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THE FINE PRINT

TUESDAY

Area Home Schoolers

Raton & Trinidad - join us for a weekly playgroup at Round-up Park (Trinidad Fairgrounds) 10:30 a.m. every Tues. For more info call 719-846-2019 or e-mail: harthomeschool@yahoo.com.

Kiwanis

Weekly luncheon 12 p.m. every Tues @ A Little Catering Company, 916 Arizona. For more information call Mike Tranter @ 719-680-4459.

City Council

Trinidad City Council work session meets 1:30 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tues @ City Hall Council Chambers, third floor. For more information contact Audra Fatur, City Clerk @ 719-846-9843.

Health Services

Regular District meeting 5 p.m. last Tues of the month @ the John Building in the Bell Block on Main Street, Room 106. Call Jesse Manzanera @ 719-846-4447 for more information. The public is invited.

Lady Eagles

Lady Eagles Auxiliary #179 meets 6 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tues @ Eagle's Hall, 204 Pine. For more information call 719-846-3821.

Trinidad Schools

Board of Education regular meeting 6 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tues @ the Administration Office, 215 South Maple St. Call 719-846-3324 for more information.

Knights of Columbus

Meets 7 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tues @ K of C Hall, South Commercial St. in Trinidad. For more information call Virgil Micek @ 719-846-4171.

Masonic Lodge

AF&AM Trinidad Masonic Lodge #28 meets 7:30 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tues @ 132 E. Main St. Call 719-846-2861 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

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.

Support Group

Alzheimer's Assn - Caregivers Support meets 10 a.m. to noon last Wed of the month @ the Carnegie Library. For more information, call (719) 868-3789.

LaCasa - Fiesta

Meeting for all members 2 p.m. every Wed @ LaCasa Lodge in Jansen. Call 719-846-8558 for more information.

Ambulance Service

District Board of Directors meets 4 p.m. Weds @ the Trinidad Ambulance Dist Office, 2309 E. Main St. Suite A. For more information call 719-846-6886.

Hoehne School

Parent Information Night 6-7:30 p.m. Wed in the gymnasium @ Hoehne School. Come for instructions on how to see grades online & meet with teachers. For more information call 719-846-4457.

PUBLIC SERVICE

TSNH Fundraisers

★ 1st Annual "October Fest" Fri (Oct 1)

★ Autumn Bake Sale" 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Wed (Oct 6)

Events will be held @ the Nursing Home, 409 Benedicta Ave. All proceeds go to the Activities Department to fund resident activities throughout the year. Call 719-846-9291 for more information. If you would like to donate baked goods for the bake sale call Nancy Vigil @ 719-845-2822.

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Holy Trinity Parish observes Blue Mass



Photo by Richard Sitts

Area law enforcement and first responder personnel turned out at Holy Trinity Parish Sunday morning for the annual Blue Mass celebrating the job they do. Bishop Fernando Isern of the Diocese of Pueblo, center, led the mass, assisted by Father Richard Becker and Deacon Phil Martin at right. To the left of Bishop Isern is Las Animas County Sheriff James Casias, and to the right of Father Becker is Trinidad Police Chief Charles Glorioso. Bishop Isern said he was thankful "for the good intent that He has placed in each one of your lives. We pray for you; it's not an easy job."

Robert Martinez honored for years of service

Photo by Mike Garrett



Robert Martinez, center, receives a retirement appreciation plaque last Friday from the city of Trinidad for his 47 years of employment and service to the city, including 20 years as a city mechanic and 27 years with the Trinidad Gas Department. Joining him for the occasion are his supervisor, Trinidad Utilities Superintendent Jim Fernandez, left, and new City Manager Ed Gil de Rubio, right, along with most of his coworkers to enjoy his retirement cake and punch. In retirement, Robert joked that he will be spending most of his time following his wife Margaret around the house doing household chores. Fernandez said he still has Martinez's phone number to call him into service should any gas leaks surface around town.



Photo by Tim Keller

As 59 runners began the half-marathon at sunrise Sunday, Eric Peters, left, took the lead with the first step and never gave it up.

Capulin Volcano Run grows by leaps and bounds

By TIM KELLER
The Chronicle-News

The 3rd Annual Capulin Volcano Run Around the Rim grew by leaps and bounds this year, more than tripling its half-marathon, 5 kilometer, and fun-run fields while drawing 18 entrants to the new 10-kilometer run.

Draw a line from Denver down to Santa Fe and Los Alamos, then east to Amarillo, and finally up across Oklahoma to central Kansas and back to Denver: runners came from various points within that line, 104 runners in the timed events and dozens of runners of all ages in the fun-runs.

