

OVER THE PASS

TRINIDAD-RATON CONNECTIONS

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This week's question:

“What’s our best-kept secret?”



“The aquatic center is amazing but still under the radar. My grandkids love the pool. We go with them to swim and relax.” – Bernadette Saenz, owner, Rincon Norteño Restaurant (Raton)



“Simpson’s Rest. Sunrises and sunsets are magnificent up there. You can hike or drive to the top. Everyone knows about it but few go up there.” – Ellie & Katie Hillhouse at The Café (Trinidad)



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“The Old Pass, beyond the Raton sign. The views are amazing, and you feel like you’re away from everything. I jog up there before sunrise every weekend morning.” – David Little, architect and owner, Alpha Design (Raton)



“Climax Canyon Nature Trail. There are few places where you can be downtown and then in four blocks be hiking a beautiful 3-mile, high-mountain trail. You forget that you’re near a city.” – Jared Chatlerley, Director of Parks & Recreation (Raton)



“Our downtown events aren’t publicized enough. The summer evening art walks with live music, for example. We could do a whole lot more advertising.” – Jodie Van Buskirk, owner, The Café (Trinidad)



“The friendly people, the architecture and the beauty of our city.” – Louise Terry, owner, Teri’s Hallmark & Floral (Trinidad)

National Ag Day to be celebrated on March 25

Special to The Chronicle-News

DENVER - USDA Colorado Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director Leland Swenson encourages everyone to take a moment to appreciate the hard-working farmers and ranchers in Colorado on March 25, National Ag Day. This year’s theme is “Agriculture: 365 Sunrises and 7 Billion Mouths to Feed.”

USDA is proud to stand behind the producers who rise before dawn 365 days a year in order to put food on the table for 7 billion people.

“We recognize the importance of agriculture and hope that the recent passage of a new Farm Bill is a sign that 2014 will be a ‘banner year for the industry,’” said Swenson. There is no better way to show our support for farmers and ranchers than to begin implementing a new Farm Bill — legislation that will provide farmers, ranchers and consumers alike supportive results.”

While the American economy is rebounding and gaining strength, the agricultural economy has remained strong and at its best. Looking ahead, the U.S. has seen

a trend towards aging farmers; however, according to the recent Census of Agriculture, the nation is beginning to reverse that trend. There is an increase in the number of farmers under the age of 35.

And although the agriculture industry promises a bright future, many farmers and ranchers are still recovering from natural disasters that occurred this year, including the continuing drought. Fortunately, these producers were still able to grow the commodities that Americans rely on in order to remain a food-secure nation. Our farmers and ranchers have also continued their legacy of protecting natural resources and environmentally sensitive land through the use of conservation programs.

Please join FSA in celebrating America’s farmers and ranchers — a selfless group of individuals who make up less than 2 percent of the world’s population. They feed our country and make our nation secure. And they supply quality foods to the rest of the world’s 7 billion people.

From the clothes we wear, to the foods we eat, to the fuels we burn and the agricultural byproducts we use daily, American agriculture adds to the quality of our lives.

None of the contributions of U.S. farmers and ranchers should be taken for granted, because no one can live without agriculture.

Ag Day is a project of the Agriculture Council of America. For further Ag Day information and events, visit www.agday.org. For information on programs administered by FSA, please contact the local FSA office or visit us online at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Stonewall announces Community Wildfire Protection Planning

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The Stonewall Fire Protection District (SFPD) has announced the decision to undertake developing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). The CWPP is a written document developed through a collaborative effort. It seeks to reduce risk from wildfire and to restore healthier, more resilient conditions within the Stonewall Fire Protection District.

A CWPP will identify risks and values, evaluate the District’s preparedness and prioritize action steps to mitigate wildfire risks.

“Developing a CWPP helps prepare us to better protect our land and its residents, but it also opens up many doors to funds available for wildfire mitigation efforts. Once our plan is completed, landowners and the

District will be able to go after grants, tax credits and other funding to help us all better prepare and hopefully avoid the catastrophic fire we all fear,” said Fire Chief Loyd Holliman.

The plan will be developed with input from many partners. Initial partners include the City of Trinidad, whose drinking water comes from the plan area, the Colorado State Forest Service, Las Animas County, local landowners, Colorado Parks and Wildlife and others.

“Homeowners don’t have to wait for this plan to be finished to start to prepare for wildfires in our area,” said Chief Holliman. Holliman recommends checking out the many helpful resources provided by Firewise Communities at www.firewise.org.

