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THE FINE PRINT

JULY 2
-Public Meeting
WEDNESDAY (4 p.m.) The City of Trinidad will hold a public meeting regarding the new Historic Preservation Tax Credits in HB-1311 at City Hall on Animas St. Information: 719-846-9843 ext. 131.
-Trinidad Schools
WEDNESDAY (6 m.) The Board of Education will hold a special meeting at the Middle School Library, 614 Park St. Information: 719-846-3324.

Today's Quote

"We dare not forget that we are the heirs of that first revolution."

—John F. Kennedy

JULY 3
-Continuum of Care
THURSDAY (8 a.m.) Group meets at Fisher's Peak Soup Kitchen, 308 Church St. Information: Charlene Tortorice (Advocates Against Domestic Assault) 719-846-9159.
-SPRCD Meeting
THURSDAY (7 p.m.) Spanish Peaks Purgatoire River Conservancy District meets at the District Office. Information: 719-846-3681 Ext. 117.
-PRCWD Water District
THURSDAY (7:30 p.m.) The Purgatoire River Conservancy meets in City Hall Council Chambers, 135 N. Animas. Information: Thelma Lujan, 719-846-7285.
-TRINIDAD LAKE WEEKEND
Park Office, 719-846-3818
FRIDAY (8 p.m.) "Ranger Campfire with Harmonica" at the park amphitheater.
SATURDAY (3 p.m.) Youth Archery Program with District Wildlife Manager Bob Holder at Carpois Cove Parking Lot area.
SATURDAY (7 p.m.) Don't miss "Rocky Mountain Celtic" an evening of world-class music with Wilson & McKee at the amphitheater.
SUNDAY (6 p.m.) NEW THIS YEAR: A Ranger Hike every Sunday night thru Labor Day. Meet at the Visitor's Center to begin the adventure.

PUBLIC SERVICE
HOLIDAY CLOSURE NOTICES:
The Chronicle-News office will be closed on Friday, July 4 for the holiday. The paper will be delivered as usual with no interruption of service. Information: 719-846-3311.
The City of Trinidad offices, public library, municipal swimming pool and landfill will be closed on Friday, July 4. The library will remain closed on Saturday, July 5. The pool and landfill will be open on Saturday, July 5.
Las Animas County offices at the courthouse will be closed Friday for the July 4 holiday and also on Monday, July 7 for a mandatory furlough day, for all county employees.
The South Central Council of Governments and its affiliates will be closed for the holiday on Friday, July 4.

-American Legion
FRIDAY (5 p.m.) The Trinidad American Legion has postponed their first Friday of the month meeting at the Elks Club on Maple Street to Friday, July 11. Information: John Garduno, 719-880-1277.
-Annual Raton Fireworks
FRIDAY (9 p.m.) The annual 4th of July fireworks display will be held at the Round House Park on First Street (1 block East of Solano's).
-Benefit Car Wash
SATURDAY (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) The Lord's Chapel will hold a benefit car wash at the church on Hwy 12 in Segundo. Proceeds benefit the church's building fund. Information: Nancy Sinor, 719-868-2102.
-Free Summer Lunch Program
THRU AUGUST 8 (11 a.m.-1 p.m.) All kids (18 and under) can eat a free lunch Mon.-Fri. at the TMS Cafeteria, 614 Park St. Adults can join in for \$3. Information: 719-845-2061.

-Carnegie Public Library
CALLING ALL ARTISTS who want to exhibit their 2-dimensional artwork at the Library. Information: Mallory Pillard, 719-846-6841 or stop by the Library at 202 Animas St.
-FP Fire Protection District
 The auxiliary is now accepting donated items to be sold at the annual July fundraiser firehouse sale (no clothing, please). Proceeds benefit the fire department. Call 719-846-4074 for drop-off or pick-up.
-2014 ARTOCADE
CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS: Any one interested in participating in the September ArtoCade please contact Rodney Wood at 719-334-0087 or artcartun@yahoo.com.

