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THE FINE PRINT

For upcoming "Summer Fun Events" see the list at the end of the Fine Print section just before the Public Service messages.

TUESDAY Pastor's Study

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

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 719-422-4563 or e-mail: harthomeschool@yahoo.com.

Kiwanis

Weekly luncheon 12 p.m. every Tues @ A Little Catering Company, 916 Arizona. Lorraine Williams will introduce guest speaker, Arthur Espinosa, Jr. from the Southern Colorado Repertory Theatre.

City Council

Trinidad City Council work session meets 1:30 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tues @ City Hall Council Chambers, third floor. Today there will be a special meeting of the City Council immediately following the work session.

Lady Eagles

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

School Board

Trinidad - Regular meeting 6 p.m. Tues @ the District Admin Office, 215 South Maple.

TAAC

Trinidad Area Arts Council Board meets 6 p.m. 2nd Tues. @ First Street Gallery, 150 E. First St. Call (719) 846-1441 for information.

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.

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.

LaCasa - Fiesta

Meeting for all members 2 p.m. every Wed @ LaCasa Lodge in Jansen.

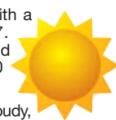
Grandparents

Support Group for Grandparents raising grandchildren (birth - age 8) 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. 2nd Weds @ SCOOG Early Learning Center, 1225 Rosita Ave, Trinidad. Free childcare available. Info call: 845-0568 (Judy).

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WEATHER WATCH

Today: Sunny, with a high near 97. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.



Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 94. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.



Wednesday Night: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. Calm wind becoming northwest around 5 mph.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire river call as of 7/12/10
Hoehne ditch priority #20
10/7/1865

Trinidad Lake accounting
Release 341.01 acre ft.
Inflow 142.61 acre ft.
Evaporation 13.60 acre ft.
Content 22,891 acre ft.
Elevation 6,184.61
Precipitation 0
Downstream river call
Nine Mile 5/10/1887
(Provided by Division of Water Resources)



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JR's Car Wash celebrates grand opening



Photo by Mike Garrett

JR's Carwash owners Ray and Christina Duran pose next to cars being washed at their new carwash grand opening Saturday, with radio station KCRT on hand to provide music and entertainment and lots of door prizes and hot dogs for the public.

These two pooches are getting washed right along with the cars at JR's Carwash grand opening Saturday. The popular dog wash is unique to car washes around the state, according to owner Ray Duran.



Smith Ranch to host 5th Annual CICA Convention

Special to The Chronicle-News

The Colorado Independent CattleGrowers Association (CICA) is hosting their 5th annual convention, July 23 - 25, 2010 at the GERAL and Jamie Smith Ranch near Trinchera, Colorado. The ranch sits along the beautiful Johnson Mesa on the Colorado, New Mexico state line. The convention schedule begins Friday morning and concludes Sunday morning after a Cowboy Church service. "This year's convention will be very informational, addressing the current issues facing our industry," stated CICA President Kimmi Lewis, Kim, Colo. "This is an event you don't want to miss. There will be great speakers, great food and outstanding entertainment."

The three-day convention will kick off with a Pinon Canyon Driving Tour on Friday, July 23rd. CICA has added the driving tour to the convention schedule this year to give attendees the opportunity to personally visit ranches and talk with ranchers who fought the original condemnation of land in 1983 to establish the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site (PCMS) and also the proposed expansion ranchers are currently fighting.

The tour will begin at Muddy Valley Ranch, located south of La Junta, Colo. at 9 a.m. on Friday and will continue west along the current PCMS ending in Trinidad, Colo. later that afternoon. The tour will break for lunch at Johnnie and Julie Mayhan's ranch, where the Arkansas Valley Cattlewomen will provide a BBQ beef lunch.

