

SCHOOL NEWS

Branson School science fair results

Courtesy of Branson Public School
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The Branson School students attended the Regional Science Fair held in La Junta Colorado from Feb. 20-21st, 2009.

Branson's 2009 Regional Science Fair Winners:
 ■ Society for Science and the Public "Discovery Award" Dominique Jones - "Space Bling"

■ Mu Alpha Theta Bethany Dilda - "The Golden Ratio"

■ Soil Conservation Service - 1st place Bethany Dilda - "The Golden Ratio"

■ Us Army Award Stephen Ortega - "It's a Small World" Zachary Ward - "Canine Behavior"

■ 3rd place - Botany Michael Richardson - "Frozen in Time"

■ 3rd place - Math & Computer Science Stephen Omega - "It's a Small World"

■ 3rd place-Zoology Zachary Ward - "Canine Behavior"

■ 2nd place - Chemistry Joshua Richardson - "German Juice"

■ 2nd place - Earth & Space science Dominique Jones - "Space Bling"

■ 2nd place - Engineering Brendon De Leon - "Ooblek"

■ 2nd place "Environmental Science Colton Shoemaker - "The Case of the Missing Hoof"

■ 1st place - Earth & Space Science Ryan Giron - "The Keys to Our Past"

■ 1st place - Engineering Serena Rife - "Control Freak"

■ 1st place - Environmental Science Anthony

Bergman - "The Answer is Blowing in the Wind"

■ 1st place - Medicine & Health Aiyana Rife - "Tough Beans"

■ 1st place - Math & Computer Science Bethany Dilda - "The Golden Ratio"

■ Outstanding overall senior division award Bethany Dilda - "The Golden Ratio"

■ Directors Award Bethany Dilda - "The Golden Ratio"

■ Special drawing - electronic organizer Brendon De Leon

■ Colorado State Science Fair Representative Bethany Dilda - "The Golden Ratio"

■ International Science Fair Representative Bethany Dilda - "The Golden Ratio"

The following Branson students placed at the Branson School Science Fair held on February 5, 2009 but did not attend the Regional Science Fair:

■ K-1st Grade: 1st Place - Alyssa Winford and Grace Provost "Flower Power"

■ 2nd -3rd Grade: 3rd Place - Kilah Dingus "Rainbow - A Colorful Creation"

■ 4th - 6th Grade: 3rd Place - Alex Santana "Did Popeye Get It Wrong?"

■ Senior Division: 3rd Place - Bailey McFerren "Take a Closer Look"

The Branson Elementary teachers are Toyleen Loudon, Liann Richardson and aide Jennifer Rife.

The Branson High School Science Teacher is Dianne Brown. Submitted by Margaret J. Lewis



Marcello Martinez and his wife, Jamie Lynn, attend the 2009 ADDY® awards. (Photo by Chad Rueffert)

TSJC graduate accepts prestigious ADDY® awards on behalf of Colorado Springs-based ministry

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Ludwig Marcello Martinez, a graduate of Trinidad State Junior College and Creative Director at Colorado Springs-based ministry World Orphans, accepted several awards at the 2009 Pikes Peak Advertising Awards Ceremony held February 21st.

The annual 'ADDY Awards' is hosted by the Pikes Peak Advertising Federation (PPAF), a division of the American Advertising Federation (AAF) and is the largest fundraiser for the PPAF which hosts and honors approximately three hundred people every year.

'Silver ADDY' awards were presented to Mr. Martinez for the construction of World Orphan's 'Scripture Booklet' and 'From Desperation to Hope' DVD packaging design.

In addition, the ceremonies' most prestigious award of the evening 'Best of Show' was awarded to World Orphans as a whole, for 'most creative website design.' The website worldor-

phans.org depicts content, graphics and images which advocate for the support of orphans and homeless children worldwide.

The Colorado Springs ADDY Awards Competition is the first of a three-tiered national competition conducted annually by the American Advertising Federation. The ADDY Awards Competition is the industry's largest and most representative competition for creative excellence. More information can be found online at www.aaf.org.

Colorado Springs-based ministry World Orphans is committed to rescuing millions of orphans and abandoned children, the strengthening of thousands of indigenous churches, and the impacting of hundreds of communities through the Gospel with the implementation of cost-effective empowerment of church-based orphan prevention, rescue, care and transition programs in the least reached areas of the world. To learn more, visit www.worldorphans.org, or call (720) 362-4881.

