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THE FINE PRINT

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TUESDAY

Las Animas Co.

Board of County Commissioner's meets 9 a.m. 1st & 3rd Tues. @ LA County Courthouse, Room #201, 200 E. First Street.

Area Home Schoolers

Raton & Trinidad - join us for a weekly playgroup at Round-up Park (Trinidad Fairgrounds) 10:30 a.m. every Tues. This group is for local home schooling families to get to know each other. For more info call 719-846-2019 or e-mail: harhome-school@yahoo.com.

Kiwanis

Weekly luncheon 12 p.m. every Tues @ A Little Catering Company, 916 Arizona.

Hoehne SPD

Board of Directors meeting 6:30 p.m. 3rd Tues @ the Hoehne Fire Station. All interested persons are invited to attend.

City Council

Regular session meets 7 p.m. 1st & 3rd Tues in Council Chambers @ City Hall, Third Floor, 135 N. Animas in Trinidad.

WEDNESDAY

Local Schools

Trinidad High School - New student registration 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wed (Aug 18). Please call the school @ 719-846-2971 for an appointment.

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.

PAL

Playgroup meets 9:30 - 11 a.m. every Weds at Alta Vista, 415 S. Indiana. Moms & caregivers with infants, ages birth to 3. Playroom is also available for same time use Tues & Thurs. Information: Martina at 846-4400.

Ave Maria Shrine

Rosary 11 a.m. Wed @ the shrine located directly behind the Mt. San Rafael Hospital. Call Carol Sola @ 719-846-7936 for more information.

Chamber Event

Trinidad & LA County monthly "Business During Lunch" meets 12 p.m. 3rd Wed in the Pioneer Room @ TSJC. RSVP to Marty @ 719-846-9285.

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RIVER CALL

Purgatoire river call as of 8/16/10 South Side priority #80 4/7/1877 Trinidad Reservoir accounting Release 156.14 acre ft. Inflow 275.99 acre ft. Evaporation 11.85 acre ft. Content 20,126 acre ft. Elevation 6,180.33 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)



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is seeking to hire an experienced **Business Office Manager** with a minimum of 5 years management experience, strong background in bookkeeping, proficient in Microsoft Excel and Word. Must have good people skills, a degree in a business-related field and newspaper experience a plus. Offering competitive wages and comprehensive benefits package.

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Photo by Richard Sitts

Trinidad School District #1 employees were honored Monday morning for their years of outstanding service. On hand to pass out the pins were Superintendent Mike Tranter, Board of Education President Linda Vigil and board member Vic Meyers. Following are the number of years and the employees: 25 years - Randy Begano, Marilyn Castillo and Jennifer Kimble; 20 years - Galene Connell and Shonie Pachelli; 15 years - Gerald Armijo, Penny Bueno, Michael Duran and Michael Sciortino; 10 years - Adele Abeyta, Kevin Crosby, Rose East, Lisa Glorioso, David Lucero, Andy Martinez, Sally Santistevan and Belinda Webber; and five years - Regina Morelli, Kristee Coberly, Michael Dasko, Melissa Dixon, Janet Faverino, Marcie Knezel, Michelle Kussman, Roger Lujan, Toni Mangino, Salvador Sanchez, Delfinia Vialpando and Zeb Williamson.

District welcomes back teachers, staff

By RICHARD SITTS
The Chronicle-News

Trinidad School District #1, the oldest school district in the state, welcomed back all its teachers and other staff Monday morning by handing out service pins and going through an informational program in the Trinidad Middle School Auditorium.

Superintendent Mike Tranter had principals introduce new staff members and then proceeded to go through the results of an employee survey in which staff were asked whether they approved of certain subjects or issues. Tranter compared the results in percentages, as compared to the same questions asked last year. He went through the positives first.

Concerning the length of the school year, 89 percent of staff approved, up from 73 percent last year. This indicates that most employees are in favor of the switch to a four-day week, Tranter said.

■ Approval of building leadership increased to 84 percent from 73 percent last year.

■ Implementation of school improvement planning increased to 81 percent from 64 percent.

■ Classified: Negotiated agreement increased to 81 percent from 51 percent last year.

■ Certified: Effectiveness of Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) - 63 percent. In its first year, this level of satisfaction is outstanding, Tranter said.

■ Overall satisfaction with the district increased to 80 percent from 70 percent.

Tranter also went through the negative aspects, which he said presented challenges, and called them "opportunities."

