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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. 2nd Mon @ Century Financial Group office, 109 W. Main, Trinidad. Call 719-846-2080 for more information.

Tourism Board

Work Session meets 9 a.m. 2nd Monday @ City Hall, Conference Room, 135 N. Animas. For more information call Audra Fatur @ 719-846-9843.

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.

Trinidad Middle School

Band Boosters monthly meeting 5:30 p.m. 2nd Mon @ the TMS Band Room, 614 Park St. Parents are encouraged to attend. Call Michelle @ 719-846-4411 for more information.

Italian Club

Meets 7 p.m. 2nd Mon in the Davis Building, Room 145 @ the TSJC Campus. Please call Paula Manini @ 719-846-7217 for more information.

TUESDAY

Kiwanis

Weekly luncheon 12 p.m. every Tues @ A Little Catering Company, 916 Arizona. For more information call Mike Tranter @ 719-680-4459.

Pierian Club

Meets at the Cougar Canyon Fairway Grill on Tuesday October 12 at 12:30. Contact Jean Crisler for questions or information @ 846-2325.

Colorado Rho Master

Monthly Sorority meets 1 p.m. 2nd Tues @ Chef Liu's on Santa Fe Trail Dr. For more information contact Marlene Mason @ 719-846-4996.

City Council

Trinidad City Council work session meets 1:30 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tues @ City Hall Council Chambers, third floor. For more information contact Audra Fatur, City Clerk @ 719-846-9843.

Lady Eagles

Lady Eagles Auxiliary #179 meets 6 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tues @ Eagle's Hall, 204 Pine. For more information call 719-846-3821.

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WEATHER WATCH

Columbus Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 67. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 37. North northwest wind around 5 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 67. North northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: A slight chance of rain showers before 5am, then a slight chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 35. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10 percent.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire river call as of 10/8/10
Hoehne ditch priority #9 1/10/1862
Trinidad Reservoir accounting
Release 61.13 acre ft.
Inflow 60.69 acre ft.
Evaporation 8.56 acre ft.
Content 13,268 acre ft.
Elevation 6,168.74
Precipitation 0
Downstream river call
Highland Canal 5/31/1866
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 Michelle Goodall

House fire

A fire in the 300 block of South Beech Street brought Trinidad firemen to the scene early Saturday morning. Cause of the blaze in the vacant brick house is unknown. The incident remains under investigation.



Photos by David J. Sanistevan, Jr.

Buck, Tipton stop in Trinidad

By MIKE GARRETT
The Chronicle-News

Colorado U.S. Senate Republican candidate Ken Buck and 3rd Congressional District U.S. Representative Republican candidate Scott Tipton arrived at Trinidad State Junior College's Massari Performing Arts Center Saturday morning with both barrels blasting at Congress and their Democratic opponent incumbents, Michael Bennet and John Salazar.

Both candidates, who are now traveling together in rural Eastern Colorado during their respective campaigns, claimed to be ahead in the most recent state polls, Buck by 5-6 points and Tipton by eight points over Bennet and Salazar, respectively.

Each also addressed what they said were all the "negative, non-factual and distorted" TV ads that have been hurled against them by the Democratic party. Each candidate vowed to do his part to end the runaway spending in Washington if elected Nov. 2. Both are also touting their rural Colorado roots and background to take on issues impacting state

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Photos by Richard Sitts

Attired in the day's unwritten dress code of blue jeans, Republican Representative candidate Scott Tipton addressed those gathered at the Massari Performing Arts Center Saturday morning. Tipton took the stage after fellow Republican Ken Buck. Both candidates were heading for similar rallies in Rocky Ford and Alamosa, following their Trinidad stop.

U.S. Senate candidate Ken Buck spoke to about 40 area residents who showed up Saturday morning at the Massari Performing Arts Center on the campus of Trinidad State Junior College. Buck talked about how his campaign is going and answered questions before turning the microphone over to fellow Republican candidate Scott Tipton.

Redhead Express brings rousing bluegrass to the Shuler

By TIM KELLER
The Chronicle-News

Bluegrass dynamo Redhead Express roared into Raton Wednesday night for a rousing concert at the Shuler Theater, the second in this season's series offerings from Raton Arts & Humanities Council, sponsored by the Whited Foundation.

Since hitting the road after catching the bluegrass bug in 2007, the nine-member Walker Family has seldom gotten back to its Alaska home. They began in Appalachia at festivals and fiddlers' conventions, then moved to Branson, Mo., where they honed their chops for two seasons. Nowadays, they tour incessantly, playing a steady succession of one-nighters in a wide variety of venues throughout the United



Photo by Tim Keller

Redhead Express pulled into the Shuler Theater for a rousing concert Wednesday night. From left are the Walker sisters from Alaska - LaRae, Meghan, Kendra, and Alisa.

States.

