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■ SEPTEMBER 16

SPPD AUXILIARY
WEDNESDAY (10 a.m.) Group will meet at the Aguilar Fire Station. Info: Marilyn Carlson, 719-680-0688.

SUPPORT GROUPS

WEDNESDAY (11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.) Chronic Pain Support Group meets at the Methodist Church, Broom & State St. Info: Jay Slater, 719-422-4572.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

WEDNESDAY (Noon) Monthly Business Luncheon will be held in the Sullivan Center at the TSJC Campus. Guest Speaker will be Jonathan Mangino with Farmer's Insurance. Info: 719-846-9285.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

WEDNESDAY (5:30 p.m.) CALLING ALL SINGERS! Rehearsals for "The Heart of Christmas" will begin at the Trinidad United Methodist Church, corner of Broom-State Streets. Info: Dr. Amy Wilson, 719-846-7387.

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.

PURGATOIRE WATERSHED

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

OPEN MIC

WEDNESDAY (7-9 p.m.) Public is invited for an evening of free music and art featuring Tony and the Fly Coop band at Gallery Main, 130 E. Main St. Info: Bree Pappan, 719-846-1441.

Today's Quote

"If I could live my life again, I would dare to make more mistakes."

~Frank Sinners

■ SEPTEMBER 17

DINE OUT FOR NOAH'S
THURSDAY: Event lasts all day and evening at Bob and Earl's, Brix, Nana and Nana's and Wendy's to help support Noah's Ark Animal Shelter. Information: 719-680-2385.

■ PUBLIC SERVICE

FREE LANDFILL DAY
SATURDAY (7 a.m.-3 p.m.) Residential refuse can be dropped off at the City Landfill without cost, 2401 N. State St. Info: 719-846-2538.

BENEFIT FUNRAISER

SATURDAY (8 a.m.-2 p.m.) Senior Senior Center will hold a HUGE Garage Sale to benefit the Center's many community projects, at the Center off Hwy 12 in Segundo - behind the Catholic Church and Ringo's Market. Info: Barb Holik, 719-868-2024.

FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY (8 a.m.-3 p.m.) Farmer's Market Fall Festival will be at Cimino Park - includes live music, vendors, family fun. The \$1 Tickets benefit the Farmer's Market & are available at Curly's Beads, Faragosi Farms, Tee's Mee and Hops & Vines (also at the event).

LIBRARY BOOK BUDDIES

SATURDAY (11 a.m.-Noon) Story time with furry friends from Noah's Ark, crafts and activities will be held at the Carnegie Library 202 N. Anselmo St. Info: 719-846-6841.

COWBOY TRADE SHOW

SATURDAY (9 a.m.-6 p.m.) Fun, food & vendors all day at the Folsom Museum in New Mexico. Proceeds benefit the Museum. Folsom Museum: 575-278-2122.

ART SHOW OPENING

SATURDAY (5-7 p.m.) The SPAce Gallery's new show "FLIBER" opening reception will be at the Gallery, 132 W. Ryus. LeVeta - runs through Oct. 17. Info: 719-742-3074.

SAYRE SENIOR CENTER

SEPTEMBER 22: Center's annual benefit Pasta Dinner (5:30 p.m.) and Bingo Night (7 p.m.) will be held at the Knight of Columbus Hall on S. Commercial St. Info: Anna Risi, 719-846-3336.

BENEFIT DANCE

SEPTEMBER 26 (7-11 p.m.) Benefit Dance to support the Spanish Peaks Fire Dept. will be held at the Spanish Peaks Inn in Guinlure, just south of Aguilar. Info: Marilyn Carlson, 719-680-0688.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

OCTOBER 2 (Noon-4 p.m.) Help save a life! Bonfils Blood Drive will be held in the Pioneer Room at Trinidad State Junior College, 600 Prospect St. Sign-up and information: Bonfils Appointment Center, 800-365-0006 or www.bonfils.org.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 09/15/15. Lewelling & McCormick Ditch: Priority # 13 --- Appropriation date: 01/01/1863.

Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:

Release 253.09 AF
Inflow 71.17 AF -- 35.88 CFS
Evaporation 17.08 AF
Content 24,664 AF
Elevation 6,189.83
Precipitation 0

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



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TRAFFIC FATALITY

Train collides with pickup in Otero County — kills Rocky Ford man

Staff report

The Chronicle-News

The Colorado State Patrol is investigating a traffic crash involving a pickup and a train that resulted in one fatality in Otero County.

