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Register this week at Latuda Hall on the Trinidad State Campus. Call 846-5682 for more info.

RETURNING STUDENTS: Monday, Tuesday, Jan. 12 and 13; 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 1-3 and 6-8:30 p.m.

NEW STUDENTS: Wednesday, Thursday, Jan. 14 and 15; 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 1-3 and 6-8:30 p.m.



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AREA SPORTS

BASKETBALL
TUE: TSJC hosts Air Force Prep / Women (5 p.m.) & Men (7 p.m.) at the Scott Gym

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Chronicle-News 2014 Collector Mugs you've all been waiting for are here and waiting for you to come pick them up.

Today's Quote

"A good director creates an environment, which gives the actor the encouragement to fly."

-Kevin Bacon

JANUARY 13

Trinidad City Council
TUESDAY (noon) There will be a special session followed by a work session at 1:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, 135 N. Animas St. Third Floor. Information: Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843.

Trinidad Schools
TUESDAY (4:45 p.m.) District Accountability meeting at the Administration Office, 612 Park Street. Information: Diane Montoya, 719-846-3324.

Calling all Square Dancers
TUESDAY (6-8 p.m.) Step up, swing your partner, join the fun at the Square Dance Club at LaCasa on Hwy 12 in Jansen. Beginners are welcome. Info: Peter Morzon, 719-845-0375 or pmm49@hotmail.com.

Caregivers Support Group
TUESDAY (6:30 p.m.) This group meets at the LaQuinta Inn on Toupal Drive. Information: Age Wise Advisors, 347-852-0752.

JANUARY 14

Piñon Water Sanitation
WEDNESDAY (8:30 a.m.) District meeting will be in the Century Financial Building, 109 W. Main. Information: Dana Phillips, 719-846-2080.

E-911 Authority Board
WEDNESDAY (3 p.m.) The E-911 Authority Board will meet in the County Courthouse, 201 E. First Street, in the Commissioners' Chambers. Information: Rita Mantelli, 719-846-4441.

Housing Authority
WEDNESDAY (5 p.m.) Trinidad Housing Board of Commissioners will meet in regular session at the Trinidad Housing Authority Conference Room, 128 W. First St. Information: Rosemarie Shier, 719-846-7204.

Fire District
WEDNESDAY (6 p.m.) Fishers Peak Fire Protection District Board of Directors public meeting will be at the Starkville Fire Station. Information: 719-846-6077.

Hoehne Fire Protection
WEDNESDAY (6 p.m.) District Board of Directors meets at the El Moro Station, 14386 Hwy 239 in Hoehne. Information: Dana Phillips, 719-846-2080.

Stonewall FPD
WEDNESDAY (6:30 p.m.) Board of Directors meets in the Stonewall Fire House. Information: Dana Phillips, 719-846-2080.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Dine out for Noah's Ark
THURSDAY: Dine out all day and evening at Bob and Earls, Brix, Nana and Nano's and Wendy's to help support Noah's Ark Animal Shelter. Information: 719-846-8578.

CPL MOM'S NIGHT OUT!
FRIDAY (5-7 p.m.) Mom's let us help you enjoy a night out! Moms of all ages are welcome to join us at the Carnegie Public Library for a free movie and snacks. Info: Felicity Boepple, 719-846-6841.

Art Show Reception
FRIDAY (6-8 p.m.) Free opening reception of the photog art show "Untouched" by a number of artists at Gallery Main, 130 E. Main St. Info: 719-846-1441.

SW Youth Art Show
SATURDAY (1 p.m.) Opening reception for the 3rd annual Shades of the Southwest Youth Art Show will be held at Raton's Old Pass Gallery, 145 S. First St. in Raton. Show runs through Feb. 1. Info: 575-445-2052.

Santa Fe Trail Byway
JANUARY 21 (11:30 a.m.) The annual meeting of the Santa Fe Trail Scenic and Historic Byway-Mountain Branch will be at the Primero Café at Mt. Carmel Health and Wellness Center, 911 Robinson Ave. Info & RSVP: Wyvonne Graham, 19-846-2396.

