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## THE FINE PRINT

**MARCH 12**  
**-Piñon Water Sanitation**  
**WEDNESDAY (8:30 a.m.)** District meeting will be in the Century Financial Building, 109 W. Main. Information: Dana Phillips, 719-846-2080.  
**-Tourism Board**  
**WEDNESDAY (9 a.m.)** Committee meets in the City Hall Third Floor Conference Room, 135 N. Animas St. Information: City Clerk, Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843.  
**-Housing Authority**  
**WEDNESDAY (4:30 p.m.)** Trinidad Housing Board of Commissioners will meet in regular session at the Trinidad Housing Authority Conference Room, 128 W First St. Information: Rosemarie Shier, 719-846-7204.  
**-TAAC**  
**WEDNESDAY (6 p.m.)** Trinidad Area Arts Council meets in the First Street Gallery, 130 E. Main St. Information: 719-846-1441. Open to the public.  
**-Stonewall FPD**  
**WEDNESDAY (6:30 p.m.)** Board of Directors meets in the Stonewall Fire House. Information: Dana Phillips, 719-846-2080.  
**-VFW**  
**WEDNESDAY (7 p.m.)** Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #984 meets in the Elks Club Banquet Room, 120 S. Maple St. All members are urged to attend for election of new officers. New members need to bring their DD214. Information: Post Commander John Rios, 719-846-6094.

## Today's Quote

**"If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude. Don't complain."**

- Maya Angelou

**MARCH 13**  
**-Purgatoire Watershed**  
**THURSDAY (11 a.m.)** The Purgatoire Watershed Partnership will meet in the NRCS Office, 3590 E. Main. Information: Rachel Theler, racheltheler@gmail.com.  
**-Economic Development**  
**THURSDAY (3 p.m.)** Trinidad and Las Animas County Board of Directors will meet at 134 West Main Street, Suite 23 (Bell Block). Information: 719-846-9412.  
**-"Genetic Roulette"**  
**THURSDAY (6:30 p.m.)** The Trinidad Coop will present a free film on genetic engineering of our food and the major impact on our health at the Mt. Carmel Health and Wellness Center Theater, 911 Robinson St.

**PUBLIC SERVICE**  
**-City of Trinidad**  
**FRIDAY:** Application forms for Medical Marijuana businesses will be available from the City Clerk's Office beginning on Friday, March 14. Conditional Use Permit applications are currently available and may be submitted to the Planning Department beginning on Friday, March 14.  
**-ArtoCade 2014**  
**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS:** Anyone interested in participating in the Cardango Gala and all other events before and during the annual ArtoCade Festival please contact Rodney Wood at 719-334-0087 or artcarfun@yahoo.com.  
**-St. Joseph's Table**  
**SUNDAY (8 a.m.-2 p.m.)** The community is invited to join the Holy Trinity Parish and Trinidad Italian Club in the annual presentation of St. Joseph's Table at Holy Family Hall. Refreshments will be served.  
**-Trinidad Dog Park**  
**MARCH 20 (9:30 a.m.)** Anyone interested in joining the effort to establish a dog park within the city please meet with us at the Carnegie Library, 202 Animas St. Information: Mary Rogers, 719-846-6030.  
**-Hoehne Alumni Basketball**  
**MARCH 22 (9 a.m.)** The annual Hoehne Alumni Basketball Tourney will be at Hoehne High School. Proceeds benefit the Hoehne Boy's Basketball team. Information: Cliff Santestevan, 859-0801.  
**-Holistic Health EXPO**  
**MARCH 22 (11 a.m.-5 p.m.)** A Holistic Health & Recreation EXPO will be held at the Mt. Carmel Community Center. Admission is free and open to the community. For general and vendor information call: 719-845-4894.  
**-CALL FOR ARTISTS**  
**APRIL 1 & 2 (10 a.m. - 5 p.m.)** Submissions will be due for the 13th Annual TALAS Art Show at the Corazon Gallery, 149 E. Main St. Information: Lora Nava, 719-680-8596.  
**-ArtoCade 2014**  
**APRIL 1 (6-8 p.m.)** A fun program for anyone interested in "How to Make an Artcar or Kooky Conveyance -Workshop" will be held at 149 E. Main St. (next to the Corazon Gallery). Information: Rodney Wood, 719-334-0087 or artcarfun@yahoo.com.

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## A THOUSAND WORDS

The spire of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church stands sentinel over the Miners Memorial sculpture in downtown.

