

## Pioneer official addresses County Board of Commissioners

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Pioneer Natural Resources still employs over 450 workers in Las Animas County working more than 2,300 operating wells in the county.

"We hope to get back to drilling when Metric Cubic Feet (mcf) gas prices get back up. It could happen in the next few months or maybe sometime in the next year."

Pioneer says that there is a potential for 700 to 1000 future new wells in our area that can produce Coal Bed Methane (CBM), with an additional 500 to 1000 more that could be drilled.

"If we can prove up the additional resources that is much deeper in the CBM. This could give us (Pioneer) additional wells in Las Animas County in the future." Sheffield said. "This process is in the infant stages, of course. I am confident that Pioneer Natural Resources can prove this up in the future."

The current mcf gas prices also have had a big affect on slowing down drilling in the area.

"We are not slowing anything down, but what we have stopped doing, obviously, is drilling. So if you are not drilling, your wells may decline, which is natural. The well we have now will last another 15 to 25 years and may decline slowly over time. The wells are there, we have just stopped drilling," Sheffield said.

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# Students arrested for drugs at TMS

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students was "acting unusual as if he were impaired," according to the report. The 13-year-old male is referred to as Suspect #4 in the report. He was called to the office and upon questioning it was discovered that a 13-year-old female student (Suspect #1) took 13 (40 mg) Oxycodone tablets from her parents' medicine cabinet and brought them to school. The pills belonged to and were prescribed to the girl's mother, according to the police report.

According to the Web site, MedicineNet.com,

Oxycodone is a "strong narcotic pain-reliever and cough suppressant similar to morphine, codeine, and hydrocodone. Oxycodone does not eliminate the sensation of pain but decreases discomfort by increasing tolerance to pain. In addition to tolerance to pain, oxycodone also causes sedation and respiratory depression. The FDA approved oxycodone in

1976." According to the police report, before the first bell, Suspect #1 met with a 15-year-old male student (Suspect #2) and exchanged all 13 Oxycodone tablets for a small baggie of marijuana. Suspect #2 proceeded to consume one of the tablets and distributed seven more to other TMS students, according to the report. He allegedly gave two tablets to a 15-year-old male (Suspect #5), two tablets to 15-year-old Suspect #3, 1.5 tablets to 13-year-old Suspect #4 and 1.5 tablets to 13-year-old Suspect #6. None of the students knew what the pills were, but consumed the tablets they were given and soon after began to feel the effects of the drug, according to police.

Upon questioning by the principal, Suspect #2 voluntarily produced a baggie containing five of the remaining Oxycodone tablets and Suspect #1 voluntarily produced a baggie of marijuana. Both students also provided voluntary verbal admissions to the details outlined above.

Parents of all the involved students were contacted and informed of their child's participation, according to the report.

Suspects #4 and #5 were immediately transported to

Mt. San Rafael Hospital for treatment "due to visible negative effects of the drugs," the report states.

Suspect #6 denied having anything to do with the incident. Her mother transported her to Crossroads MCS for a drug test, that came back negative, according to the report.

Suspects #1, #2 and #3 were all arrested and transported to the Trinidad Police Department for processing. Department of Human Resources Juvenile Screener Nicole Hernandez advised that the three suspects would need to appear before Judge Bruce Billings for advisement, the report states.

The three suspects were then transported to County Court, where Suspects #1 and #2 were released to their parents on a \$45,000 personal recognizance bond. Suspect #3 (already on probation) was remanded to the custody of the Las Animas County Sheriff's Department for transport to the Pueblo Youth Corrections, the report states.

Trinidad Police confiscated five Oxycodone tablets and a baggie containing a green leafy substance that tested positive as marijuana.

Suspects #1 and #2 face pending charges of distribu-

tion of a controlled substance; possession of one ounce or less of marijuana; interference with staff, faculty, or students of educational institutions; and special offender - distributing on school grounds, public housing, or school bus - a felony offense, according to the report.

Suspect #3 faces a charge of unlawful use of a controlled substance and a violation of probation.

Charges against suspects #4, #5 and #6 were not listed in the police report.

Suspects #1 and #3 were advised of their Miranda warning in written form with parents present, but did not wish to provide any additional information that had not already been provided, according to the report. Suspect #4's parents were not available to provide consent for their son to provide a statement, and suspect #5's father refused to allow his son to provide a statement.

The suspects were scheduled to appear today in District Court, according to the report.

## Class of 2010 earns applause and laughter at RHS

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entire office suite, wall-to-wall, four-feet-deep with brightly colored balloons.

As teachers arrived, they climbed over and through balloons to use the copying machine, preparing for their morning classes. Secretary Robin Martinez waded across to her desk, where she cleared balloons to locate her chair.

Sparaco's office door stood closed at the far end of the office: he didn't make it through that many balloons until later, after calling

Superintendent of Schools David Willden and other reinforcements. When the first period tardy bell rang, Willden went on the school public address system to congratulate the seniors - most of whom didn't hear him because they were home asleep, taking their final day off in a traditional day of hooky before Friday evening's graduation.

Every senior class in memory has found a way to enter the school overnight during the week of their graduation and engage in

mischief to leave their own mark and memory. RHS staff especially appreciated this year's prank because it was funny, and relatively easy to clean up. As one set of seniors moved furniture and filled balloons in the downstairs office, others wrapped the upstairs halls, bathrooms, and lockers in brightly colored yarns - which teachers were able to remove easily enough with scissors. No muss and very little fuss, but lots of smiles as the Class of 2010 went out in style.

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### I-Anon Family

Group meets @ 6 p.m. every Friday in the Presbyterian Church basement, 801 San Pedro. For info call: Sharone 719-846-9999. No fee charged to participate & all are welcome.

