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Summer Grilling Guide

Bobby Flay shares some easy outside-the-box recipes to instantly upgrade your backyard barbecues and Homer Simpson reveals his 6 best grilling tips.

Cleaning Up The Mortgage Mess

A key Wall Street player is making amends with a new fund that buys distressed mortgages and works with homeowners to get back on track.

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WEEKEND FUN

Graduation:

- Raton High School – 7 p.m. Fri in Tiger Stadium, Raton, NM.
- Aguilar High School – 2 p.m. Sat in the Aguilar School Commons Area
- Hoehne High School – 2 p.m. Sun in the Hoehne High School Gymnasium

RATON:

- Main Street Fair 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sat in Raton with Food, Fun, Crafts & Vintage Car Show.
- Raton Kiwanis & Choral Society present “Shuler Vaudeville” 7:30 – 9 p.m. @ the Shuler Theater in Raton. It’s an evening of hilarious frivolity. Call Bill Fegan for more information @ 575-445-4746.

TRINIDAD: Horse Show

- Fisher’s Peak Horse Assn hosts Summer Horse Show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat @ the Las Animas County Fairgrounds. No admission. Call 846-1521 (Susan Schneider) for more information.

FRIDAY

Long Term Care

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting 12 p.m. 3rd Fri @ 900 South 6th St, Raton, NM.

TASPERA

Trinidad Area Schools & Public Employees Retirement Association meets 1 p.m. Friday in the TSJC Sullivan Center, Pioneer Room. Meeting only, lunch will not be available. Call Paul @ 846-2423 for more information.

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RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of 5/20/10
South Side Priority #74 - 2/17/1876
Trinidad Lake Accounting:
Release 388.83 acre feet
Inflow 241.53 acre feet
Evaporation 10.70 acre feet
Content 29,326 acre feet
Elevation 6192.56 feet
Precipitation 0.07 inches
Downstream River Call:
Amity - 2/21/1887
(Provided by Division of Water Resources)



Community fondly remembers Phyllis Moniot in so many wonderful ways

By MIKE GARRETT
The Chronicle-News

“The most amazing woman I’ve ever known,” “So tiny, but a ball of fire, a human dynamo,” or “How could anyone ever replace Phyllis and what she did for this community?” Those were just some of the comments and tributes heard around Trinidad this week from some of the thousands of people who knew Phyllis Moniot. Phyllis passed away at Pueblo’s Parkview Medical Center earlier this week from pneumonia and cancer complications.



Moniot touched so many lives in the Trinidad community that only God knows for sure how many and how she influenced people here during a 42-year career with the Las Animas County Department of Human Services and her countless fundraising and facilitating efforts on behalf of the Trinidad Catholic community, Trinidad Kiwanis Club and Trinidad & Las Animas County Chamber of Commerce, where she was a longtime ambassador.

To know Phyllis was to love her, and by natural extension, her food too. If there was good food (and there always was) at any Holy Trinity Academy fundraiser, community or Lenten fish fry or Catholic meeting or social gathering, chances are Phyllis cooked or baked a large portion of it and helped organize it. And if you are a big Colorado Rockies fan, you had a lot in common with one of Phyllis’ other life passions. As a baseball fan for more than 60 years, she could talk about the game and its players for hours, knew all the Rockies players’ accomplishments and was more than a little outspoken if anybody tried to shortchange or criticize her team in not giving them their just due. Phyllis attended every Rockies season opener for the past several years, including this season’s. She was equally passionate following the Holy Trinity Tigers in whatever sport they played.

Here is a sampling of comments from people who knew Phyllis in a personal or professional way: “I remember her pleasant personality all the time, constantly I never saw her in a bad mood,” said former 10-year Trinidad Mayor and longtime Catholic Church supporter Joe Reorda, who has known Phyllis “forever. It’s impossible to express the amount of stuff that she’s done for this community and it’s impossible to even think about replacing her.”

Jeanette Tapia, HTA administrative assistant and former student, spoke for the school when she said, “She (Phyllis) was extremely active in support of Trinidad Catholic and Holy Trinity. She was a member of our booster club, she was president of our Home and School Association at one time and was in the forefront when we were putting together Holy Trinity Academy in 2004.

“She headed up our kitchen for every fundraiser and dinner we’ve had,” said Tapia. “She did the pasta dinners, she did the fish fries, she did the barbecues at our Rock the Barn Festival. Not only was she huge in our family, but in the community as a whole. And when you look at her personal life, she raised her four children single-handedly by herself and did a tremendous job. She was just an amazing woman.

“She taught a class for us here right up until about a month ago when she got sick. She was here

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Students arrested for drugs at TMS

By RICHARD SITTS
The Chronicle-News

Six students at Trinidad Middle School have been arrested for their alleged involvement with ingesting and/or distributing/exchanging Oxycodone tablets and marijuana at school, according to Trinidad Police. Because of their ages, ranging from 13-15, the suspects’ identities will not be released.

Trinidad Police released a detailed report on Thursday that contained the following synopsis.

The incident began at 11:20 a.m. on May 14, when Trinidad Police Dept. School Resource Officer Scott Fredericks was contacted by school radio and asked to respond to the middle school at 614 Park St. Upon arrival, Fredericks met with Principal Deana Dunford and Vice Principal Michael Guadagnoli, who said that a teacher, Palamino Simms, reported that one of her

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Pioneer official addresses County Board of Commissioners

By DAVID J. SANTISTEVEN JR.
The Chronicle-News

At this week’s Las Animas County Board of Commissioners meeting, Tom Sheffield of Pioneer Natural Resources, USA, addressed the board about Pioneer’s status in Las Animas County. He covered the price of coal bed methane gas, working with the new mine coming to Las Animas County, mcf gas prices, Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) regulations, and about giving tax breaks to companies to attract more business.

“We are staying,” Sheffield said. “We are not going anywhere! We are still working and waiting for gas prices to come back so we can get to drilling.”

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Photos by Tim Keller

Principal Mike Sparaco calls for reinforcements as teacher Mike Marez uses the copy machine to prepare for his first period class Wednesday morning.

Class of 2010 earns applause and laughter at RHS

By TIM KELLER
The Chronicle-News

RATON – The Class of 2010 at Raton High School earned a much-coveted place in the annals of senior pranks when they gained entry to the school office late Tuesday night and filled it with balloons.

When Principal Mike Sparaco arrived for work Wednesday morning, he had trouble opening the door and stepping in. Seniors had moved couches from the foyer into the office, then filled the

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RHS Principal Mike Sparaco and secretary Robin Martinez came in to work Wednesday, but ended up playing with balloons all morning.

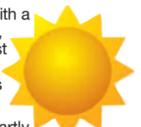
WEATHER WATCH

Today: Sunny, with a high near 84. Breezy, with a southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.



Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 51. Breezy, with a southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 86. Breezy, with a west southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.



Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48. Breezy, with a southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 82. Breezy, with a west southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.



Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

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