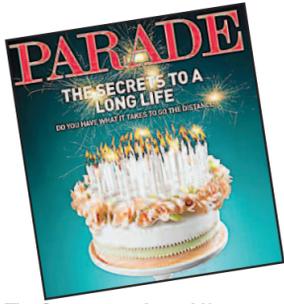


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THE FINE PRINT

CLOSURES

★ *The Chronicle-News* - Office will be CLOSED Mon. (Feb 21) for observance of President's Day. Newspaper delivery will be as usual.

★ SCSOG - The South Central Council of Governments main office, Early Learning Center, Corazon Square kitchen, Harry Sayre Center kitchen, Meals on Wheels & all outlying nutrition sites will be CLOSED - Mon. (Feb. 21) in observance of President's Day. Please call the Ride Line at 719-845-1127 by 3 p.m. Fri (Feb 18) for reservations on Mon & Tues.

★ City of Trinidad & Las Animas County Offices - will be CLOSED (including the Landfill) in honor of President's Day. Normal business hours will resume Tues.

FRIDAY

Angel Food

Stretch your food dollars - Orders for Feb are due Fri (Feb 18). Distribution will be on Sat (Feb 26) from 11-12 p.m. at Fishers Peak Community Church, 10377 Santa Fe Trail Dr. For more information call Barbara Krause @ 719-846-3853.

Memorial Mass

Special 10th Anniversary Memorial Mass in honor of Sgt. Eli J. Martinez 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Fri (Feb 18) @ St. Patrick's-St. Joseph's Church, 104 Buena Vista, Raton, NM. All day events include mass, breakfast, lunch, dinner & special evening sacred concert. For more information call Marie @ 719-647-8945.

Al-Anon / Adult Child

Group meets 6 p.m. every Friday @ the Fisher's Peak Community Church, 10377 Santa Fe Trail Dr. (south door). Call Sharone @ 719-846-9999 for more information. No fee charged to participate & all are welcome.

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RIVER CALL

Purgatoire river call as of 2/17/11
Johns ditch priority #15 4/10/1864
Trinidad Reservoir accounting
Release .06 acre ft.
Inflow 85.06 acre ft.
Evaporation 0 acre ft.
Content 18,485 acre ft.
Elevation 6,177.87
Precipitation 0
Downstream river call
JMR 12/31/1948
Notes
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.
1 cubic foot per second = 1.9835 acre-feet per day (24 hrs)
(Provided by Division of Water Resources)



Mt. Carmel health and wellness center scheduled for July opening

By MIKE GARRETT
The Chronicle-News

Construction of the Mt. Carmel Health, Wellness & Community Center, the community's planned new go-to site for enhanced health care and social and cultural diversity, is on schedule for a Phase I mid-July opening as part of a complete rehabilitation of the old 1907-built Mount Carmel Church.

The center plans to offer something for everyone, according to Col. Lou Simpleman of the five-year-old Trinidad Community Foundation and TCF founder, and Trinidad native and Phil Long Family of Dealerships Chief Executive Officer Jay "The Instigator" Cimino, as he is now known in the community.

They updated the project before the Trinidad & Las Animas County Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon audience Wednesday in a packed Trinidad State Junior College Sullivan Center Pioneer Room. Trout Unlimited Purgatoire River Anglers Chapter 100 President Howard Lackey also updated the community on the environmental enhancement and clean-up progress along the Purgatoire River, mostly through the downtown area.

Also present on behalf of the Mt. Carmel community collaboration project were Cimino's wife, Emily, his daughter, Gina Stefane, "the real driver behind the project," as president of Colorado Springs-based KipHampden properties, the project's primary designer, former Denver Broncos "Orange Crush" linebacker great Randy Gradashar, the longtime Phil Long Dealerships general manager, and TCF President Phil Rico. Rico pointed out that in its four-plus years of existence, TCF has

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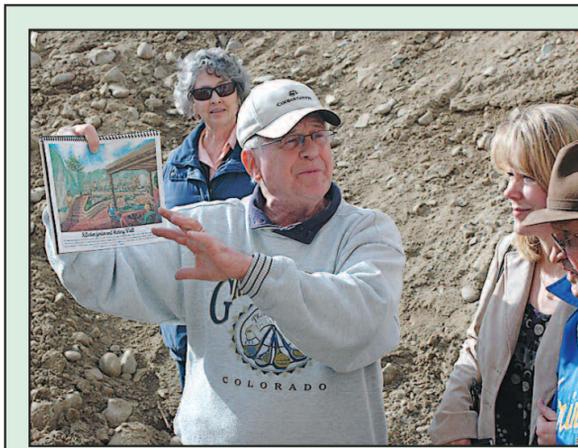


Photo by David J. Santistevan Jr.

During a tour of the Mt. Carmel Health, Wellness, and Community Center, Lou Simpleman holds up an artist's rendering of what a portion of the project will look like when it's completed. Listening at right are Toni DeAngelis and Charlie Latuda.

Locals tour Mt. Carmel Health and Wellness Center

By DAVID J. SANTISTEVAN JR.
The Chronicle-News

A handful of community members took a guided tour Wednesday afternoon of the construction site where the new Mt. Carmel Health, Wellness, and Community Center is being transformed out of the historic Mt. Carmel Church on the west side of town.

Both Jay Cimino, chief executive officer of the Phil Long Family of Dealerships, and Trinidad Community Foundation founder Lou Simpleman were tour guides, showing those in attendance some of the restructuring that is being done at this historic site, as the July deadline for the completion of the construction is only a few months away.