### SATURDAY

#### Gideons

Fisher's Peak Gideons Saturday Morning Prayer Group meets @ 7 a.m. every Sat. Call 719-680-0290 for location.

#### Weight Watchers

Meets 9:30 a.m. every Sat @ the Senior Citizens Center, 1222 San Pedro Ave.

#### Angel Food

May Angel Food Distribution will be 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sat @ Fishers Peak Community Church. Questions call Barbara at 719-846-3853.

#### Supper Club

Meets 6:30 p.m. Sat in the Pioneer Room @ TSJC. For more information call Peggy @ 846-4967. New members welcome.

### SUNDAY

#### La Casa Lodge

La Casa Monthly Meeting has been cancelled.

### 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.

#### Tourism Board

Regular Session meets 9 a.m. 4th Monday @ City Hall, Conference Room, 135 N. Animas.

#### 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.

### Men's Softball

Trinidad League meeting 7 p.m. Monday @ the Community Center, 1309 Beshoar. For more information call Ed @ 719-859-4030.

### TUESDAY

#### Pastor's Study

Meets 9 a.m. every Tues @ Zion's Lutheran Fellowship Hall. All Pastors welcome, call Pastor Beth Ann @ 846-7785 for more information.

### Kiwanis

Kiwanis Luncheon 12 p.m. every Tues @ A Little Catering Company, 916 Arizona.

### City Council

Trinidad City Council work session meets 1:30 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tues @ City Hall Council Chambers, third floor.

### Health Services

Regular District meeting 5 p.m. last Tues of the month in the John Building on Main Street, Room 106. The public is invited.

### Lady Eagles

Lady Eagles Auxiliary #179 meets 6 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tues @ Eagle's Hall.

### Knights of Columbus

Meets 7 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tues @ K of C Hall, South Commercial St. in Trinidad.

### Masonic Lodge

AF&AM Trinidad Masonic Lodge #28 meets 7:30 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tues @ 132 E. Main St.

### PUBLIC SERVICE

#### Community Chorale

Presents the mellow music of "Frank Sinatra & Friends" 7 p.m. May 25 & 26 (Tues & Weds) @ The United Methodist Church, State & Broom Streets, Trinidad. Everyone is invited and there is no admission fee.

### Fine Art Fair

Call for Entries: Buena Vista Fine Art Fair seeks artists for July 10 event. This event is an outdoor, screened show sponsored by The Arkansas Valley Art Center. Proceeds pay for projects, art education & cultural enrichment of

the Upper Arkansas River Valley. Interested Artists can obtain registration forms by calling (719) 395-8372 or by e-mailing artinfo@avacgallery.com

### Good Earth 2010

Calling all local artists working in any media originating from Mother Earth for exhibits @ the First Street Gallery June 4-15. Call 846-1441 or 859-7702 for more information & entry forms. Entries due May 31.

### City Offices

The City of Trinidad Offices & the Landfill will be closed the 3rd Monday of every month for a mandatory furlough day for the remainder of the year. Normal business hours will resume as usual the Tuesday after each furlough day.

### VFW

Local Afghan, Desert Storm & Iraqi Freedom Veterans who want their names inscribed on the vet's memorial can call Bob Ling, VFW Post Commander, @ 859-0743.

### Trinidad AA

Meetings Sun-Thurs. Call 719-671-6066 or 719-546-1173 for details.

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## SCHOOL EVENTS

### TUESDAY

\*Trinidad Schools - Board of Education regular meeting 6 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tues @ the Administration Office, 215 South Maple St.

### GENERAL INFO

■ Rocky Mountain SER - Southern Colorado Headstart is currently accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year. Please contact the school at 846-4391 for appointments or information.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

■ FREE Scholarship for Summer Health Careers Institute available to students interested in Health, Science & Math careers, July 18-23. Activities

include opportunities to observe various departments in hospitals & shadowing health professionals while staying at the University of Colorado Denver Health Science Center. For more information call SE Colorado Area Health Education Center @ 719-544-7833 or toll-free 866-330-7100 or e-mail suzette.bartch@secahec.org. Funding provided by a grant from the Colorado Trust.

■ ARPA/City of Trinidad Scholarship Program - \$1,000. College Scholarship available to qualified Trinidad High School senior. ARPA \$500 College Scholarships are available to member municipalities in Holly, La Junta, Lamar, Las Animas, & Springfield. Dave Brunelli, Superintendent of Trinidad's Electric Department, is the local coordinator for the ARPA Scholarship Program. He can be reached at 719-846-9843, xl20.

# PUBLIC AUCTION

Saturday, May 22, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. MDT

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## SHERIFF'S OFFICE VEHICLES

1987 Chevy Suburban	1996 Pontiac Sedan
1988 Chevy Van	1994 Chevy Sedan
1995 GMC Sonoma	1994 Dodge Van
1992 Dodge Ram	2000 Ford Sedan
1993 Dodge Caravan	2003 Dodge
1994 Dodge Pickup	1999 Dodge

## ROAD & BRIDGE VEHICLES

1999 Chevy Silverado - Needs Body Work	1995 Ford F150 - Not Running
1975 Ford F750 Snow Plow	1983 Ford F150 - Not Running
1986 Dodge 150 - Not Running	1975 Peterbilt Semi
1960 Coleman Snow Plow	1969 International Snow Plow
1989 Ford F150 - Not Running	1977 Ranco Trailer - Needs Minor Repair
1999 Dodge Durango - Not Running	1985 Chevy Blazer - Not Running

## Miscellaneous

Portable Miller Welder - Needs Minor Repair	Steel Desks - Most came from L.A. Court House
Several Old Oak Desks	More Misc. Items by Sale Date

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