

THE FINE PRINT

TUESDAY

Home School Group

All area Home Schoolers are welcome to join our weekly playgroup 10 a.m. to noon every Tuesday at the Community Center, 1309 Beshoar Drive. For more information e-mail <narhomeschool@yahoo.com> or call 719-846-2019.

Kiwanis

Weekly luncheon at noon every Tuesday at A Little Catering Company, 916 Arizona. Today's Guest Speaker will be Catherine Moser, author of The Chronicle-News feature "What's Cookin' in Trinidad." For more information contact Jeff Mangino at 719-846-9881.

Pierian Club

Meets for lunch and program 12:30 p.m. 2nd Tuesday at Cougar Canyon's Fairway Grill. Call Jean Crisler at 719-846-2325 for more information.

Colorado Rho Master

Monthly Sorority meets 1 p.m. 2nd Tuesday at Chef Liu's on Santa Fe Trail Drive. For more information contact Marlene Mason at 719-846-4996.

City Council

Trinidad City Council work session meets 1:30 p.m. 2nd and 4th Tuesday in City Hall Council Chambers, third floor. For more information contact Audra Garrett, City Clerk at 719-846-9843.

Primero Schools

District Accountability Committee open meeting 4:30 p.m. Tuesday (March 8) in the school library, 20200 Hwy 12. For more information call Tina at 719-868-2715.

Lady Eagles

Lady Eagles Auxiliary #179 meets 6 p.m. 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Eagle's Hall, 204 Pine. For more information call 719-846-3821.

TAAC

Trinidad Area Arts Council Board meets 6 p.m. 2nd Tuesday at the First Street Gallery, 150 East First St. Call 719-846-1441 for information.

Knights of Columbus

Meets 7 p.m. 2nd and 4th Tues at Knights of Columbus Hall, South Commercial St. in Trinidad. For more information call Virgil Micek at 719-846-4171.

Masons

Masonic Lodge #28 meets 7:30 p.m. 2nd and 4th Tues at 132 East Main St. Call 719-846-2861 for more information.

ARTS and CULTURE

Women's History Month

Celebrate National Women's History Month with the "Art of Women of New Mexico" Exhibit 6 p.m. Friday (March 11) at the Old Pass Art Gallery, 145 South First St., Raton, N.M. For more information call 575-445-2052 or go to director@ratonarts.org.

Free Concert

Country Gospel Artist, Suzy Gayle, Platinum Heart's "Female Vocalist of the Decade" in concert 7 p.m. Saturday (March 12) at New Hope Ministries of Trinidad (next to Big R) on Freedom Road. For more information call Barbara Krause at 719-846-3853.

Celtic Fire

Great Irish St. Patrick's Show 7:30 p.m. Wednesday (March 16) at the Shuler Theater, 131 Second St., Raton, N.M. For tickets and information call 575-445-4746 or 970-609-2358.

TALAS Art Show

Regional artist entries accepted 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday (April 5-6) at the Corazon Gallery, 149 East Main St. For more information call 719-846-0207 or pick up prospectus at the gallery. Art show is April 14-30.

Call for Artists

Trinidad's A.R. Mitchell Museum of Western Art is asking for Hispanic arts and crafts artists to participate in the Cinco de Mayo "Celebration of Hispanic Art" Thursday (May 5) at the museum. For details e-mail www.mitchellmuseum@qwestoffice.net or call Elaine at 719-846-4224.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire river call as of 3/7/11
Hoehne ditch priority #9 1/1/1863
Trinidad Reservoir accounting
Release 0.02 acre ft.
Inflow 65.84 acre ft.
Evaporation 5.82 acre ft.
Content 19,043 acre ft.
Elevation 6,178.72
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)

Brisket fundraiser helps others to see



Photo by Richard Sitts

Lions Club members and volunteers helped serve up the organization's annual beef brisket dinner Saturday evening at the Isaac Walton League Hall on Santa Fe Trail. On Saturday, the group served more than 100 meals and raised about \$1,200 for its Eyeglasses for the Needy campaign, according to club members. Shown serving here, from left, are Lions Jack Maurer and Joe Keys, Joe's daughter, Aisling Keys, and Wait Hazen. Joe starts the brisket early in the day and his efforts, along with those of the Lions Club members and volunteers, have made the annual fundraiser a popular event.



