

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Eckhart Elementary School to hold first Spring Craft Fair

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Eckhart Elementary School's Parent/Teacher Organization is excited to announce its first ever Spring Craft Fair to be held on Saturday, March 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the gym. We would like to invite the community to stop by and visit the several booths available which include jew-

elry, crafts, purses, sport items, hand knitted items, candles, art work, bird houses, and much more.

Children will enjoy themselves in the jumpy house as well as being able to participate in creating their own jewelry and getting their faces painted.

Enjoy a day with your family where you can relax, eat some good food, buy some wonderful crafts, and have some exciting fun. We hope to see you there!

## A night of family literacy

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Eckhart Elementary will host its annual Family Literacy Night on Thursday, March 11. The night will begin at 5:15 p.m. and conclude by 7 p.m. The theme for the evening is, "Be a STAR at Your Library." Students, parents, and staff will have the opportunity to participate in exciting projects ranging from a Reader's Theater to making a dream catcher and creating their very own Career Song.

A special guest for the evening will be author Mark Hoog. Mark is from Ft. Collins and has written and/or edited several children's books including, Your Song, Field of Dreams, Dream Machine, Treasure Island, Magic Mountain, The Gift, and Letters from Katrina! Students of Eckhart Elementary have been introduced to Mark's collection through classroom oral readings and library book talks.

To kick off the Literacy Night, Eckhart Elementary students will attend an assembly the afternoon of Thursday, March 11 where Mark will share his message of "Life without Limit" which works to plant seeds of personal growth, leadership, and self-empowerment in our students. The evening will then begin at 5:15 p.m. where parents will be allowed to experience Mark's message as well. Participants will be able to then attend different activities that will be held in 25-minute intervals. During that time, participants will have the opportunity to visit with Mark Hoog individually, and he will be free to sign any of his books.

The Eckhart Elementary staff is very excited to offer this wonderful opportunity to the students and parents of the school. This is an excellent chance for parents, students, and staff to explore the world of literature and visit the glamorous life of "Hollywood."

## SCHOOL EVENTS

### GENERAL INFO

■ **Scholarship - Miners'** Colfax Medical Center Auxiliary \$1,000 Medical Scholarship offered per year to assist one or more Colfax County high school graduates interested in Medical or Health related fields. Contact Shirley Faver at 575-445-4988 for more information. Deadline is April 5.

■ **Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Iota Chapter** is offering a \$1,000 Scholarship for a female

education major in the Raton, Trinidad, or Walsenburg area. If interested contact Shari at <scholarship.dkg@gmail.com> for eligibility requirement information. Deadline is March 19, 2010.

### MONDAY

Trinidad - Middle School Band Boosters meet 6 p.m. in the TMS Band Room, 614 Park. Please call Michelle @ 846-4411 for more information. All parents are encouraged to attend.

## Happy birthday, Dr. Seuss!



Photo by Mike Garrett

Pre-schoolers at the Trinidad Council of Governments Early Childhood Learning Center celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with a party Tuesday morning, learning all about Dr. Seuss and all his books that they'll soon be reading.



Photo by Tim Keller

Just returned from its annual competition, the Raton High School Drama Club includes, in back from left, Mariah Fleming, Amanda Mehn, Peyton Richards, Jeff Redlick, Etta Briscoe, Chris Fissel, Chris Simpson, and sponsor Quincey Burkhalter. Seated from left are Rebeka Henson, Dale Proctor, and James Angeli. Members not pictured include James Neary and Mallorie Salazar.

## RHS Drama excels at Portales Festival

By TIM KELLER  
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**RATON** - For the second consecutive year, Raton High School's Drama Club

took a play to the regional competition at Portales, coming home with a pair of awards.

The 55th Annual Eastern New Mexico - West Texas Drama Festival drew high school drama clubs from across New Mexico and Texas for four days last week. Performances and workshops took place at the University Theater Center of Eastern New Mexico University.

The RHS thespians presented a 35-minute one-act play called "Hard Candy," a job-interview comedy. The eleven actors and three technical-crew members earned judges' awards for excellence in both character development and ensemble energy.

Discussing some of the lessons learned at the festival, Etta Briscoe said, "I learned to stay in character

through a half-hour on stage." James Angeli improved his diction, saying, "I learned to enunciate."

Amanda Mehn stepped in as a last-minute replacement, memorizing her lines in just three days. Mariah Fleming had a scare in the air. "Catwalks are scary," she said. "I got lost up on one of them. That wasn't fun."

First-year English teacher and Drama Club sponsor Quincey Burkhalter said, "It was a good trip for me. We had a lot of down time together. It helped me get to know the kids." A comic improvisation workshop "gave me a lot of ideas for things I can do in teaching my classes," Burkhalter said.

Other workshops available to participants included stage combat, acting for

a camera, various types of dance, technical tours, play-writing, stage direction, and others. Some students auditioned for college scholarships, while others took tours of the ENMU campus.

Raton's students remarked that the plays presented by other schools were "incredible," but all agreed that Santa Fe High School's "Things Falling" was the best. As Fleming recalled, "The whole audience was crying. It got a standing ovation."

Raton club members said they hope to carry that inspiration into their own local performances. Next up for many of the RHS Drama Club members is a production by Raton Youth Theater of Grimm's Fairy Tales at the Shuler Theater next week, March 5-7.

## Columbian Students of Character



Photo courtesy of Columbian Elementary School

Columbian Elementary School's third grade Students of Character for the month of February are: bottom row from left, Richie Acevedo, Katelyn Weese, Lijah Medina, and Christopher Ortiz. Top row from left are Ismael Tafoya, Brandon Decker, Montoya Martinez, and Alexis Romero.

## Aguilar Junior and Senior High School - First Semester Honor Roll

3.55 - 3.99 Grade Point Average

Aaron Dalrich - 12th  
Felicia Ortiz - 12th  
Ale Cerecero - 11th  
Amanda Vigil - 11th  
Ariana Clark - 10th  
Lupe Galindo - 10th  
Janell Mestas - 9th

Michael Naverette - 8th

3.00 - 3.49 Grade Point Average

Corrina Aragon - 12th  
Aimee Hart - 12th  
Laura Kulinski - 12th  
Blanca Morales - 12th  
Becca Romero - 12th  
Jesus Sanchez - 12th

Chelsea Huffman - 11th  
Jared Jolly - 11th  
Angel Martinez - 11th  
Dee Dee Paiz - 11th  
Jonathan Pico - 11th  
Amber Walters - 11th  
Synthia Barrett - 10th  
Natasha Severin - 10th  
Ariana Coca - 7th

## Aimee Feldman gives RHS library a makeover

By TIM KELLER  
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**RATON** - When cheerleader Aimee Maldonado graduated from Raton High School with the class of '94, she didn't imagine she'd be back any time soon. It took a good while, but last summer she found herself back at RHS, unpacking boxes.

She's Aimee Feldman now, married to Raton contractor Denver Feldman and raising two daughters - Arissa Maldonado is an RHS sophomore and Avery Feldman is a first grader at

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Librarian Media Specialist Aimee Feldman is rebuilding the Raton High School library and media center.



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