

INSIDE TODAY



A League Of Her Own

One of the few women to coach boys' high school football in the U.S., Natalie Randolph is committed to helping her players score on the field—and in life.

Subject To Debate...

Do we need Home Ec? Will digital tablets replace textbooks? How do we stop cyberbullying? Here's a primer on what we're hearing as kids head back to school.

THE FINE PRINT

Stay on top of your day. Check the Fine Print Feature in your Chronicle-News everyday for upcoming local meetings & events. If you need to submit an item please send it to: cathy@trinidadchroniclenews.com.

SPECIAL NOTICE:

Last weekend for swim fun! Trinidad Aquatics @ the Community Center will be open through this Sunday, Aug 22, which will be the last day of operation for the pool.

FRIDAY

Trinidad Schools

Welcome back, kids! School District #1 Opening Day, Friday Aug 20. Menu as follows:

Trinidad Elementary, Middle & High Schools: Sandwich w/ Lettuce, Tomato & Pickles, Chips, Celery & Carrot Stix, Ranch Dip, Fruit Cup & Milk.

Angel Food

August orders due by Fri. Orders maybe placed at Fishers Peak Community Church & Town & Country Estates Realty. For questions please call Frances Montoya at 719-846-1515.

Economic Development

Regular Board Meeting 12 p.m. Fri @ the ED Office, 134 W. Main, Suite 23. Lunch will be provided. Call Marge @ 719-846-9412 for more information.

Long Term Care

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting 12 p.m. 3rd Fri @ 900 South 6th St, Raton, NM. Call Henrietta Romero @ 575-445-3661 for more information.

Food Pantry

Care & Share Mobile Food Pantry joins with the Open Door Soup Kitchen 1:30 - 3 p.m. every 3rd Friday @ Holy Family, 308 West Church St. First come, first serve & please remember to bring your own boxes & bags.

Continued on page 4

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire river call as of 8/19/10 Burns & Duncan priority #21 1/1/1866

Trinidad Reservoir accounting
Release 405.37 acre ft.
Inflow 149.18 acre ft.
Evaporation 15.81 acre ft.
Content 19,943 acre ft.
Elevation 6,180.06
Precipitation 0
Downstream river call
Nine Mile 5/10/1887

1 cubic (cfs) foot per second equals one cubic foot of water passing a point in one second of time.

1 acre-foot equals a quantity of water required to cover one acre of land to a depth of one foot.

1 cubic foot per second = 1.9835 acre-feet per day (24 hrs)

(Provided by Division of Water Resources)



Talent shines on Trinidad

By RICHARD SITTS
The Chronicle-News

Some of Trinidad's top talent came together in the steamy Trinidad Middle School auditorium Aug. 12 for the annual Talented Trinidad that showcased talent from all ages. The performances were hot and the only thing warmer in the auditorium was the applause and support from family, friends and other patrons of the arts.

Daughter and mother, Brittany and Lucinda Cordova, kicked off the program singing "Have Mercy." They returned in the second half of the show to sing one of their family's favorites, "Christmas Shoes." The pair sang acapella, alone and together; their harmonies right on.

Other first half performances included Annalore Trujillo doing a power jazz dance to "Can't Be Tamed" by Miley Cyrus, Ingrid Hofmeister doing a jazz dance to the Cyndi Lauper hit, "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun," Kayleen Ortega playing the Beatles' classic, "Yesterday," on flute, Jessica Olguin doing a lyrical jazz dance to "When You're Gone," Sara Cook singing the Judy Garland classic, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," Lakken Medina performing a pointe-style dance to "Adagio Sostenuto," and Courtney Robinson legging out a jazz dance to the topical summer radio hit, "California Gurls," which earned her a first place trophy in the kids division.

Continued on page 2



Photo by Richard Sitts

Courtney Robinson holds the first place trophy that she earned in the kids division for her solo jazz dance to the current summer hit, "California Gurls." Courtney also won the People's Choice award, voted on by audience members for \$1 per vote, with proceeds going toward Hometown Holidays. She was presented with a gift basket containing gift certificates and donated items from local merchants.

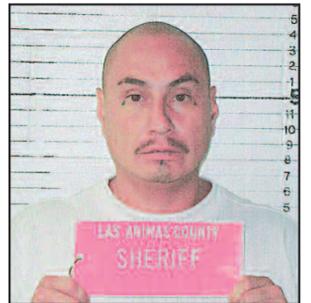


Photo courtesy of Las Animas County Sheriff's Office

Trinity Jay Romero

Suspect in stabbing death still at large

BY C-N STAFF

Local authorities are still looking for the suspect in the stabbing death last Sunday of 24-year-old Kyle William Phillips of Weston.

Phillips was stabbed to death, allegedly by Trinity Jay Romero, 32, of Trinidad, at the Empty Pocket Saloon at 1810 N. Linden. Because the incident took place just outside of city limits, the Las Animas County Sheriff's Office is handling the case.