Photos by Tim Keller

Clayton Webelos traveled from Clayton to Des Moines to meet artist Nathaniel Franklin and view his work at Studio C. From left are William Baumchen, Mark Bohannon, Franklin, and Devon Bates.

Webelos travel to meet a professional artist

By TIM KELLER
The Chronicle-News

DES MOINES, NM – Clayton den mother Karan Bohannon needed to find a professional artist so her three young Webelos could complete their required art merit badges. She asked another mother, Angela Safranek, for ideas. Safranek called a Clayton arts group, where most of the members are older women who paint. A woman there suggested the boys might prefer Nathaniel Franklin of Des Moines because he's male, he's young, and he works with heavy metal.

The boys and their leaders and families met with Franklin at Studio C in Des Moines Saturday morning. It looked like a match made in heaven as Franklin showed his wares and fielded excited questions not only from the three Webelos and their siblings, but also from four of their parents.

Webelos is a transitional group between Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Participating in



Clayton Webelos take the final step in earning their required art merit badges by visiting with a professional artist. Nathaniel Franklin shows the youngsters a slideshow of his recent work, including the new Mandala Center sign project - artwork made with the help of a bulldozer.

Saturday's outing were Webelos William Baumchen, 10; Mark Bohannon, 11; and Devon Bates, 11.

Studio C owner Christina

Boyce began the meet-up by introducing the visitors to Franklin, then conducting a brief gallery tour, adding a scavenger hunt

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Home fire reported east of Trinidad

C-N STAFF REPORT

Late Sunday evening the Las Animas County Sheriff's Department was called out to a house fire at 1688 County Road 85.0, east of Trinidad, off U.S. Hwy. 160.

Las Animas County Sheriff James Casias said that his office is working with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation's arson department investigating the fire. There was no word by press time on the extent of the damage to the home, or if there were any injuries caused by the fire.

Casias said the fire is still under investigation and that his office hoped to have more information by Tuesday afternoon.

On another case that the sheriff's office is handling, no information has been released concerning a 21-year-old man who was allegedly stabbed somewhere on the north side of Trinidad at about 6:30 a.m. on Feb. 25. Casias said Monday that there is no suspect information to report, and that the officer who has the report is out of the office until Wednesday.

Serious injuries reported in Friday collision

Special to The Chronicle-News

The Colorado State Patrol is investigating a two-vehicle crash that occurred on Interstate-25, near milepost 43, approximately six miles south of Walsenburg, shortly after noon on Friday. A 2003 Toyota Sequoia was traveling southbound in the left lane when it spun into the center median. The Toyota traveled through the median and collided with a guardrail on the northbound side of the highway. The Toyota continued into the northbound lanes and was struck on its right side by a northbound 2004 Honda Pilot. Both vehicles came to rest on the northbound shoulder, with the Toyota atop a guardrail.

The Toyota's driver, 19-year-old Paul Fatur of Erie, and his passenger, 17-year-old Anna Fatur of Erie, sustained serious injuries as a result of the crash. The Honda's driver, 66-year-old Carole Olson of Richfield, Minn., sustained minor injuries as a result of the crash. Olson's passenger, 69-year-old Charles Olson of Richfield, sustained serious injuries. All parties were transported to Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center for treatment. Anna Fatur later was flown to Denver for further treatment.

Paul Fatur was cited with 3 counts of careless driving causing bodily injury and one count of failing to present evidence of insurance. Carole Olson also was cited for failing to present evidence of insurance. All parties were wearing their seatbelts at the time of the crash. Alcohol and drug use are not suspected as contributing factors in the crash.

Excessive speed for the conditions is suspected as a contributing factor; I-25 was slushy and wet at the time of the incident.

