

THE FINE PRINT

TRINIDAD LAKE

All activities are rain or shine, and are free to the public. All vehicles are required to have a park pass. Info: 719-846-6951.

❖ SATURDAY (9 a.m.) "Adoptable Dog Hike" in the Pinon-Juniper forest with furry friends from Noah's Ark will begin at the Visitor's Center.

❖ SATURDAY (7 p.m.) "Fly Tying" with professional fly tier and creator of famous Pistol Pete fly Chris Furia will be demonstrating his art at the Visitor's Center.

Today's Quote

"The only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle."

~ Steve Jobs

AUGUST 19

DISABILITY AWARENESS WEDNESDAY (9-11 a.m. & 1-3 p.m.) FREE seminar will be held at Mt. Carmel, 911 Robinson Ave. Info: Terry Brown, 719-847-4477.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEDNESDAY (Noon) Monthly Business Luncheon will be held in the Sullivan Center at the TSJC Campus. Info: 719-846-9285.

TRINIDAD SCHOOL BOE WEDNESDAY (4 p.m.) The Board of Education will hold its regular session at the District Administration Office, 612 Park St. Information: 719-845-2048. **School Board Superintendent: Scott Mader and Members: Jack Vallejos, Paul Montera, Patrick Sandoval, John Massarotti and Joe Terry.**

SUPPORT GROUPS WEDNESDAY (Overeaters Anonymous/5:30 p.m. & Alanon Family Group/7:30 p.m.) Groups meet every Wednesday at 120 W. Kansas St. Info: 719-680-0505 or 719-680-7732. No dues or fees.

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

FP FIRE DISTRICT WEDNESDAY (6 p.m.) Fishers Peak Fire Protection District Board of Directors will meet at the Starkville Fire Station. Information: 719-846-6077.

PURGATOIRE WATERSHED WEDNESDAY (6 p.m.) Group regular meeting will meet in the NRCS Office, 3590 E. Main. Information: Karen Wolf, 303-543-8688.

AUGUST 20

DINE OUT FOR NOAH'S THURSDAY: Event lasts 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.

LIBRARY ACTION THURSDAY (3-6 pm.) Open House includes snacks and a chance to explore what's new at the Carnegie Library, 202 N. Animas St., 719-846-6841.

PUBLIC SERVICE

FOR MOM'S TO BE SATURDAY (1-3 p.m.) FREE 9-week program for Las Animas County expectant mothers meets at Mt. Carmel, 911 Robinson Ave. Runs thru October 3. Info 719-845-4826.

SUMMER ART TREK AUGUST 28 (5-8 p.m.) Calling all artisan vendors who want to set up a table in Miners Memorial Park for Art Trek. Info: Craig at Tee's Me, 719-846-8634, or Camilla at Curly's Beads, 719-846-8647.

TSJC COMING ATTRACTIONS Info for both events: Kim McKee, 719-846-5724.

❖ **SEPTEMBER 15 (5-6:45 p.m.)** Southern Rockies Heritage School Open House in the Berg Building, Room 401.

❖ **SEPTEMBER 15 (7-9 p.m.)** "A Taste of Scotland" featuring Master storyteller and musician Robert Black from Aberdeenshire, Scotland, will be in the Pioneer Room in the Sullivan Center.

COWBOY TRADE SHOW SEPTEMBER 19 (9 a.m.-6 p.m.) Sign up now for your space in the trade show. Concessions will be available all day. Proceeds benefit the Folsom Museum. Barbara Schoonover 575-278-3696 or Museum: 575-278-2122.

The Fine Print feature is a courtesy notice used to inform the public of upcoming free public meetings and events. Placement is not guaranteed. For contributions please call 719-846-3311 or e-mail cathy@trinidadchroniclenews.com.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 08/18/15. Enlarged Southside Ditch: Priority # 74 --- Appropriation date: 02/17/1876.

Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:

Release 350.29 AF
Inflow 210.08 AF -- 105.91 CFS
Evaporation 9.79 AF
Content 31,328 AF
Elevation 6,197.74
Precipitation 0.07

Downstream River Call / Ninemile Canal: 05/10/1887.