## RIVER CALL

**Purgatoire River Call as of 03/11/14. Elmore ditch: Priority #8 -- Appropriation date: 11/15/1862.**

**Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:**  
 Release 14.88 AF  
 Inflow 51.37 AF -- 25.90 CFS  
 Evaporation 5.49 AF  
 Content 17,407 AF  
 Elevation 6,179.89  
 Precipitation 0

**Downstream River Call. John Martin Reservoir -- 12/31/1948.**



## NON-PROFIT FUNDING

# Trinidad Community Foundation awards grants to 9 area entities

By Steve Block  
*The Chronicle-News*

Local nonprofit organizations often need a financial boost to help them carry out their roles to serve the people of their communities. The Trinidad Community Foundation (TCF) has stepped up to the plate again this year, awarding grants to nine Las Animas County entities worth a combined total of \$6,725 in its current fiscal-year 2013-14 grant cycle.

The grant awards were announced at the annual City of Champions Awards Banquet held recently at the Mt. Carmel Center. TCF has awarded more than \$270,000 in grants to local nonprofits since its inception in 2006.

Holy Trinity Catholic Church is in the beginning stages of a restoration project. The parish was founded in 1866, and the church was built in 1885. Cracks have been developing in the church's sanctuary, and masonry occasionally falls down from above. John Pearse, parish business manager, said the parish was very pleased to receive a \$500 TCF grant this year, the first time it's applied for a TCF grant.

"We need to hire an engineering firm to monitor what's happening structurally with our church, and this funding will help us do that," Pearse said. "We would eventually like to completely restore the church inside and outside, and monitoring the building is an important first stage in doing that. We're fortunate to have an organization like TCF in our community that will help us do that."

Kim Schultz is leading the Mt. Carmel Youth Leadership for the 21st Century Program, which has a total of 13 high school students enrolled from Trinidad High

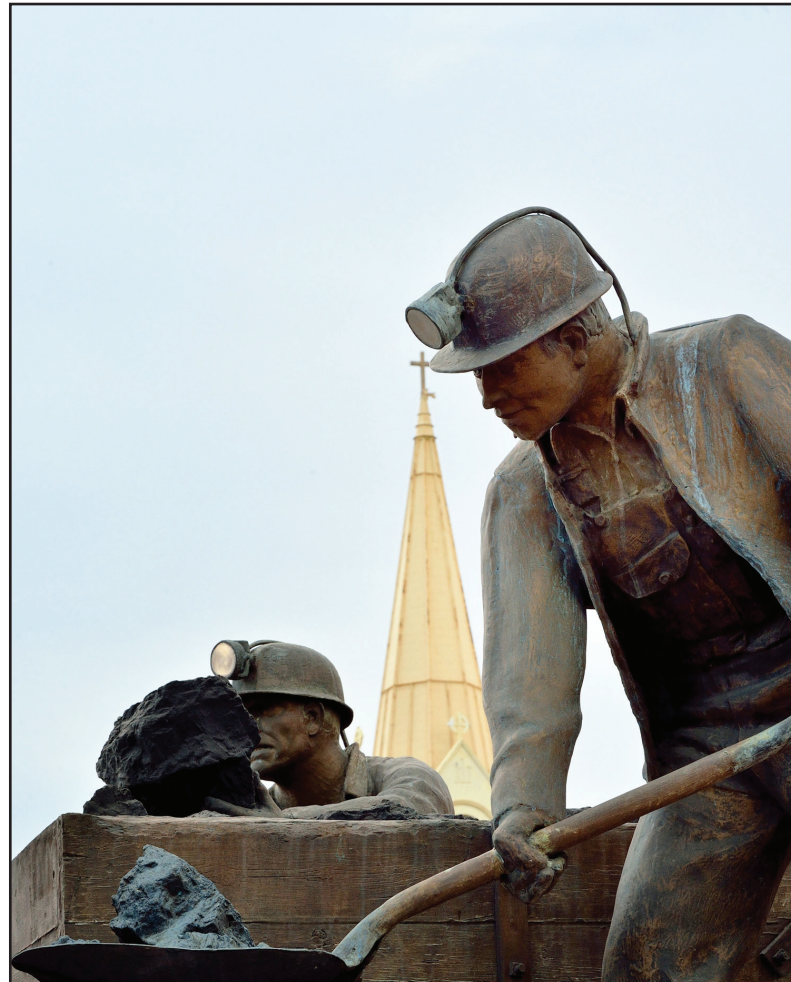
School and G.O.A.L. Academy, all of them learning the lessons of what it takes to be community leaders. Schultz said on Monday that the TCF grant that the program received was crucial to defray the program's costs.