Doggie Donations!
And kitty too! The Noah's Ark pantry can always use dog and cat food supplies, which will be used to help elderly and in-need residents maintain their pets. If you'd like to make a donation of food or funds stop by the animal shelter at 224 N. Chestnut St. or call 719-846-8578.

Low-Cost Spay/Neuter
The Fisher's Peak Veterinary Clinic (719-846-3211) and the Trinidad Animal Clinic (719-846-3212) offer grant-funded, low-cost spay/neuter surgeries. Call for information and appointments.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 01/12/15. Elmore ditch: Priority # 8 --- Appropriation date: 11/15/1862.

Trinidad Reservoir Accounting
Release 0 AF
Inflow 57.00 AF -- 28.74 CFS
Evaporation 0 AF
Content 15,339 AF
Elevation 6,176.45
Precipitation 0

Downstream River Call / John Martin Reservoir: 12/31/1948.



Photo courtesy 'Yesterday: A Tribute to the Beatles'

'Yesterday: A Tribute to the Beatles' will bring authentic recreations of popular Beatles music to the Shuler Theater on Saturday night. The four musicians in the group not only play Beatles songs from every stage of the band's career, but they also play each song in the same key the Beatles did. The Las Vegas-based show has toured the U.S. and the world for several years.

THE ARTS

Beatles tribute band brings 'Yesterday' to the Shuler

By Tim Keller
Correspondent
The Chronicle-News

RATON - Perhaps more than the songs of Frank Sinatra and Elvis Presley combined, the songs of The Beatles remain favorites of each generation that has come along since the British band's breakup 45 years ago. They lasted fewer than ten years but produced music that keeps several Beatles tribute bands touring full-time. The most successful of the tribute bands brings its live four-piece Beatles band to the Shuler Theater

Saturday night. "Yesterday: A Tribute to the Beatles" tours from its home base in Las Vegas, NV, and consists of four seasoned musical pros who have mastered their Beatles counterparts right down to musical keys and authentic instruments—"Paul" even plays a left-handed Harmony bass. They change costumes and instruments to reflect the well-known changes of the Beatles during their relatively brief career.

Saturday night's show will be

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STATE ECONOMY

Colorado sees big changes a decade into new century

By Steve Block
The Chronicle-News

Colorado has seen a continuing influx of new residents since the year 2000, with an increase in population of nearly 1 million people in the years since then. Those new citizens have greatly increased the state's tax revenues, but have also placed greater pressure on the state's social services network, with the state's Medicaid population more than doubling in the past 15 years, according to information from a January 2015 public policy update from the Economic Development Council of Colorado (EDCC).

The State General Fund is the state's primary budget account. Revenues to the General Fund are not collected for a specific purpose, but instead are used to support the general operations of state government. Approximately two-thirds of General Fund revenues come from personal and corporate income taxes, while approximately one-third of General Fund revenues come from state sales and use taxes. This makes the General Fund revenue collections extremely dependent on the state's economy in general, and employment levels in particular. The General Fund will fluctuate with economic changes over time.

Colorado's General Fund revenues increased by 37 percent over the 15-year period studied in the report. The state generated \$6.553 billion in General Fund revenues

in the year 2000, and \$8.975 billion in General Fund revenues in 2014, an increase of \$2.423 billion over the 15-year period.

The state's population grew by 20.2 percent in the 15-year period between 2000 and 2014. There were 4,456,000 people living in Colorado in 2000, and 5,357,800 living in the state in 2014, an increase of 901,800.

The number of Medicaid recipients in Colorado grew by a whopping 271 percent in that 15-year period. There were 275,399 Medicaid recipients in Colorado in 2000, and 1,021,745 Medicaid recipients in the state in 2014, an increase of 746,346 people who now receive Medicaid benefits. Looked at another way, the percentage of the state's population served by Medicaid has increased from 6.2 percent to 19.1 percent, according to the report. The trend is ongoing, as Medicaid caseloads in Colorado continue to increase by approximately 6,000 people per month.