On Saturday, July 24th, the day-long activities will kick off with registration at 8:30 a.m. at GERAL and Jamie Smith's ranch. Busses will be provided for those who do not want to drive from Trinidad. The morning session includes working group meetings, where attendees can participate in addressing current issues and voice their concerns and establish solutions. Each working group will create policies to be voted on by each member of CICA. "CICA

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Photo by Tim Keller

Jillian played middle-schooler Olive Ostrovsky in "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." In "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," Dreyson had a field day as Leaf Coneybear.

Jillian & Drey come home to play

By TIM KELLER
The Chronicle-News

RATON - Although they appeared together in 1990 as munchkins in The Wizard of Oz on the Shuler Theater stage, and they grew up in musical families with parents who often performed in community theatre at the Shuler, Jillian Trice and Dreyson Solano didn't become friends until 2006, after each had returned to Raton from journeys afar.

It was again the Shuler stage that brought them together, and they've returned every summer for the repertory theater season, though they've made their home in Omaha since marrying at the end of 2007. Attracted by Omaha's public schools, universities and cultural opportunities, they're raising daughters Allorah, 4, and Roslyn, 2, while Drey works as a website designer for the University of Nebraska at Omaha, where he's finishing his degree in Management Information Systems.

Raton will always be home, though, and so will the Shuler Theater. Drey acts in this summer's drama, God's Man in Texas, and he joins Jillian onstage in a pair of comedies, Neil Simon's farce

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In "Fools," Jillian takes a Juliet-inspired stage kiss from actor Ian McCabe.

STAR CLUB promotes new program: 'Bring a Friend Day'

Special to The Chronicle-News

The STAR CLUB - Adult Day Service Program has a new activity titled Bring A Friend. The purpose of the program is to promote "A Special Kind of Caring" for Trinidad adults.

On Thursday, July 15th STAR CLUB members and staff will be inviting interested community applicants to participate in a day of fun with various indoor / outdoor games, exercises, pizza and homemade baked dessert.

Georgette Santistevan, Director of STAR CLUB has recently increased the adult day service staff from two to three employees. The program coordinators are Leann Lopez and Pam Robinson; and Barbara Dominguez represents Marketing and Admissions.

On any given day, members are always busy participating in crafts, cooking, baking, traveling or playing various games. When they are not in the activity room members are going to special events or promotions in the community.

TSNH Administrator, Lee Burkholder states "To have a friend, be a friend and one could have no greater friend than the program at Star Club. It welcomes its members, it embraces them for who they are, it entertains them and educates them or it comforts them as the circumstances of each day unfold".

STAR CLUB member, Edna Johnson states "STAR CLUB is a way of getting out to meet people

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Fools and Tony Award-winning The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.

Both actors were delivered into the world at Raton's MCMC hospital by Dr. Jamella Tiku - Drey in 1982, Jillian in 1985 - and both first acted on the Shuler stage around the time each entered elementary school. Drey moved to Blair, Nebraska, after sixth grade but his father, Ralph Solano, remained in Raton and ran the family business, Solano's Boot & Western Wear. Ralph acted in community theatre, sometimes with young Jillian.

"My dad kissed my wife before I ever did!" Drey exclaims. It was The Sound of Music and one of many stage kisses in Jillian's career; there's another this summer in Fools. She's performed on stages all her life, as both an actress and a singer. Before her senior year at Raton High School, she traveled to Atlanta to audition for the American Musical and Dramatic Academy; days after her 2003 RHS graduation, she moved to New York City for two years of studies and experience at AMDA in New York City.

By the time Jillian returned to Raton and went to work in marketing for the Shuler Theater, Drey had dropped out of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln to help the family's Raton business by developing its website. The night his dad's boxcar photograph won "Best of Show" at the 2004 International Art Exhibit, the Solanos were also celebrating a \$1000 purchase the same day on the new Solano's website which Drey had created.

In the summer of 2006, Drey joined Jillian in the Kaleidoscope Players professional summer repertory theatre at the Shuler, where each has acted



Photos by Tim Keller

Dreyson & Jillian Trice-Solano are back in Raton for a summer of plays at the Shuler Theater.



