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TUESDAY SCRT

LAST WEEK for NUNSENSE, BABY & SQUABBLES. For tickets call 719-846-4765 or go to the SCRT Ticket Office at 132 E. Main. St. Trinidad. All performances at the Massari Theatre. For more information go to <www.SCRTTheatre.org>.

Area Home Schoolers

Raton & Trinidad - annual curriculum sharing meeting for all area home schoolers. New members welcome. Bring your favorite materials & books, snacks, etc. 10:30 a.m. Tues @ Fisher's Peak Community Church in Fellowship Hall, 10377 Santa Fe Trail. For more information call 719-846-2019 or e-mail: harthomeschool@yahoo.com.

Kiwanis

Weekly luncheon 12 p.m. every Tues @ A Little Catering Company, 916 Arizona.

City Council

Trinidad City Council work session meets 1:30 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tues @ City Hall Council Chambers, third floor.

Lady Eagles

Lady Eagles Auxiliary #179 meets 6 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tues @ Eagle's Hall.

TAAC

Trinidad Area Arts Council Board meets 6 p.m. 2nd Tues. @ First Street Gallery, 150 E. First St. Call (719) 846-1441 for information.

Schools

★ **Hoehne** - Board of Education Special Meeting 7 p.m. Tues in the Superintendent's Office.

★ **Trinidad Schools** - Board of Education regular meeting 6 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tues @ the Administration Office, 215 South Maple St.

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WEATHER WATCH

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 89. North northwest wind around 5 mph.



Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 56. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.



Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 58. Calm wind becoming south southwest between 5 and 10 mph.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire river call as of 8/9/10
Johns priority #145 10/20/1902
Trinidad Reservoir accounting
Release 269.72 AF
Inflow 724.71 AF = 365.37 cfs
Evaporation 18.99 AF
Content 21,027 AF
Elevation 6181.64
Precipitation .51
Downstream river call
Nine Mile 5/10/1887
1 cubic (cfs) foot per second equals one cubic foot of water passing a point in one second of time.
1 acre-foot equals a quantity of water required to cover one acre of land to a depth of one foot.
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From left are Col. Mike Bowers from Fort Carson, Robert Ling, Nick DeBono, retired Col. Lou Simpleman and Cpl. Johnny Rios, who was honored with a delivery of medals for his years of service. Rios received his Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, and the United States Service Medal.

Cpl. Johnny Rios finally gets honored with medals

BY DAVID J. SANTISTEVAN JR.
The Chronicle-News

A special delivery of medals celebration for Cpl. Johnny Rios, U.S. Army, was held last Saturday in front of the Vietnam and Korean War Memorials at the Colorado Welcome Center. Personnel from Fort Carson, as well as members from Veterans of Foreign Wars posts in Raton, NM, and San Luis, also participated.

Rios received the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal with Two Bronze Service Stars, and the United States Service Medal for 60 years of proud service to his country.

"After 60 years of service I feel honored and proud today. It felt real good to have my family from all over be here today," Rios said. "It was an honor to have the Honor Guard from Raton, people from San Luis, from Pagosa Springs, the Army out of Ft. Carson, I thank them for being here, it is truly a blessing. I thank God for this and my wife and family for the support. I waited 60 years but God made this happen at the right time for me and my family."

Rios entered the service Jan. 5, 1949, at the age of 16. Three months later he was fighting for



Retired Cpl. Johnny Rios receives his Korean Service Medal from his nephew, Tom Rios of San Antonio, Texas, during Saturday's medal delivery for Rios in front of the Vietnam and Korean Memorials. Col. Mike Bowers from Fort Carson was also on hand for the ceremony, along with Mrs. Rios and CPL Rios's family.

his country. Rios spent 11 months, 16 days in the combat zone, where he was an M-19 tank driver.

Rios added, "I wrote my story. My story is written. The two battle stars I received today, I have been writing about over the years, along with all my experiences

while serving my country." Rios went to basic training in Fort Bliss, Texas, and advanced training at Fort Lewis. He then went to Fort Ord in California before heading to Japan on the U.S. Navy ship General Black.

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School board carries on business all summer long

By RICHARD SITTS
The Chronicle-News

The Trinidad School District #1 Board of Education anticipates a shorter and less dramatic meeting at 6 tonight, after a standing-room-only crowd turned out for the previous meeting on July 27. That meeting included discussion on rehiring Trinidad High School Volleyball coach Geneva Villegas, which the board voted to do by a slim 3-2 approval.