According to the State Patrol, "A 2011 Ford F150 was traveling north on Otero CR 23 as a BNSF train was traveling east on its tracks. As the train approached the railroad crossing at Otero CR 23, it repeatedly blew its horn prior to reaching the crossing, but the Ford F150 entered the crossing ahead of the train. The front of the train collided with the driver's side of the Ford, causing the Ford to rotate clockwise and travel southeast off the crossing before it came to rest on its wheels. The train was immediately placed into an emergency stop and came to rest on the tracks."

The pickup's driver, 53-year-old Francis Milenski of Rocky Ford, was ejected as the Ford rotated after impact. Milenski was transported to a local hospital where he died of his injuries.

The State Patrol said Tuesday that, at this time, speed, alcohol, or drug use are not considered to be contributing factors in the crash.



LOCAL EDUCATION

Superintendent talks about Unified Improvement Plan

By Steve Block
The Chronicle-News

Trinidad's school superintendent wants to keep the district's focus squarely on student achievement. Scott Mader addressed that issue when he spoke at Monday's Board of Education meeting about the school district's Unified Improvement Plan (UIP), which is designed to help students make academic progress.

"We want to talk about what we're doing with our Unified Improvement Plan, and what we've done so far," Mader said. "It's an unfinished plan right now. Number one is that it's one unified plan. The year before I got here, there was a unified plan for each school building in the district. That usually is the way that it is for a district that has over 1,000 students, and we're only at that number now. But we asked for special permission to have one Unified Plan for the whole district, rather than ones for each individual school in the district. We thought that was a better way to approach this, so that we're all going

ing in the same direction."

Mader said Trinidad School District No. One began putting together its plan in May, rather than waiting until the start of the new school year, as most school districts do. An official from the

that we needed to work on two areas, reading and math at all levels. Throughout all levels we're below state expectations, and just frankly stated, that's where we're at."

Mader next discussed the root causes of the district's struggles

with making improvement in math and reading student achievement.

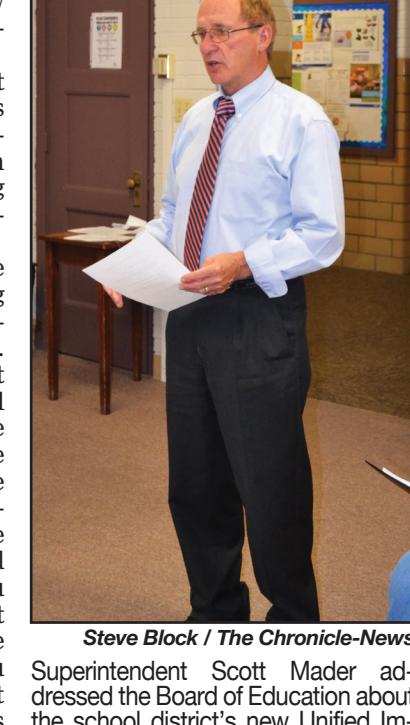
"A root cause is something that's deep within your district. You could almost say it's a cultural thing. These are the reasons we're not getting the student achievement that we think we should get. When you identify root

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Colorado Department of Education (CDE) came to Trinidad to meet with local administrators, to start putting together the plan so it could be implemented this fall. The district doesn't have to submit its UIP to the state until January 2016, but Mader said the Trinidad district was working to complete its plan by the end of October this year.

"Our instructional focus will be reading and math," he said. "For us, across the board and throughout the district, we were saying

causes, you can't say it's because we don't have any money. You can't say it's because our kids don't try hard enough. You can't say it's because we don't pay enough for teachers. You can't say it's because administrators are turning over all the time. You can't blame it on parents, and you can't blame it on low socio-economics. A root cause is something that you have control over. You disassociate yourself from blaming other entities, but that's the way to do it. You can't control a lot of things, but there



Steve Block / The Chronicle-News
Superintendent Scott Mader addressed the Board of Education about the school district's new Unified Improvement Plan.

are certain things we can control. We can control some aspects of our curriculum. We can control how we deliver instruction in the classroom. We can in-service our teachers, so that they can get bet-

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WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT

Folsom hosts Hi Lo Fiesta, Cowboy Trade Show Saturday

By Tim Keller
Correspondent
The Chronicle-News

Folsom, New Mexico, was a burgeoning commercial crossroads of ranches and railroads until a flash flood decimated the town in 1908.

In a narrow valley surrounded by insanely gorgeous vistas of mesas and nearby Capulin Volcano, the village has hung on, its population now around 70 people.