With that history, you expect the level of professional polish that characterizes RAHC shows,

but when you learn that the oldest of the Walker Family's seven kids is just 20 years old, the practiced polish of their entertaining show

becomes more impressive. Although mom and dad, Brett and Apryll, add important parts to the

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musical evening, mostly they stay out of the way, letting the kids carry the show. The kids were up to it.

The show's focus is on the four Walker girls. Kendra, at 20, is the group's lead singer, primary guitarist, and a surprisingly solid songwriter with national potential for her own career. LaRae, 19, sings and plays banjo with such glee that it's hard not to smile watching her. As the players constantly shift positions on the oft-crowded stage, she has a winning habit of shooting sideways and backward glances that suggests someone driving on the freeway in reverse and having a darned good time doing it.

Alisa, 17, is an accomplished and playful fiddler and mandolinista with a smile that seems all out of proportion to her diminutive body. Meghan, 14, anchors the music with her upright bass, swinging the big instrument to the front of the stage to take solo turns; her "Amazing Grace" won an enthusiastic ovation from the audience - which was quite crowded, in part because a group of 50 was in from Oklahoma.

Somehow, Brett and

Apryll Walker managed to have four daughters and create their talented musical quartet, then they proceeded to produce three sons who are following the family trade. Brett called it family planning, one of many engaging gags he enjoyed sharing with the audience.

The boys - Sean, 11, Joseph, 9, and Ammon, 7 - are growing into the family act with their own sideshow, The Walker Boys. Remarkably, one of them is making cookies from scratch in the family's RV and selling them at shows: he's using the money to buy his own banjo. His dad said, "Son, I'll buy you a banjo," and the boy replied, "I don't want to wait that long, Dad." Another smile from Brett.

Doing a little math, the Walker family's 38-foot RV gives each person slightly more floor space than that of a solitary confinement prisoner at the SuperMax prison at Florence, Colo. The amount of smiling on stage becomes even more impressive, although after the show Kendra Walker shared a new song in the Shuler lobby which was inspired by a squabble aboard the RV. After the

smile fest on stage, it was almost refreshing.

All the family members mingled throughout the audience before and after the show and during intermission. They sold CDs, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and caps, Brett saying, "All proceeds go to feed hungry children." Another smile.

The repertoire was often familiar, including classic country and folk songs, a pair of Everly Brothers chestnuts, fiddle tunes and gospel songs. They sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and played an instrumental version of "My Country Tis of Thee," as well as the classics, "Dueling Banjos" and "Orange Blossom Special," the latter renamed "Redhead Express."

It's truly a one-family show: when they weren't on stage, the three young boys ran the show's lights and sound, which worked out well most of the time.

Near the evening's end, Brett indicated that they'd just been invited back for next year. If that's so, there won't be anyone from Wednesday night's audience complaining; in fact, most will be likely to return with friends in tow.



Photo by Tim Keller

The Walker Boys - Joseph, Sean, and Ammon - came along with the whole nine-member family.

COLORADO STATE PATROL REPORT

The summer months are no longer the deadliest time on Colorado roadways when it comes to alcohol and drug-related fatalities.



Jorge Leal
Colorado State Patrol
"The Flying Wheel"

October was the worst month in 2009, with 26 deaths attributed to alcohol or drugs, representing 56 percent of all traffic deaths that month. To prevent those tragic deaths this year, the Colorado State Patrol and 52 law enforcement agencies have already begun a special fall "Heat Is On" enforcement period that will continue until October 25.

"We are not sure exactly what has contributed to the increase in impaired driving fatalities in October, but

October is Colorado's deadliest month for impaired driving

we know that fall is a season of festivals, football and Halloween parties, where a lot of alcohol is consumed," said Col. James Wolfenbarger, Chief of the Colorado State Patrol. "But that's no excuse to put lives in danger by getting behind the wheel if you've been drinking. The key to saving lives is planning before the big game or party to make sure you have a sober designated driver or have plans for taking public transportation."

In an effort to prevent impaired driving this fall, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is continuing educational outreach to warn people about the increased DUI enforce-

ment and the impacts and costs of a DUI. CDOT and the Colorado State Patrol have joined the Denver Broncos Designated Driver Program, which rewards designated drivers who sign up at Broncos home games with a free non-alcoholic drink, a lanyard and chance to win a \$100 gift card to the Broncos Store at each home game.

Public service announcements will also air during Broncos football games. Fans who have a designated driver, or who are themselves one, will be encouraged to text "DD GAMEPLAN" to get a special number for a chance to win a Bronco's autographed football each week.

CDOT is also reaching out to college football fans with partnerships with the University of Colorado Buffaloes and the Colorado State University Rams football teams. At each home game in Boulder and Fort Collins, a public service announcement will run on the video board that features fans and team captains or the coach telling fans, "Don't be an idiot. Don't drink and drive." The campaign features a website, www.DUIwillCostU.com where the PSAs can be viewed and other information is available about the impacts of a DUI, including the cost of \$10,270. "We know that the majority of people out there

make responsible choices, but it only takes one person to ruin countless lives," said Col. Wolfenbarger. "We hope we don't have to arrest anyone, but we will do what it takes to keep our roads safe from impaired drivers. Help do your part to make October 2010 one of the safest on record."