The other major piece of business was filling the position of a grant writer that also has other duties. School district administration had a person identified and was ready to offer a contract for the \$53,000 salaried position before the board, after much discussion, voted 3-2 not to fill the position.

According to Executive Director of Learning Services Julie Sumpter, grant writing accounted for only about 25 percent of the position. Other components of the job included keeping tabs on federal programs and funding, planning and coordinating staff development, and managing the student database (Power School), Sumpter said, adding that she would be busy prioritizing and delegating the work that this position requires, and then review with District Superintendent Mike Tranter and Chief Financial Officer Jack Bay. All three had recommended that the board fill the position, that already was included in the district's budget, but Board President Linda Vigil and members Charlene Bertolino and Manuel Torres voted not to fill the position.

The discussion and the vote were emotionally draining, as the board carried on and went through the following items still left on the busy agenda:

■ Voted 5-0 to approve Trinidad State Junior College's post-secondary enrollment options agreement.

■ Approved TSJC's S.T.E.P. (GED) agreement, 5-0.

■ By 5-0 votes, approved the City of Trinidad SRO contract, and a trash bid contract with Right Way Disposal of Trinidad.

■ The board had to table the fuel bid contract because there were no bids. "I'm a little disappointed with our vendors on fuel bids - neither one sent in a bid," Bay said, in trying to explain why local vendors had submitted no bids. Bay said he asked the two local vendors - Duran Oil and Acorn Petroleum - to submit something in writing. "To be honest, they were lazy. We had the same conversation with them last year: We're kind of a captive audience here," Bay said.

Board member Torres responded, "Tell them we're going to go with Safeway."

Tranter added that the district could look at other distribution alternatives and would check to see if anyone is being creative in fuel distribution.

"There's got to be an entrepreneur somewhere out there in the community," said board member Vic Meyers.

■ Approved a photocopier maintenance bid contract, 5-0, with Gobin's, Inc., of Pueblo.

■ Voted 5-0 to keep the district's current audit services, Dixon Waller & Co., Inc. Meyers said that from everything he has read and heard, that it's a good idea to bring in a different auditor every few years. Bay agreed, saying that every three to four years, "we look at everything we do - but not all at once - because companies become complacent."

■ Approved a bus/Trinidad Middle School fence bid, 5-0, with Taylor Fence of Pueblo.

The board also heard the following information items:

■ Bay presented the transportation manual, saying that the district wants students to understand that the school bus is an extension of the classroom, and they should behave accordingly.

■ Bay also gave a presentation on cooling issues at Trinidad Middle School. Year-round education will not happen in the district until all schools get heating and cooling systems, Bay said. Bay thanked the district's maintenance staff, which has been working on how to cool the middle

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Photo by Tim Keller

Constantly trading instruments, Bayou Seco's Jeanie McLerie and Ken Keppeler were crowd-pleasers who drew the audience from the exhibition to the chairs.

Bayou Seco tops perfect Folsom Saturday

By TIM KELLER
The Chronicle-News

The cars stretched along Folsom's bucolic main street Saturday morning wore license plates from Kansas, Colorado, Texas, and New Mexico, as their occupants leisurely strolled to the shade of the huge elms over the Folsom Museum and pulled up chairs. For hours, beginning at 10 a.m., Bayou Seco - Jeanie McLerie and her longtime partner Ken Keppeler - held court in the deepest shade, playing violins, accordions, guitars and more, singing in English, Cajun French, and

Spanish, weaving tales of finding traditional songs throughout Louisiana and the breadth of New Mexico.

The occasion was the official opening of the Smithsonian Institution's traveling exhibition, "New Harmonies," which rolled into town earlier in the week on a huge semi trailer pulled by National Guard troops. The exhibit celebrates American roots music, from blues and gospel to early country and bluegrass, from Tejano and polka to Cajun and zydeco, from work and protest songs to sacred songs and the '60s

folk revival.

