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JUNE 23
-Vacation Bible School
JUNE 23-27 (9 a.m.-Noon) Fishers Peak Community Church will hold its annual Vacation Bible School for kids (K-6th Grade) at the church, 10377 Santa Fe Trail Drive. Information: 719-846-6018 (M-Th 10 a.m.-2 p.m.).
-Free Summer Lunch Program
STARTS TODAY THRU AUGUST 8 (11 a.m.-1 p.m.) All kids (18 and under) can eat a free lunch at the Trinidad Middle School Cafeteria, 614 Park St. Adults can join in for \$3.
-Holy Trinity Academy
MONDAY (5:30 p.m.) School board meeting at the school, 613 Prospect St. Information: Andrea Jimenez, 719-846-4522.

Today's Quote

"It's a smile, it's a kiss,
it's a sip of wine — it's
summertime!"

— Kenny Chesney

JUNE 24
-Las Animas County
TUESDAY (9 a.m.) Board of County Commissioners work session is in the Las Animas Courthouse, 200 E. First St., Room 201. Information: 719-845-2568.
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Gary Hill (719-845-2595), Mack Loudon (719-845-2592), and Anthony Abeyta (719-846-9300).
-Trinidad City Council
TUESDAY (1:30 p.m.) A special session followed by the regular work session will be held in Council Chambers, City Hall, 135 N. Anitas St., Third Floor. Information: Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843.
-Vision Loss Support Group
TUESDAY (1:30-3:30 p.m.) OIB (Older Individuals Who are Blind or have Vision Loss) hosts a monthly support group the 4th Thursday of every month at the Trinidad Work Force Center, 140 N. Commercial. Refreshments will be served and family and friends are encouraged to attend. Information: Billie Jo Bacca or Deb Nelson, 719-546-1271.
-Diabetes Class
TUESDAY (6:30 p.m.) A Carb Counting/Insulin Class will meet in the Mt. San Rafael Hospital Cafeteria, 410 Benedicta. Information: 719-846-2213 ext. 38.

PUBLIC SERVICE
-Carnegie Public Library
Calling all artists who want to exhibit their 2-dimensional artwork at the Library. Information: Mallory Pillard, 719-846-6841 or stop by the Library at 202 Animas St.
-FP Fire Protection District
The auxiliary is now accepting donated items to be sold at the annual July fundraiser firehouse sale (no clothing, please). Proceeds benefit the fire department. Call 719-846-4074 for drop-off or pick-up.
-FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE!
JUNE 27 (7-10 p.m.) Kids from 13-18 can join in the fun at Trinidad Community Center, 1309 Beshoar Drive, for swimming, movies and snacks. Event is free (parents/guardian must sign in and out for 13 - 17 year old teens). Sponsored by TSJC and local merchants.
-Branson-Trinchera Reunion
JUNE 28 (starts at 11 a.m.) Annual reunion will be held at the Branson School Gym. Committee will be serving hamburgers and hotdogs and everyone is invited to attend and bring a side dish to share. Music will be provided by Sam Bachicha. RSVP and information: Larada Homer-Miller, 505-323-7098 or larada@earthlink.net.

-ArtoCade Workshop
JUNE 29 (Noon-4 p.m.) Have some fun — Join the fiber artists who are building the art car "Van de los Muertos" or start a new project at the Oasis Studio, 218 E. Main St., for the Sept. 13 ArtoCade Parade. Information: Susan Palmer, 719-422-8018.
-Books & More
The Carnegie Library's bookstore is located at 132 N. Commercial St. All proceeds benefit the public library. (Open noon-4 p.m., Monday-Saturday.) Volunteer information and book donations: 719-846-8522.
-Volunteer Firemen
Anyone over 18 interested in becoming a volunteer fireman for any of our area fire protection districts, please call Buddie Curro at 719-859-1535. Any donations of food, water and funds for our area fire district volunteers call 719-846-4074.