Saturday's second Hi Lo Fiesta and Cowboy Trade Show is so big and ambitious that it must have taken all 70 residents to make it happen. Starting at 10 a.m. (Sept. 19), food and crafts vendors will be set up all day throughout

the tiny town as visitors explore its sites, all within an easy walk. After a big barbecue dinner, three music acts will entertain listeners and dancers in an outdoor theater towered over by century-old trees, with headliner Michael Martin Murphey helping to draw a big crowd.

The town's centerpiece is the Folsom Museum, located in the old Doherty Mercantile Co. building, built in 1896 and located at the crossroads of NM highways 325 and 456. (A third highway, NM 72, also leads to Folsom and is the recommended route from Raton for its panoramic vistas over pristine

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Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

New Mexico icon Michael Martin Murphey headlines the second Hi Lo Fiesta in Folsom, New Mexico, Saturday night (Sept. 19). Following a daylong and town-wide fiesta and cowboy trade show, the music starts at 6 p.m. with James Steinle, followed by Murphey's concert at 7, then a dance with Blackwater Draw Band.

SELF IMPROVEMENT

7 Habits of Highly Effective People — program to be held on TSJC Campus Sept. 25, 26

By Eric John Monson
News Editor
The Chronicle-News

Recently, local school districts have begun using the internationally known course "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" as a program to engage students, teachers and administrators. The program has been used widely in businesses, schools, prisons and other communities since Stephan Covey first published it in 1989. "Many who have taken the course describe it as life changing whether at work, home, or in their personal and social lives," said Seven Habits instructor and Trinidad State Junior College (TSJC) professor, Dr. Sue Nesbitt.

Now, led by Dr. Nesbitt, the program is being offered to the public at TSJC on Friday, Sept. 25 and Saturday, Sept. 26 for the cost of \$175, which will include course materials and the registration fee.

"I've done this class on a regular basis at the prison and we've offered it at the college before, but this is the first time for the greater public," said Nesbitt. "We knew they were going to be using it in the schools and we thought this would be a good chance for parents to see what the program is all about and just offer it for people who are searching to achieve per-



Photos courtesy TSJC
Associate Professor of Psychology at TSJC, Dr. Sue Nesbitt, will lead the "7 Habits" course.

sonal and interpersonal effectiveness from the inside out—and I think that's about all of us."

Nesbitt said one of the things that she appreciates about Covey's book and program is that the source material is derived from a huge variety of places. Covey, who died in 2012 following complications after a bike accident, himself carried an MBA from Harvard University and a Doctor of Religious Education from Brigham Young University.

"The program doesn't start with behavior," said Nesbitt. "Instead it starts with what's going on

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WEATHER WATCH

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 83. West southwest wind around 10 mph. **Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around

around 52. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 83. West wind around 5 mph becoming south southwest in the afternoon. **Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 53. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 77. Northwest wind around 5 mph. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 48. East

wind around 5 mph becoming south southwest after midnight.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 78. South wind 5 to 10 mph. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, high near 80. West southwest wind around 5 mph. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low of 50.