The half-marathon drew 59 runners who sped all the way up Capulin Volcano, around the rim, back down to the base of the mountain, then continued downhill all the way to Folsom - 13.1 miles total. Amarillo's Kevin McClish shaved three minutes off his winning time from last year and still lost as the race's growing reputation drew new talent.

Eric Peters of Santa Fe won the half-marathon in just one hour, twenty-seven minutes and 21 seconds (1:27:21), about six and a half minutes per mile, and several of those miles were up the side of a volcano.

The big story, though, was newly-christened Santa Fean Michelle Born: after chasing McClish all the way up the mountain, she passed him on the down-

hill and held him off all the way to Folsom, claiming 2nd place overall with a time of 1:33:18. It was an impressive feat for the young woman runner who earned cheers all the way up and down the route.

As the Capulin race begins to grow exponentially, it is drawing more elite runners. Born, 22, just graduated from the University of San Francisco, where she competed on the school's intercollegiate long-distance team. She moved to Santa Fe to attend UNM at Albuquerque, where she's working on her master's degree in sports marketing while working in Santa Fe for US Art Show Productions.

Peters, 41, also made a career move to Santa Fe, leaving his Kansas home 13 years ago to work as an air quality monitor for the New Mexico Environment Department. He's run in 30 marathons since 1985, including big races in Belgrade, Jamaica, and South America. In 1996, he placed 29th in the US Olympic Marathon Trials.

As the sun rose over the south shoulder of Capulin Volcano Sunday morning, Peters took the lead with his first step and he saw other runners only as he descended the mountain: no one ever challenged him.

Last year, a quartet of Trinidad women dominated the women's half-marathon, taking the top three places. This year, they all improved their times by as

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Commissioners meet with nursing home residents

C-N STAFF REPORT

Las Animas County officials, local residents, and administrators all agree that taking care of the residents and keeping the 50-plus-year-old Trinidad State Nursing Home open are the two main priorities, along with passing a one cent sales tax this November.

"The residents should be our main concern," said Commission Chairman Jim Montoya. "There is no way that any governor will close this home. It would be political suicide," Montoya told nursing home staff and residents at the Monday morning meeting. "Even when my term ends at the end of this year, I will still continue the fight for the residents of this home. If they try to close it I will be one of the first ones to head up to the state capitol to protest."

Two weeks ago Rep. Ed Vigil and Rep. Sal Pace asked and received more than \$400,000 from the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) to keep the home financially stable until April of 2011. This money was taken from the state's general fund.

There is still a cloud and a reported date of Nov. 10, 2010 that Vikki Manley and the Colorado Department of Human Services (DOHS) has set to sell the home in hopes of beating a new governor into office who then might keep the TSNH a state facility.

Both Commission Chairman Montoya and Commissioner Jim Vigil, who were at the meeting, both agree that the home cannot close but have different ideas that were made clear during the meeting. Montoya would like to see the county or a local non-profit run the home and Vigil thinks it would be better if a private entity takes over.

Vigil added, "It might cost the state more money to close the home than to keep it open."

The census on Monday was at 86 out at the home, with two residents in the hospital and two more that were going to be admitted by Tuesday.

Four bids are still on the table, including one from a local non-profit entity. The governor gave the county time to put a sales tax issue on the November ballot to raise funds. This does not guarantee that the county would get the home, it only puts it in the bidding process. The county will have only eight days to submit a bid to DOHS, according to its new, self-imposed deadline.

The TSNH is not the only home losing money. Five other state-run long-term care facilities are losing even more money than TSNH. The consensus at Monday's meeting is that politics has played a big role in the DOHS trying to rid itself of the TSNH.

"I just got our financial report for the month of August," said Lee Burkholder, the director out at the Trinidad State Nursing Home. "We made \$45,000 net income in August. That's after we paid the state \$33,000 for services. Plus, \$20,000 to support the office up there and we still made \$45,000 in August. In July of 2010 we made \$20,000. We are not an organization that is losing money. It's a political decision. So financially, we are very attractive to potential buyers. I still get calls from those who bid who want to buy the home."

Montoya added, "It is now up to the voters to decide. We need to support this one cent sales tax and put pressure on DOHS to do the right thing and keep this home open."

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire river call as of 9/27/10
Chilili priority #7 4/30/1862
Trinidad Reservoir accounting
Release 141.50 acre ft.
Inflow 48.11 acre ft.
Evaporation 9.61 acre ft.
Content 13,864 acre ft.
Elevation 6,169.91
Precipitation 0
Downstream river call
Highland Canal 5/31/1866
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)

WEATHER WATCH

Today: Sunny, with a high near 89. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east.

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 50. East southeast wind around 10 mph becoming west southwest.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 89. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east.

Wednesday Night: Clear, with a low around 47. East wind around 10 mph becoming southwest.