-SUICIDE/CRISIS HOTLINES:
*ADULT HOPE: 800-784-2433
*TEEN: 877-968-8454
*GLB-YOUTH: 866-488-7386
*VET-2-VET: 877-638-2838
"When the world says, 'Give up!' Hope says, 'Not today!'" -Unknown
-ABUSE HOTLINES:
*Domestic Abuse Hotline: In Trinidad call 719-846-6665 (24-hours a day). National Hotline call: 1-800-790-SAFE (7233).
*Animal Abuse: Do your part and help put a stop to animal cruelty. Report animal abuse and dog/cock fighting at Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line: 720-913-7867.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of:
06/20/14. Enlarged South Side
ditch: Priority # 74 / Appropriation date: 02/17/1876.

Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:
Release 235.01 AF
Inflow 255.71 AF -- 128.92 CFS
Evaporation 10.70 AF
Content 13,620 AF
Elevation 6,173.31
Precipitation 0

Downstream River Call / Highland Canal: 04/01/1884.



MAJORITY RULES

Council approves retail marijuana with 6-1 vote

By Steve Block
The Chronicle-News

The use, sale and production of retail marijuana will soon be legal in Trinidad, after the City Council passed a resolution legalizing the drug after a public hearing on the issue at Thursday's Special Meeting of Council. Council voted 6 to 1 in favor of the retail-pot ordinance, with Councilmember Joe Bonato being the sole dissenting vote.

The City's moratorium on marijuana sales, either retail or medical, will end on June 30. Unlike the public hearing on legalizing

medical marijuana back in March of this year, Thursday's hearing lacked the passion and drama from advocates either favoring or opposing the legalization of pot.

Only one person voiced her opinion on the issue at the public hearing. Gloria Ahern runs the "Curves for Women" business at 413 N. Commercial St. and said she was opposed to retail pot for business reasons.

Ahern said that two marijuana-related businesses were planned to open for business very near to her business. She said that area had very limited parking as it is, and

adding pot shops to the neighborhood would only make the parking problem worse. She said she was also concerned about safety issues.

"One of my concerns is for the safety of the ladies who come to my place," Ahern said. "Sixty-seven percent of our ladies are 60 years old and older. I would not want to compromise their safety by the activities that are going on in the neighborhood. I do realize that each of these businesses has to have security, but that's security for their businesses. It doesn't guarantee security for businesses that are half a block away, or one

or two blocks away. I'm not aware that we have the police force that can police all of that stuff down there, so that's one issue."

She also said that Curves International, the franchising company she works with, would not be very happy to have one of its franchises in the same neighborhood as pot shops. She said that situation could force her to move her business to another area of the City, leaving one more empty building in the downtown area.

Ahern said she was concerned about the amount of water the marijuana growing facilities would use and asked if Council was aware of that potential problem.

Mayor Joe Reorda said Council and City staff were well aware of the water issue. Then Reorda asked Councilmembers to present a more-unified front when speaking to their fellow citizens about issues that come before the Council. He said that when Council voted to approve a measure, it did so by a majority vote and, in this country, the majority rules. He said Councilmembers with dissenting opinions on Council decisions should keep those dissenting opinions to themselves, instead of declaring them publicly. He said Councilmembers questioned about Council decisions by members of the public should simply respond by saying, "the majority rules," and leave it at that.

Joe Bonato didn't want to hear that. He said he bore no ill will against those in favor of legalized pot, but said he strongly disagreed. He said he didn't want his opinions on issues that came before Council to be stifled by the mayor or anyone else.

"The comment that the mayor just said about me being against

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Bruce Leonard / The Chronicle-News

The first weekly Farmers' Market of the year in Cimino Park on Saturday granted shoppers the opportunity to purchase an array of produce and many other kinds of special items.

ENTERTAINMENT

'Raton's Rockin' Wings & Wheels' takes off Wednesday

By Tim Keller
Correspondent
The Chronicle-News

RATON — "Raton's Rockin' Wings & Wheels" will land at Raton Municipal Airport on Wednesday and will feature enough attractions to justify taking a summer day off from work. The family event will begin at the Raton Museum at 10:30 a.m. and ends almost 12 hours later when the Raton Osos and Trinidad Triggers finish their baseball game at Gabriele Field. The highlights, though, run all afternoon at the airport, located southwest of town on Highway 64.