-SUICIDE/CRISIS HOTLINES:
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"When the world says, 'Give up!' Hope says, 'Not today!'" -Unknown

RIVER CALL
Purgatoire River Call as of: 07/01/14. Salas North ditch: Priority # 27 / Appropriation date: 05/31/1866.
Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:
 Release 195.51 AF
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 Evaporation 11.45 AF
 Content 13,340 AF
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 Precipitation 0.04
Downstream River Call / Highland Canal: 05/31/1866.

WORKING TOGETHER

Mt. San Rafael Hospital joins Parkview Medical Center to improve community health services

Special to The Chronicle-News

Parkview Medical Center in Pueblo and Mt. San Rafael Hospital in Trinidad announced a new affiliation agreement focused on enhancing the quality of health care for residents in Trinidad and the surrounding region. The agreement is structured for both organizations to collaborate to develop and share best practices.

Though the agreement is new,

there has been a strong relationship in place between Parkview Medical Center and Mt. San Rafael Hospital for many years. Both facilities have maintained agreements with hospital-management company QHR and have worked closely together for several years.

The affiliation will give nurses the opportunity to gain access to specialty training and education. Nurses from both facilities will work side-by-side to share best

practices. As Mt. San Rafael looks to expand services, nurses will be coming to Parkview for training in critical care as well as other specialty areas of focus. Parkview Medical Center's residency program will be adding a residency-training rotation at Mt. San Rafael that will allow residents the opportunity to provide care in a smaller community environment while giving the hospital additional physician coverage.

"We are excited about the engagement between Parkview and Mt. San Rafael," explained Mike Baxter, Parkview President and CEO. "Formalizing our new relationship with this agreement will lead to better continuity of care for patients who can now rely on both providers to keep them closer to home. Improving overall care quality is the end goal, and having this mutually beneficial agreement in place should bring additional stability to Mt. San Rafael Hospital."

"We are thrilled to announce this new agreement with Parkview," said Bob Quist, CEO of Mt. San Rafael Hospital. "By expanding our working relationship with Parkview, we have the opportunity to provide greater training opportunities and resources for our hospital team, while maintaining our focus on providing quality health care to each and every one of our patients. We are grateful for this expanded partnership opportunity and look forward to seeing the benefits for the citizens of our communities."

Founded in 1923, Pueblo's Parkview Medical Center offers general acute health care and behavioral-health specialty services. As a private, non-profit organization, Parkview is licensed for 350 beds and provides a full range of health-care services, including the region's only certified and verified Level II Trauma Center, as well as the region's first certified Stroke Center. Parkview Medical Center is the leader in cardiac, women's,

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Photos courtesy of Trinidad's Santa Fe Chapter of the DAR

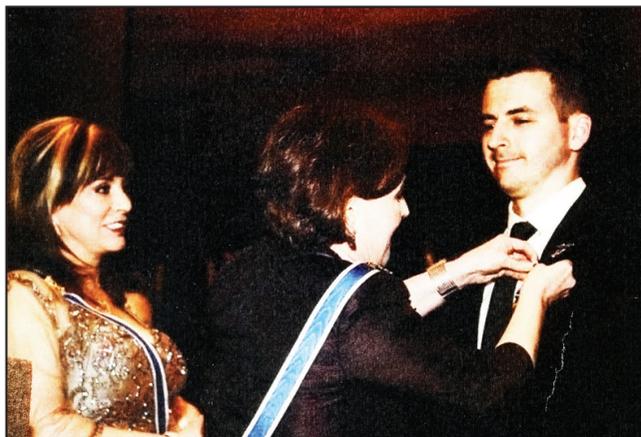
EXCELLENCE

Fleming awarded DAR's prestigious National Medal of Honor

Special to The Chronicle-News

Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, at right, from left to right, Texas State Regent Pamela Wright and Colorado State Regent Marcy Kimminau present Brian C. Fleming, known to many as the "Blown Up Guy," with the DAR's Medal of Honor in a recent ceremony at the Texas State DAR Conference. The medal is the highest award given by the 125-year-old National Society.

