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THE FINE PRINT

MARCH 11
Pinon Water Sanitation
WEDNESDAY (6:30 a.m.) District meeting will be in the Century Financial Building, 109 W. Main. Information: Dana Phillips, 719-846-2080.
Tourism Board
WEDNESDAY (9 a.m.) Committee meets in the City Hall Third Floor Conference Room, 135 N. Animas St. Information: City Clerk, Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843.
Stonewall FPD
WEDNESDAY (5:30 p.m.) Board of Directors meets in the Stonewall Fire House. Information: Dana Phillips, 719-846-2080.
LENTEN SERVICE
WEDNESDAY (6:30 p.m.) Weekly service will be held at Zion's Lutheran Church, 613 Prospect St. Info: 719-846-7785.
Trinidad Community Co-op
WEDNESDAY (7 p.m.) Acoustic Music Jam is open to all levels, all musicians at the Coop, Corner of Elm and Maple Streets. Info: communitycoop-trinidad@gmail.com.
VFW Post 984
WEDNESDAY (7 p.m.) Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 984 will meet in the Elks Club Banquet Room, 120 S. Maple St. New members need to bring their DD214. Information: Post Commander John Rios, 719-846-6094.

Today's Quote

**"Don't Worry,
Be Happy"**

-Bobby McFerrin

MARCH 12
Carnegie Library Events
■ **THURSDAY (9 a.m.-5 p.m.)** Throwback Tech interactive display.
■ **FRIDAY (5-7 p.m.)** Teens & Tweens movie night showing Wreck-it Ralph!
Water Association
THURSDAY (3 p.m.) Greektville-Carbondale Board of Directors will meet at the Century Financial Group, 109 W. Main St. Information: Jeni Skalko, 719-846-2080, ext. 116.
Autism Support Group
THURSDAY (6 p.m.) Autism Awareness & Support Group for parents with challenged children in any area will meet at 315 E. Strong Ave. Refreshments will be served. Info: Linda Thompson, 719-680-2638.
SP Fire Dept. Auxiliary
THURSDAY (6 p.m.) Group meets at the Spanish Peaks Inn, CR 43.7, Gulnare. Info: Marilyn Carlson, 719-680-0688.
Trinidad Catholic Cemetery
THURSDAY (6:30 p.m.) Association meeting will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 205 S. Commercial St. The public is invited to attend. Information: 719-846-4934.

PUBLIC SERVICE
TSJC Student Art Show
FRIDAY (6-8 p.m.) Opening reception for this exhibition hosted by The Trinidad Area Arts Council at Gallery Main, 130 E. Main St. Info: 719-846-1441. Show runs thru March 26.
PRCWD Water District
FRIDAY (7:30 p.m.) The Purgatoire River Conservancy will meet in City Hall Council Chambers, 135 N. Animas. Information: Thelma Lujan, 719-846-7285.
DON'T MISS CALL FOR FUN!
SATURDAY (entry deadline) Call for artists for "There's No Such Thing as an Ordinary Cat" all-media art show scheduled for March 20 at Oasis Studios/Galerie Vivant, 214/218 E. Main. Info: Susan Palmer, 805-603-6181.
OPERA TRINIDAD
SATURDAY (Noon) LA BOEHME by Giacomo Puccini, will be showing at the Movie Picture Showhouse.
St. Joseph's Table
SUNDAY (8 a.m.- 2 p.m.) The public is cordially invited to view this event at the Sebastiani Gym on Animas St. To contribute donations of baked goods for the table, please bring them to the Gym on Sat. (10 a.m.-Noon). Info: Carol Sola, 719-846-7936. Items will be given to the Soup Kitchen after the event.
MEET & GREET
MARCH 17 (5:30-7 p.m.) Please join the staff and employees at City Hall to welcome the new City Manager Gabriel Engeland, 135 N. Animas St. Info: 719-846-9843.
TMS Mini Health Fair
MARCH 17 (6-8 p.m.) Everyone is invited to the 4th Annual event will be held at the Trinidad Middle School Gym and Cafeteria, Park Street. Info:

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RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 03/10/15. Llewelling & McCormick ditch: Priority # 13 --- Appropriation date: 01/01/1864.

Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:
Release .63 AF
Inflow 79.43 AF -- 40.05 CFS
Evaporation 5.80 AF
Content 17,856 AF
Elevation 6,180.58
Precipitation 0

Downstream River Call: / John Martin Reservoir: (Conservation Storage) 05/31/1949.

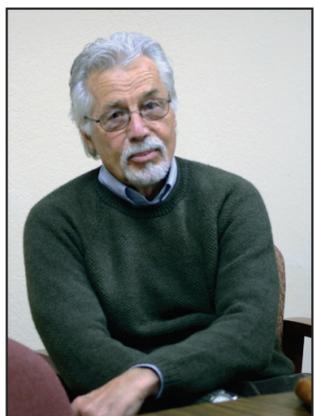


CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Trinidad's highest honor Now seeking nominees for the Chenoweth Award

Staff Report
The Chronicle-News

One of the highest annual awards given out regularly in Trinidad has been the Chenoweth Award, named after the late Judge and longtime U.S. Congressman John Edgar Chenoweth. The Trinidad & Las Animas County Cham-



The Chronicle-News / file photo
Tom Perry was the last Chenoweth Award winner in 2012.

ber of Commerce (TLACC) is now seeking nominations for the 2014 Chenoweth Award after a year absence.

"As you know, the Chamber of Commerce is working very hard to get the Chamber back up and running and serving the community in many ways," said 2012 Chenoweth Award winner and Chamber volunteer, Tom Perry in an email to city and county officials. "One of these ways is the annual Chenoweth Award. One of the goals is to re-energize the Chenoweth Award process and to build a strong pool of nominated candidates from which the Chamber Board will select the recipient of this prestigious award."

The award dates back to 1979 and honors a distinguished local citizen for their outstanding service to their community. Any citizen of Trinidad or Las Animas County can be nominated, although former Chenoweth Award winners are ineligible. Call the Chamber at: 719-846-9285 or e-mail: www.adminchamber@comcast.net to make a nomination by the deadline of noon on March 20. Include a brief explanation of why you're nominating that person.



Photo courtesy of Library of Congress

Judge John Edgar Chenoweth was a longtime United States Congressman and Trinidad native son.

The winner of the award will be announced at a banquet on April 25. Local institutions such as service clubs can also be nominated for the award.

"... The award has been designed, in my [and the Chamber Board's] opinion, to recognize certain qualities that Judge Che-

noweth brought to our community and to celebrate those qualities by making a civic award to an individual who best exemplifies some those qualities in our community. In no way is it implying that the individual 'measures up' to Judge

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Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Michigan sociologist Dr. David Ivan captivated an audience of concerned Ratonians with his prescriptions for the revitalization of a small town, in his 80-minute talk called "Can Small Towns Be Cool?" at the Raton Convention Center Monday night.

PROGRESS: RATON

Expert shares recipes for small-town revitalization

By Tim Keller
Correspondent
The Chronicle-News

RATON – Michigan sociologist Dr. David J. Ivan has devoted his career to studying small communities in decline, with an emphasis on determining the differences between those that rebound and those that don't. He's visited more than 300 such communities in 20 U.S. states over the past 15 years. Monday night, he came to Raton.

In an 80-minute presentation at Raton Convention Center called "Can Small Towns Be Cool?" Ivan gave his recipes for success to a rapt crowd of about 100 community activists and leaders. Sprinkled among them were a few others from surrounding communities including Cimarron and Trinidad. Among the themes that emerged throughout the evening, Ivan em-

phasized the importance of focusing on the future, not trying to return to "the golden days of the past," because those days aren't coming back.

Successful communities don't focus on what they've lost, but on what they have. "Create a picture of what you want to be," Ivan said. "People tend to move in the direction of the conversations they hear. If all they hear is people tearing down, they'll think that way. But if they hear talk of building, growth, and creative solutions, they'll move that way."

He acknowledged that every small community suffers its CAVE people—Citizens Against Virtually Everything—that drag everything down. Nothing works until the community navigates around, or ignores, the naysayers.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

County Board approves COG request for Enterprise Zone tax credit support

By Steve Block
The Chronicle-News

Las Animas County is a member of the multi-county Raton Basin Regional Economic Development (RED) along with Huerfano and Otero Counties, and the local REDD administrator is the South Central Council of Governments (COG). The County Board of Commissioners approved a request for a letter of support for an application for Enterprise Zone tax credits that could benefit local business owners and nonprofits at its most recent meeting.