Medicaid's share of the state's General Fund budget increased by 29.8 percent over the 15-year period. Medicaid payments made up 18.8 percent of the General Fund budget in the year 2000, but made up 24.8 percent of the General Fund budget in 2014, an increase of 6 percent over the 15-year period. The state funded the higher Medicaid costs largely by cutting its financial support of higher education.

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EDUCATION & WELLNESS

School Health Report highlights challenges ahead

By Steve Block
The Chronicle-News

A 2013 health report that surveyed students at Trinidad Middle and High Schools indicates that local students have some areas in which they could improve their health as they move toward adulthood. The Healthy Kids Colorado Snapshot Report surveyed students in grades 7 through 12, and compared local health ratings in multiple categories with statewide averages.

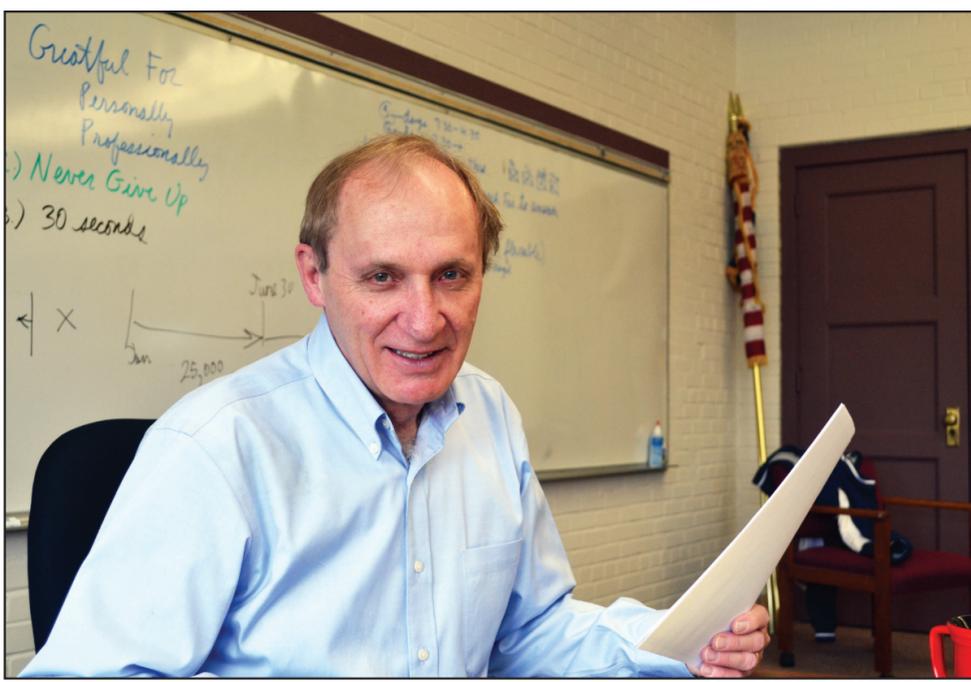
OBESITY

One statistic that stood out like a sore thumb in the report was the high incidence of obesity at Trinidad High School. The students' Body Mass Index, a measurement of body fat that's calculated from height and weight, was checked, and it was found that 38.5 percent of local high school students were overweight or obese. That's about twice the state average of 19.3 percent of students who were overweight or obese.

NUTRITION

Good nutrition is important for any developing child, but students at both the local middle school and high school were significantly lower than state averages in daily consumption of fruits and vegetables. They also tended to eat breakfast less frequently than the statewide average, though the Trinidad school district now offers free breakfasts for all of its students, and that situation may have improved since the 2013 survey.

Interim Superintendent Scott Mader said Thursday that school officials were skeptical about the sample size used in the survey.