The Trinidad Santa Fe Trail Chapter nominated and sponsored Fleming for this prestigious National DAR Award in recognition of the outstanding service and leadership he's given to his community, state, nation and fellow man. The organization's members include, above, from left to right, Melissa Bonacquista, Gwen Sciacca, Patty Kinder, Lori Mann and Pam Russell.



THE ARTS

Shuler Theater to present 'perfect play' comedy

By Tim Keller
 Correspondent
 The Chronicle-News

The Shuler Theater opens a two-week run on Thursday night of its production of Oscar Wilde's most popular play, "The Importance of Being Earnest," a British parlor farce that Wilde himself called "a trivial comedy for serious people." Deceptions and mistaken identities unravel toward truth, all in the service of comedy.

Two friends are enamored of two women. Both men pretend to be named Ernest. To a set-up that recalls Shakespeare's comedies, director Tom Evans adds another Shakespearean touch — asides in which characters toss lines directly at the audience.

Known widely as "the perfect play," the 120-year-old satire is produced frequently on stage and has been made into films three times. The Raton production fea-

tures Chicago actors Ian McCabe and Nora Leahy, Nashville actors Matt Campbell and Tamara Todres, South Carolina actor Blake White, Indiana actor Barbara Farrar and Raton actors Brenda Ferri and Sara Kowalski.

Leahy says, "It's a simple play when you're watching it, though hard to explain in words." Mc-

Cabe adds, "It has a wonderful restrained tension that lends itself well to comedy, especially when the tension snaps. Tom has done a good job developing the formal base so that the play is prim and proper at the beginning, then rides a curve to hilarity at the end."

Wilde was criticized for writing a trivial play lacking a message,

but the script rings with notes simultaneously subtle and stinging. Its messages apply well to the shallowness of today's culture. Leahy's character, Cecily, won't let her suitor read her diary, because she's saving it for publication. Wilde turns conventions and

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Oscar Wilde's most popular comedy, "The Importance of Being Earnest," opens a two-week run on Thursday at Raton's Shuler Theater. The parlor farce stars, from left, Barbara Farrar, Brenda Ferri, Nora Leahy, Ian McCabe, Blake White, Tamara Todres, Jack Campbell and Sara Kowalski.

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WEATHER WATCH

Wednesday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly between noon and 3pm. Partly sunny, with a high near

79. South wind 5 to 15 mph. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. S-SW wind 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 85. S-SW wind 5 to 10 mph. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. Sw wind

10 to 15 mph. **Independence Day:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 88. W-SW wind 5 to 10 mph. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 60.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 90. W-SW wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east in the afternoon. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

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In Loving Memory of **Eralia Chavez** who passed away 2 years ago July 2, 2012



Mom
You've been my strength the rock on which I stand. I've gained so much wisdom guided by your gentle hand. The kindness you have shown in every word and deed had been a blessing in my life in so many times of need. Sadly missed by Son and the Chavez Family



TRANSPORTATION

Highway crisis looms as soon as August, US warns

By **JOAN LOWY**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gridlock in Washington will lead to gridlock across the country if lawmakers can't quickly agree on how to pay for highway and transit programs, President Barack Obama and his top officials warned on Tuesday.

States will begin to feel the pain of cutbacks in federal aid as soon as the first week in August — peak summer driving time — if Congress doesn't act, Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said in a letter to states. That's because the balance in the federal Highway Trust Fund is dropping and will soon go below \$4 billion, the cushion federal officials say is needed for incoming fuel tax revenue to cover outgoing payments to states.

The cuts will vary from state to state, but will average about 28 percent, Foxx said at a breakfast with reporters. By the end of August, the trust fund's balance is forecast to fall to zero and the cuts could deepen.