For more information about the CWPP, please contact project coordinator Penny Bieber at 719-846-6863.



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NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premise, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having an Interest or Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to

THOMAS E. & PAULA L. NICHOLS
318 WOOD STREET
ADA, KS 67467-7021

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the **1ST Day of DECEMBER A.D. 2006** the then County Treasurer of Las Animas, in the State of Colorado, sold at public lien sale to **PHILLIP A. OR JOYCE A. NICHOLS** the following described real estate situate in the County of Las Animas, State of Colorado, to-wit:

EAST TRINIDAD BLK-7-LTS-28-29-30-31-MOBILE HOME LOCATED HERE #9500856400.

And said County Treasurer issued a certificate (86627) of purchase therefore to **PHILLIP A. OR JOYCE A. NICHOLS,**

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent Property taxes assessed against real estate for the year 2005.

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of **THOMAS E. & PAULA L. NICHOLS** for said year 2005.

That on _____ day _____ of _____, said _____ assigned said certificate of purchase to _____;

That said _____ on the _____ day of _____, (assigned said certificate of purchase to _____) the present holder of said certificate, who has made request upon, the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said **PHILLIP A. OR JOYCE A. NICHOLS, 305 MILLER, ADA, KS 67467.**

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At 4:00 o'clock P.M., on the 6TH day of MAY A.D. 2014, unless the same has been redeemed

Said property, may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Witness my hand this **7TH day of MARCH A.D. 2014.**

Donna J. Leonetti (by Michelle Rael)
County Treasurer of Las Animas County

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NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premise, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having an Interest or Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to

STONERIDGE DEVELOPMENT LLC
A COLORADO LIMITED LIABILITY
C/O 10B INVESTMENT LLC
P.O. BOX 1310
OCEANSIDE, CA 92051

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the **1ST Day of DECEMBER A.D. 2010** the then County Treasurer of Las Animas, in the State of Colorado, sold at public lien sale to **RAY H. POARCH** the following described real estate situate in the County of Las Animas, State of Colorado, to-wit:

STONE RIDGE SUB-DIV PHASE-1A-67 CONT-34.79 ACRES M/L - LOCATED IN PT-SE4-05- & PT-NE4-08-33-63

And said County Treasurer issued a certificate (88812) of purchase therefore to **RAY H. POARCH,**

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent Property taxes assessed against real estate for the year 2009.

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That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of **STONERIDGE DEVELOPMENT LLC** for said year 2009.

That on _____ day _____ of _____, said _____ assigned said certificate of purchase to _____;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said **RAY H. POARCH, P.O. BOX 881, GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81502.**

At 4:00 o'clock P.M., on the **5TH day of MAY A.D. 2014,** unless the same has been redeemed

Said property, may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Witness my hand this **7TH day of MARCH A.D. 2014.**

Donna J. Leonetti (by Michelle Rael)
County Treasurer of Las Animas County

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NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premise, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having an Interest or Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to

JANICE MORRIS
% **DEBRA MELER**
6766 GREEN GABLES AVENUE
SAN DIEGO, CA 92119

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the **1ST Day of DECEMBER A.D. 2009** the then County

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Treasurer of Las Animas, in the State of Colorado, sold at public lien sale to **ELAINE MODICA AND DEBORA MELER** the following described real estate situate in the County of Las Animas, State of Colorado, to-wit:

1/6 INT IN THE FOLLOWING: 23-33-64 PT-NWSW-PT-SWNW- CONT- 8.157 ACRES M/L OTHER ACCT #'S 13424300 & 11867510 & 13093000 & 13094510 & 13089700:

And said County Treasurer issued a certificate (87798) of purchase therefore to **ELAINE MODICA AND DEBORA MELER,**

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent Property taxes assessed against real estate for the year 2008.

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of **JANICE MORRIS** for said year 2008.

That on _____ day _____ of _____, said _____ assigned said certificate of purchase to _____;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said **ELAINE MODICA AND DEBORA MELER, 8071 BEAVER LAKE DRIVE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92119-2612.**

At 4:00 o'clock P.M., on the **19TH day of MAY A.D. 2014,** unless the same has been redeemed

Said property, may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Witness my hand this **14TH day of MARCH A.D. 2014.**

Donna J. Leonetti (by Michelle Rael)
County Treasurer of Las Animas County

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