Steve Block / The Chronicle-News

Interim Superintendent Scott Mader holds a copy of the 2013 Healthy Kids Colorado report about health issues in Trinidad's Middle and High Schools.

If the statistics in the survey are an accurate representation of the school district, Mader said, then they give several good reasons to be concerned about the overall health of young people in Trinidad.

MENTAL HEALTH

Mental health issues among youth are a matter of serious concern nationwide. The survey reported that 31.3 percent of lo-

cal middle school students had seriously considered suicide, as opposed to the state average of 19 percent of middle school students who had contemplated ending their lives. A staggering 19.3 percent of Trinidad Middle School students reported having actually attempted suicide, far higher than the state average of 7 percent.

The mental health picture looks much better at Trinidad High School, where just 13.6 per-

cent of students had seriously considered suicide in the previous 12 months, as opposed to the state average of 14.5 percent of high school students who had seriously contemplated suicide. There were 5.1 percent of Trinidad High School students who had actually attempted suicide, lower than the statewide average of 6.6 percent of high school students who had at-

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WEATHER WATCH

Tuesday: Snow likely, 60 percent chance, mainly after 2 p.m. Cloudy, with a high near 36. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light and variable. New

snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. **Night:** Snow likely. Cloudy, with a low around 18. North wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent. New snow accumulation of less than one inch possible.

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 41. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the morning. **Night:** Mostly clear,

with a low around 18. West wind 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 48. Southwest wind around 5 mph. **Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 22. West southwest wind around 5 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 51. West wind around 5 mph. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. West wind around 5 mph.

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Ida Fernandez



Ida M. Fernandez, age 88, passed away at Parkview Medical Center in Pueblo, Colo. on January 8, 2015.

She was born in Trinidad, Colo. on November 29, 1926, the daughter of Lorencita (Saiz) and Candelario Barela.

She attended area schools. On August 10, 1945, Ida was united in marriage to Alex J. Fernandez in Trinidad, Colo.

She was the matriarch of her family, and her children and grandchildren were her first priority.

She never knew a stranger and always made you feel like you were part of her family.

Ida was an excellent cook and no one ever left her home hungry.

She loved the outdoors and nature, flowers and collecting rocks.

Her graciousness, strength and generosity will be missed by those, whose lives she touched.

Preceding her in death are parents, Lorencita and Candelario Barela, husband Alex Fernandez in 1992, sisters Caroline Trujillo, Dora Clark, and son in law George Fields.

Her survivors are her children, James (Sharon) Fernandez, Trinidad, John (Rita) Fernandez, Trinidad, Yvonne "Bonnie" Fields, Pueblo, Lydia (Daniel) Shea, Trinidad, Arlene (Larry) Robinson, Trinidad, Janet (Brian) Smith, Trinidad, grandchildren, Brenda, Karen, Laurie Jo, Stephen, James, Aaron, Danny, Lisa, Megan, Janie, Jessica, Alex, 10 great grandchildren, brother Joseph (Joanne) Barela, Denver, numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 3 p.m.-7 p.m. at the Comi Chapel.

Rosary will be recited Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Comi Chapel.

Funeral Mass will be Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

Interment with Rite of Committal will follow at the Trinidad Catholic Cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be her grandsons, Stephen, James, Aaron, Danny, Mark, Jeffery, Gene and Alex.

Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.

Rudy A. Bowman
 Rudy A. Bowman, age 60, passed away at home on January 11, 2015 in Pueblo, Colo.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced later by the Comi Funeral Home.



62 Memorials

In Loving Memory of
John Naccarato



34 years have passed since that sad day When the one we loved was called away. God took him home, it was His will, But in our hearts, he liveth still.

Although we cannot clasp your hand, Let this little token show, We always will remember thee. Sadly missed by family.