■ Technology: Use in instruction and support - 57 and 62 percent of certified staff are dissatisfied. "As a district, this is one area in which we're really behind," Tranter said.

■ About 47 percent of staff are dissatisfied with the level of parental support, according to the survey. "This is going to require a lot of outreach on our part," Tranter said, adding that parents need to be invited to participate in Math Nights.

■ As for having the resources to get the job done, 39 percent of staff said they are dissatisfied. Staff members have done as well as they can on their

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Photos by Tim Keller

Colorado Flight Nurse Lisa Wagner climbs into the Flight for Life helicopter to treat a burn patient prior to lift-off.

Mass casualty incident drill tests emergency responders

By TIM KELLER
The Chronicle-News

DES MOINES - A white 1990 Chevy Suburban carrying six teenagers from an all-night party veered into the oncoming lane of traffic on Highway 64/87 in Des Moines just after 9:30 a.m. Saturday, setting off a chain reaction as four vehicles sustained major damage and 11 passengers were injured, some critically; one small child died at the scene.

When the call went out to area emergency responders at 9:42, it was over their radios rather than through the usual 911 call system, because this incident was an elaborately-planned Multiple Casualty Incident (MCI) drill involving 12 agencies, 13 emergency vehicles, 12 "patients," and 48 emergency responders from as far away as Clayton and Pueblo.

Indeed, the responders were waiting in the parking lot of Farmers and Stockmens Bank, out of sight about a quarter-mile from the scene. They knew something big was coming for this training exercise, but they knew no details until the events unfolded.

The patients arrived at the Des



The Union County MCI Trailer brought triage materials, including color-coded tarps for treatment areas; red is the most serious area short of death - which is black.

Moines EMS building at 7:30 to be briefed on their injuries and receive moulage - the sophisticated makeup simulating those injuries. At 9 a.m. they listened to instructions and further training from six of the event's organizers in succession, even as the emergency responders gathered to receive their instructions in the shade of the bank, where morn-

ing grogginess was rapidly being replaced by adrenaline.

At 9:30 the patients took their positions in and around four wrecked vehicles that had been spilled into position with a backhoe Friday night by Des Moines EMS Director Paul Briesch. When Folsom EMS Director and Medical Operations Manager Kim

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Police search for suspect after stabbing death

C-N STAFF REPORT

Local police are searching for a suspect after a man died from a stab wound that he allegedly sustained in a Trinidad bar late Sunday night. Kyle William Phillips, 24, of Weston was allegedly stabbed by Trinity Jay Romero, 32, of Trinidad, after a disagreement at the Empty Pocket Saloon at 1810 N. Linden.

Las Animas County Sheriff's Department officers were called to the bar at 11:45 p.m. Upon arrival, authorities found Phillips lying on his back near the entrance to the bar, with a stab wound to the chest. Phillips had stopped breathing but paramedics were able to revive him before he was transported to Mt. San Rafael Hospital, where he later was pronounced dead.

An arrest warrant was issued for Romero Monday afternoon charging Romero with murder in the second degree, a Class Two Felony. Romero was still not in custody by early Monday evening.

The Las Animas County Sheriff's Department is still investigating the incident.

La Veta man dies in single-vehicle rollover

C-N STAFF REPORT

A La Veta man died Friday night after the vehicle he was driving rolled over on Hwy. 160, four miles west of Walsenburg in Huerfano County.

Henry Sanchez, 55, was not wearing his seatbelt at the time of the crash and was ejected during the rollover sequence, according to the Colorado State Patrol. The sole passenger, Tara Bernal, 30, of Walsenburg also was not wearing a seatbelt and sustained serious injuries, according to police. Alcohol use is being investigated as a contributing factor, police said.

About 8 p.m. Friday, a 1996 Toyota Camry was traveling westbound when it entered a curve and went off the northern side of the roadway. The car then re-entered the roadway and rotated off the southern side before rolling two and one-half times, according to police.

Several egg brands recalled due to Salmonella contamination

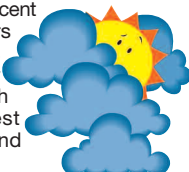
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The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Monday announced that Wright County Egg of Galt, Iowa, is voluntarily recalling eggs produced by its farms on specific dates because of possible contamination with Salmonella enteritidis, a foodborne bacteria that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems.

Eggs affected by the recall were
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WEATHER WATCH

Today: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 85. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.



Tonight: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 58. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. Southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.



Wednesday Night: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