A second deadline is coming on Sept. 30 when the government's authority to spend money on transportation programs expires.

As many as 700,000 jobs could be at risk, Obama told a crowd of about 500 gathered on a sweltering day beneath the Key Bridge that spans the Potomac River and joins the District of Columbia with Virginia. "That would be like Congress threatening to lay off the entire population of Denver, Seattle or Boston," he said.

Revenue from federal gas and diesel taxes continues to flow into the trust fund, but the total is expected to be about \$8 billion short of the transportation aid the government has allocated to states this year. Over the next six years, a gap of about \$100 billion is forecast if transportation spending is maintained at current levels.

At the same time, transportation experts and industries that depend on the nation's highways to get their products to market are calling for greater spending on transportation to shore up aging roads, bridges and tunnels and to accommodate population growth.

"Right now there are more than 100,000 active projects across the country where workers are paving roads and rebuilding bridges and modernizing our transit systems," Obama said. "And soon states may have to choose which projects to continue and which ones to put the brakes on because they're running out of money."

Already some states are cutting back on construction projects because of the uncertainty of federal funding, Foxx said. "I think people will see it in the traffic. I think people will see it in the condition of our roads, he said.

The reason for the shortfall is that revenue from the federal 18.4-cent-a-gallon gasoline and



AP Photo/Charles Dharapak

President Barack Obama speaks about transportation and the economy, Tuesday, July 1, 2014, at the Georgetown Waterfront Park in Washington. The president said 700,000 jobs could be at risk next year if Congress doesn't quickly agree on how to pay for highway and transit programs.

24.4-cent-a-gallon diesel tax hasn't kept pace with transportation needs. The taxes haven't been increased in more than 20 years, while construction and other costs have continued to go up.

The most obvious solution is to raise fuel taxes, which is what several blue-ribbon commissions have recommended and business groups like the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the American Trucking Associations have urged. But neither political party nor the White House wants to get out front on a proposal to raise taxes in an election year. Foxx didn't rule out Obama signing legislation that raises the gas tax, but he indicated the administration doesn't believe there is enough support in Congress to pass a gas tax increase.

"We have said if Congress acts on something, we'll keep an open mind," Foxx said.

Instead, Obama is pushing a plan to close tax loopholes and use the revenue to pay for increased transportation spending for the next four years.

"We have a proposal we think is politically acceptable," Foxx said.

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dave Camp, R-Michigan, floated a similar proposal in April. But many Republicans say they'd

rather offset increases in transportation spending with cuts to other government programs rather than tax increases. And many lawmakers say they want to continue to use the trust fund's "user pays" principle by raising money from people who most use the roads, if not through a gas tax, then through some other means.

Nearly a dozen proposals to address the problem have been floated in Congress, but none has gained traction. House Republicans recently proposed a short-term patch based on savings associated with ending Saturday mail delivery by the postal service. The plan died a quick death when it became clear that many GOP lawmakers wouldn't support it.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden, D-Ore., offered a plan last week to keep transportation aid flowing for another six months. The plan, which included raising taxes on large trucks, ran into opposition from Republican senators. He dropped the truck tax, but Republicans say they want more spending cuts as part of the package. Further action is expected when Congress returns to work from a Fourth of July break.

In the House, Camp has said he will offer a new plan to shore up the trust fund next week.

MSRH joins Parkview Medical

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emergency and neurological services, as well as behavioral-health programs. As a vital health-care source, Parkview services Pueblo County and 14 surrounding counties, which together represent 370,000 total lives.

Parkview Medical Center is the largest non-government, nonprofit, private-sector employer in Pueblo County, with more than 2,600 employees, and the facility provides a skilled medical staff of more than 370 physicians. The impact of our workforce triggers a strong effect on the community as

Parkview's annual payroll contributes \$134 million to the economy. For more details, please visit www.parkviewmc.org.