An angel tiptoed quietly into our world, silently, only lingering for a moment it seemed. Oh, but what an imprint those footprints left upon our hearts.
 ~Unknown



	FY 00-01	FY13-14	CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE
Colorado Population	4,456,000	5,357,800	901,800	20.2 Percent
Colorado General Fund (in millions)	6,553	8,975	2,423	37.0 Percent
K-12 Enrollment	724,508	876,999	152,491	21.0 Percent
Higher Ed Resident Enrollment (FTE)	123,256	156,533	33,277	27.0 Percent
Prison Population	16,833	20,637	3,804	22.6 Percent
Medicaid Recipients	275,399	1,021,745	746,346	271.0 Percent
Medicaid share of State General Fund	18.8 Percent	24.8 Percent	6.0 Percent	28.8 Percent
CU-System General Fund (in millions)	\$206.6	\$144.3	(\$62.3)	-31.9 Percent
CU-Boulder Resident Tuition	\$2,514	\$8,760	\$6,246	248.4 Percent

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The statistics in the report show that the share of state General Fund appropriations that go to support higher education has dropped from 13.9 percent to 8.5 percent since 2000.

This decrease in state funding for higher education is shown most dramatically in the example of the University of Colorado at Boulder (CU). The CU-System has lost more than \$62 million in General Fund appropriations during this 15-year time period, and the Boulder campus increased its tuition costs for students by 248 percent. Ten years ago funding for students in the state's colleges and universities was two-thirds in state funding and one-third student funding. Today the opposite is true, with the state funding one-third of college tuition costs and students funding the remaining two-thirds of tuition costs.

The amount of money the CU-System gets in General Fund revenues has declined by 31.9 percent over the 15-year period studied in the report. The CU-System got \$206.6 million in General Fund revenues in the year 2000, but just \$144.3 million in General Fund revenues in 2014, a decline of \$62.3 million.

Despite the decline in state support, the number of students enrolled in Colorado colleges and universities has in-

creased by 27 percent over the 15-year period. There were 123,256 Colorado residents with Full Time Equivalent (FTE) college enrollment in 2000, and 156,533 resident FTE enrollments in 2014, an increase of 33,277 FTE enrollments.

Colorado's K-12 enrollment has increased by 21 percent over the 15-year period in the report. There were 724,508 students enrolled K-12 education in 2000, and 876,999 students enrolled in K-12 education in 2014, an increase of 152,491 students.

The state's prison population also increased during the 15-year period studied in the report. There were 16,833 offenders in Colorado's prison system in the year 2000, and 20,637 offenders in the system in 2014, an increase of 3,804 offenders in the system, or 22.6 percent over the 15-year period.

The statistics (listed above) are included in a general report about the upcoming session of the Colorado General Assembly, and are available on the website: www.edconline.org/Public-Policy. The report clearly shows that, as Colorado's population has grown, so has the level of financial responsibility expected from its state government to its citizens. It will be interesting to see how the Colorado General Assembly meets those expectations in its upcoming legislative session.



Beatles tribute band brings 'Yesterday' to the Shuler

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only the fourth on the group's ten-week winter tour that started last Saturday in Las Vegas and finishes March 28 in New Jersey. Tour stops include Denver, Seattle, Pittsburgh, and Acapulco, Mexico.

A quick read of Ticketmaster's online customer reviews of the show demonstrate almost universal satisfaction. The one complaint that appears over and

over is that the show is too short: reports range from 60 to 90 minutes with most at about 70-75 minutes.

Saturday night's show at the Shuler Theater begins at 7 p.m. All seats are \$20, general admission, with tickets available at the door and from the sponsoring organization, Raton Arts & Humanities Council, at Old Pass Gallery, 145 S. 1st St., 575-445-2052.



Photo courtesy of 'Yesterday: A Tribute to the Beatles'

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tempted suicide in the previous year.