Dreyson plays recovered alcoholic Hugo Taney in "God's Man in Texas."

every summer since. Drey was relatively inexperienced as an actor; he credits director Tom Evans with "developing me as an actor of a caliber that can share a stage with the professionals here."

Jillian was already seasoned by years of acting and singing. Her father, Rick Trice, is a singer/songwriter and an actor often seen on the Shuler stage; her mom, Linda, is a prominent pianist who taught Jillian to play. In her junior and senior years, Jillian performed in the all-state high school choir. She grew up acting and singing in community theatre, which she says "is great to get into as a young child." Drey and Jillian plan to give their own daughters that opportunity, if the girls show an

interest. Drey is more passionate about being a successful singer/songwriter than an actor - he was a featured performer at Raton's Music on Main Street series in Ripley Park in both 2008 and 2009. He plans to be a music producer and songwriter while supporting himself and the family as a website developer, marketing his web services at dreyweb.com.

Jillian remains passionate about acting. When Drey finishes his degree, and their daughters start school, Jillian says, "I'd like to act all around the country." She'll keep returning to the Shuler, and she'll begin taking roles in Omaha, then look for wider opportunities. "I love to take a good script

and develop a character," she says. She speaks of trying to be accurate and true in her roles. "It's fun to be a different person, to get the audience to get what you're trying to convey. At the end of the day, it's always about what the audience takes away."

Although The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee finished its run last week, audiences can still see Drey in God's Man in Texas July 17, 18, and 22. Jillian and Drey can be seen together in Fools July 15, 16, 23, and 24. Showtimes are at 7:30 p.m. except the Sunday matinee at 2:30. General admission tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 seniors, and \$5 students. Additional information is available from the Shuler Theater, 575-445-4746 or shulertheater.com.

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is strictly a grass-roots driven group. The voice of the members leads the direction for CICA and CICA continues to gain strength through the continuous growth and participation of members," state Lewis.

Participants will break for a hamburger lunch provided by the Southern Colorado Livestock Association. The afternoon session includes top-notch speakers from national organizations that will update us on current issues and their organization's work. That evening, everyone will enjoy outstanding entertainment and a delicious prime rib meal at Branson School Gymnasium in Branson, Colo.

There will be a live and silent auction to help raise money to support CICA. Susie McEntire, co-host of "Cowboy Church" RFDtv and Christian Country singer will get everyone tapping their toes and on the dance floor to wrap-up the day-long activities.

On Sunday, July 25th, the convention concludes with a Cowboy Church service at the Las Animas County Fairground's Park. The first Cowboy Church service became part of the convention two years ago in Juanita, Colo. and has become a treasured convention tradition.

The convention registration fee is \$50.00 per person if you register by July 15th. After July 15th, the registration fee is \$60.00. If you want to attend the Saturday evening banquet and concert/dance only, the fee is \$35.00 per person. Contact CICA Intern, Mindy Schifferns for questions or additional information, (719) 740-0409 or e-mail mkschif@rams.colostate.edu.

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and gets your mind to focus about the activities we do. I especially enjoy the crafts and games".

STAR CLUB is a "special kind of caring program for fun loving people, some older, some not so old for occasional social and recreational interaction with personalized health care services" according to Georgette Santistevan. "The program has many benefits including companionship, medication administration, medical monitoring, licensed professionals, respite for care givers, furnished transportation and much more. STAR CLUB offers many activities, especially in the summer months where the members will have a good time, form special relationships and eat a good, healthy meal. One of our goals is to reach members of the community who are isolated at home, whose highlight of the day is watching TV. We want to get them out of their home for the day to be engaged in social and recreational activities outside their home."

The program Medicaid and private pay participants. For more information contact Barbara Dominguez at (719) 846-9291 x868.

Another sentenced in Four Corners artifacts case

PAUL FOY

Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Nicholas K. Laws has maintained he never collected ancient American Indian artifacts for sale, but when he was offered money by a federal informant the father of three desperately needed it.

