

OVER THE PASS



"I wish they had the Raton Range. I miss it. We need a paper at least three times a week. We watch channels 4, 7, 13, and Fox. We turn from channel to channel and get news from all of them. Channel 7 is best."

– Cecilia Turner, retired R.N. (Raton)



TRINIDAD-RATON CONNECTIONS

"Where do you get your news?"

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"I get my news off 'the news,' like Fox 21 News. We get The Chronicle-News at home and I read that some days."

– Clarissa Aguilar, student, GOAL Academy (Trinidad)



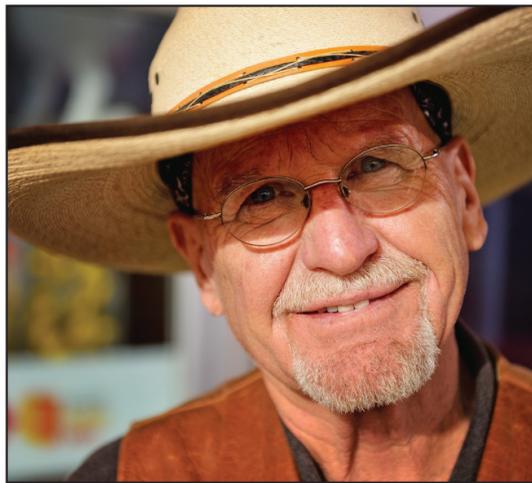
"Primarily off my iPad. My regulars are BBC News and USA Today."

– Terry Sharpe, airport operations manager, City of El Paso, TX (Trinidad)



"I get my local news through The Chronicle-News and I catch national and international news on the Internet. I look at the New York Times and The Guardian. I also look at The Chronicle of Higher Education."

– Chris O'Brien-Touchie, ESL instructor, TSJC (Trinidad)



"I read the Taos News, that's it. I don't follow national news: why would I want to listen to a bunch of propaganda and lies? We used to come visit at the courthouse for news. We'd ride a horse up. That was the only place to get news. It was unreliable, but if you didn't come, you didn't get anything."

– Buck Owens, retired entrepreneur, Eagle Nest (Raton)



"Primarily off of MSN on the Internet. I do sometimes read the Raton Comet and Pueblo Chieftain because I'm old school and like to have a physical paper in my hands sometimes."

– Mike Cummings, retired, Vermejo Park Ranch (Raton)

DISTRICT PREVIEW

Area basketball teams — Looking to make deep post-season runs

By **Adam Sperandio**
The Chronicle-News

With the regular season completely wrapped up, area teams are gearing up for their respective district tournaments with aspirations of hoisting the coveted golden basketball awarded to the state champions at the end of the season. The Trinidad area is no stranger to having their own state championships, a state title in basketball, however has not been one of them.

This year the Trinidad area has three legitimate state title contenders to offer in the Primero Bulldog boys (13-4), the Trinidad Lady Miners (13-6) and the Hoehne Lady Farmers (19-0). Each team is more than deserving to represent their school and their community in the dance, however being deserving doesn't guarantee anything.

The blood, sweat, tears and hard work these athletes have put into their craft throughout the season has finally come to this point: Win and you keep going, lose and you go home. Here is a look at what to expect at districts from our local teams as they look to make their post-season runs.

Aguilar

District-6 (Southern Peaks League)
The Aguilar Wildcats travel to Creede to take on the Miners with a chance to move into the championship round against Sierra Grande. The Cats played their best ball of the season against the Miners in their last matchup, Tip off tonight at 6:30 p.m.



Devon Sandoval and the sixth seed Lady Miners travel to La Junta tonight to take on the No.3 Tigers in the opening round of the Tri-Peaks League Tournament. Tipoff is scheduled for 6 p.m.

Hoehne

District 6 (Santa Fe League)
The defending Santa Fe League Champs and No.6 ranked (according to maxpreps) Lady Farmers drew John Mall at home while the Farmer Boys find themselves traveling to Ordway to take on Crowley County. Both games are scheduled to tip off tonight at 6 p.m. The Lady Farmers held John Mall in check all season long, outscoring the Panthers 127-24 in their two prior matchups. The winner gets the winner of Rocky Ford and Swink. The boys will have a bit of a harder time, as they are 0-2 against the Chargers this season. The winner will take on the winner of Swink and Las Animas Thursday. Second round and championships for both boys and girls will be this weekend at Otero Junior College in La Junta.



Cyd the Kid: Santa Fe League MVP candidate Cydney Kreutzer will lead the Lady Farmers into battle against the John Mall Panthers tonight in Hoehne. Tipoff is scheduled for 6 p.m.

Primero

District-6 (Southern Peaks League)
Both boys and girls drew La Veta in the first round of districts with games being played at Trinidad High School tonight. The No. 8 seed Lady Bulldogs will tip off against the No. 2 seed Lady Redskins at 5:30 pm and the boys will follow. The Lady Bulldogs lost the Redskins by a final score of 40-19 in their first matchup. The winner will take on the winner of the Antonito Centennial on February 26. The boys come into their matchup with the Redskins sitting in the No. 3 seed in the Southern Peaks league and made short work of the No. 6 seed Redskins earlier in the season defeating their SPL foes by a final score of 55-28 the winner will more-than-likely play Sierra Grande on February 26. Second round and Championships will take place this weekend at Adams State University in Alamosa.



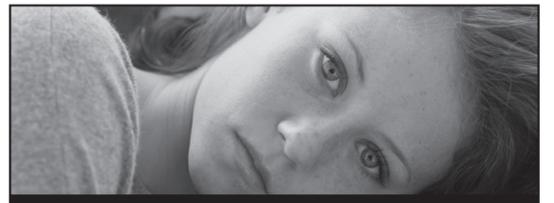
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Southern Peaks League MVP candidate James Lujan and the Primero Bulldogs take on the La Veta Redskins in the opening round of the District-6 tournament. The game will be played at THS's Donnelly Gymnasium with a 7 p.m. tipoff.

Trinidad

Tri-Peaks League
It's crazy how things can change in a month. The Lady Miners were in control of their own destiny and firing on all cylinders having just defeated then No. 6 ranked La Junta in a heated matchup that saw the Miners claim sole possession of the third seed in the Tri-Peaks League. The team was on a roll before losses to Lamar and Salida and some "outside assistance" saw the 13-6 Lady Miners go from being in control of their own destiny to being a part of a highly convoluted four-team tie with millions of different scenarios. The one scenario the Lady Miners didn't want was the one they got: The No. 6 seed and a rematch with the Tigers on the road tonight at 6 p.m. Should the Lady Miners win, they will take on the winner of Manitou and Buena Vista. Championship rounds will be taking place at Pueblo Central High School this weekend.

The boys lost their pigtail game to James Irwin over the weekend, ending their season with a 10-10 record.



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