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Early Deadlines

The Chronicle-News will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27 in observance of the

Thanksgiving holiday.

We will also have early holiday deadlines:

All classified and display ads will be due by 10 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 23 for the Wednesday, Nov. 25 edition and by Noon Tuesday, Nov. 24 for the Friday, Nov. 27 and the Monday, Nov. 30 editions.

THE FINE PRINT

Please see page 17 for all SCHOOL EVENTS

TUESDAY – Nov 17 Pastor's Study

Meeting - 9 a.m. Tues. - Zion's Lutheran Fellowship Hall. All Pastors welcome.

Kiwanis

Kiwanis Luncheon - 12 p.m. every Tuesday - A Little Catering Company - 916 Arizona. Guest Speaker will be Martina Hill with a program on the new Las Animas County Outreach Project "Kids & Friend" Mentoring Program.

City Council

Trinidad City Council - Regular Meeting - 7 p.m. Tuesday / Council Chambers, Third Floor, City Hall.

Hoehne FPD

Hoehne Fire Protection District, Board of Directors - regular meeting Tues. 6:30 p.m. - Hoehne Fire Station. All interested persons are invited to attend.

WEDNESDAY – Nov 18 Bake Sale

Mt. San Rafael Hospital Lobby - Weds. 8 a.m. to Noon.

E911

Authority Board Meeting - Weds. 1:30 p.m. - City Hall Conference Room.

Ribbon Cutting

Chamber of Commerce Business EXPO Business After Hours Celebration. New CDRC Incubator Tenant Begano Enterprises will be having a Ribbon Cutting in the Bell Block at 136 W. Main St. - Weds 4:15 p.m. Call 84609285 for more info. Public is invited.

Fisher's Peak FPD

Board of Directors regular meeting - Weds. 6 p.m. - Fire Station #1 in Starkville. The 2010 Budget will be adopted. The public is invited to attend.

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WEATHER WATCH

Today: Sunny, with a high near 48. West southwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 20. West southwest wind around 5 mph.

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, with a high near 54. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Tomorrow Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. West southwest wind around 10 mph.



Photo by David J. Santistevan, Jr.

Everyone smiles for a good cause - Noah's Ark Animal Welfare Association. From left are Noah's Ark Treasurer Rosemary Fabec, Chronicle-News Publisher Aileen Hood, Noah's Ark President Fran Villani, Tim Crisler holding Bishi, and Jean Crisler holding Elektra. The annual Peacock Ball fundraiser is set for March 13, 2010.

Noah's Ark couple celebrates recent wedding

By RICHARD SITTS
The Chronicle-News

It was a mutual love of animals that led to a chance meeting last March that culminated in a Nov. 7 wedding for Tim and Jean Crisler of Trinidad. The two attended Noah's Ark Animal Welfare Association's annual Peacock Ball. Jean performed a dance routine during the ball and Tim was present to support the cause. The dancer, formerly known as Jean Fleming, ended up being seated at the same table as Tim, and the rest, as they say, is history.

The newlyweds credit Noah's Ark Treasurer Rosemary Fabec for coming up with the seating arrangement.

"I thought she (Fabec) just wanted me to mingle," Jean said, recalling the evening.

"Yeah, she mingled, all right," Tim said with a smile.

"Tim came back to me and said, 'You can seat me next to Jean Fleming any time!'" Fabec said.

Tim had one dog and Jean had three cats and a dog. Now, they are one big happy family. Tim owns Colorado Floors and Blinds and Jean is a yoga instructor.

"We both love animals and my mom has always done a ton of work for animal shelters," here and in Arizona, Tim said. His mother, Sylvia Crisler, is a former Noah's Ark board member and writes the monthly Paws In Print column for *The Chronicle-News*.

When Tim and Jean sent out their wedding invitations, they included the disclaimer that any monetary gifts they

received, that they would donate half to the Noah's Ark Building Fund. The group is currently seeking property on which a new shelter can be built.

The couple is quick to say that the real purpose is not to have their picture in the paper, but to help educate people about Trinidad's homeless pet situation. "We're hoping that people will realize that there's a need in this town for a new shelter," Tim said. Jean said that people can make donations to Noah's Ark as part of a will, a birthday present, or to commemorate any other occasion.

The current shelter, according to Fabec, does not have adequate light, venting or space, and houses about 60 animals. Noah's Ark does not have its own website yet, but donations also can be made at www.petfinders.com by using PayPal.