"For my client, this was not a living," Laws' attorney, Randy S. Ludlow, said in federal court Monday. "He was never doing it to make a fast buck."

U.S. District Judge Ted Stewart sentenced Laws to two years of probation for the sale of a ceremonial twin effigy doll, waiving guidelines that called for six months to a year in prison.

Other judges have shown leniency, too, following a sting operation that rounded up 26 defendants last summer in Utah, New Mexico and Colorado.

Laws, 31, is the seventh defendant to be sentenced. Others received probation, except for a widow who got six months of home confinement.

Federal prosecutors didn't object to the leniency. In a plea deal, they dropped additional charges that Laws sold a pendant, a paint stick, stone knife, bowl, prayer stick and other artifacts to the informant.

Stewart made a personal request of Laws after sentencing. The judge asked him to stand up for the federal government in Blanding, where anti-government sentiments were fanned by the largest-ever federal investigation of the artifact trade.

Stewart said artifact looting has become a serious offense, even though it has been a long-standing pastime in the Southwest and "winked at by law enforcement."

He suggested Laws get off easy and should defend his sentence as fair.

"When you return to Blanding, I expect you to acknowledge that you did wrong," the judge said.

Minutes earlier Laws stood to acknowledge, "I'd like to apologize. I know what I did was wrong, I'd like to apologize to my family for dragging them through this."

Laws appears to have been a minor player. Other defendants surrendered collections that filled houses and lined driveways with thousands of objects.

Two of the original 26 defendants - a prominent Blanding doctor and a Santa Fe, N.M., salesman - committed suicide shortly after their arrests.

Those suicides weighed heavily on the government operative, Ted Gardiner, who confided his anguish to friends before turning a gun on himself in March, according to police reports.

Gardiner made the case for federal authorities, secretly recording more than \$35,000 in purchases over two years from people later accused of digging, collecting, selling or trafficking in artifacts taken from federal and tribal lands.

Federal authorities say at least one of the artifact cases is almost certain to go to trial.

David Lacy - a brother of San Juan County Sheriff Mike Lacy - is fighting felony charges that could disqualify him from his job as a high school math teacher in Blanding. His trial is set to start Aug. 16.

David Lacy, 55, was indicted on accusations that he sold a woman's prehistoric loin cloth, a turkey feather blanket, a decorated digging stick, a set of knife points and other artifacts for more than \$11,000. He has pleaded not guilty.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Trinidad City Council is accepting letters of interest from citizens within the City to fill one vacancy on the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission, three on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, two on the Tourism Board and one on the Carnegie Public Library Board of Trustees. In order to be considered eligible to serve, individuals must be a resident of the City and have resided within the City for not less than one year immediately preceding appointment and must be registered to vote. In order to serve on the Tourism Board, applicants must be employed in the lodging industry or be employed in or volunteer in businesses or activities which serve tourists.

Letters of interest in serving on any of these boards will be accepted at the City Clerks Office at City Hall, 135 N. Animas Street or P. O. Box 880, Trinidad, CO 81082, until 12:00 p.m., Friday, July 16, 2010. Please include your qualifications for the position. Further information may be obtained by calling the City Clerk's Office at 846-9843.

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Audra Fatur, City Clerk

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SPECIAL MEETING

There will be a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinidad, Colorado, on Tuesday, July 13, 2010, immediately following the Work Session at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall

The following items are on file for consideration of City Council:

- 1) Ratify letter of support for the Las Animas-Huerfano Counties Tobacco Prevention Program for a CDPHE Tobacco-Free Communities Initiative Grant
- 2) Consideration of Las Animas County request for grant match assistance for the Trinidad State Nursing Home feasibility study in the amount of \$2,500
- 3) Executive Session - for discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(2)(f) and not involving any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees - regarding review of interview questions/criterion for City Manager applicant interviews

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