TOBACCO USE
 Tobacco use among 7th through 12th Grade Trinidad students was significantly higher than the statewide average. There were 10.5 percent of students at Trinidad Middle School who reported that they'd smoked cigarettes in the previous month, as opposed to just

2.6 percent of middle school students statewide who reported having smoked cigarettes in the previous month. A similar situation was reported at Trinidad High School, where 12.4 percent of students that they'd smoked an entire cigarette for the first time before the age of 13, as opposed to the statewide average of 7.3 percent of high school students who had smoked a cigarette by that age.

Chewing tobacco, snuff and dip use by students in the grades surveyed was also higher on the local level than it was statewide.

MARIJUANA USE
 Marijuana use by middle school students here was significantly higher than the state average, with 19.6 percent of students reporting having used marijuana in the previous 30 days, while the state average was 6.6 percent of students who'd used marijuana during the previous month. The report shows that 16.6 percent of local high school students had tried marijuana before the age of 13, twice the state average of 8.1 percent of students who had tried marijuana by that age. The report shows that 55.2 percent of local high school students had ever used marijuana, much higher

than the state average 36.9 percent of students who had tried marijuana.

OTHER DRUGS
 Methamphetamine use among local high school students was much higher than the state average, with 7.2 percent of local students reporting that they'd used meth at least once, as opposed to just 3.2 percent of students statewide reporting that they'd ever used meth. Middle school students were not surveyed about meth use.

"The report is pretty shocking, if it's true," Mader said. "It shows that we all have to work together to deal with these problems. No one entity can handle it alone. I think we, as a school district, can do our part, but the whole community has to get involved."

SEXUAL ACTIVITY
 The report also examined sexual activity among high school students, but not middle school students. Among local students, 54 percent reported that they'd had sexual intercourse at least once, which is higher than the statewide average of 33.1 percent of students who said they'd had sexual intercourse. There were 38.7 percent of local high school students who re-

ported that they'd had sexual intercourse in the three months prior to the survey, which is higher than the state average of 23.3 percent of students who had had sexual intercourse during that time period. Just 66.8 percent of local students reported that they'd been taught about HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) in school, as opposed to the statewide average of 78 percent of students who said they'd learned about HIV or AIDS in school.

DRINKING & DRIVING
 One of the leading causes of unintentional injury is driving after drinking alcohol or riding with a driver who was drinking. One study found that students who used drugs or alcohol were nearly three times more likely to drop out of school than those students who didn't use those substances. Just 4.7 percent of Trinidad High School students reported that they'd driven a vehicle after drinking alcohol, lower than the state average of 7.7 percent of students who said they'd driven after drinking. Binge drinking, that is drinking five or more drinks in just a few hours, was high among Trinidad High School students, as 22.7 percent reported at least one incident of binge drinking, while the statewide average was 16.6 percent of students who reported at least one incident of binge drinking.

BULLYING
 Bullying is defined as one or more students teasing, threatening, spreading rumors about, hitting, shoving or hurting another student multiple times. Research has shown that stu-

dents who perceive school to be physically or emotionally unsafe are more likely to miss school. At Trinidad Middle School, 30.1 percent reported that they'd been bullied electronically, higher than the state average of 23.1 percent of students who reported being bullied electronically. There were 50.5 percent of local middle school students who reported having been in a physical fight, which is higher than the state average of 38.7 percent of student who said they'd been in a physical fight. There were 38.5 percent of local middle school students who reported having carried a weapon such as a gun, knife or club, higher than the state average 30.5 percent of students who reported having carried a weapon.

At Trinidad High School, 7.3 percent of students surveyed reported having been threatened or injured at school with a weapon, which is higher than the state average 5.1 percent of students who were threatened or injured at school with a weapon. There were 7.8 percent of local high school students who didn't go to school for at least one day because they felt they would be unsafe at school or on the way to school, as opposed to the state average of 5.2 percent of students who didn't go to school for at least one day because they felt unsafe at school or on the way to school.

The response rate for the survey at Trinidad High School was 65 percent and 142 students participated in the survey. The response rate at Trinidad Middle School was 84 percent and 143 students participated in the survey.

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