Branson School spelling bee results

Courtesy of Margaret J. Lewis
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On Friday, February 13, 2009 the Branson School Spelling Bee was held in the school auditorium. The winners are as follows:

K - 3rd Grade: Ryan Giron

4th - 6th Grade Team: Michael Richardson, Brenden DeLeon, Anthony Bergman, Christian Richardson

The winners will attend the County Spelling Bee in Aguilar on February 25, 2009



A night of family literacy

By OLIVIA BACHICHA
Eckhart Elementary Principal
Special to the Chronicle

Eckhart Elementary will be hosting its first Family Literacy Night on Tuesday, March 10th. The night will begin at 5:30 p.m. and conclude by 7:00 p.m. The theme for the evening is, "WANTED: READERS." Students, parents, and staff will have the opportunity to participate in exciting projects ranging from a Cowpoke Campsite Story by "Annie Oakley and Billy the Kid" to square dancing and creating their very own Cowpoke Poem around the Old West.

A special guest for the evening will be author Mark Ludy. Mark is from Windsor, Colorado and has written and or illustrated several children's books including, When I Was a Girl I Dreamed, When I Was a Boy I Dreamed, The Grump, The Farmer and his newest publication, JuJo! Students of Eckhart Elementary have been intro-

duced to Mark's collection through classroom oral readings and library book talks.

To kick off the Literacy Night, Eckhart Elementary students will be attending an assembly the afternoon of March 10th where Mark will share his adventures with them. The evening will then begin at 5:30 p.m. and participants will be able to attend different activities that will be held in twenty-five minute intervals. During that time, participants will have the opportunity to visit with Mark Ludy individually; and he will be free to sign any of his books.

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 revisit the Old West.

Trinidad State Junior College Fall '08 Honor Students

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Trinidad State Junior College has released the names of one hundred eighty-three full-time students who earned a place on TSJC honors lists for the Fall '08 semester. Students on the President's List who achieved a grade point average (gpa) of 4.0 are:

Schakara Arrazola, Trinidad; Sandra Barr, Trinidad; Jeremy Begley, Trinidad; David Bell, Raton, NM; Ryan Bewley, Las Animas, CO; Ann Blakely, Raton, NM; Brant Breitenbach, Alamosa; Coby Brown, Trinidad; Joshua Brown, Las Animas, CO; Jerod Brunelli, Trinidad; Dustin Byrd, Weston, CO; Matthew Chacon, Alamosa, CO; Tell Childs, Trinidad; Tiffany Christensen, Sanford, CO; Sandra Clark, Trinidad; Mary Clement, Mosca, CO; Daniel Coates, La Junta, CO; Sonny Colangelo, Trinidad; Jessica Cole, Trinidad; Jared Cook, Trinidad; Simone Craig, Trinidad; Darryl Crawley, Dumas, AR; Zachary Decker, Monte Vista, CO; Manuel Diaz, Aguilar, CO; John Dolde, Alamosa, CO; Roberta Dominguez, Alamosa, CO; Dennis Donohue, Trinidad; Peter Egetenmeir, Trinidad; David Fante, Trinidad; Samuel Flanagan, Walsenburg, CO; Brittany Flores, Walsenburg, CO; Sonia Genesis, Alamosa, CO; Glenn Griego, Trinidad; Gerald Gust, Trinidad; Krysta Gyrman, Trinidad; Natalie Hackett, Trinidad; Kile Hammel, Williamsburg, CO; Claire Honeyfield, Raton, NM; Emmeline Jacques, San Luis, CO; Catherine Jimenez, Trinidad; Gordon Jones, Trinidad; Rebekah King, Del Norte, CO; Wade King, Manitou

Springs, CO; Thea Larkin, Trinidad; Jesse Lee, Trinidad; Erika Leite da Silva, Monte Vista, CO; Frank Lotz, Trinidad; Jenna Mangino, Trinidad; Aaron Marquez, La Junta, CO; Sharaya Martinez, Trinidad; Michele Mascarenas, Alamosa, CO; Caleb McLaren, Alamosa, CO; Vanessa Mediana, Monte Vista, CO; Sarah Merritt, Saguache, CO; Cole Miller, Las Animas, CO; Yadira Molina, Center, CO; Steven Murray, Las Animas, CO; Eric Newman, Trinidad; Marti Noland, Cokedale, CO; Shannon Ortiz, Trinidad; Jandi Owens, Alamosa, CO; Brad Paine, Bon Carbo, CO; Brian Paul, Plano, TX; Stephen Perea, La Junta, CO; Robert Pruden, Peyton, CO; Crystal Quintana, Capulin, CO; Christina Richie, Mosca, CO; Derek Roberts, Palmer Lake, CO; Hector Rodriguez, Alamosa, CO; Jose Rodriguez, Pueblo, CO; Michael Saks, Apo, AP; Rosa Salazar, Monte Vista, CO; Shannon Schiermeyer, Monte Vista, CO; Keir Scott, Alamosa, CO; Alevtina Shapovalova, Trinidad; Terry Shoemaker, Trinidad; Leola Smith, Trinidad; Jireh Thomas, Trinidad; Michael Thompson, Trinidad; Desiree Trujillo, Antonito, CO; Stephanie Trujillo, Trinidad; Aerial Valdez, Trinidad; Whitney Valdez, Trinidad; Matthew Valerio, Antonito, CO; Sarah Van Iwaarden, Alamosa, CO; Colby Velasquez, Trinidad; Susan Westphal, Trinidad; Camill White, Rifle, CO; Jenny Wick, Trinidad; Catherine Wright, Monte Vista, CO; Roseann Zambonato, Trinidad.

