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Top left: Independent Riders member Natalie Trujillo hands out commemorative patches to each one of the riders in the Run for the Wall as they arrived in Raton for a fuel and a small welcome ceremony. Top right: Kandy Barks introduces Central Route Coordinator Russ "SheepDog" Cockrum during the ceremony Saturday morning in Raton. Cockrum will carry the flag made by the After School Program to Washington DC where it will be placed at the base of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall. Bottom left: Sergeant Carl Patty of the New Mexico National Guard stands with Medal of Honor recipient John Baca during the Run for the Wall visit.

## They ride for those who can't

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local radio, TV and newspapers to raise the awareness for the fact that there are still hundreds of men and women who are still unaccounted for from all of our wars. Another benefit is to give those veterans who often came home from Vietnam to less than ideal receptions, to receive a

proper welcome home and to begin or continue the healing process that comes from being a part of this event.

As the motorcycles roared into Raton Saturday morning they were greeted by many and to a short ceremony welcoming them home and to Raton.

This year the After School Program headed by Mary

Grace Rupert were the stars of the show as they sang the song God Bless the USA by Lee Greenwood while waving their hand painted American Flag bringing tears to many. The kids then folded the flag in the traditional manner and presented it to the Central Route Coordinator Russ "Sheepdog" Cockrum to be carried to the Vietnam

Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington DC.

As the riders mounted up and headed north thru Raton they were greeted along second street by many flag waving Ratonians and a cadre of flags and motorcycles just before the War Memorial in north Raton.

## COLFAX COUNTY CALENDAR

- May 22 - 7:30 pm Raton Youth Theater performance of "Arabian Nights" - Shuler Theater
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- May 30 - 0: am Sugarite Canyon State Park Fishing Derby, Saturday May 30th

- through June 7th. Kid's Derby June 6th - Lake Maloya, Sugarite Canyon State Park, East of Raton
- May 30 - 7:00 am Week long Fishing Derby begins. Sponsored by Raton Kiwanis and NM State Parks (575)445-5607 - Sugarite Canyon State Park

## RATON POLICE BLOTTER

- ARRESTED**
- 05/18/09 - Paul Raught, 35 - Resisting, obstructing officer and disorderly conduct
  - 05/18/09 - Bryon Vigil, 23 - Bench Warrant out of Municipal Court for failure to appear on citation of unlawful use of license
  - 05/18/09 - Maria Donosa, 56 - Arrest warrant out of Magistrate Court for fraud
  - 05/18/09 - Tommy Acevedo, 32 - Suspended revoked license and arrest order for current convictions of robbery and forgery
  - 05/18/09 - Jacob Benavidez, 57 - Bench Warrant out of County of Bernalillo for failure to appear and failure to comply with conditions a felony charge
- CITATIONS**
- 05/14/09 - John Portillos - expired registration, speeding through school zone, no proof of insurance
  - 05/14/09 - Regina Lucero - speeding
  - 05/15/09 - Angel Ortiz - seatbelt violation
  - 05/18/09 - Tommy Acevedo - suspended revoked license
  - 05/18/09 - James Levengood - seatbelt violation and expired drivers license
  - 05/18/09 - Becilio Truiillo - seatbelt violation
  - 05/18/09 - Albert Romero - failure to signal

- 05/18/09 - David Ortiz - no proof of insurance, suspended, revoked license
  - 05/18/09 - Misty Gomez - driver to be licensed
  - 05/18/09 - Eddie Lawrence - expired registration
  - 05/18/09 - Amber Segura - speeding
  - 05/18/09 - Mathew Duran - vicious animal
  - 05/18/09 - Gabriel Garcia - criminal damage to property
- INCIDENTS**
- 05/14/09 - Paul Garcia - victim of burglary
  - 05/18/09 - Phillips, 66 - victim of criminal damage to property
  - 05/18/09 - David Martinea, Jr. - victim of criminal damage to property
  - 05/18/09 - Anthony Zamora, Jr. - victim of larceny
  - 05/18/09 - Maria Donosa - victim of criminal damage to property
  - 05/18/09 - Victoria Gonzales - victim of burglary
  - 05/18/09 - Kristol Ortega - victim of criminal damage to property
  - 05/18/09 - Ceclia M. Sosa - victim of criminal damage to property
  - 05/18/09 - John Padilla - victim of aggravated battery

## Yvonne O'Brien's photography opens at Studio C

By **TIM KELLER**  
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Studio C, the art gallery in downtown Des Moines, New Mexico, will host a reception Friday from 3:00 to 6:00 pm for the opening of "light, structure, space", a show of fine art photography by Cimarron artist Yvonne O'Brien.

The dozen images on display were all shot on film. "I use 35mm to 4"x5" traditional equipment and film to achieve maximum quality," O'Brien says. Originally from Chicago and northern Indiana, she moved to Cimarron nine years ago after more than a decade engaged in museum education and photojournalism in the Kansas City area.

"It seems what attracts my eye has been with me since childhood," O'Brien says. "Growing up in Chicago left strong impressions of structure and space of a huge city on the edge of a great inland sea, Lake Michigan. Then the different landscape of Indiana woods and back roads had the same lure. While living in Kansas City, that city's architecture, followed by projects in the Flint Hills of Kansas, afforded me many opportunities with both structure and landscape. Now,

in New Mexico, the challenges and joys of trying to capture the essence of the southwest's landscapes are many."

O'Brien first encountered Des Moines two years ago when the village purchased one of her photographs through a New Mexico Arts purchase program. The piece hangs in the entryway of Des Moines Village Hall.

The images in the Studio C show reflect O'Brien's strong attraction to nature, informed by her eye for light, structure, and space. This is the latest in a long list of exhibitions O'Brien has had since 1979. Her work is on permanent display in Silver City, Roy, and Des Moines. She's exhibited at the National Museum of Women in the Arts, the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso, and at galleries in Raton, Cimarron, Angel Fire, and throughout Kansas.

Yvonne O'Brien's show "light, structure, space" will be on display at Studio C, on Highway 64/87 in Des Moines, from Friday through June 21. The gallery is open Thursday through Sunday. Additional information is available at Studio C, 575-278-3517.



Photos by Tim Keller

Above: Cimarron fine arts photographer Yvonne O'Brien will be present at an artist's reception for the opening Friday of her show at Studio C in Des Moines. Below: Studio C in Des Moines hosts a photography exhibit and artist reception Friday afternoon.