"Our main objective with the center is to provide preventive health care, wellness and to give everyone, no matter their situation, the chance to get some of the best possible health care and treatment, locally," Jay Cimino said in an exclusive interview

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Photo by Tim Keller

FCCLA officers Makayla Mondragon and Tucker Berry stand ready to welcome 256 paying guests to the group's first Chocolate Factory fundraiser event at Raton High School Monday.

If chocolate is a sin, FCCLA is in trouble

By TIM KELLER
The Chronicle-News

RATON - The Valentine's Day Chocolate Factory at Raton High School was so irresistible that it drew 256 paying customers for the all-you-can-eat all-chocolate smorgasbord sponsored as a fundraiser by the students of FCCLA - Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America.

The 26 student members each prepared five batches of a choco-

late recipe, so there were 26 different chocolates to choose from, totaling 130 platters of chocolate altogether. Brownies, fudge, truffles, cream puffs, cookies, nut bars, mousse, cakes, and chocolate-coated nuts and pretzels were among the offerings arrayed around seven long tables under romantic lighting perfect for Valentine's Day. Red table covers and helium-filled balloons added to the festive atmosphere.

Two fountains provided contin-

ual flows of rich chocolate for dipping strawberries, grapes, graham crackers, marshmallows, bananas, pretzels, and other foods.

Those who came to indulge paid \$6, or \$5 for students, to eat all they wanted. It drew a crowd, raising enough money to offset much of the cost of sending the club members to next month's annual state FCCLA convention in Albuquerque, where Raton's Makayla Mondragon will be

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Two Middle School students arrested, charged for controlled substance

By RICHARD SITTS
The Chronicle-News

Two juvenile students at Trinidad Middle School were arrested and charged Tuesday after allegedly consuming a controlled substance in a classroom during school. The two students have been suspended and face expulsion.

A 13-year-old male student is charged with unlawful use of a controlled substance, and unlawful distribution of a controlled substance, which is a felony. A 14-year-old female student is charged with unlawful use of a controlled substance.

The incident occurred at about 9:30 Tuesday morning, during instruction, inside a TMS classroom, according to Trinidad police. According to other student witnesses, the male student pulled out a piece of white paper that contained a white, powdery substance and snorted it. He then reportedly asked other students if his nose was clean and passed the substance to the female student, who also consumed it. The male juvenile has the additional charge of unlawful distribution because he passed the substance on to the female juvenile.

A Trinidad police officer on the scene conducted drug impairment testing on the two students, who showed signs of being under the influence, according to the officer. At that time, the students' parents were notified and the students were taken into custody and transferred to the hospital for their own safety, according to police.

The white powder tested positive as Vicodin - a tablet that contains a combination of acetaminophen and hydrocodone, used to relieve moderate to severe pain, according to the website, www.drugs.com. Side effects can include blurred vision, constipation, difficulty breathing, dizziness, drowsiness, flushing, light-headedness, mental/mood changes, nausea and vomiting.

WEATHER WATCH

Today: Partly sunny, with a high near 50. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: A 10 percent chance of rain after 11am. Partly sunny, with a high near 62. Breezy, with a southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday Night: A slight chance of rain before 11pm, then a slight chance of rain and snow between 11pm and 1am, then a slight chance of snow after 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32. Southwest wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10 percent.

Sunday: A slight chance of snow before 10 am, then a slight chance of rain. Partly sunny, with a high near 50. Breezy, with a west southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10 percent.

Sunday Night: A 10 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 17. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.



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inducted as the new state president. Raton's Tucker Berry will also take state office, as President of Public Relations for the New Mexico chapter of the national student organization.

Mondragon and Berry were key organizers of the local group's Chocolate Factory, based on this year's state theme "The FCCLA Leadership Factory." The event's success is an indicator of the caliber of leadership and talent the state organization will receive from Raton over the coming year.

Most people who came to eat chocolate Monday evening knew nothing of state offices, though: they were just hoping the group will bring the Chocolate Factory back next year.



Photo by David J. Santistevan Jr.

Lou Simpleman, far left, guides a group of community members during a tour of the Mt. Carmel Health, Wellness, and Community Center on Wednesday. The center is entering the final stages of construction, expected to be completed by late summer. Also pictured from left are Toni DeAngelis, Charlie Latuda, Denver Bronco great Randy Gradishar, Chris Simpleman, Kim Lucero, and TSJC President Felix Lopez.

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heritage of Las Animas County. There will be educational and other services provided to the great people of Las Animas County. This is all in our mission statement," Simpleman said.

Along with the wellness center, there will be a chapel, the Ziccardi Community Center, a gift shop and cafe, an amphitheater, a reflection garden, and history wall.

The history wall looks to be the centerpiece of the garden that will outline the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and honor the traditions of the coal miners that are a strong piece of this area's heritage. The amphitheater will bring in some of the best in music and theater with concerts. This idea is

based on the local musicians that are in the Colorado Music Hall of Fame. The community center will feature art and music classes, and it will hold conferences, events, weddings, receptions, and hold a number of medical-based training seminars for the entire community.

Cimino grew up just right down the street from the historic site, on Smith Street.

"The focus is all about healthcare and to service the kids of the community I can't say it enough, we want this center to be about the community and we really want them to feel like they own this facility, like it's their very own."

Both Cimino and Simpleman hope for the construction part of the project to be completed by July 15 for the center to host a Mt. Carmel Festival, an annual tradition that was put on by the church in years' past. The wellness center opening will follow soon after, barring any bumps in the road.

TRIVIA
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Although this structure became known as the McCormick Building, it was built by whom?

a. Ed West
b. John O. Packer
c. John Conkie
d. Delos Chappell

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ANSWER to yesterday's question: The Bell Block