The event's title includes the three highlights: "Wheels" represents a big car show; "Wings" represents airplane fly-ins and displays; and "Rockin'" represents a 5 p.m. concert by The Fireballs, still rocking 55 years after forming at Raton High School in January 1959. After a string of national hits with guitar instrumentals that presaged "surf music," The Fireballs hit it big when they added singer Jimmy Gilmer: "Sugar Shack" topped Billboard's national sales chart for five weeks, becoming the Number One top-selling song of 1963. "Bottle of Wine" and other hits followed throughout the 1960s.

It was the Fireballs' Stan Lark who sparked the idea for Wednesday's event. He wanted a "Rock

the Rockies" music festival. Frank Ferri suggested a car show to coincide with the annual Rocky Mountain Street Rod Nationals in Pueblo, Colorado. The City of Raton and Raton MainStreet led various City groups in helping to organize and sponsor the growing event. When the airport was chosen as the site, they added airplanes to the mix. Although there won't be an airshow, planes will be flying in and out throughout the day.

Airport manager Ty Clinesmith expects planes to begin arriving in mid-morning. Doss Aviation IFS, known as "The Gateway to USAF Aviation," will have a booth and at least one plane. The U.S. Air Force and Civil Aviation will be there. Clinesmith says, "We've sent invitations to hundreds of pilots throughout the region. The feedback we've gotten from the aviation community has been tremendous. It's our first time, though, and a Wednesday, so it's hard to know for sure how many will be here."

The same is true for the car
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CRIME

Heroin, theft charges land local woman in jail

By Steve Block
The Chronicle-News

A Trinidad woman landed in jail on heroin-possession and theft charges on Tuesday, June 17, after a Walmart security camera observed her stealing several items from the store. County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tabatha Aragon, 20, at approximately 7 p.m. in the 800 block of North Linden Avenue, while she was a passenger in a white Chevrolet pickup truck.

Aragon was observed stuffing several items down the front of her pants by one of the store's video cameras approximately one hour earlier. She was observed getting into a white pickup truck. A Trinidad police officer identified Aragon from a picture printout taken from the video. The parking lot

was searched, but the white pickup wasn't found, and the search eventually ended with the traffic stop on North Linden Avenue.

Aragon's possessions were searched by City police, who had also arrived at the scene after the truck was stopped, and officers found three Nintendo Wii video games, a cell phone case and some makeup items worth more than \$50 but less than \$350, according to a police report. All of the items were among those allegedly stolen from the store. Police officers also found many small pieces of tinfoil with black scorch marks on them. When asked about the tinfoil Aragon told the officers, "Honey, I use those to smoke hash." Officers found three pieces of a black

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Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Raton Municipal Airport will host Raton's first big "Rockin' Wings & Wheels" all-day family event on Wednesday, when the field will fill with vendors and booths, airplanes, classic cars and rock-and-roll fans.

Weather Sponsored by:
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719-845-0102

WEATHER WATCH
Monday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 81. Calm wind becoming

S-SW around 5 mph in the afternoon. Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55. S wind 5 to 10 mph.
Tuesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. W wind 5 to 15 mph becoming S in the afternoon. Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunder-

storms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. S wind 10 to 15 mph.
Wednesday: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. S wind 10 to 15 mph. Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 58. SW wind 10 to 15 mph.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 90. SW wind 10 to 15 mph. Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59.

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Adelina Padilla
 Adelina Padilla, age 96, passed peacefully at Cedarwood Healthcare Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., on June 18, 2014.

She was born in Optimo, New Mexico on June 9, 1918, to Adelina (Alcon) and Juan Juarros.

She was married to Valentine Padilla on April 17, 1936.

Adelina a former Trinidad resident, was employed at many area restaurants.

She loved gardening and spending time with her family.

Adelina is preceded in death by her husband, and her grand-daughter Deandra.