The TSJC Vice President's List includes the names of the following students who earned a gpa

of 3.75 to 3.990:

Eron Ahmer, Trinidad; Michael Anthony, Colorado Springs, CO; Kelsey Apodaca, Pueblo, CO; Michael Buckner, Colorado Springs, CO; Robert Campbell, Sterling Heights, MI; Ricky Carlton, Trinidad; Joseph Chedsey, Trinidad; Bryan Crespin, Walsenburg, CO; Michael Davis, Rye, CO; Logan Dorenkamp, Holly, CO; Joshua Dorr, Colorado Springs, CO; John Ely, Stratton, CO; Anthony Espinoza, Trinidad; Michael Farrell, Pueblo, CO; Anthony Griego, Walsenburg, CO; Yadira Jaquez, Santa Teresa, NM; Barbara Johnson-Kline, Walsenburg, CO; Daniel Jolly III, Aguilar, CO; Craig Macdonald, Colorado Springs, CO; Craig McLaughlin, Colorado Springs, CO; Laura Mourer, Trinidad; Kit Parrish, Cheraw, CO; Manuel Perez, Colorado Springs, CO; Paul Philbin, Cokedale, CO; Evaldas Pilakis, Grand Lake, CO; Chris Prater, Florence, CO; Ross Precord, Colorado Springs, CO; Travis Rinebarger, Colorado Springs, CO; Kyle Roberts, Palmer Lake, CO; Steven Rogers, Colorado Springs, CO; Eric Saenz, Raton, NM; Joshua Salas, Las Animas, CO; Michael Sandoval, Trinidad; Tony Sarcoma, Colorado Springs, CO; Adlaw Shash, Gardner, CO; Maria Sinda, Trinidad; Terry Smith, Aguilar, CO; Todd Stauffer, Calhan, CO; Holly Stevens, Pueblo West, CO; Patricio Tapia, Trinidad; Colten Thompson, Trinidad.

Students who earned a gpa of 3.50 to 3.749 are on the TSJC Dean's List. They are:

Gina Atwater, Trinidad; Shanna Avila, Trinidad; David Baca, Trinidad; Courtney Blair, Trinidad;

Alex Bowie, Trinidad; Athena Brock, Trinidad; Samantha Butler, Colorado Springs, CO; Nathan Clowe, Trinidad; John Cowell, Trinidad; Celestino Diaz, Trinidad; Nicole Dimino, Trinidad; Christopher Falletti, Raton, NM; Harvey Francis, Colorado Springs, CO; Emerson Gates, Estill Springs, TN; Edward Hager, Trinidad; Read Hallihan, Trinidad; Monica Hanley, Trinidad; Hannah Harkin, Model, CO; Abigail Hart, Trinidad; Bradley Hernandez, Westminster, CO; Michael Hilt, Trinidad; Joseph Hoffa, Sinking Spring, PA; Tyler Jensen, Parachute, CO; Joseph Lever, Raton, NM; Michael Martinez, Trinidad; Vincent Martinez, Westminster, CO; Vincenzo Mattivi, Pueblo, CO; Bret McClendon, Trinidad; Kevin Merritt, Bristol, CO; Nathan Moore, Truth or Consequences, NM; Cory Morgan, Trinidad; Dallin Mortensen, Alamosa, CO; Rebecca Murtha, Trinidad; Rebecca Nolan, Trinidad; Chad Pace, Strasburg, CO; Kevin Quan, Trinidad; Stephanie Reveteriano, Trinidad; Emmett Reynolds, La Veta, CO; Thomas Riebsomer, Cokedale, CO; Camilla Romero, Walsenburg, CO; Monica Sanchez, Colorado Springs, CO; David Schlegel, Trinidad; Nathaniel Skoug, Dubuque, IA; Tiffany Smith, Trinidad; Melissa Sturgeon, Trinidad; Scott Van Gieson, Alamosa, CO; Robyn Van Kooten, Monument, CO; Raul Viera, Denver, CO; Jeremy Waldschmidt; Nicholas Wiggins, Littleton, CO; Miguel Zavala, Lamar, CO.