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## THE FINE PRINT

### Toy Drive

The Trinidad Fire Department needs your help for the Toy Drive. You can drop off your unwrapped, new toy donation @ any local bank, Safeway, Big R or the Corazon Gallery until Thurs (Dec 9). For more information call Drew Gatlin @ 719-846-8664.

### MONDAY

#### Arthritis Exercise

Free Arthritis Exercise Class every Mon & Wed @ 9 a.m. @ Corazon Square & 1 p.m. @ Early Learning Center. Info call: 845-1133 ext. 224.

#### SP&BC Fire PD

Spanish Peaks & Bon Carbo Fire Protection District / Board of Directors meets 9 a.m. 1st Mon (Dec) @ Century Financial Group office, 109 W. Main, Trinidad. Call 719-846-2080 for more information. (Please note this is a date change for Dec from the usual 2nd Tues.)

#### Raton Playgroup

Free indoor fun & snacks (Mommies & kids ages 0-5 years) meets 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. every Monday @ Colfax County Health Council, 123 N. 2nd Street, Suite #5. Call Ida Cruz @ 575-445-3077 for more information.

#### Senior Exercise

COG sponsored Stretch, Flex, Balance & Music Therapy Classes 10-11 a.m. Mon & Wed @ Primero Community Center, Hwy 12. Call Kim @ 719-557-9642 or COG @ 719-845-1135 x225.

#### PE.O.

Chapter J meets for luncheon & program 12 p.m. Mon (Dec 6) @ the home of Maggie Low on CR 53.3 (Burro Canyon Road). Call Peggy Obrey @ 719-845-0258 for more information.

#### Trinidad High School

THS Band Boosters meet 5:15 p.m. Mon in the THS Band Room. For more information call Rhonda Berry @ 719-680-1419.

#### Aguilar

Board of Education Work Session 5:30 p.m. Mon in the Superintendent's Office, 420 N. Balsam. For more information call Natalie Grubelnik @ 719-941-4188 ext 237.

### TUESDAY

#### Continuum of Care

Meets 8-9 a.m. 1st Tues. @ the Soup Kitchen, 308 Church St. For more info call Karrie Apple at 719-846-6665 or Tom Power (Colorado Coalition for the Homeless in Denver) @ 303-285-5221.

#### Las Animas Co.

Board of County Commissioner's meets 9 a.m. 1st & 3rd Tues. @ LA County Courthouse, Room #201, 200 E. First Street.

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## WEATHER WATCH

**Today:** A 10 percent chance of showers after 4 pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 57. Calm wind becoming south-southeast between 5 and 10 mph.



**Tonight:** A slight chance of rain showers before 11pm, then a slight chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26. West northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10%.

**Tuesday:** A slight chance of snow showers before 8am, then a slight chance of rain showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 53. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10 percent.



**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. West northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

## RIVER CALL

Purgatoire river call as of 12/3/10  
Hoehne ditch priority #9 1/1/1863  
Trinidad Reservoir accounting  
Release 0.22 acre ft.  
Inflow 63.47 acre ft.  
Evaporation 2.25 acre ft.  
Content 15,032 acre ft.  
Elevation 6,172.29  
Precipitation 0  
Downstream river call  
JMR 12/31/1948  
Notes

1 cubic (cfs) foot per second equals one cubic foot of water passing a point in one second of time.

1 acre-foot equals a quantity of water required to cover one acre of land to a depth of one foot.

1 cubic foot per second = 1.9835 acre-feet per day (24 hrs)  
(Provided by Division of Water Resources)



Photo by Richard Sitts

Organizers of the Spirit of the West photo competition paid a visit to the Art Department of Trinidad High School last Thursday to award the prize-winning photographs. From left are organizers and sponsors, Lori O'Connor, First National Bank Vice President of Marketing Chris Huffman; Mitchell Museum Director Paula Little, and THS art teacher Maria Holdershaw. The winning photographers are junior Maddie Danielson holding her first place photo, "Journey," sophomore Ashlyn Pike with her third place entry, "A Walk to Remember," which also won the Trinidad First National Bank Award, junior Synovia Dunkin and her photograph, "Playground Equipment," that won the Judges' Special Award, and senior Cody Cloud holding his Judges' Special Award, "River Walk." Sophomore Gianna Torres earned second place for her entry, "The Santuatio," but was not present Thursday.

## Trinidad High students bask in photographic talents

By RICHARD SITTS  
The Chronicle-News

An interest in photography is developing at Trinidad High School, and helping to shed light on the subject is a new photography competition that organizers hope to make an annual event. The Spirit of the West photo competition was open to all THS students and the subject matter was wide open. Photos could be color or black and white. Entries were judged on artistic achievement in photography.

Organizer Lori O'Connor said she came up with the idea of the competition as a way to help local students win awards that will help them earn scholarships if they choose to go on to college. She said that her own daughter was able to win some awards while in high school

and that she is convinced that that helped her land a college scholarship. Those who decide who will receive scholarships look for little extra things on applications, such as awards, O'Connor said.

Another goal behind the Spirit of the West is to recognize the Altman family, Trinidad's famous western photographers, dating back to 1890, including her grandfather, O'Connor said. The original Altman photos are a treasured part of the Mitchell Museum collection and are on display inside Trinidad First National Bank.

#### Winners included:

- 1st place - Maddie Danielson, \$100.
- 2nd place - Gianna Torres, \$85.
- 3rd place - Ashlyn Pike, \$65.

Judges' Special Award - Synovia Dunkin and Cody Cloud, \$50 each.

Trinidad First National Bank Award - Ashlyn Pike, \$100 savings bond.

Prize money was donated by Griego Insurance, Wendy's, Trinidad First National Bank, Dr. Marci Bowers and Wal-Mart. The judges were Dave Frank, Joe Tarabino and Paula Murphy.

The winning photographs will be on display in the window of the Mitchell Museum at least through the holidays. Also, the Mitchell is donating a digital camera to the THS Art Department. Art teacher Maria Holdershaw said the department currently only has one camera for all the students to use and welcomed any other camera donations.



Photos by Tim Keller

A large cast of children brought joy, laughter, and song to the Shuler stage in Christmas Carol.

## Christmas Carol brings good cheer to Raton

By TIM KELLER  
The Chronicle-News

**RATON** - Charles Dickens' beloved "Christmas Carol" returned to Raton's Shuler Theater for its ninth annual yuletide production last weekend, with two additional performances coming Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m.

Friday's opening performance brought abundant laughter and smiles from a crowded house. With 45 local actors and singers on stage, it was no surprise to see the auditorium packed with family, friends, and community. (Three Chronicle-News reporters and their spouses were spotted in the audience, too.) More than any of the year's generous servings

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The Ghost of Christmas Past gives old Ebenezer Scrooge a look at himself as a young man starting down the path of overwork and greed. The actors, from left, are Carol Cray, Joe Zink, and Robert Caldarelli.