"The 21st Century Program only charges \$25 per student for tuition, but the actual costs for materials, transportation, food and other essential items comes to \$475 per student," Schultz said. "The TCF grant we received will make a big difference in paying for this program, which is so critically important in developing our next generation of leaders."

The Fisher's Peak Soup Kitchen on Church Street recently took over leadership of the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, which added significantly to its costs and responsibilities. Terri Lobato, the soup kitchen's director, said the \$850 TCF grant that the soup kitchen received would help pay for repairs to its van, which is badly needed to haul in food and other items to the soup kitchen.

"We're serving more than 50 people a day, and a lot more on Fridays when the kids are out of school," Lobato said. "When our van quit, we were able to get the TCF grant money to get it fixed. We also needed to stock the food pantry, and the grant will enable us to buy some canned goods to stock the shelves. We're very grateful to TCF for the help we received. We have to buy paper plates, plastic silverware and cups for the soup kitchen, so we do have ongoing expenses, and we really appreciate the many people and community groups that help us help others."

The Hope Pregnancy Center will use its grant funding to purchase materials for an upcoming class entitled "Surrendering the



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## ... a thousand words

Secret."

Southern Colorado Junior Achievement will use its TCF grant funding to fund two Junior Achievement Career Success classes, with all classes being held at Trinidad High School.

The Pueblo Child Advocacy Center will use its grant funding to defray costs for investigation support for children from Las Animas County who are believed to be victims of physical and sexual abuse.

Council of Governments' Early Learning Center will utilize its TCF grant funding to support its nutrition program.

Terra Firma Recycling will use its grant funding to fund the con-

struction of directional signage for the recently opened recycling center.

Aguilar's Unspeakable Gift Fellowship Food Pantry will use its grant funding to help defray the cost of food for the Aguilar Community Food Pantry.

Phil Rico, TCF's board president, said the foundation knows that there are many deserving entities in the area that need financial help.

"It's the foundation's goal to make sure all our grants go to nonprofit organizations in Las Animas County," Rico said. "We want to do all we can to help the people here who are working to serve others."

## LOCAL TRAVEL

# Local 100-year-old resort gets a new name, new look

By Scott Mastro  
 Correspondent  
*The Chronicle-News*

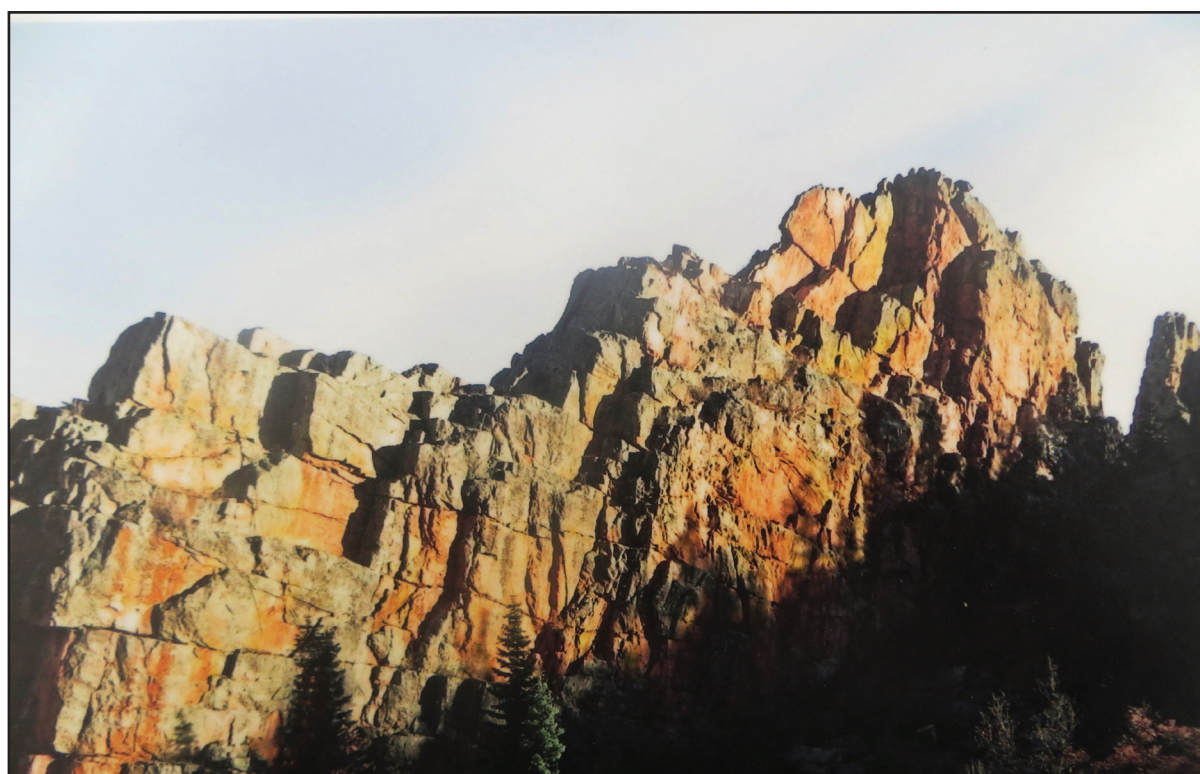
The campground in Stonewall called Legends of the Wall was originally named Youth With A Mission religious camp. Throughout its hundred years, the location has served several purposes and changed hands a number of times. This past December, a prodigal businessman purchased the property, is implementing a new look and has granted it a new name, Middle Fork Resort.