Album covers, life-size photographs, instrument displays, and sound samples filled the old Folsom Schoolhouse gym with tales of Blind Lemon Jefferson and Charlie Patton, Lydia Mendoza and Narciso Martinez, Bill Monroe and Ralph Stanley, Clara Ward and Thomas Dorsey, Clifton Chenier and the Balfa Brothers, the Carter Family and Jimmie Rodgers, and dozens of other giants of 20th-century American music.

The exhibit is traveling to six

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Photo by Tim Keller

On a perfect country morning, museum visitors sat around under the big elm trees enjoying the music and company of Jeanie McLerie and Ken Keppeler.

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New Mexico communities, co-sponsored by the Smithsonian's Music on Main Street program and New Mexico Humanities Council, whose executive director, Craig Newbill of the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque, was present all day Saturday, joined by NMHC board members Nelda Smith of Logan and Terry Bumpass of Raton, both well-known New Mexico artists.

The old Folsom Schoolhouse, a quarter mile south of the Folsom Museum, received a major renovation last year and was opened for "New Harmonies" by owners Marge and Jim Atwater as a community service. The show remains open daily from 10 to 5 through Sept. 18.

Saturday's guestbook showed visitors from Trinidad, Branson, Weston, and Denver in Colorado; Cimarron, Raton, Clayton, Santa Fe, and Albuquerque in New Mexico; and more far-flung locals such as

Satanta and Kansas City, Kan., and Gilbert, Ariz. Four women drove in Saturday morning from Tucumcari, fans of traditional Hispanic dance music of New Mexico, and it didn't take long for Bayou Seco to get them out of their chairs to perform a dance in the only available parking space outside the Folsom Museum.

At 3 p.m., the crowd migrated from the museum to the schoolhouse for an hour-long Bayou Seco concert, followed by the museum's annual fundraiser auction of donated arts and crafts.

Saturday was just the beginning of two months of special "New Harmonies" events, arranged largely by local coordinator Marijo Balmer of Folsom. Dr. Roberto Garcia will present a program on "Penitente & Latin Mass Music" at the Folsom Schoolhouse Aug. 21 at 3 p.m. "Mariachi 101" will be presented by Gil Sperry

at Des Moines School Sept. 10 at 1 p.m. and at the Folsom Schoolhouse Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. Kathy Flynn presents "The Dust Bowl Days" at Des Moines School Sept. 16 at 1 p.m. Raton's Sharon Niederman will present "From Klezmer to Swing" at the Folsom Schoolhouse Sept. 26 at 3 p.m.

Finally, Bayou Seco returns Oct. 8 to present their "chilgumbo" music in a 1 p.m. concert at Des Moines School. All special events are open to the public and free of charge, although the Folsom Museum welcomes donations - its sole source of funding. For most of the programs, visitors can also plan to spend time perusing both the "New Harmonies" exhibition and the Folsom Museum itself, both of which remain open seven days a week from 10 to 5. Information is available at (575) 278-2122 and www.folsomvillage.com.

Cpl. Johnny Rios finally gets honored with medals

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Rios helped train the Republic of Korea soldiers who were fighting the North Koreans, who then went on to fight the Chinese, who fought alongside North Korea. During the battle, Rios crossed the Manchurian border into North Korea.

During this major battle at the Chosin Reservoir, Rios drove his M-19 tank alongside the 7th Division Battery "D," 15th Anti-Aircraft Artillery.

Rios added, "I lost many of my friends, including my best friend, Bernie Chavez."

Army Col. Mike Bowers from Fort Carson was also in attendance.

Tom Rios, San Antonio, Texas, who serves in the military, pinned his uncle, Rios, with his new medals at Saturday's celebration.

He was part of the Chosin Reservoir's major evacuation to the Port of Hugnang.

Retired Col. Lou Simpleman, USMC, was the master of ceremonies for the ceremony. "From Pusan, South Korea, to the Manchurian border of North Korea, Cpl. Johnny Rios proudly served his country," Simpleman said.

Rios returned home on the U.S. Naval ship, Gen. William Weigel, and was discharged on Jan. 6, 1952.

"The medals I received today validate my service," Rios said Saturday. "I also want to thank Richard Lawler for the flags, my nephew Tom Rios and the local Veterans of Foreign Wars for their support."