The tax credits are available through the State Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT), Priscilla (Pete) Fraser, COG's executive director, asked the Board for the letter of support, saying the three counties were still heavily impacted by high unemployment and negative factors that have affected their economies. Fraser said businesses and nonprofits in the three counties had taken advantage of Enterprise Zone tax credits in the past and

she believed they wanted to continue to do so in the future.

"Some of the things they have helped us to do is help public and private contributions to the region, by way of their donations to the contributions," Fraser said. "As you know, we have Southern Colorado Repertory Theatre, we have TSJC, we have Downtown Trinidad, and we have the Mitchell Museum and the addition of the Mt. Carmel Center. Mt. Carmel was one of the most successful contribution projects by bringing professional staff and a number of services to the region. This is all possible because of our involvement with the Enterprise Zone activities, and also the fact that private donors from around the state and the country can make donations to achieve the goals of TSJC's training programs, the Downtown Trinidad revitalization and Mt. Carmel."

Fraser said it was almost a "no-brainer" to ask whether the county should continue its involvement with the Enterprise Zone.

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Priscilla (Pete) Fraser, COG's executive director, earned County Board approval of a letter of support for an Enterprise Zone tax credits application.

WEATHER WATCH

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 66. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Night: Mostly clear, with a low around

33. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast in the afternoon. **Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33. East northeast wind around 5 mph becoming northwest

after midnight.
Friday: A 20 percent chance of rain and snow showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 53. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31.

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COMMUNITY

Expert shares recipes for small-town revitalization

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Revitalization requires a commitment to entrepreneurial development, which requires a town that promotes change and growth. "We have to celebrate everyone's successes," Ivan said. "We have to not pull people down, but help prop them up. Build on local talents and strong social networks."

Throughout the presentation, Ivan shared photos and success stories from many of the small communities he's watched rebound. Ord, Nebraska, was a ranching town of 1200 mostly aging people. Its youth had left for the cities in droves. Ord established a community foundation, asking citizens to bequeath small percentages from their estates, among various fundraising strategies. Used for projects to grow Ord by assisting and attracting people, the seed fund currently has close to \$12 million; the population has grown to 2000.

Other towns have seen success with active internship programs, student loan forgiveness programs for youth who stay, homebuyers' assistance programs, and myriad other programs that attract and engage youth.