WEATHER WATCH

Tuesday: A chance of snow before 5 pm, then a chance of rain and snow. Cloudy, with a high near 40. North northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent. New snow accumulation of less than one inch possible.

Tuesday Night: A slight chance of rain and snow before 7 pm, then a slight chance of snow between 7 pm and 11 pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 21. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 47. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 25. Calm wind becoming west southwest between 5 and 10 mph.



OBITUARIES



PATRICIA M. AVILA
 Patricia M. Avila, of Aguilar, passed away on March 4, 2011 at Triumph Hospital in Aurora, Co.

after a brief illness. She was 54. She was born in Trinidad, Colo on April 7, 1956 to Mary (Teran) and Pete Quintero Sr. Patricia attended Aguilar schools. On April 3, 1971, she was united in marriage to Leo A. Avila at the K.P. Hall in Aguilar, Co.

She was a beautician and barber and previously owned her own business, the Mane Attraction in Walsenburg, Co. She then was employed as Patient Advocate and Med Sur Technician at Mt. San Rafael Hospital until her retirement. She enjoyed going to Cripple Creek and having coffee with her friends. Her greatest joy was being Grandma Patty to her grandchildren.

Preceding her in death is son Joseph Avila, mother Mary Quintero and grandparents Trino and Cora Quintero

Survivors are husband Leo Avila of home address, Aguilar, son Leo David (Shannon) Avila, Thornton, Co, daughter Roberta Lee (Ben) McGee, Parker, Co, grandchildren, Katelyn and Justin Avila, Hallie, Maggie and Caleb McGee, father Pete Quintero Sr. Aguilar, siblings Pete Quintero, Aguilar, Monty Quintero, Aguilar, Christine (Ernie) Castillo, Raton, N.M., brothers and sisters in law, Manuel Avila, Pueblo, Alice (Manuel) Montoya, Denver, Rose Avila, Aguilar numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Memorial Services will be held Friday, March 11, 2011 at 1 p.m. at Comi Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Nelson officiating. Private inurnment at a later date. Immediately following the services, friends are invited to gather with the family at Aguilar Community Center.

Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.

VICTOR J. "SNOOKY" DIONISIO

Victor J. "Snooky" Dionisio, passed away unexpectedly on March 6, 2011 at the age of 58. Arrangements are pending and will be announced later by the Comi Funeral Home.



RAY BEATY
 Railroader, U.S. Navy veteran Ray Beaty, 68, passed away March 2, 2011. He was born April 14, 1942, in Denver. He was preceded in death by his parents William and Maurine Beaty. He was married to his loving wife Verna, in 1962, after serving in the Navy four years. He was an active member of the Bible Baptist Church in Trinidad.

Survivors include his wife, Verna, three sons Bill (Janet) Beaty of Trinidad, Bob (Ully) Beaty of Germany, Dan (Liz) Beaty of Scott Air Force Base in Illinois, and one daughter Yvonne (Mike) Ruscetti, of Trinidad. He is also survived by five brothers and five sisters, six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter, sister in law Martha (Walt) Garson, and brother in law Wesley Dunaway.

Visitation will be Wednesday, March 9, 2011 from 2-6 p.m. at Mullare-Murphy Funeral Home. Funeral will be Thursday, March 10, 2011, at 10 a.m., at the Mullare-Murphy Funeral Home with Andy Ohman officiating. Burial to follow at the Trinidad Masonic Cemetery. After the services a meal will be served at the home address, 1111 Victoria Square, Trinidad.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Al Kaly Shrine: Children's Hospital, PO Box 193, Pueblo, CO 81002 or the Advocates Against Domestic Assault, PO Box 696, Trinidad, CO 81082

The family has entrusted Mullare-Murphy Funeral Home with the arrangements.

IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of **BERNARD T. ROBERTS** On His Birthday

Fear no more the heat o' the sun,
 Nor the furious winter's rages,
 Thou thy worldly task has done,
 Home art gone,
 And taken thy wages.
 Fear no more the frown O' th' great,
 Thou art past the tyrant's stroke
 Care no more to clothe and eat
 To thee the reed os as the oak.
 Fear no more the lightenin
 Flash, nor th' all
 Dreaded thunderstone
 Fear not slander, censure rash.
 Thou hast finished
 Joy and moan.
 All lovers young,
 All lovers must
 All follow this
 And come to dust.
 Nothing ill come near thee.
 Quiet consummation have, and
 Renowned be thy grave.
 -William Shakespeare
 Act IV, Scene 11
 Sadly Missed By,
 Your Wife, Mary

IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of **JOHN H. BACA III** On His Birthday, March 7th Happy Birthday in Heaven, John

Our joys will be greater
 Our love will be deeper
 Our lives will be fuller
 Because we shared
 your moment

We love and miss you.
 Jeff, Ellen, Chris, Tina, Brandy, Dylan, Jon, Carey, Eric, Rocky & Melissa, and all your nieces & nephews

In Loving Memory of **HENRIETTA JAMES** On the anniversary of Her passing March 4th



One by one they go before us,
 They are fading like the dew.
 But we know they're
 Watching o'er us;
 They, the good,
 The fair, the true.
 They are waiting for us only;
 Where no pain can ever mar.
 Dear ones who left us lonely,
 Watch us through
 The gates ajar.
 Sadly Missed by,
 John & Joanne;
 Leonard & Becky,
 Steve & Peggy; Tim & Gen;
 Kathy & Terri; Randy & Susan
 Grandchildren &
 Great-grandchildren

In Loving Memory of **CORA CORDOVA** Who Passed away 16 Years ago on March 8



Gone from this world,
 But ever present in our hearts
 and Memories.
 Lovingly missed by,
 Teresa, Dick, Gloria, Dan,
 Jesse, and Danny

In Loving Memory of **JOHN H. BACA III** On His Birthday March 7th



Happy Birthday John, we love and miss you,
 Love,
 Jen, Johnlynn, & Bella.



Photo courtesy of Shirley Donachy

Tole painters, from left, are Dora Corral, Flo Garcia, Sherry Bila, Lorri Kuncis and Rosanna Chavez. Tole painter Mary Nichol is not pictured.

Tole artisans paint up a storm on anything except canvas

By **SHIRLEY DONACHY**
Special to The Chronicle-News

The opportunity to create, learn, enjoy friendship and hospitality is provided to students of Lorri Kuncis in her weekly tole painting class.

Tole painting is the art of decorative painting on objects such as tin, wood, utensils and furniture. This folk art began in the 18th century in New England. Design subjects include flowers, animals, birds, fruits, vegetables, geometric patterns, shapes, religious and seasonal themes, scenery or the artist's choice.

Kuncis received her teaching degree and taught elementary education in fourth and fifth grade for 13 years. This experience, combined with her product training while employed at Leaning Tree Cards, prepared her to initiate a class of her own. Her interest in tole painting began in 1990 after taking a design class at the University of Northern Colorado. She studied with a variety of instructors to broaden her knowledge of the art and continues to hone her skill. In 2005, she began teaching the craft as continuing education at Trinidad State Junior College, the Upward Bound Program and at the Sayre Senior Center. She now continues instruction in her home.

For two and half hours, students receive information on tole painting techniques and individualized instruction with the enjoyment of camaraderie. Added to that is the opportunity to exchange books and recipes and enjoy Lorri's homemade

refreshments.

Lorri shares cooking tips in addition to her tole painting knowledge. She currently is working on a cookbook for publication and bakes goodies from her recipe file, then shares the goodies and the recipes.

Tole painters Sherry Bila, Rosanna Chavez, Dora Corral, Flo Garcia and Mary Nichol, all have varied art experiences prior to taking up this craft. Productions in porcelain, ceramics, pastel, oils, acrylics and quilting are among their interests.

What attracts them to Lorri's class? "It's fun! I love to paint angels and use my finished projects as gifts for my family and friends," says Corral.

Nichol says, "I like creating and learning the techniques, but the company is wonderful. I can be under a lot of stress when I come and during the session my stress melts away."

"My previous art experience is limited, but I really enjoy tole painting," Chavez says. "I paint different subjects but a Southwest theme is my favorite."