Bill Garlutzo, the new owner, explained how that came to be, saying, "The Garlutzos are Trinidad natives. My brothers are still here. I moved to Denver and have been in the jewelry business. My family's always had a cabin up the road here in Stonewall, and I've always enjoyed coming here. I was walking around the property this past December, looked in some windows and said, 'I'll buy it,' so I did. I think I got a good deal."

As with many older properties, this one required some repairs. Garlutzo said, "The first thing was to find out where all the propane was going. Turns out we had a small crack in a pipe. That's under control, thanks to Al's Gas."

Most of the buildings' interiors and exteriors will be repainted. Repairman Freddie Vargas said, "We're going with soft blues and warm whites inside, and maybe some shade of brown for the outside."

The wind can be damaging along the Highway of Legends, the name for Colorado's State Highway 12, the route that runs from Trinidad to Weston and Stonewall, north through La Veta and back east to Walsenburg. Garlutzo said, "The winds can get to 50, 60 miles per hour during the winter. Some



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The Dakota Sandstone is a unique geological formation located in Stonewall and adds to the appeal of the Middle Fork Resort.

of the roof shingles need to be replaced. The wind knocked over a lot of the Ponderosa pine along the road. My brother Gary and logger Jim cut, pulled up and stumped the one that got knocked down. Jim's got the biggest chain saw in the world."

With the help of Vargas, John Simon will be doing most of the repairs. Simon said, "Bill and I went to Trinidad High together."

When asked how Vargas, a Los Angeles native, came to the area, he said, "My dad taught me hunting and fishing. I wanted to get away from inner-city life."

Stonewall's unique geological feature is the Dakota Sandstone, a ridge of rock that majestically juts up from the ground around it. As the Rockies were forming 30 million years ago, the area some 30 miles west of Trinidad saw extreme pressure from both the north and south, breaking and folding the flat rock to its current standing position. Constrained at both ends, the earth had nowhere to go but up.

During a tour of the buildings, which span the property, Garlutzo said, "The Roosevelt has seven bedrooms, four baths and a com-

mercial kitchen. They say Teddy Roosevelt stayed here, so the name's stuck."

The Culebra has two baths and four bedrooms, a fireplace and full kitchen. The East/West Rock is a duplex, each unit with one bath and two bedrooms, and the Upper/Lower Middle Fork is a multi-level that is rentable as separate units or as one space. The upper apartment consists of a modern kitchen, a wood-burning stove, two bedrooms and one bath, and the downstairs features a large

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**WEATHER WATCH**  
**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 48. N-NW wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast in the afternoon. **Night:**

Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. Light and variable wind becoming W-SW 5 to 10 mph in the evening.  
**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 59. SW wind around 10 mph. **Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30. W-SW wind around 10 mph becoming N-NW after midnight.  
**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. N-NW wind 5 to 10 mph becoming

light and variable in the afternoon. **Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 30. Light and variable wind becoming W-SW 5 to 10 mph in the evening.  
**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north in the morning. **Night:** A slight chance of rain and snow. Partly cloudy, with a low around 30. N-NW wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.