POT PROCEEDS

City sees increase in marijuana tax revenues

By Steve Block
The Chronicle-News



Steve Block / The Chronicle-News

City Finance Director Larry Lochard talked about the tax revenues being generated by both City and State marijuana taxation.

Trinidad's fledgling marijuana industry is continuing to grow, resulting in some increases in local sales tax revenue, as well as revenues from rebates on state marijuana tax revenues. Total marijuana-related sales in the City at the end of June amounted to \$2,724,488, year-to-date, while the City's five-percent retail marijuana sales tax, and state marijuana sales tax rebate revenues were a combined total of \$166,750 at the end of the first six months of 2015. That's a combination of \$136,224 in City marijuana taxes, plus \$30,526 in state marijuana tax rebates. The state rebates are paid to the City on a one-month delay basis.

Marijuana sales, and the tax revenues generated from them, have been climbing steadily over the past few months. At the end of April 2015, monthly marijuana sales in the City were valued at \$473,732, an increase of approximately 14 percent over the previous month. Those sales generated combined City and State sales tax revenues of \$29,911 for the month.

At the end of May 2015, monthly marijuana sales in the City were valued at \$610,212, an increase of approximately 29 percent over the April sales figures. Those sales generated combined City and State tax revenues of \$37,584 for the month.

At the end of June 2015, monthly marijuana sales in the City were valued at \$714,275, an increase of approximately 17 percent over the May sales figures. Those sales generated combined City and State tax revenues of \$53,431 for the month.

City Finance Director Larry Lochard said part of the increase was to be expected because more retail marijuana businesses have opened in Trinidad since the beginning of 2015. Lochard said in a Tuesday interview in his office that the City had estimated marijuana tax revenues of \$100,000 for 2015, and that's the figure that's in this year's annual budget. He also said that the legalized marijuana picture around the United States was changing rapidly, and those changes could impact how much marijuana sales tax revenue Trinidad could expect, going into the future.

"I wasn't part of that budgeting process last year, so I don't know what went on," Lochard said. "I can tell you that we're starting the budgeting process right now, and we're not going to budget these kinds of numbers for next year."

The City wasn't sure how much marijuana tax revenue to estimate for 2016, he said, because of the rapidly changing legalized marijuana situation nationwide.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Glenn Miller Orchestra's dinner, dance fills Raton Convention Center

Season highlight benefits Arts & Humanities Council

By Tim Keller
Correspondent
The Chronicle-News

RATON – After October's triumphant Shuler Theater concert by the Glenn Miller Orchestra, Raton Arts & Humanities Council's director Brenda Ferri wasted no time: She booked them to return to play a summer benefit for the arts council. Saturday night's dinner/dance at Raton Convention Center, underwritten by the Darden Foundation, was a season highlight for the community with 168 people, mostly couples, coming for prime rib and swing music.

A \$50 ticket supported the arts council's programs while getting a complete prime rib dinner catered by Mr. C's and a full bar run by Raton Country Club. As dessert plates were cleared from tables, the band jumped right into swing classics from the 1930s and 40s. Dancers



wasted no time, immediately filling the floor and keeping it filled for three hours.

The Glenn Miller Band tours incessantly—they're playing four states this week as they continue westward from Raton—and the musicianship demonstrates that practice makes perfect. Although the convention center's lighting and acoustics couldn't match those of the Shuler, that didn't keep the band from swinging hard and the dancers from responding in kind. In combining fine dining, great music and dance, the arts council reminded all that the arts are multi-faceted.

Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

The Glenn Miller Orchestra entertained 168 happy diners and dancers for a benefit performance Saturday night at Raton Convention Center. One of the Glenn Miller Orchestra's two singers, Natalie Angst enjoyed what she heard from the 17 musicians playing behind her as dancers filled the floor out front. Some of the dancers wore similar smiles. **More on Page 3 ...**



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Beetles, weather, combine to damage elms in SE Colorado

Colorado State University Extension Office
Special to The Chronicle-News

Elm trees in southeast Colorado are having a bad year. On the heels of years of drought, which already had reduced overall tree health, they are suffering from a one-two punch of a dramatic temperature decline last November – from the high seventies to well below zero in just a few days, damaging trees that had not yet gone dormant – followed by more recent attacks



from elm leaf beetles. As a result of the weather extremes, many trees are declining or even dying,

and now the beetles are causing their leaves to brown out, adding to their damaged appearance.