Bila has extensive art expertise, but says, "I enjoy this avenue of artistic expression." New to tole painting, Garcia says, "I've done projects in porcelain and ceramic, but tole painting works for me." All agree that the atmosphere and the camaraderie entice their participation.

What motivates Lorri Kuncis to teach the class? "I love sharing my knowledge with others and get excited when someone is excited about what they've learned."

S. Colo. courthouse closed after rocks fall

WALSENBURG (AP) - The halls of justice are crumbling - literally - in a southern Colorado community.

The Huerfano (WEHR'-fah-noh) County Courthouse has been closed because large chunks of rock broke loose from the building's tower late last week and fell. State officials are assessing the building and a

report is due later this week.

Local court officials are looking for another location for court and probation services. People with court appearances or probation appointments this week don't have to show up at the courthouse but must call (719) 738-1040 Tuesday for more information.

Celebrities, pols benefit from Colo. ag tax breaks

DENVER (AP) - Goldie Hawn, Tom Cruise and media mogul Charlie Ergen are among the people benefiting from a legal property tax break because their Colorado homes and estates are categorized as agricultural land.

People can qualify for the agricultural tax rate simply by cutting hay or allowing livestock to graze on their land, even if they don't have very much to do with food production, The Denver Post reported Monday.

Cruise allows sheep to graze for brief periods each year on the land he owns near Telluride. The newspaper says the actor pays about \$400 in taxes on the 248 acres he bought for nearly \$18 million.

He pays \$11,380 in taxes on another property where his vacation home is located.

Elected officials in Colorado are also paying the lower agricultural tax rate. Democratic State Sen. Gail Schwartz and

her husband pay \$54.52 in yearly taxes on 15.4 acres of meadowland in a Basalt subdivision. They bought it for \$690,000 in 2004.

"This land is doing the same thing it has been doing for 100 years. It's irrigated, it grows hay and it's completely in the heart of agricultural land in our valley. It's not a subdivision scam," Schwartz told The Associated Press.

The Post said Republican state treasurer Walker Stapleton, who has worked as a real estate investor, and a family member pay \$116 in taxes on 180 acres near Castle Rock.

A spokesman for Stapleton said he owns only 10 percent of the parcel near Castle Rock.

Representatives for Hawn, Cruise and Ergen didn't immediately provide comment on their properties.

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aspect by challenging the children to see how many Nathaniel Franklin works they could find.

Although Franklin has several local nature-inspired abstract paintings on display at the gallery, both he and the boys were more interested in talking about Franklin's huge heavy metal sculptures. He narrated a slideshow of some of his work, including the new sign project at the entrance to The Mandala Center. Like much of his work, this art required the use of a bulldozer.

Franklin explained to the group that he likes to work with found objects, favoring metal he finds in junkyards or scattered in pastures. Asked by Bates how he gets his ideas, Franklin responded, "That's why I like finding stuff: things in pastures or junkyards, I find cool shapes that inspire me to make something."

He combines steel with rock to create large sculptures, some of which can be exhibited indoors but most are so big they stay outdoors. The mothers present, Bohannon and Safraneck, asked questions about Franklin's fountains. The fathers,

Scott Bohannon and John Baumchen, asked questions about welding. They learned that Franklin uses a cutting torch to break a piece down for transit, then welds it back together for installation. Individual pieces can weigh up to 500 pounds.

Franklin said he began small but found himself attracted to large work. He also started with wood, but he likes metal better "because it bends into curves," which he favors. "You can steam wood and put a bend in it, but I find metal more suitable for bending into attractive curves."

Safraneck explained that the three boys have created a number of art projects to fulfill a required art merit badge; the last step in earning the badge is to meet with a professional artist and to ask questions about both the art and the career.

The Clayton group of 10 stayed two hours, riddling Franklin with questions, which didn't seem to bother him at all, judging by his frequent smiles. Boyce was happy, too: she signed up five of the children to return for art classes. They'll start with paper maché. Maybe later - much later - they'll progress to heavy metal.