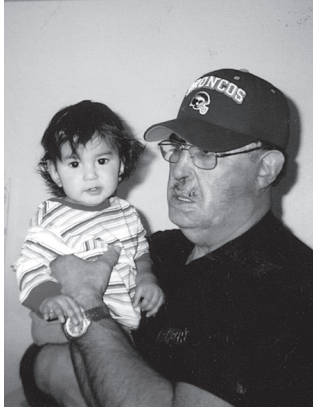
She is survived by her son James (Shirley) Padilla, Colo. Springs, Colo., great grand-son Zachary (Ashley), great great grand-daughter Vaira, her brother Juan (Flora) and sister-in-law Alice.

Funeral Services will be held Tuesday, June 24, 2014 with Visitation from 10am-Noon followed by Scriptural Services at 1pm at the Comi Funeral Home Chapel.

Interment will follow at the Trinidad Catholic Cemetery. Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.

62 Memorials

In loving memory of Frank E. Cordova A loving Father & Grandfather 2nd Anniversary in Heaven on June 23



....Life is Not the Same Without You
 The sun still rises in the east and darkness falls at night but nothing now seems quite the same each day is not as bright.

The birds still sing, the flowers grow the breeze still whispers too but it will never, ever be the same without you. It's so sad that you had to go, your leaving caused such pain but you were very special and earth's loss is heaven's gain.

We love and miss you so very much, Daughter Becky Aranda, son-in-law Frank Aranda & your special Grandson Antonio Cordova

In Loving Memory of My Dear Son, **Randy Bergamo** On His 50th Birthday, June 23, 1964



As you celebrate your birthday in Heaven this year, know that I still love you and hold your memory dear. I cherish all your pictures, your room is still the same, my heart is filled with loneliness at the mention of your name. You were different, you were special, unique in a thousand ways. You were giving, you were loving, and I'll miss you all my days.

Sadly Missed by Your Mom, Flora, Your sister Cindy, and all your children

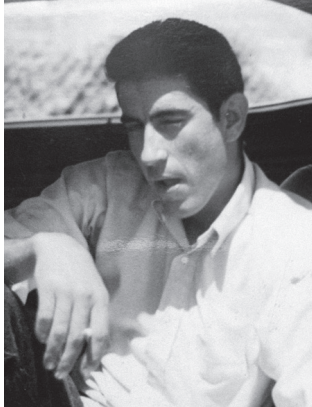
In Loving Memory of **Travis Shinkle**



My Son, my heart Travis Shinkle On your 9th anniversary with our Heavenly Father I miss you yesterday, today and tomorrow. We'll be together again someday. Sadly missed by Mom, Family and Friends

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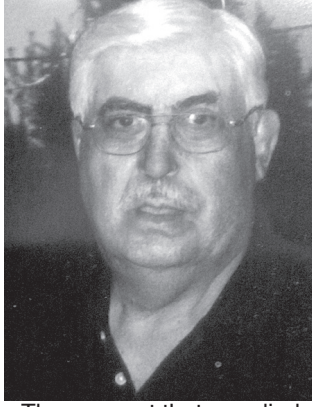
In Loving Memory of my Husband, Frank Cordova on his 2nd Anniversary in Heaven, June 23



They say there is a reason, they say that time will heal; But neither time nor reason will change the way I feel.

For no-one knows the heartache that lies behind my smile No-one knows how many times I have broken down and cried. I want to tell you something so there won't be any doubt; You're so wonderful to think of but so hard to be without. Sadly missed by your wife, Patricia Cordova

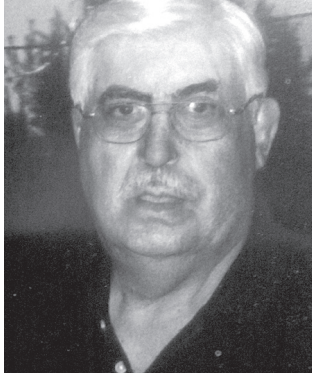
In Loving Memory of our Dad & Grandpa, Frank E. Cordova on his anniversary, June 23, 2014 2 years ago today.



The moment that you died My heart was torn in two, One side filled with heartache, the other died with you. I often lie awake at night, when the world is fast asleep, and take a walk down memory lane, with tears upon my cheeks. Remembering you is easy, I do it everyday, but missing is a heartache that never goes away. I hold you tightly within my heart and there you will remain until the joyous day arrives, that we will meet again.

