at Elm and Maple St. Info: Joni Steiner, 719-680-0215.
PHILOSOPHY GROUP
SATURDAY (12:30 - 2 p.m.) Free discussion group at Lava Yoga Studio, 828 Arizona. The day's topic will be: C.S. Lewis. Please RSVP. Jean Chrisler, 719-846-2325. Everyone is welcome.
CHARITY FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY (6-11 p.m.) Benefit Dinner and Dance for Dolores "Dee" Gierlach will be held at JuJo's, 125 N. Chestnut St. Music by The Cliques and Grupo Vive. Info: John Peach, 719-680-7161.

For more events, please see the Community Calendar on Page 2...

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 04/20/15. Johns Flood ditch: Priority # 20 --- Appropriation date: 10/07/1865.

Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:
 Release 39.89 AF
 Inflow 105.79 AF -- 53.32 CFS
 Evaporation 6.87 AF
 Content 21,149 AF
 Elevation 6,185.22
 Precipitation 0

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



EDUCATION

Girls in the Middle: Taking a look at career opportunities

By Steve Block
The Chronicle-News

Young girls in the middle school years can often be uncertain of what the future holds for them, in terms of continuing their education after high school and building careers in the professional world. The Fourth Annual Girls in the Middle Conference held last

Friday at Trinidad State Junior College (TSJC) was designed to show those girls how to gain entry into professional fields, with presentations hosted by working professionals in a variety of fields of endeavor.

Among the workshops included in the conference were those about potential careers in the fields of Criminal Justice,



Nursing, Geology and Engineering, Hydrology, Medicine, Robotics, Speech Pathology, Computer Technology, Veterinary Science and Wildlife Education Management. A keynote address by Darci

Duran, Instructional Design Team Manager at Colorado Community College Online in Denver, was followed by group activities and a series of 40-minute workshops. The students had the chance to sign up for the workshops in advance, based on what potential careers they wanted to learn more about.

The goal of the conference was to introduce the many exciting possibilities that engineering, science, math, technology and technical education had to offer girls. By introducing those possibilities to the over 100 girls from Colorado and New Mexico attending the conference, organizers hoped that the girls would want to continue studying these subjects as they enter high school and beyond.

Crystal Dreiling, Park Ranger at Trinidad Lake State Park, said she hadn't considered a care with Colorado Parks & Wildlife until she needed a summer job when she was in high school and got a job as a boat ranger at Cherry Creek State Park. Working with park visitors during four consecutive summers brought her into

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Photos by Steve Block / The Chronicle-News

More than 100 middle school girls from around the area attended Friday's Girls in the Middle conference at TSJC. Crystal Dreiling, Park Ranger at Trinidad Lake State Park, top right, holds up a mountain lion pelt to show students how to identify the predator at TSJC's Girls in the Middle conference Friday.

SHULER THEATER

Poetry Rocks! A celebration of student creativity

By Tim Keller
Correspondent
The Chronicle-News

RATON — Celebrating the 100-year anniversary of its first show, the Shuler Theater will present five shows over four days beginning Friday evening at 6 p.m. with its 5th annual presentation of Poetry Rocks!, a free community show celebrating student creativity and expression.

Throughout two weeks of late April, National Poetry Month, Raton High School hosts three visits. Continued on Page 3 ...



Photo by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Last year's Poetry Rocks! performances featured 35 students reading new poems they'd written with visiting poet-educators at Raton High School during the last two weeks of National Poetry Month. Among the highlights were group poems, including this Shuler Theater performance by Rochelle Jackson, Cheyenne Starr, Rachel Patty, and Ashley Neurauter (left to right).



Photo courtesy of Six Appeal

A cappella singing group Six Appeal combines vocal rhythms and harmonies with laugh-out-loud humor. Raton Arts & Humanities Council presents Six Appeal in concert Friday night at the Shuler Theater, immediately following the annual Poetry Rocks! student poetry performance show that begins the Shuler's big centennial celebration weekend.