TRINIDAD POLICE BLOTTER

ARRESTS

- 7/31/10 - Michael Santistevan, 44, Trinidad - Third degree assault
- 8/1/10 - James Nava, 44, Trinidad - Third degree assault, false imprisonment
- 8/3/10 - Robert Neatherlin, 28, Trinidad - Theft, violation of restraining order
- 8/3/10 - Michael Quintana, 29, Trinidad - Violation of restraining order, theft
- 8/3/10 - Alisha Ulibari, 19, Trinidad - Disorderly conduct, illegal consumption of ethyl alcohol by underage person
- 8/3/10 - George Fisher, 48, Trinidad - Drove vehicle while license under restraint
- 8/4/10 - Mark Simons, 31, Trinidad - Menacing, disorderly conduct
- 8/4/10 - Christopher Vigil, 21, Trinidad - Trinidad Police Department warrant
- 8/5/10 - Florence Barajas, 46, Trinidad - Obstructing a police officer
- 8/5/10 - Joseph Trujillo, 23, Trinidad - Third degree assault, violation of protection order
- 8/6/10 - John Ferraro, 52, Trinidad - Drove vehicle while license under restraint, operated vehicle with defective headlamps

INCIDENTS

- 7/29/10 - Big R - Victim of theft
- 8/3/10 - City of Trinidad, Central Park - Victim of criminal mischief

SUMMONS

- 7/21/10 - Shirley Trancoso, Trinidad - Noises, animals on premises
- 7/30/10 - Jazelle Felthager, Trinidad - Noises, animals on premises, license required
- 8/2/10 - Laurel Ledoux, Raton - Disregarded stop sign
- 8/2/10 - Mark Brady, Grand Junction - Speeding 10-19 miles over the limit
- 8/2/10 - Alex Padilla, Trinidad - Speeding 10-19 miles over the limit
- 8/3/10 - Benjamin Tixier, Trinidad - Disregarded stop sign
- 8/3/10 - Erlene Hernandez, Trinidad - Disregarded stop sign
- 8/3/10 - Ronald Ferraro, Trinidad - Speeding 10-

- 19 miles over the limit
- 8/3/10 - Alice Sandoval, Trinidad - Speeding 10-19 miles over the limit
- 8/3/10 - Ryan Reamy, Trinidad - Speeding 10-19 miles over the limit
- 8/3/10 - Bridget Vialpando, Trinidad - Speeding 10-19 miles over the limit
- 8/3/10 - Briana Mangino, Trinidad - Disregarded stop sign
- 8/3/10 - Charles Shehorn, Model - Disregarded stop sign
- 8/3/10 - Natalee Gonzales, Northglenn - Speeding 20 or more miles over the limit
- 8/3/10 - John Madrid, Trinidad - Speeding 10-19 miles over the limit
- 8/4/10 - Heather Baca, Trinidad - Dogs running at large, keeping of vicious dogs prohibited
- 8/4/10 - Cayla Phillips, Raton - Speeding 10-19 miles over the limit
- 8/4/10 - Ronald Thompson, Trinidad - Speeding 10-19 miles over the limit
- 8/4/10 - Angel Garcia, Trinidad - Speeding 20 or more miles over the limit
- 8/4/10 - Katherine Garlutzo, Trinidad - Speeding 10-19 miles over the limit
- 8/4/10 - Francisco Luna III, Trinidad - Speeding 10-19 miles over the limit

WEED VIOLATIONS

- 8/2/10 - Ronald McAnally, Trinidad - Cutting and removal of hazardous growth required
- 8/5/10 - Michelle Scott, Englewood - Cutting and removal of hazardous growth required
- 8/5/10 - Steven Ruscetti, Trinidad - Cutting and removal of hazardous growth required
- 8/5/10 - David Hulstine, Trinidad - Cutting and removal of hazardous growth required



Photo by David J. Santistevan Jr.

Temporary rivers of runoff flowed through Trinidad streets during an extended rainstorm on Saturday. This photo was taken about 4:30 p.m. near the Village East Trailer Court on the east side of Trinidad. According to the National Weather Service, on Saturday the Trinidad area received 0.41 of rainfall on the east side of town. Also on Saturday there was a flash flood advisory for the entire county. The Model area between Trinidad and La Junta was hit with 1.06 inches of rain on Saturday.

Rains continue to soak Trinidad and Las Animas County

BY DAVID J. SANTISTEVAN JR.
The Chronicle-News

Rain, rain, rain! The Trinidad-Las Animas County area has seen its share of rain over the last month after a very dry month of June.