Founded in 1889 by the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, Ohio, Mt. San Rafael Hospital is a non-profit 25-bed, critical-access facility that serves the medical and surgical needs of Trinidad residents and the surrounding area. The facility employs approximately 220 people. The vision at Mt. San Rafael Hospital is to be recognized as the health-care provider of choice for Trinidad and the surrounding areas. For more information, please go to www.msrh.org.



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Shuler Theater comedy

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says, "In matters of grave importance, style, not sincerity, is the vital thing."

"Earnest" is the second of four plays currently underway in the Shuler Theater's annual summer repertory season, under the rubric of the Kaleidoscope Players, a name associated with the Shuler since Bill Fegan's arrival in the early 1960s.

This year, each play gets a two-week run with no overlap with other plays. In addition to a company of actors from around the country and Canada, the technical staff includes lighting designer Tony Penna of South Carolina and sound designer Han Zaw from Myanmar via Indiana. Raton interns

Ila Medina and Tess Neary are stage managers for this production.

"The Importance of Being Earnest" will be presented on Thursday and Saturday nights, July 3 and 5 and on July 10-11, at 7:30 p.m. The performance on July 4, however, will take place at 6 p.m. to allow theatergoers to enjoy the City of Raton's fireworks show as they exit the theater. A 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinee will also be presented on July 6.

General admission tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and \$5 for children, with special ticket books selling for \$100 for 10 tickets to any of the summer shows. Information is available at the Shuler Theater by calling 575-445-4746.

SEVERE WEATHER

Safety Tips for Residents

Special to The Chronicle-News

With the slight risk of severe weather and the possibility of damaging winds, lightning, hail and heavy rain, the nonprofit Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH)® offers the following tips for residents to stay safe.

■ If you have furniture and

other outdoor equipment on your patio or deck, bring them inside when strong weather threatens.

■ Anticipate a possible power outage. If you have space in your refrigerator or freezer, consider filling plastic containers with water, leaving about an inch of space inside each one (remember, water expands as it freezes so it is important to leave room in the container for the expanded water). Place the containers in the refrigerator and freezer to help keep food cold if the power goes out.

■ Now is the time to back up computer files and operating systems.

■ Keep a supply of flashlights, batteries and a battery-powered radio on hand. Do not use candles as they pose a fire hazard.

■ If you are caught outdoors, avoid natural lightning rods such as tall, isolated trees in an open area or the top of a hill and metal objects such as wire fences, golf clubs and metal tools.

■ Turn Around Don't Drown! Water only two feet deep can sweep away most automobiles. More deaths occur due to flooding each year than from any other thunderstorm or hurricane related hazard. Many of these deaths are a result of careless or unsuspecting motorists who attempt to drive through flooded roads. Never drive through floodwaters or on flooded roads. If your vehicle stalls, leave it immediately and seek higher ground.

Staying Safe If Hail Falls

■ Close your drapes, blinds or window shades to prevent potential injury from broken glass blowing inside. Do not try to go outside to protect your property during a storm. Stay indoors until the storm has passed.

■ Stay away from skylights, windows and doors.

■ After the storm has passed, verify that you can safely move around outside. Avoid any broken or downed branches and power lines.

■ Check the trees, shrubs and plants around your house. If they are stripped of their foliage, there is a possibility your roof is damaged. Dented patio covers, screens or soft aluminum roof vents could also indicate roof damage.

■ Cover any broken win-

dows and holes in your roof to prevent water intrusion following hail damage.

FLASH reminds residents "When the Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!" For more home and family safety tips visit the FLASH Blog—Protect Your Home in a FLASH or www.flash.org.



About FLASH

Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH)®, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, is the country's leading consumer advocate for strengthening homes and safeguarding families from natural and manmade disasters. FLASH collaborates with more than 120 innovative and diverse partners that share its vision of making America a more disaster-resilient nation. Get timely safety tips to ensure that you and your family are protected from natural and manmade disasters by subscribing to the FLASH blog - Protect Your Home in a FLASH.

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