The ultimate goal, Fabec said, is to become a no-kill shelter. Due to the current lack of space, some animals do have to be euthanized, she added. Noah's Ark sponsors spay and neuter clinics, as well as efforts to educate the public about the importance of spaying and neutering pets.

The Peacock Ball may come around only once a year, but the care and control of Trinidad's homeless pet population is a year-round concern. The next Peacock Ball is set for March 13, 2010. The group is seeking silent auction items and corporate table sponsorships.

For information or to donate, Noah's Ark can be reached at (719) 680-2385.



CN File Photo

Ashley Sanchez

Ashley Sanchez pleads guilty in Popoff murder case

By DAVID J. SANTISTEVAN JR.
The Chronicle-News

Ashley Sanchez, 21, of Trinidad, last Friday pleaded guilty during a hearing in a Las Animas County courtroom, to charges of being an accessory for destroying evidence in the murder case of Jeremy "Alex" Popoff.

According to court records, she allegedly tried to get rid of and/or destroy key evidence after Popoff's death.

Popoff was stabbed to death in May of 2008. Sanchez was originally scheduled for trial on the accessory charge back on July 20. She was released for over a year on a \$15,000 bond.

Las Animas County District Attorney Frank Ruybalid told *The Chronicle-News* on Monday that Sanchez pleaded guilty to a two-year deferred sentence. Another part of the

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CN file photo

Ann Trammell

Ann Trammell held over for trial in child's death

By DAVID J. SANTISTEVAN JR.
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Last Friday Las Animas County District Court Judge Claude Appel held Ann Trammell, 18, of Trinidad over for trial for her role in the death of her 2-month-old son who died July 9 after a court hearing to take him off life support. The infant was hospitalized July 3 after allegedly falling from a bed at a local hotel.

Doctors at the local emergency room stated there was evidence of an older injury to the infant and this injury was not consistent with a fall. According to the police report it might have been an intentional act.

The boy was flown to Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs in critical condition. A hearing was held with attorneys for both Trammell and Ronald Walker, 25, of Trinidad, the child's father, attorneys from the Las Animas County Department of Social Services as well as members of the local police and sheriff's departments. Judge Leslie Gerbracht heard testimony from doctors and agreed with all parties the infant should be taken off life support because the severity of the injuries gave him little chance to recover.

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Annual Thanksgiving celebration at Studio C

By TIM KELLER
The Chronicle-News

Studio C in Des Moines will celebrate its 3rd Annual Show of Gratitude Saturday evening beginning at 5:30 p.m. Closing the third season of monthly entertainment nights, "Live at Studio C", the event begins with a pot luck dinner featuring a 20-pound roasted turkey, followed by a community open mic and two featured performers.

Prolific Raton novelist Steven F. Havill will read from the latest in his acclaimed series of New Mexico mysteries - Red, Green, or Murder - released in hardback November 1 and currently averaging a perfect 5 stars in reader reviews at Amazon.com. Following the reading, Havill will answer questions from the audience, and then sign books from the seven titles Studio C has available for purchase.

Havill will share the bill with Raton harpist Karen Anderson, bringing what has become an annual concert. Anderson combines mesmerizing harp tunes from Irish and other sources with some friendly teaching about the harp, including its history and features. She explains the differences between the many types of harps, for example, and invariably takes questions from the audience right in the middle of her concert.

At Anderson's first performance, Studio C's Christina Boyce cleared chairs and invited the audience to sit on the immaculate white pine floor in order to feel the resonance of the notes right through the wood. Many accepted the invitation, then smiled as the first notes took hold.



Photo by Tim Keller

Raton's Karen Anderson brings her harp back to Des Moines Saturday evening for Studio C's 3rd Annual Show of Gratitude.

Boyce suspends Live at Studio C's usual \$3 cover charge each November to thank the audience for supporting the program throughout the year. She presents the roast turkey, stuffing, gravy, and cranberry sauces, asking guests to provide the remaining Thanksgiving dishes for a potluck dinner. Because the first two Thanksgiving events reached capacity at 24, Boyce says reservations are necessary this year to guarantee

room for all.

Reservations may be made in person at Studio C, 517 Broadway Avenue (Hwy 64/87) in Des Moines, or by phone at 575-278-3517 or 575-447-2016. Those driving from Trinidad and Raton should be aware that highway construction adds about ten minutes to the driving time. With the turkey being sliced at 5:30 p.m., travelers won't want to be west of Capulin at that hour.

