

OVER THE PASS



"My Chihuahua is named Cujo. I've had him seven years. He acts like he's a little mad. He thinks he's real tough like the Saint Bernard in the movie Cujo."

— Sam Torres (Trinidad)



TRINIDAD-RATON CONNECTION

"What have you named your pet(s)?"

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"Popcorn was my cat when I was six years old, all white with one blue eye and one green eye. We had dogs, cats, chickens, rabbits, guinea pigs, mice...my father would bring them all home. Then one day my mother brought home a rabbit. We called him Bun Bun. He liked ice tea."

— Linda Baca, retired office manager, Albuquerque (Trinidad)

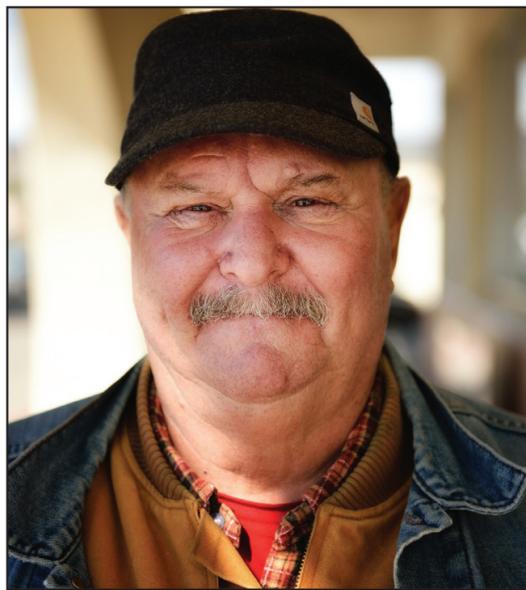
"When we moved here from California in 2009, we changed our puppy's name from Duko to Rocky, for the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. He's a shepherd/lab mix, 'the prettiest dog in the whole wide world.' That's what I tell him every day."

— Erma Marin, retired probation officer (Trinidad)



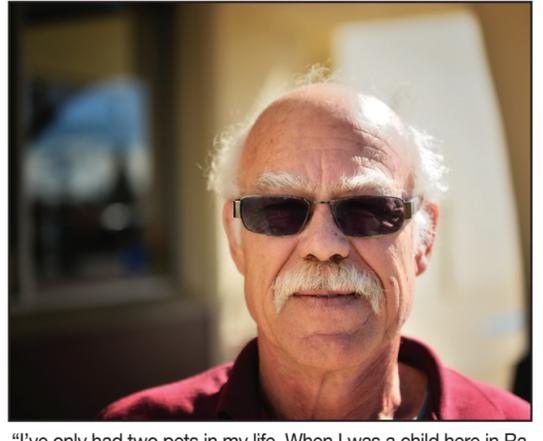
"Stormy Rose is my tuxedo cat now. Miss Kitty now, too, named after the character in Gunsmoke. I had a cat named Muffy when I was in junior high and high school, and Rosie in the fourth grade."

— Anne Walton, speech therapist (Raton)



"I had a Golden Retriever named Alexander III. We just called him Zander. He got hip dysplasia and went blind. I buried him in Alabama next to a Confederate cemetery. I cried like a baby."

— Rick Jones, retired coal miner (Raton)



"I've only had two pets in my life. When I was a child here in Raton I had a dog named Blackie, half Border Collie, half Australian Shepherd. When my kids were younger we had a half lab, half Chow named Shelby."

— Gerald Osborn, stocker, Super Save (Raton)

Farmers will host Merino next weekend for playoffs

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quarter with a one-yard run and the Farmers sent the Bobcats home with their eighth loss of the season.

The win moves the Farmers' record to 7-2 on the season, their two losses coming to state qualifiers Springfield and Dove Creek. Dasko knows it's going to take his team's best effort to push deep into the playoffs and said that the team has been on a mission since the four-point loss to Dove Creek less than a month ago. While it may have taken his boys a little longer to buy into his system than usual, when they did, the results spoke for themselves.

"Early on in the season, I really don't think they bought what I sold them about playing hard, but now they bought into it because they saw our successes. After the Dove Creek game, we had a coming to Jesus party and we told the guys, 'You need to learn to play hard.' We practiced it, maybe some of it was my fault, maybe some of it was their fault, but there is always one thing you can control in football and that's effort. And I don't think we came to play

against Springfield and I don't think we gave a great effort against Dove Creek, and it showed because we lost the game. We can't afford that in the playoffs."

The Farmers will host Merino on Saturday afternoon at Jasper Butero Field. The 6-3 Rams come into the contest as the No. 4 seed in the Plains League that also houses perennial powerhouses Dayspring Christian, Sedwick County and Caliche. Dasko recognized the tough contest ahead of them, but said that as long as his team comes out and plays Hoehne Football, they should be ok.

"We have to go out there and play tough Hoehne Farmer football from beginning to end. It's like I told our kids, every play matters in the playoffs. Every turnover, every penalty. Just because you are the No. 1 seed doesn't mean you are going to win it. Teams aren't going to lay down for us, they aren't going to lie down and quit just because we are Hoehne," he said.

Kickoff is schedule for Saturday, November 7, at 1 p.m.



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Pictured above and below: Lexi Sanchez (25) and Claudia Marquez (10) attempting a blocks on Mountain Valley volleys.

AGUILAR Lady Wildcats end season at Districts

By Adam Sperandio
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The Aguilar Lady Wildcats hosted the Mountain Valley Indians Monday, Oct. 26 in a 1-A District-6 pigtail matchup. The Cats defeated the Indians in three straight sets, 25-17, 25-8 and 25-22 to move on to the second round of the district tournament where they were swept by the No. 1 seed La Veta Lady Redskins 25-9, 25-7 and 25-14, ending their season with a 5-11 overall record.



Photo courtesy of Hoehne Sports

Farmer quarter back Tyson Montoya drops back for a pass against Custer County Friday night.