Sadly missed by your Sons & Granddaughters, Frank B. Cordova, Jr. & Jasmine and Brian Cordova & Aislinn.

In Loving Memory of our Grandpa Frank E. Cordova on his Anniversary June 23, 2014 2 Years ago today



We little knew that morning God was to call you home. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone; For part of us went with you the day God called you home. You left us beautiful memories your love is still our guide. And though we cannot see you, you are always by our side. Our family chain is broken. And nothing seems the same but as God calls us one-by-one; the chain will link again. We love and miss you so much Grandpa, Love JoJo, Kenny, KJ, Janine, and Geyonah

In Loving Memory of **Michael Christopher Zuniga**

on his birthday June 8 1967 Your smile, though it has gone forever and your hand I cannot touch, I still have so many memories of you that I love so much my son. Your memories are our keepsakes which I will never part with. God has you in His keeping, I always and forever have you in my thoughts and my heart. I miss you so much Mikey, there isn't a day that goes by that I think of you and your cute way and laugh. Its your birthday and I

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remember how you liked to celebrate it, you and your friends and you always included me too. Mikey, you will celebrate with God and the Blessed Mother, I am asking God to take you in His arms and hug you tight for me, and tell you that I love you and I wish you a Happy birthday. Well my precious son I will close for now so this will reach Heaven. Mikey, I love and miss you forever Rest in Peace and sleep with the Angels.

I love you, Your Mom Evangeline T. Garcia, your brothers Kenneth A. Garcia, David F. Garcia, and your sisters Sally M. Cecil, Patty A. Garcia and Ursula J. Velarde.

63 Card of Thanks

The family of **Leona Marie Rhodes** sends our sincere "Thank you" to all of you who sent food, flowers, cards, and gifts during our time of grief. A special thank you to nurses, Diane and Shiela, and to Dr. Goodell for their caring and kindness to our Mother and Grandmother during her last days. Mary Iverson, Kelley Ferdula and Family

AREA BIRTHS

Miners Colfax Medical Center, Raton, N.M.
June 4, 2013
 Baby Girl Pacheco
 Ron Pacheco and Teresita Flores
 Raton, N.M.



Parkview Medical, Pueblo, Colo.
June 14, 2014
 Baby Boy Torres
 John Torres III and Sarah Davis
 Trinidad, Colo.

Retail marijuana issue

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marijuana, well I am against marijuana," Bonato said. "I just want to tell the mayor and this Council one thing: I am part of this Council, and I do respect this Council, and in return all I want is the respect of this Council the way I respect them. In other words, the comment that was just made right now was in bad taste, and it

was bad timing. I don't hold that apart. When I leave this Council meeting, I get along with all this Council. I just want the mayor and Council to know that."

Reorda said his comments had not been intended as any kind of personal attack on Bonato, but again Bonato disagreed, saying he felt the mayor was trying to stifle his opinions.

Heroin, theft charges

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rock-like substance in Aragon's wallet, and she eventually admitted that the substance was black-tar heroin. Deputies also found short hollow tubes, bent paperclips and other items consistent with being drug paraphernalia.

Aragon advised police that all of the drugs, drug paraphernalia and stolen items were in her possession, not the driver's, and she was completely cooperative with police during the search, according to the report. The pickup's driver was searched and then released. Aragon was arrested and taken to Mt. San Rafael Hospital for a medical clearance. While there, she thanked a police officer for giving her a "reality check" and said she would kick her drug habit. She was booked

into the County jail without incident.

Aragon faces a felony charge of heroin possession, a misdemeanor charge of theft and two petty-offense charges, one for possession of drug paraphernalia and one for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.

City police also arrested James Spleen, 18, of Trinidad, on Friday, June 15 at the Trinidad Skatepark. Spleen faces a felony count of hindering a police investigation by providing false information to police, a misdemeanor count of false reporting to authorities and a petty offense of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Police allege that Spleen lied to them when asked about the identity of an individual whom police were searching for in an alleged

criminal-mischief incident. Spleen's possessions were searched, revealing the presence of drug paraphernalia. When police asked Spleen why he'd lied to them, he said he "was scared and didn't know what to do, so I lied."

