

RATON NEWS

Raton's young writers will be honored

By **TIM KELLER**
The Chronicle-News

RATON - As students and teachers see the growing light at the end of the tunnel, another school year winding to a close, Raton Public Schools again presents its annual "Through the Eye of the Tiger" student writing awards. Students for Students Publishing will honor award winners from all schools and grades in ceremonies Thursday evening, May 6, at 7 p.m. in the new John Krivokapich Media Center at Raton High School.

More than 150 student writers entered this year's writing competition. The awards event is purposely planned for the night after the school district's companion art awards and show so people who come for the writing awards can also view the art show, which annually fills the walls of the media center. Much of the art will be priced and available for purchase.

A unique feature of the Raton writing awards is that each year's winning entries are published in books produced during the following year. Thursday night's event will also be a



Photo by Tim Keller

Raton High School's publishing group, Students for Students Publishing, prepares books for Thursday night's annual writing awards and sales. From left, Kayce Bustos, Hilary Bayliss, Heather Cochran, and Brian Trujillo.

publication party for the anthology of last year's winning entries, and for the 14 award-winning children's books, illustrated and published this year by artists in Students for

Students Publishing. The hardbound anthology of student writings, *Through the Eye of the Tiger*, is illustrated with winning images from last year's student art show; it

will be available for purchase at \$12. The illustrated children's books will be

available for \$5. Last year, Students for Students Publishing took in \$500 in

sales. Many of last year's winning students will be on hand to autograph their books. This year's winners will receive high-quality award ribbons along with cash prizes made available through generous donations from the community. This year's Partners in Literacy include the Whited Foundation, Paul and Marianne Kastler, and Helen Bayliss, and Judy and Mark Bayliss. Sponsor Kathy Vertovec reports that the Baylisses provided a large grant this year to support the program.

Thursday night's highlight will be the naming of Raton Schools' Writer of the Year, won last year by current RHS senior Hilary Bayliss. Judges for this year's children's book entries were Ann and Steve Weybrew. Glenna Brink judged the middle school and high school entries.

Project managers for Students for Students Publishing, who spent this year producing the books of last year's winners, include

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Raton PBW host wine tasting

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RATON - The Professional Business Women of Raton held a wine tasting and silent auction event in the Holiday Inn Express Ponderosa Room as part of an annual membership social. According to President Ellen Murphy, who was elected for her second term as president this past month, while serving her term in office she would like to increase public awareness of the organization, add membership, and continue working for women's issues in daily life.

The PBW, formerly known as BPW, Business and Professional Women,



Photo by Laura L. Brewer

Karen Anderson provides harp music for the members and guests at the Professional Business Women of Raton wine tasting and silent auction membership social.

plays an active part in the annual Walk/Run for Domestic Violence Awareness, awards a \$500 annual scholarship to a graduating senior or continuing student, and pro-

vides a variety of programs for the benefit of its members. The Veterans Program and the Young Professional Program have

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This past week, with witnesses on hand, County Clerk Rayetta Trujillo and Chief Deputy Clerk Freda Baca inspected two county ballot machines prior to the upcoming election to ensure that the tapes were at zero, the ballot box was empty, and that the machines were in good working order.

Once inspected, they fed each machine sample ballots and checked the count against the tape. During the inspection, Trujillo explained that the ballot boxes will read a ballot from any direction, up, down, or inserted backwards.

After completing the inspection, one copy of the certification is kept in the ballot box, one copy is sent to the Secretary of State's office, and one copy is kept in the Colfax County Clerk's office and the ballot boxes are stored in a locked, secure area until Election Day. Prior to the election sample ballots will be available at the Arthur Johnson Memorial Library and in the Clerk's office. As the



Photo by Laura L. Brewer

County Clerk Rayetta Trujillo checks the tape on the ballot machine as County Commissioner Jim Maldonado looks on.

election nears, information on early voting and absentee ballot deadlines will be announced.

Phil Long Toyota's Trinidad grand opening

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that showed up Thursday night in Trinidad. "This is a phenomenal turnout." He stressed that despite what has been happening to Toyota nationally with recall issues, the brand still has a strong and loyal customer base.

Trinidad Mayor Jennie

Garduno talked about what the presence of such a large dealership will mean to the Trinidad economic base. "The impact will be much greater than I can talk about," she said, noting Phil Long Dealerships' and Cimino's reputation for giving back to the communities they serve and the part-

nerships they develop with local organizations and non-profits.

"I trust they will be successful in our community and help recruit other businesses into the area," said Garduno. "They will make a big difference in providing jobs for our community and jobs, jobs, jobs also help

support our local government services. Your success will lead to our success."

TLAC Chamber Chief Executive Officer Kim Pacheco-Schultz echoed those thoughts by saying Phil Long Toyota will have a huge economic impact on the southern Colorado-northern New Mexico region. Mike Cimino announced that Phil Long Dealerships is also building a Ford dealership in Raton.

Garduno said she is hopeful that the city's recent decline in monthly sales tax revenues will receive a healthy boost from the sale of more new and used cars within the city limits. Pioneer Motors ownership also strongly believes in the future of Trinidad car sales with the recent announcement of plans to build a new dealership facility along South Santa Fe Trail Dr.

County board awaits decision on Medical Marijuana issue

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Commissioners and each Colorado County to take action that allows each person on a county-to-county basis to qualify for this rebate.

On Tuesday the BOCC will look to formally consider this acknowledgment of participation for residents of Las Animas County. The amount of the rebates is based on our county's population.

For more information on the "ReCharge Colorado" rebates go to: www.bpn.gov/ccr/default.aspx or go to www.dnb.com/index.asp

A final item under discussion by the commissioners concerned the landfill in the Trincheria area. The BOCC and Mr. Cordova will definitely need to do more research on the county receiving a bill from The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for \$1,000 for an apparent Post Closure Facility Fee for what county officials call a non-existent landfill in the Trincheria area.

There has not been a landfill in the Trincheria area but there once was a Waste Disposal Site there back in the 1970s.

The state claims this non-existent site is under a Past Closure Facility.

The county has never at any point sanctioned any landfills in this area.

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From Maraposa Rehabilitation presenting speech development

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