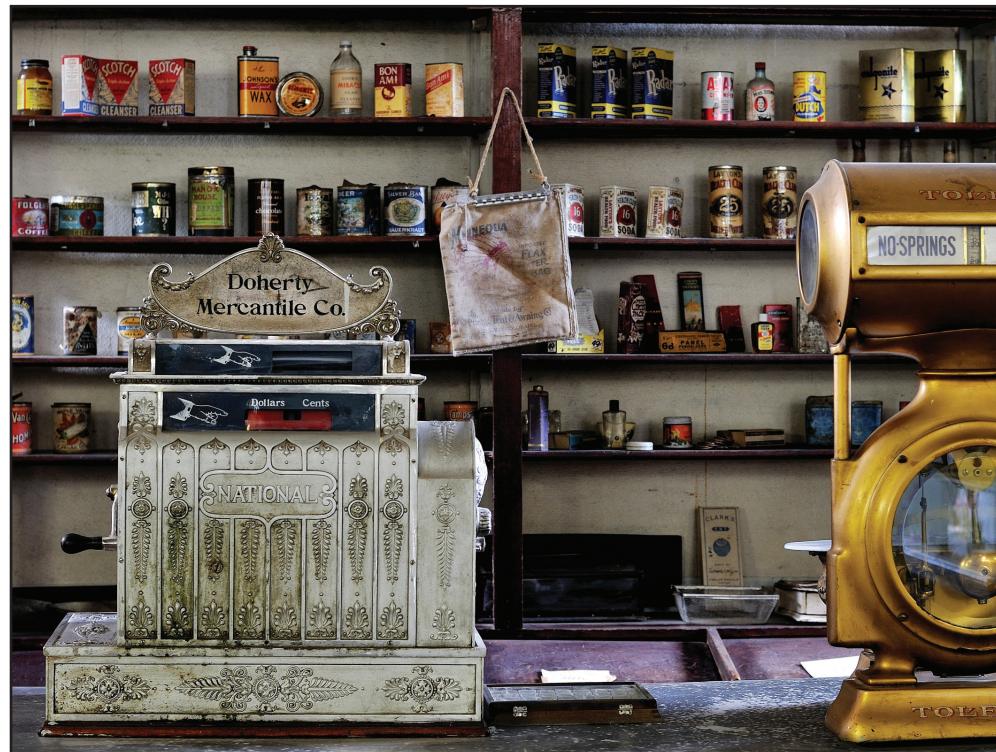


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ENTERTAINMENT

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he's also known for cowboy songs and titles like "Geronimo's Cadillac," "Carolina in the Pines," "What's Forever For," and the official New Mexico state ballad, "The Land of Enchantment."

Although people will find plenty to dance to earlier, the dancing will get serious when the Blackwater Draw Band comes in from Portales to play its popular country dance music, beginning at 9 p.m.

Concert information is available from Matt Doherty at (575) 707-0492. Vendor information is available from Barbara Schoonover at (575) 278-3696. Folsom Museum information is available at (575) 278-2122. Folsom is 60 miles from downtown Trinidad, a one-hour drive via Hwy 64/87.



Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News



Johnson Mesa. The drive home can take the faster Highway 64/87 back to Raton. Another attractive daylight option is the drive through Branson, Colorado.

Saturday's events raise funds to make critical roof and structural repairs to the non-profit, volunteer-run Folsom Museum. Featured two years ago in New Mexico Magazine, the museum is unique, the old Doherty Mercantile Co. still largely intact and augmented by displays donated by local businesses, ranches and families, many of whom have been in the area for more than a hundred years. The museum will be open all day Saturday; the admission fee is \$1.50.

While cowboy poetry and songs are performed under shade trees, vendors from all over New Mexico and adjoining states will demonstrate and sell their wares. Leather craft will include saddles and tack while metal work will include lamps, silver

jewelry and custom accessories. The Des Moines FFA will display and take orders for custom meat-cutting boards. Hamburgers will be available on the grill for lunch.

Pitchfork BBQ will serve brisket dinner with two sides and dessert starting at 5 p.m. with the first 100 concert tickets getting free dinner. Concert tickets cost \$30, with the first 300 entered for a chance at a cow elk hunt on the Doherty ranch. Advance tickets are available at <http://hilofiesta.ticketleap.com>. Kids under 12 will be admitted free, but all kids under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Austin singer-songwriter James Steidle opens the evening show at 6 p.m. with songs from his album "Up & At Em." Headliner Michael Martin Murphey takes the stage at 7, singing songs he's made famous throughout the past 43 years, first in Austin and then in northern New Mexico. His 1975 hit, "Wildfire," made him a star but

Clockwise from above: New Mexico icon Michael Martin Murphey headlines the second Hi Lo Fiesta in Folsom, New Mexico, Saturday night, Sept. 19. This year's Hi Lo Fiesta in Folsom presents three evening music acts in the same outdoor theater where Canadian country singer-songwriter Corb Lund entertained during last year's inaugural event.

Folsom, New Mexico, sits at the crossroads of New Mexico highways 325, 456 and 72, with its 119-year-old museum building occupying the center of town. Saturday's second Hi Lo Fiesta and Cowboy Trade Show is a benefit to raise money to make critical repairs to the building. The Folsom Museum began life in 1896 as the Doherty Mercantile Co. Seventy years later, community volunteers took it over and christened it a museum, leaving much of the store's interior intact but adding donated materials from local families.

Mt. San Rafael Hospital

Please welcome
our new Chief Executive Officer
John R. Tucker, FACHE



John R. Tucker, FACHE, joins Mt. San Rafael Hospital after serving as Chief Executive Officer of acute care and critical access facilities in Arkansas and Alabama. Most recently, Mr. Tucker served as the CEO of Dallas County Medical Center located in Fordyce, Arkansas. He received his bachelor's degree in accounting from Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas and his master's degree in Health Services Administration from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Please join us for an OPEN HOUSE
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to our community!

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Thursday, September 17, 2015
5pm to 6:30pm

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