Spleen was read his Miranda rights but waived them and said he wanted to talk to the police. When asked about the small amount of marijuana that the police had found in his backpack and where he'd acquired it, he said, "I bought it from some guy I met at the skatepark. I don't know him." The pot container gave the appearance of being from a medical-marijuana prescription, according to the police report. Spleen told police he'd purchased approximately .5 grams of pot from the man for \$10.

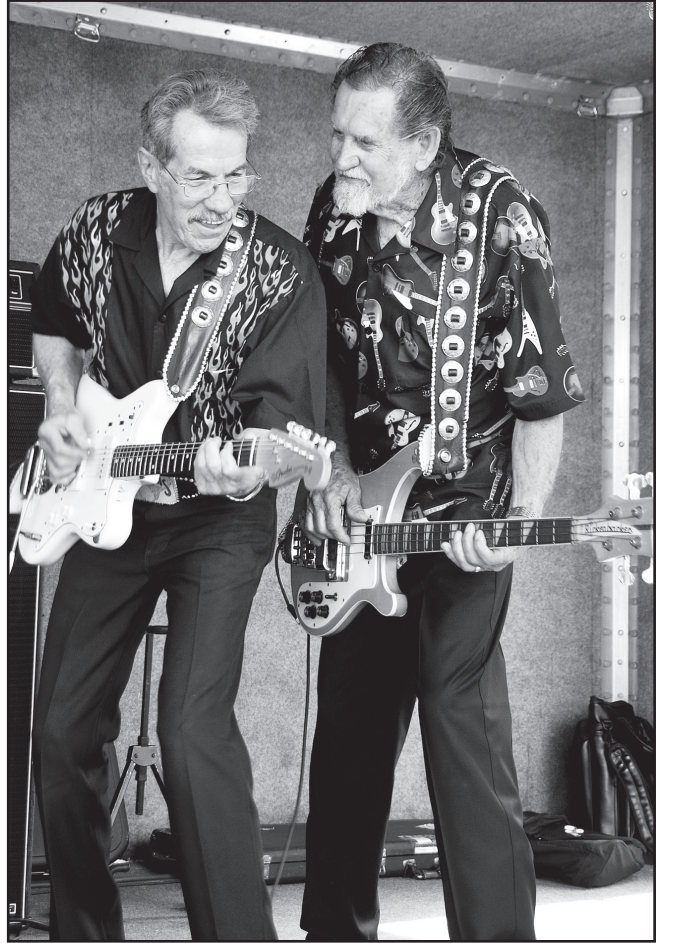
'Raton's Rockin' Wings & Wheels'

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The Fireballs' last concert was a sold-out January 2014 performance at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, Iowa. The Fireballs' 90-minute concert at the airfield on Wednesday will begin at 5 p.m. with a string of George Tomsco's hit guitar instrumentals — classics such as "Torquay," "Gunshot" and "Bulldog" that inspired the Ventures and other 1960's groups to develop an entire genre known as "surf music." Then Jimmy Gilmer will join the band, coming from Nashville to sing the band's classic chart-topping

hits.

The concert will end just in time for the crowd to make it back to Gabriele Field in downtown Raton for the Raton Pass matchup between the Raton Osos and Trinidad Triggers. To include the game in "Raton Rockin' Wings & Wheels," organizers have moved the game time to 7 p.m. and reduced the ticket price to \$5. It will prove to be a long day and night of fun — cars, planes, rock n' roll and baseball — a combination that makes the decision to skip work an easy one.



Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

George Tomsco (left) and Stan Lark will rock Raton Municipal Airport on Wednesday, when The Fireballs headline "Raton's Rockin' Wings & Wheels." They'll play a string of guitar hits recorded after they formed the band at Raton High School in 1959. Jimmy Gilmer will join them to sing "Sugar Shack" and other hits he sang with the band in the 1960s.

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