RATON ARTS & HUMANITIES

Six Appeal entertains Harmony, laughter comes to town

By Tim Keller
Correspondent
The Chronicle-News

RATON — Presenting a wide range of songs from Maroon 5, Justin Bieber, John Legend and others, Minneapolis a cappella group Six Appeal brings its acclaimed touring show to the Shuler Theater Friday night in a concert sponsored by Raton Arts & Humanities Council.

Known as much for their humor as their complex harmonies, the singers founded their group in 2006 while freshmen at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. Building on their classical music and choral backgrounds, they tackled contemporary popular songs, cre-

ating six-part arrangements using only their voices to create all of the rhythm parts along with lead and harmony vocals.

Three years later, they were performing concerts around the Midwest and winning national a cappella competitions. When they finished school, they moved their home base to Minneapolis and expanded their touring. At 2012's National Harmony Sweepstakes A Cappella Festival in San Rafael, CA, they triumphed with awards for audience favorite, best original song, and the national championship.

The festival's executive producer, John Neal, said, "I've presented

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WEATHER WATCH

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after

2 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 66. West southwest wind 5 to 15 mph. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch. Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 39. East wind 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers before 7 a.m., then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. West

southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 38. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west after midnight.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 69. South wind 5 to 10 mph. Night: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 40. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

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RATON ARTS

Poetry Rocks! A celebration of student creativity

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ing "poets in the schools" that work intensively with students to develop student writing, creativity, expression, and public speaking skills. Each student gets five or more class periods to work with the poets during daily English classes. The program culminates with the all-day Poetry Marathon in the school library, where students get up to share their new poems in front of large audiences. Friday's performances mark the school's 9th annual Poetry Marathon.

With the addition of the Poets-in-the-Schools program, the bar was raised as many students elected to follow their Poetry Marathon performances with a show at the Shuler. The poet-educators give two performance workshops for the students planning to mount the Shuler Theater stage Friday night.

The poets themselves will emcee Friday night's event and join the students in sharing some favorite poetry performances. This year's poets-in-residence include Manuel Gonzalez of Albuquerque, celebrating his fifth year in the Raton program, and Esmé Rodriguez Vaandrager of Albuquerque, back for her third year. Joining them this year is Joan Logghe of Española, former Poet Laureate of Santa Fe.

Among the highlights of the Shuler Theater shows are presentations of new group poems produced when each

poet works with a small group of students to create a new performance piece just for the Shuler.

Raton High School's Poets-in-the-Schools program is funded by grants from National Endowment for the Arts and New Mexico Arts, with local matching funds provided by The Whited Foundation and The Sloat-Prince Foundation.

Rachel Patty, in her third year of participating in the local program, travels to Washington, D.C., next week to represent New Mexico in the Poetry Out Loud national recitation contest sponsored by the NEA and Poetry Foundation.

Friday's Poetry Rocks! show will be followed at 8 p.m. by a reserved-seat cappella concert by Minneapolis singing group Six Appeal, presented by Raton Arts & Humanities Council. In celebration of the centennial of its first show—"The Red Rose" on April 27, 1915—the Shuler Theater will then present a free musical variety show called "The Centennial Rose" on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, with Monday night's 7 p.m. show followed by a champagne reception on the occasion of the Shuler's 100th birthday.

The four-day celebration ends with champagne but begins with poetry in a free show Friday evening at 6 p.m. as the Shuler opens its 100th birthday party with a celebration of its youth.



Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Poet-educators Joan Logghe of Española, Manuel Gonzalez of Albuquerque and Esmé Rodriguez Vaandrager of Albuquerque (from left) have spent two weeks working intensively with Raton High School students to develop their skills in writing, creativity, expression, and public speaking. The poets will join their students on the Shuler stage Friday night for a free show of favorite new poems.

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