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THE FINE PRINT

MARCH 31
Trinidad City Council
TUESDAY (1:30 p.m.) Work session followed by a special session will be held at City Hall, 135 N. Animas St. Information: 719-846-9843. **CITY COUNCIL:** Mayor: Joe Reorda and Council Members: Carol Bolton, Joe Bonato, Pat Fletcher, Anthony Mattie, Michelle Miles, and Liz Torres.
Writers' Guild
TUESDAY (2 p.m.) This group will meet at 109 E. Fifth St. Info: Dana Miller, 719-422-8352 or danamiller65@gmail.com.

Today's Quote

"To get the full value of joy you must have someone to divide it with."

-Mark Twain

APRIL 1
FREE ART DEMONSTRATION
WEDNESDAY (8:30 a.m.) Join Art Professor Vilas Tonape for a free oil painting demonstration in the art studio on the top floor of the Berg Building on the TSJC campus. Info: Greg Boyce, 719-821-6397.
LENTEN SERVICE
WEDNESDAY (6:30 p.m.) Weekly service will be held at Zion's Lutheran Church, 613 Prospect St. Info: 719-846-7785.
ATTENTION HUNTERS!
WEDNESDAY (7-8 p.m.) Big Game application deadline April 7 — join Colorado Wildlife Officers at TSJCs Leone Lounge in the Sullivan Center. Learn about what's new for 2015. Info: District Wildlife Manager Jacob Way, 719-561-5300 or jacob.way@state.co.us
Trinidad Community Co-op
WEDNESDAY (7 p.m.) Acoustic Music Jam is open to all levels, all musicians at the Coop, Corner of Elm and Maple Streets. Info: communitycoop-trinidad@gmail.com.

APRIL 2
Continuum of Care
THURSDAY (8 a.m.) Group will meet at Fisher's Peak Soup Kitchen, 308 Church St. Info: Charlene Tortorice, 719-846-9159.
Network Council
THURSDAY (8 a.m.) Regular meeting will be held in the Bell Block Building's Trinidad Community Foundation room. Info: Margaret Apodaca, 719-846-3943.
SPPRC Meeting
THURSDAY (7 p.m.) Spanish Peaks Purgatoire River Conservancy District meets at the District Office. Information: 719-846-3681 Ext. 117.
PRCWD Water District
THURSDAY (7:30 p.m.) The Purgatoire River Conservancy meets in City Hall Council Chambers, 135 N. Animas. Information: Thelma Lujan, 719-846-7285.

PUBLIC SERVICE
LIGHT IT UP BLUE!
FRIDAY (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) A fundraiser luncheon and seminar for Autism Awareness Day will be held at the Mt. Carmel Community Center, 911 Robinson Ave. Info: Linda Thompson 719-680-2638.
TEEN OTAKU CLUB
FRIDAY (4:30-6:30 p.m.) Teens age 13-18 are invited to join the fun at the Carnegie Public Library, 202 N. Main St. Info: Felicity Boepple, 719-846-6841.
EASTER PAGENT
FRIDAY (7 p.m.) "They Took Him," a dramatic play by Mary Sue Mangino that portrays the Last Supper, betrayal and crucifixion of Jesus Christ will be presented at the First Christian Church, 200 S. Walnut. No admission — all are welcome. Info: 719-846-3843.
SPRING CRAFT FAIR
SATURDAY (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) The community is invited to the annual event at Eckhart Elementary to be held in the school gym, 1021 Pierce St. The fun will include a jumpy house, games and great food. Info: 719-846-6995.
Easter Egg Hunt
SATURDAY (Noon) Annual Aguilar American Legion Post 42 Egg Hunt and Bake Sale fundraiser with free lunch for kids at the Town Park and Community Center. Info: 719-941-4678.
EASTER CONCERT
SUNDAY (11 a.m.) & APRIL 10 (7 p.m.) "A Celebration of the Resurrection" musical presentation by the Choir and TUMC Gospel Combo will be held at the Methodist Church, 216 Broom St.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 03/30/15. Llewelling & McCormick ditch: Priority # 19 ---
Appropriation date: 06/01/1865.

Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:
Release .63 AF
Inflow 102.19 AF -- 51.52 CFS
Evaporation 9.56 AF
Content 19,617 AF
Elevation 6,183.11
Precipitation 0

Downstream River Call / John Martin Reservoir: (Conservation Storage) 05/31/1949.