During last year's fall enforcement period, 1,522 people were arrested for DUI, and an additional 357 were arrested over the Halloween weekend crackdown. The next "Heat is On" DUI enforcement period takes place over Halloween weekend, Oct. 29 - Nov. 1. To view enforcement plans and arrest results, visit

www.HeatIsOnColorado.com.

Blotter

- Trp Leal arrested Edward Sandoval, 49, of Trinidad, for DUI and assault.
- Trp Ziadeh arrested Jeremy Pacheco, 23, of Raton, for DUI.
- Trp Leal arrested James Elliot, 44, of Trinidad, for DUI, Aggravated HTO.
- Trp Leal arrested Irene Elliot, 41, of Trinidad, for DUI.
- Trp Rodriguez arrested Charles Newton, 40 of Trinidad for DUI.
- Trp Leal arrested Joseph McRoberts, 45, of Trinidad, for DUI.
- Trp Clark arrested Claude Vigil, 34, of Walsenburg, for DUI.
- Trp Clark arrested Lyndsey Schaefer, 21, of Sweethome, Ore., for DUI.
- Trp Rodriguez arrested Aaron Peluso, 30, of Colorado Springs, for possession of controlled substance.

Send your traffic questions to Jorge.Leal@cdps.state.co.us

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farmers and ranchers. "I wouldn't vote for that guy in those ads either," joked Buck. "I don't know who that guy is." He claimed the ads have taken a few words he has said on the campaign trail and twisted them out of context to where he is considered "too extreme" for Colorado in his views on possibly privatizing Social Security and other government spending programs. He said all he really wants to do is find alternative, cost-cutting ways to control government spending and reduce the nation's \$13 trillion in national debt. "I'm in favor of making Medicare and Social Security sustainable and I'm in favor of simplifying the federal income tax code."

Weld County District Attorney Buck said it's time to return the balance

of power to Congress because the pendulum has swung too far to the left. He and Tipton cited the 2,300-page government health care bill and the \$787 billion stimulus package as prime examples of government bureaucracy gone haywire "with too many hidden things in that health care bill that we're now finding out about," according to Buck. Each favored repealing the national health care bill if Republicans gain control of Congress.

Buck also extensively outlined his plans for Colorado immigration reform, favoring a national electronic identification system for employers to verify if the person they are hiring is indeed an illegal immigrant. He said he didn't think Colorado needs an Arizona style immigration law, just the federal government strictly enforcing the laws it already has on the

books.

This is his third stop in Trinidad, with several Eastern Las Animas County farmers and ranchers and "Not One More Acre" members in the audience. Buck also offered more details on his position regarding the Army's attempts to expand Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site. He stopped short of saying the Army should never be allowed to purchase any expansion land if there are any willing sellers out there who might be willing to accommodate the military. But he's totally against any use of eminent domain and the Army would also have to ensure that there was a sufficient buffer zone between any land they are able to purchase and any adjacent rancher's land.

Buck acknowledged that with the current Congressional spending freeze on any Army expan-

sion plans, "if there is no money, there are no buyers. And the Army must convince me that they have a real need to expand Fort Carson and Piñon Canyon." Tipton also agreed with Buck on the distorted TV ads, characterizing them as "scare tactics" against senior citizens into thinking they could lose some of their Social Security benefits. He noted that several state newspapers have already pointed out all the errors and misleading statements contained in those ads.

The Cortez businessman and state Legislator also had an ad in Sunday's Pueblo Chieftain critical of Salazar's "unfair slam" in quoting a Grand Junction Daily Sentinel editorial regarding Democrat supported TV ads that seek to portray Tipton as a multi-millionaire banker who directly benefited from the

government's bank bailout stimulus bill.

In fact, Tipton said he launched his successful distribution business in Cortez 31 years ago and served on Vectra Bank's board of directors six years before leaving the board in 2005, three years before Congress approved bank bailout money through the Troubled Asset Relief Program.

Tipton also touched on the need to cut Washington's rate of growth that he said is driving American capital out of the country and into foreign banks. "I have talked to many small business owners in the 3rd Congressional District and they told me they are afraid to hire any new employees, they are upset at having to fill out all those new federal tax forms and they are concerned with all the additional costs associated with employee health care," said Tipton. "Our bureaucracy has become a behemoth."

He stressed that "this race is all about our kids and grandkids futures and what kind of debt we are leaving them."

Tipton asked voters to ask the often repeated political question of whether the country is better off now under Democratic control and with Salazar as the 3rd district's congressman over the past six years.

Both candidates agreed they want to create private sector solutions to provide more jobs and what they feel is ailing the nation's economy and government under the current administration.

Salazar will have an opportunity to respond to Tipton's claims with an appearance at the county courthouse at 1 p.m. today.

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