Romero reportedly talked to police on Monday and said he would turn himself in, but had not so as of Thursday evening.

There was a warrant put out Monday for the arrest of Romero on second-degree murder, a Class 4

Continued on page 4

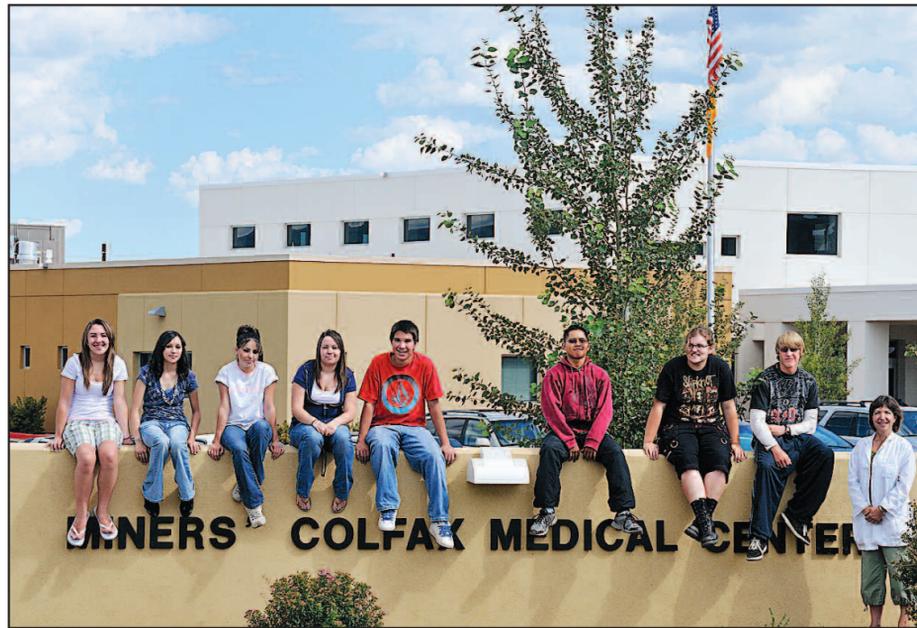


Photo by Tim Keller

The first to enroll in the new Health Careers Pathway program are Raton High School students, from left, Aleena Richardson, Savannah Arguello, Connie Martinez, Amy Grubelnik, Justin Apodaca, Gabriel Majorenos, Etta Briscoe and Marcus Hodge. Standing is instructor Santina Frank.

Health Careers Pathways launches in Raton

By TIM KELLER
The Chronicle-News

RATON - Raton graduates have a hard time finding good jobs at home, jobs that would allow them to remain in their hometown. Miners Colfax Medical Center (MCMC) has a hard time filling its many professional job openings, such a hard time that it has actively recruited employees from as far away as the Philippines.

Last March, MCMC CEO Michael Carter mentioned the problem during a chat with Raton Public Schools Superintendent David Willden. Willden responded, "Well, as superintendent of schools, it's my responsibility to create a qualified applicant pool for you."

Just five months later, their new Health Career Pathway program is launching with the new school year. High school juniors and seniors from Raton, Des Moines, and Maxwell schools are eligible to enroll immediately. Springer and Cimarron schools have also been invited to participate.

Willden and Carter made some phone calls and organized a task force of many key players in Colfax County. Raton Schools and MCMC were quickly joined by the Colfax County Commission, Luna Community College, New Mexico Highlands University, Area Health Education Committee (AHEC) of Las Vegas, Northeast New Mexico

Medical Foundation (NENMMF), Des Moines Schools, and Maxwell Schools.

RHS Principal Michael Sparaco, counselor Kris Forrester, and special education supervisor Lou Martinez spent countless summer hours helping to create a program; they were quickly joined by Raton Schools head nurse Santina (Tina) Frank, who will teach courses in the new program.

Training and coursework will take place daily during the last two hours of the school day. Students completing all components of the program during their junior and senior years can graduate from high school with 22 college credits already under their belts; that's nearly a full year's worth of college credits. Some courses earn dual credit for high school and college simultaneously.

Frank will teach courses at the RHS campus, but classes will often be available via Instructional Television (ITV) for students in outlying schools. Luna Community College and New Mexico Highlands University will deliver some courses. After initial coursework, students will spend much of their time at MCMC, rotating through various departments to gain experience.

Organizers hope to have about 15 students this year, then 30 in the future - 15 juniors and 15 seniors. The first 10 students have already signed up and

Continued on page 4

WEATHER WATCH

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 85. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.



Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 54. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 91. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

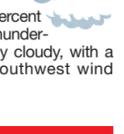


Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 3pm. Partly cloudy, with a high near 91. South southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.



Sunday Night: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 9pm. Partly cloudy, with a low around 58. West southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.



PHIL LONG
SINCE 1945
BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN RATON, NEW MEXICO

LINCOLN | MERCURY

Visit our Showroom!

301 S. 2nd Street

575-445-2929