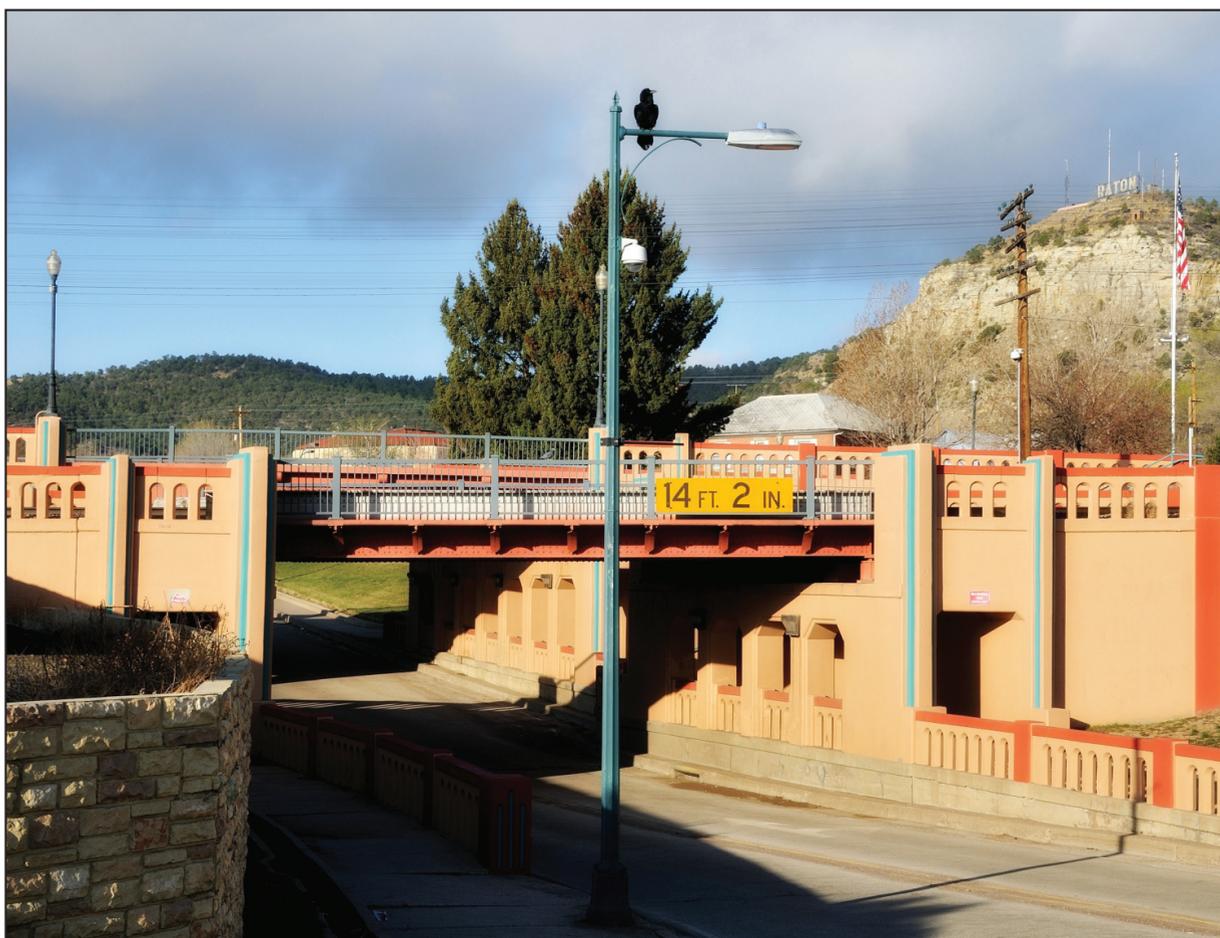
Ivan showed a lively promotional video for Dubuque, Iowa, that gave a strong sense of youth and diversity. "Dubuque is not really like that," Ivan said. "In the 1980s, Dubuque led the Midwest in unemployment. But it's successfully building toward its vision of the future. And it's working."

Dynamic schools are critical. Ivan cited one school superintendent that attends all of the region's economic development conferences. Giving kids rich experiences is a powerful factor in getting young people to come back to start their own careers and families. One community asked its third graders what they wanted. They wanted a climbing wall. The town built a climbing wall. Years later, the kids said that made a profound impact on their commitment to their town.

Instead of posting "No Skateboarding" signs, build kids a skatepark. One town put its young people on billboards and banners promoting the town, giving the kids a sense of belonging. "Give youth positive memories and they'll be more likely to return," Ivan said. "Create dynamic, unforgettable programs. The old narrative is 'There's nothing here for you.' The new narrative is 'We need and want you to come home and raise your own family here. Come help us re-grow our town.'"

Ivan encouraged capitalizing on a community's uniqueness. He contrasted photos that resembled Raton's own Clayton Highway—sometimes called Motel Row or Fast Food Alley, that looks like thousands of other such strips in America—with revitalized communities' downtown districts that resembled Raton's own Downtown Historic District.

He stressed authenticity. "Be true to your



Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Small communities that have successfully reversed their declines have done so by focusing not on what was, but on what can be. Vision and change are critical, said Dr. Ivan Monday night, and so is a focus on the future—a line that brought the night's first spontaneous applause.

community, not contrived. Build on your heritage. Start small to build confidence, then build upon your successes.

the difference in which town they visit or do business with.

"In communities that have changed, it

City government does play a role, though. In this case, it was the City of Raton that sponsored Dr. Ivan's visit and presentation, with co-sponsors Colfax County, MCMC, and Raton's Holiday Inn Express. Raton City Manager Scott Berry introduced Dr. Ivan, saying, "We'd like to make tonight's event be our first annual economic summit. We plan to do this every year."

In conversations throughout the big room following the presentation, there was a palpable sense that the night might signal a turning point, a historic moment in a community's history, a turning toward the future.

