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THE FINE PRINT

TUESDAY

Kiwanis

Meet for lunch and program at noon at A Little Catering Co., 916 Arizona. Scheduled speaker is Lily Gross from Relay for Life. Information: Jeff Mangino, 719-846-9881.

Trinidad City Council

Meets for work session at 1:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 135 N. Animas St. - Third Floor. Information: City Clerk Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843.

TAAC

Trinidad Area Arts Council Board meets at 6 p.m. at the First Street Gallery, 150 E. First St. Information: 719-846-1441.

Trinidad Schools

Board of Education regular session is 6 p.m. at the Administration Office, 215 S. Maple St. Information: Karen Power, 719-846-3324

Free Spring Concert

Trinidad's own Community Chorale presents "Okies, Fiddlers and Yankee Doodlers" at 7 p.m. this evening and Wednesday in the First United Methodist Church, corner of Broom and State Streets. No admission.

WEDNESDAY

Tourism Board

Meets at 9 a.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 135 N. Animas St. Information: City Clerk, Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843.

Ambulance Service

District Board of Directors regular meeting is 4 p.m. in the Trinidad Ambulance District Office, 2309 E. Main St., Suite A. Information: 719-846-6886.

Carnegie Library

Board of Trustees regular monthly meeting is 5:15 p.m. at City Hall in City Council Chambers, 135 N. Animas - Third Floor. For more information call 719-846-6841.

THS Advisory

Trinidad High School Advisory Committee meets 6 p.m. in the THS Library, 816 West Street. Information: Paulo Solano, 719-846-2971.

Stonewall FPD

Monthly Board of Directors meets 6:30 p.m. at the Stonewall Fire House. Information: 719-846-2080.

Dance! Dance! Dance!

CU Dance Works, graduate dance touring company free performance for all audiences 7 p.m. at Trinidad State Junior College. Information: Cherie Hill, 303-720-9392 or cherie@colorado.edu.

PUBLIC SERVICE

"Bowling for Bowser"

Local 5th grade students are now seeking sponsors for this annual event to be held May 15. Proceeds to benefit Noah's Ark. Information: 719-680-2385.

Attention Veterans

If you are interested in riding on a float for the annual Trinidad Armed Forces Day Parade on May 21, call Bob Ling at 719-859-0743.

Fishing Tournament

Registration for the Stonewall Fire Department's 15th Annual Monument Lake Fishing Tournament on June 4 is due by May 23. Go to www.stonewall-fire.us or mail it to the Stonewall Fire Department, P.O. Box 10, Weston, CO 81091. For more information contact Barb Holik at 719-868-2024.

Fisher's Peak FPD

The FP Fire Department Auxiliary is looking for booth vendors for their upcoming Flea Market to be held on June 4 at the Curro Annex in Starkville. Information: 719-846-4074.

To see recent water flow and water quality readings taken on the Apishapa River upstream of Aguilar, visit www.apishapawatershed.org

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire river call as of 5/9/11
Elmoro ditch priority #8 11/15/1862

Trinidad Reservoir accounting
Release 158.70 AF
Inflow 51.96 AF
Evaporation 23.26 AF
Content 20,502 AF
Elevation 6,180.88
Precipitation 0
Downstream river call
Highland Canal 5/31/1866

Notes
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 1 and to a depth of one foot.
1 cubic foot per second = 1.9835 acre-feet per day (24 hrs)

To see water flows at points along the Purgatoire River upstream of Trinidad Reservoir (updated every 15 minutes) and other water quality information, visit www.purgatoirewatershed.org

New veterans memorial underway

All veterans of all wars to be honored

By David J. Santistevan Jr.
The Chronicle-News

Construction is underway across from Cimino Park on the east corner of the Trinidad Catholic football field on a new veterans memorial that will honor all local veterans from all wars. The project is set for completion early this summer.

Local engineer Bob Just helped get this project off the ground. On Monday afternoon Just showed Trinidad Mayor Jennie Garduno and Las Animas County Commissioner Mack Loudon the new site. "It is an honor to be part of this project," Just said.

The project started on April 12, and the granite is on order from Trinidad Monument Works.

Part of the funding is coming from the city's capitol improvements fund and the city was reimbursed some monies from the Colorado Department of Transportation, that had taken out the old veterans memorial down on Pine and Commercial Street as part of the new I-25 highway project. CDOT then gave the city back monies for the new veterans memorial. Local veterans groups have also helped



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Purgatoire Valley Construction workers Jesse Boddicker and Fernando Bustmante, at left, work on the new Veterans Memorial at the corner of Convent and Modica across from Cimino Park. Local engineer Bob Just of Just Architectural & Engineering, at far right, talks to Trinidad Mayor Jennie Garduno and County Commissioner Mack Loudon about the project.

out with the project by initiating the engineering for the project.