NEW BUSINESS

Tee's Me Treat Me offers confections, recreation and fun

By Steve Block
The Chronicle-News

For a new retail business to succeed in Trinidad's challenging economic environment, it has to be able to offer multiple shopping options to its customers. Tee's Me Treat Me at 105 W. Main St., offers homemade goodies like fudge and other confections, Colorado-roasted French-pressed coffee and gourmet espressos, original embossed T-shirts, framed fishing lures and bicycle, scooter and fishing gear rentals by the day or by the hour.

Proprietors Craig and Della Stevens said they'd been approached by several Trinidad businesses about producing specially embossed T-shirts highlighting those businesses.

"We hadn't even considered doing that as an option, but we've had several requests and we're going to do that,"

Craig Stevens said. "We thought we were going to have to rely on the tourist trade, but making those T-shirts looks like a good way to get through the slow season and



make our name known within the community. We thought we had



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Craig and Della Stevens are the proprietors of Tee's Me Treat Me, a new addition to Trinidad's business community. The new shop is open for business at 105 W. Main St., just next to Fabilis Wings Restaurant, with the Grand Opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony set for noon on Friday, April 3.

planned for a lot of things, but this just kind of came to us straight out of left field and we're going to meet that demand."

The business hours at Tee's Me Treat Me will be from 9 a. m. un-

til 5 p.m. on all weekdays except Tuesdays, when it's closed. Saturday hours are from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m., with Sunday hours yet to be established, but the Stevens' said

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The \$7 million state-of-the-art Raton Regional Aquatic Center opened in the summer of 2011 and instantly became a favorite destination for divers, climbers, and swimmers of all ages. Located just across the railroad tracks from the Raton Downtown Historic District, the indoor pool is open year-round with a full schedule of activities, adult lap swim, kayaking classes, and recreational swimming. Saturday morning, the pool will host the third annual Aqua Easter Egg Hunt.

HOLIDAY FUN

An Aqua Easter Egg Hunt

It's all about the kids

By Tim Keller
Correspondent
The Chronicle-News

RATON — Imagine 1500 bright and colorful plastic Easter eggs floating the length and breadth of a huge swimming pool. Some are weighted to float under water; some sit on the bottom. Most are

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COLORADO LOTTERY

2014 Las Animas County proceeds announced

Staff Report
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In a release Friday the Colorado Lottery announced that retailers in Las Animas County that



sold Lottery products, collectively produced more than \$525,000 in Lottery proceeds.

"For the past 31 years, the Colorado Lottery has proudly provided funds for parks, recreation, open space, conservation and wildlife projects. And, over that time the

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UPGRADE RESOURCES

State announces over \$1M in funding for Trinidad Water Treatment Plant

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The City of Trinidad is about to receive \$1,192,500 in state funding to make upgrades to the Trinidad Water Treatment Plant, according to a statewide release from the governor's office and the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA).

Other projects locally that will receive funding include \$396,672 to the Huerfano County Courthouse Rehabilitation project and \$658,000

to Las Animas County Road Improvements Cycle 15-3.

DOLA awarded \$34,240,176 in competitive grants to 40 projects throughout Colorado through the Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Fund grant program. Projects address key public improvements ranging from public facilities to water and wastewater systems in communities statewide, according to Gov. Hicken-

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WEATHER WATCH

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 78. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light and variable in the afternoon. **Tuesday Night:**

Mostly clear, with a low around 41. West southwest wind around 5 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 75. West wind 5 to 15 mph. **Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 36. West wind 5 to 15 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 67. North northwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south southwest in the afternoon. **Thursday Night:** A 10 percent chance of

showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. West wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north after midnight.

Friday: A 10 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 54. North wind 5 to 10 mph. **Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 29. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming south after midnight.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 59. South wind 5 to 15 mph.

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COMMUNITY

Tee's Me Treat Me offers confections, recreation, fun

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they're prepared to be very flexible about their business hours.

Della is an excellent photographer and Craig is a lifelong fisherman and fly-tying enthusiast, who will make flies upon request. Several of his original flies are framed on the walls. They moved to Trinidad to enjoy the outdoor life after many years of working and living in the Denver area.

Della said the idea behind Tee's Me Treat Me is for outdoor enthusiasts to come in and stock up on goodies and soft drinks, rent a bike and some fishing gear and head out to Trinidad Lake State Park or the Purgatoire River to enjoy the outdoor splendor of a day spent angling, or pursuing the other recreational opportunities which abound in the Trinidad area. Bike rental fees will be \$7 per hour or \$20 per day, and include bicycle helmets.