Donna Davis, district forester for the Colorado State Forest Service La Junta District, says her office has received numerous calls in recent weeks from homeowners and others concerned about their elms. She says these trees and beetles have co-existed since the trees were introduced here, but elms that lost leaves and branches as a result of past weather events weakened them and made them susceptible to significant damage from the insects this year.

Siberian, American and English elms all are being impacted in counties including Crowley, Otero, Bent, Kiowa, Cheyenne, Prowers, Baca and Las Animas.

"Persistent drought and last fall's rapid temperature drop are



Photos courtesy CSU Extension

Adult elm leaf beetle, above, and elm leaf beetle pupae, left.

probably the biggest drivers of the current elm decline in southeast Colorado," said Davis. "But now the elm leaf beetle is having a much greater impact than usual."

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WEATHER WATCH

Wednesday: A 10 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 51. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest after midnight.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 84. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast in the afternoon. Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 56. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest after midnight.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near

87. West northwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 58. West southwest wind around 5 mph.

Saturday: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. West wind around 5 mph. Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. West southwest wind around 5 mph becoming northeast after midnight.

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AREA NEWS

COMMERCIALLY SPEAKING

Commercial Street work continues — 1st block now complete, open

City of Trinidad
Special to *The Chronicle-News*

The City of Trinidad is pleased to announce that a portion of the first block, from the Purgatoire River Bridge to a little more than half way down the street towards Cedar Street is now open to traffic and parking on both sides. The southern end allows motorists to turn around, and exit the block. City crews installed the walking area bricks as well the lampposts. The contractor worked thru the weekend, last week, to install two new manholes in the Plum Street intersection, which reopened to traffic on Monday afternoon. Crews continue to work, around the rain, at Cedar Street and are installing water and storm drain lines in that area.

The City would like to express our thanks to all businesses owners, residents and visitors for their patience and understanding during this construction time. We are confident that the finished product will be very appealing, and truly, a welcome addition to the beauty of our City.

Any questions regarding this project may be directed to Tom Beach, Public Works Director, at (719)-846-9843 extension 126.



Photo by Nick Ruybalid/*The Chronicle News*

A motorist takes to the road on the newly opened section of Commercial St. in downtown Trinidad. Construction continues on other sections of the street, but the first block has been completed and is open for use.

RATON ENJOYS GLENN MILLER



Photos by Tim Keller / *The Chronicle-News*

Mellow notes from a slide trombone filled the air along with the amazing sounds of the popular Glenn Miller Orchestra. As twilight fell outside the Raton Convention Center, dancers wasted no time, filling the dance floor the moment the bandleader struck up the band.



ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION

Highway 160 between Trinidad, Springfield now open to through traffic

New bridge work finished, some delays still expected

Colorado Department of Transportation
Special to *The Chronicle-News*

LAS ANIMAS COUNTY — The 56-year-old bridge located about seven miles west of Kim at Smith Canyon, is finished and Highway 160 is now open. Work will continue to improve the 18 mile segment of U.S. 160 between mile 405 and 423, east and west of Kim, CO. The remainder of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) project consists of rotomilling, asphalt paving, full-depth patching at select locations, new guardrails, traffic delineators and striping is continuing and is scheduled for completion in November 2015.

Project hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. During paving op-

erations, drivers can expect single lane closures, with alternating traffic through the work zone. Delays up to 15 minutes should be anticipated.

INFORMATION: For project information or questions the public may call (719)-480-9890 or send an e-mail to jlopez@apc.us.com. Updated informa-

tion on this or other CDOT projects is also available at www.cotrip.org or by calling 511. To receive project updates via wireless device or e-mail, visit www.coloradodot.info and click on the green cell-phone icon in the upper right-hand corner. The link takes you to a list of items/areas you can subscribe to.

Registration for
Primero School District RE-2
is being held on Wednesday,
August 26, 2015 from 1-4 p.m.
6th grade orientation will begin at
2 p.m. for all students entering 6th
grade. School starts on August 27,
2015 for Primero students.

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