"We will have a memorial to honor all veterans of all wars," Marine veteran Lou

Simpleman said. "This is a great way to show these local veterans who proudly served our county that we thank them for servicing and protecting our county."

TRIP INTO BEAUTY



Photos by Tim Keller

On an earlier Dry Cimarron Tour, Branson archaeologist Willard Loudon climbed onto rocks to point out petroglyphs.

Dry Cimarron Tour Saturday

By TIM KELLER
The Chronicle-News

FOLSOM, N.M. – You know it's spring when the annual Dry Cimarron Tour arrives. Saturday morning a caravan of trucks and cars will gather at the Folsom Museum at 8 a.m. to take this year's trek through the history, archaeology, geology, and beauty along the Dry Cimarron River Valley from Folsom to Kenton, Okla.

Most years there are a couple dozen people of all ages along for the ride, coming from a radius of 60 miles. This year, though, promises to be bigger as the May issue of New Mexico Magazine features a six-page spread on the Brown Ranch and its Dry Cimarron environs. There's a sidebar with details of Saturday's tour. Already, local lodges have reservations from people coming from Albuquerque and other distant locales.

Sponsored by the Folsom Museum, the tour begins with a guided street tour by longtime resident Vinita Brown of what the village of Folsom once was, before the devastating 1908 flood.

Participants will have time to enjoy free coffee while touring the museum, then join the caravan, or a carpool, to travel north and east along Highway 456 all the way to Kenton, home of the Robbers' Roost hideout of the infamous Cole Gang.

They'll visit Folsom Falls



Just before reaching the Brown Ranch, Highway 456 snakes through the Bannon Ranch in a typical view along Saturday's Dry Cimarron Tour.

Ranch where Fred Balmer will give some history and up-close contact with his longhorn cattle. The tour will stop at the valley's abandoned first settlement site and travel Toll Gate Canyon before stopping for an hour-long visit with Darien and Brian Brown, who will give a guided tour of their ranch headquarters, featured in the magazine article. They're likely to show the traps Ernest Thompson Seton used nearby to capture the famed wolf Lobo: Seton left the traps and they're still there.

The tour continues east across the famed Cross L Ranch to meet Boyd Burchard, who will give a history of the Prairie Cattle Company and lead a short walk to petroglyphs and

Indian sites on his ranch. Folsom Falls Ranch will bring a cowboy lunch for all to enjoy under the trees.

Sixteen miles of dirt road pass fascinating geological sites and dramatic buttes with names like Wedding Cake and Battleship before crossing the state line to arrive at Kenton in the late afternoon.

The Dry Cimarron Valley Tour is open to all at no charge, although the Folsom Museum appreciates donations for the tour and the lunch. For more information, including local lodging selections, visit www.folsomvillage.com, or call the Folsom Museum at (575) 278-2122, or e-mail AbbieReaves@bacavalley.com.

Local trooper back on the road

C-N Staff Report

A Colorado state trooper from Las Animas County charged in a New Year's Eve fight in a nightclub in Greeley, is back on duty for now.

Jorge Leal, 32, of Trinidad, was charged with assault and had been put on paid administrative leave while the patrol investigated his alleged involvement at the Cactus Canyon Bar/Nightclub.

Leal was formally charged with third-degree assault. Officials from the state patrol said Leal was placed on administrative leave after the CSP was made aware of charges against him stemming from the New Year's fight. He is part of the Colorado State Patrol team in Trinidad.

LEAL

The CSP did conduct an internal investigation that zeroed in on any potential violations of the CSP code of conduct, policies or general order by Leal.

Greeley authorities said that Leal was cooperative at the scene.

Two other suspects, according to the police report, tried to flee on foot across the parking lot of the Cactus Canyon nightclub, but were caught by police. Reports state that two nightclub workers were injured and one was taken by ambulance to the Northern Colorado Medical Center.

Leal and three others were charged in the incident.

There has been no word whether the CSP's own internal investigation determined that Leal had violated its policies or orders.

The case against Leal is proceeding in Greeley Municipal Court, according to the district attorney's office in Weld County. If Leal is found guilty in this case, the CSP could conduct another investigation into the matter. When asked about the case, and Leal's next court date, Weld County officials did not return The Chronicle-News' phone calls.

WEATHER WATCH

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74. Breezy, with a southwest wind 10

to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Tuesday Night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38. Breezy, with a south southwest wind 20 to 25 mph becoming north northwest 5 to 10 mph.

Winds could gust as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 60. Northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph. New rainfall



amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Wednesday Night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34. West northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10