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"Online resources are critical," Ivan said. "Many people do their researches after businesses are closed. They may be planning a vacation or business trip, or even a move to the area. A good website will make

hasn't usually been the city government that's been driving the bus; it's been the people of the communities and their organizations. The real change happens through volunteers."

ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

San Isabel Electric receives 2014 Wind Cooperative of the Year Award

Special to The Chronicle-News

On February 26, 2015 the United States Department of Energy (DOE) honored San Isabel Electric Association, Inc. as the 2014 Wind Cooperative of the Year. Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc., was also recognized for wind energy development in the generation and transmission cooperative category. SIEA is a member cooperative of Tri-State.

The 14th annual awards were presented at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association TechAdvantage 2015 Conference and Expo in Orlando, Florida. SIEA Board Director and Tri-State Board Representative Don Keairns accepted the award at the conference.

SIEA has been a leader in wind power development in Colorado dating back to the 2004 installation of three anemometer towers to assess the wind potential in Huerfano County. The data from the towers has assisted with educational research and

renewables development in the area, leading to the 2013 commissioning of SIEA's Huerfano River Wind Project.

The Huerfano River Wind Project is located near some of the strongest wind resources, nine miles north of Walsenburg on the east side of I-25. The largest community-owned, distributed-generation wind facility in the region, the 8-megawatt project today supplies five percent of SIEA's annual kilowatt-hour requirements.

SIEA and Tri-State are collaborating with the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) to store excess wind energy as hot water for households. "These so-

the 67-megawatt Colorado Highlands Wind Farm (expanded to 91 megawatts after its first year in operation) and the 150-megawatt Carousel Wind Project that is scheduled to be online in 2016 after the completion of a major transmission line. Today over 20 percent of the energy that Tri-State provides SIEA and its other member cooperatives comes from wind and other renewable resources."

The Huerfano River Wind Project is a community-based project and beneficial to all members. SIEA has been honored for its outstanding leadership in advancing U.S. wind power. That is The Cooperative Difference!



lutions can help to break down the integration barriers for smaller scale distributed energy projects," said San Isabel General Manager Reg Rudolph. "I am proud of the leadership San Isabel has shown in developing this project, creating a working model for others to follow."

Tri-State has been purchasing wind power since 1998, and its current utility-scale wind projects include the 51-megawatt Kit Carson Wind Power Project,

SUBMISSIONS DUE APRIL 30

History Colorado Seeks Nominations for 2015 Centennial Farms Award

Special to The Chronicle-News

History Colorado invites families who have owned and operated their Colorado farm or ranch for 100 years or more to nominate their property for the 2015 Colorado Centennial Farms Award. Farms and ranches that qualify will be honored at the 29th Annual Centennial Farms Celebration at the Colorado State Fair in Pueblo in August 2015.

Farmers and ranchers nominating their property for this award must submit an application providing information about the history of their farm and its buildings by close of business on Thursday, April 30, 2015.

Nominees must meet the following requirements to be selected as a Colorado Centennial Farm:

- Farming or ranching properties must have remained in the same family continuously for at least 100 years.
- Each property must still operate as a working farm or ranch.
- Farms or ranches must have a minimum of 160 acres.

• Properties with fewer than 160 acres can qualify if they gross at least \$1,000 in annual sales.

History Colorado and the Colorado Department of Agriculture created the Colorado Centennial Farms Program in 1986 to recognize the important role that agriculture has played in the state's history and economic development.

The 2015 Colorado Centennial Farms awards will be presented at the Colorado State Fair in Pueblo in August. At the ceremony, award recipients will receive a certificate signed by the Governor and a sign to display on their property. To date, nearly 500 Colorado farms and ranches representing 61 counties across the state have been honored as Centennial Farms. The majority of these farms were established between 1880 and 1895.

To nominate, download a Colorado Centennial Farms application and mail to: History Colorado State Historical Fund, Colorado Centennial Farms Program c/o Michelle Pearson, 1200 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203

The deadline is Thursday, April 30, 2015. Contact Michelle Pearson at 303-866-2976 or michelle.pearson@state.co.us with questions.





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Class of 2015

The Chronicle-News needs your Senior photos and the release forms by April 1st for the annual Graduation Pages.

If you have questions call 846-3311