Craig said he'd been tying flies for more than 50 years, with his father spurring his interest in angling.

"My dad and I started fishing together not long after I was born," Craig said. "Della and I came down here because we both love the outdoors. She likes to do photography and I like to frame and matte, so it's a perfect combination. For me, the best therapy I can take is to matte something, for some reason. We're trying to do some things that other business in town aren't doing."

Della said she's very proud of Craig's talent for fly-tying, which is on glorious display in a framed setting behind the store's counter.

"Right now I'm tying flies for the fishermen in this area," he said. "If a fisherman should come in and see my flies and ask me to tie a dozen of these or a dozen of those, I can do that. A buddy of mine and I invented a lot of these flies you see here. I've fished all over the country."

The business is licensed to have a commercial kitchen and they both get up at the crack of dawn to do the baking and get ready for the business day.

Della's career was in accounting and business management, while Craig spent 35 years proving that a car salesman could be an honest person and still succeed, he says. They yearned to have their own business and stop working for somebody else.

"We both spent many years working very hard for somebody else," Della said. "We knew that we wanted to put all that energy into our own business."

They each have two grown children from previous relationships, with the kids scattered across the country.

The public is invited to come out for Tee's Me Treat Me's Grand Opening, which will be held at noon on Friday, April 3, with the Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors sponsoring the ribbon-cutting ceremony.



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Bike rentals by the hour and by the day will form a key part of the business model at Tee's Me Treat Me, located at 105 W. Main St. Below right are some of the framed fishing flies Craig has invented. They are part of the new store's display items available for viewing and purchase during store hours.

An Aqua Easter Egg Hunt: It's all about the kids

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Saturday morning, the pools of the Raton Regional Aquatic Center will fill with thousands of bright and colorful bobbing Easter eggs so children of all ages can race to hunt some down and trade them for prize bags in the third annual Aqua Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter bunny will be available for pictures.

bobbing along the rippling top surface. Now imagine dozens of children joining the colorful array in the water.

That will be the sight Saturday morning (April 4) when Raton Parks and Recreation sponsors its third annual Aqua Easter Egg Hunt at the Raton Regional Aquatic Center. Actually, there will be 3,000 plastic eggs in the water Saturday morning, but only half will be used at a time so that different age groups can each get a separate shot at racing for the eggs.

Small children through first grade will enter the water first, at 10 a.m., when each child will scurry to collect as many eggs as he or she can. These smallest kids will stick to the shallow wading pool, but older kids can chase the eggs across the deep water, too.

As soon as the pool staff can set up the next wave—about 10:30 a.m.—kids in grades 2-4 will take to the pool, followed by grades 5-7 at about 10:45. Kids in grades 7 and up will go last, around 11 a.m.

Each child will take the collected eggs to trade for prize bags that will contain a variety of toys, pencils, erasers, toy airplanes, friendship bracelets, balls and other goodies—but no candy or food.

The Aquatic Center will open Saturday

at 9:30 a.m. Admission will be \$5 per child regardless of age, but their accompanying adults will be admitted free. Perhaps best of all, admission is good for the entire day, with the pool open for swimming after the Aqua Easter Egg Hunt until 6 p.m. No memberships or punch passes will be honored Saturday morning.

Raton Elks Club annually donates \$500 to the event for the purchase of plastic eggs and prizes. The pool staff of six, including two lifeguards on duty, will be augmented by students from Raton High School's National Honor Society chapter, who will help with the distribution of prize bags.

The Easter bunny—looking suspiciously like a man in a bunny suit—will be available to pose with children for portraits. Photographer Marty Mayfield will be on hand to take the pictures and make prints on the spot. A pair of 4"x6" prints will cost \$5.

The Aqua Easter Egg Hunt ushers in Raton's spring break at the Aquatic Center. The pool will have open swimming Monday through Friday, April 6-10, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Raton Regional Aquatic Center is located in Round House Memorial Park, just east of the railroad yard downtown at 100 Memorial Lane, (575) 445-4271, ratonrecreation.com.

TRINIDAD FOOT CLINIC
Dr. James C. Dill
 will hold a clinic on
Thursday, April 2
 H.R. Sayre Senior Center 1222 San Pedro
 For an appointment call 846-3336
 We treat corns, calluses, nail problems, hammertoes, bunions and sports injuries.

ATTENTION
NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE
 County Road 38 south of US HWY 350
 will be closed
 Wed., April 1st until Sat., April 4
 Alternate route:
 use County Road 89 to access the County Airport

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