In July, out at the airport, about 6.84 inches of rain fell, according to the National Weather Service in Pueblo. On July 25, 3.67 inches fell in the area. In the areas of Kim and Aguilar, well over 2.50 inches of rain fell last month.

So far in August, the Model area has seen about 1.4 inches, Bon Carbo close to 1.17 inches, Kim, 1.37 inches, and Aguilar, 2.48 inches. These figures are based on information given to the National Weather Service by spotters. There are reports of well over 5 inches of rain in areas west of Aguilar in the early part of August, but this is an unofficial report.

On Saturday there was a flash flood warning in effect in the Trinidad-Las

Animas County area. Radar estimates that three to four inches fell on Aug. 7 in areas west of Aguilar and anywhere from one to four inches fell in and close to the City of Trinidad.

One official reading had 0.41 inches of rain falling on Saturday on East Main Street and 0.10 inch in the same area on Sunday.

There have been some county roads that have been damaged west of Aguilar, and in the Torres area west of Trinidad.

Today, the National Weather Service forecast is for 30 percent chance of isolated thunderstorms, with a high around 87 and clearing up tonight with a 10 percent chance of precipitation and lows in upper 50s. The rain, according to the forecast, should ease up Wednesday through Friday with mostly sunny skies; highs should be in lower 90s and lows in the lower 60s, with only a 10 percent chance of rain.

Local area lunch menus for week of Aug. 9

The lunch menus published in Monday's edition of *The Chronicle-News* were incorrect for this week. These are the correct menus.

SCCOG SENIOR SERVICES MENU

Please make Reservations/Cancellations one day in advance - Trinidad 719-846-4515/ Walsenburg 719-738-2205

TUESDAY: Pig 'n a Blanket, Green Chili, Cucumber Salad, Potato Chips, Grapes & Beverage
WEDNESDAY: Beef Stew, WW Crackers, Creamy Coleslaw, Cornbread, Watermelon & Beverage
THURSDAY: Grilled Cheese Sandwich on WW, Italian Salad w/ Dressing, Fruit Cocktail & Beverage
FRIDAY: BBQ Pork Riblet, Sliced Potatoes, Corn on the Cob, Apple & Beverage

TRINIDAD STATE NURSING HOME

TUESDAY: Basil Chicken, Fettuccini Alfredo, Broccoli, Lemon Gelatin, Garlic Bread, Parmesan Cheese & Beverage

WEDNESDAY: Beef Strips w/ Salsa, Beans, Mixed Veggies, Tomato & Lettuce, Fruit Cocktail & Beverage

THURSDAY: Roast Pork Loin w/ Gravy, Herb Stuffing, Cauliflower, Iced Pumpkin Squares, Dinner Roll & Beverage

FRIDAY: Country Fried Steak w/ Gravy, Au Gratin Potatoes, Three-Bean Salad, Peach Cobbler, Bread & Beverage

SATURDAY: Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Spinach, Gelatin Cubes, Garlic Bread & Beverage

School board carries on business all summer long

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school during the hot days of August and early September. "They have the Trinidad students and teachers at heart," Bay said, adding that temperatures on the third floor were measured at 85 degrees and 120 in the attic. The building retains heat with its clay roof and brick walls, and maintenance staff is going to experiment with fans to blow out the hot air and suck in cooler air, and see how that works, Bay said.

Before the board adjourned its July 27 meeting, members briefly discussed having a retreat, although they could not agree on when or where. Bertolino has offered use of a cabin an hour or so away from Trinidad,

while board member Karen Montero questioned why the board has to leave town to express its true feelings. Meyers said this could not be a better time for a retreat because of the tough and emotional issues that the board has faced lately.

"There's been high emotion for the last month at least, and that needs to die down," Montero said.

Tranter said a school board he worked with in California all piled into a van and went on a road trip, as a kind of retreat. He chuckled and said it was not all smooth going, but by the end of the trip, individual members knew one another very well, and functioned better as a group.

CORRECTION

Information provided for the Back to School page in *The Chronicle-News* contained some incorrect dates and times. All new students at Trinidad Middle School may register from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m., Aug. 9-12.

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chicken fried steak with white gravy | individual cole slaw
individual mashed potatoes with gravy | 1 baked biscuit

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