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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

THURSDAY & FRIDAY: Holy Innocents Catholic Church (Colorado & Nevada): Christmas Eve Midnight Mass 12 a.m. / Christmas Day Mass at 8 a.m.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY: Holy Trinity Catholic Church (Church & Convent) Christmas Eve Masses at 3 p.m., 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. / Christmas Day Masses at 9 a.m. (Trinidad) and 9 a.m. (Segundo)

THURSDAY: United Methodist Church (5 p.m. / 216 Broom St.) "A Lesson in Carols" Service on Christmas Eve.

THURSDAY: United Presbyterian Church (5:30 p.m. / 801 San Pedro) Christmas Eve Candle Light Service.

THURSDAY: Faith Christian Church (8 p.m./2608 Santa Fe Trail Dr.) Candlelight Communion Service.

THURSDAY: Zion's Lutheran Church (11 p.m. / 613 Prospect) Candlelight Service.

FRIDAY: Fisher's Peak Soup Kitchen (11 a.m.-2 p.m.) Christmas Day Dinner at the Sebastiani Gym. Info: Terrie Lovato, 719-680-0427.

Today's Quote

"He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree."
~ Roy L. Smith

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

*The Chronicle-News Office will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Christmas Holiday. The paper will be delivered as usual on these days without any interruption of service.

*The City of Trinidad, the Landfill and the Carnegie Library will be closed Friday for the holiday.

*The Las Animas County Offices and Courthouse will be closed Thursday and Friday in observance of Christmas.

*The South Central Council of Governments and affiliates in Trinidad and Walsenburg will be closed Friday for Christmas. Call the Ride Line 719-845-1127 by 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 24, 2015 to make reservations for Mon., Dec. 28, 2015.

PUBLIC SERVICE

TAKE THE SURVEY
JANUARY 7 DEADLINE: EVERYONE HAS A VOICE! Space To Create needs your input, so please take the survey! Let us know what you want. GO TO: www.corazondetrinidad.org

HOLIDAY ART MARKET
THRU DEC 26: Gallery Main's festive annual Art Market at the Gallery, 130 E. Main St. Info: Bree Pappan, 719-846-1441.

SENIOR CENTER FUNDRAISER
For all your holiday needs fresh, new-crop, gourmet shelled pecans and mixed nuts are now available at the Sayre Senior Center, 1222 San Pedro. Info: Anna Riskey, 719-846-3336.

PLANNING COMMISSION
JAN 4 (1 p.m.) The Las Animas County Planning and Land Use Office commissioners' meeting will be held at the County Court House, 200 E. First St., Room 201. Info: 719-846-4486.

CALL FOR ARTISTS
JAN. 8 - JAN. 30 SHOW: All area artists are encouraged to enter their work in the Contemporary Western Art of the Southeast Art Show to be held at Gallery Main, 130 E. Main St. Info about submissions: Bree Pappan, 719-846-1441 or trinidadareartsCouncil@gmail.com

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID
JAN. 13 & 27 (6 p.m.) Parents Workshop to help complete student's Financial Aid Applications with Louis Rino. Reserve a space: 719-846-2971.

TRINIDAD WORKFORCE
JAN. 19 (2-4 p.m.) First Responder Jobs Career Exploration will be held at the Center, 140 N. Commercial St. Info: 719-846-9221.

TSJC LUNCH & LEARN
JAN. 28 (12:15-12:45 p.m.) Free program "What's all the Buzz About Bees" by Jim Conley, former Huerfano County Extension Agent, will be held in the Pioneer Room of the Sullivan Center. Lunch can be had on your own at the cafeteria. Lunch RSVP: Donna Haddow, 719-846-5541 or donna.haddow@trinidadstate.edu.

TRINIDAD LAKE
THRU MAY 1: Driftwood found along the shoreline at the Boat Ramp, in Reilly Canyon and on South Shore may be taken for household use by anyone who has first obtained a free permit from the park office. Info: 719-846-6951.

The Fine Print feature is a courtesy notice used to inform the public of upcoming public meetings and events. Placement is not guaranteed. For contributions please call 719-846-3311 or e-mail cathy@trinidadchroniclenews.com.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 12/23/15. Johns Flood Ditch: Priority # 9 --- Appropriation date: 01/01/1863.

Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:
Release .42 AF
Inflow 58.93 AF -- 29.41 CFS
Evaporation 2.91 AF
Content 24,799 AF
Elevation 6,190.00
Precipitation 0

Down stream call: John Martin Reservoir: 12/31/1948.



Photos courtesy of Michelle Goodall / A Lock in Time Photography

Celebrating Christmas Eve around the world

Tonight is the night children dream of all year long — a night of wonder and enchantment. It is a magical time of childhood and the night that Christians around the world celebrate the dear Savior's birth. Sleeping oh-so-quietly in Santa Rusty Goodall's arms is baby Jayzah who is celebrating her very first Christmas.

SHOP WITH A COP

Making the holidays all about the area kids

Trinidad Police Department
Special to The Chronicle-News

On December 19, 16 Trinidad Police Department officers donated their time to take 31 local children shopping as part of the second annual Shop With a Cop program at Wal-Mart. The nationwide program gives deserving children an opportunity to purchase gifts for others, or for themselves.

"Last year, we were able to give 20 kids a great day. After our success last year, we wanted to grow the program. This year, we were able to add 11 kids and each child received \$100, which is double what they got last year," said Chief Charles Gloriosio.

The Police Department received \$2,000 from the Wal-Mart grant foundation and an additional \$1,100 was gathered through donations.

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GOVERNMENT

County Budget passes on split vote

By Steve Block
The Chronicle-News

The County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution supporting its Fiscal Year 2016 fiscal budget on a split vote at Tuesday's Board meeting, with Commissioners Anthony Abeyta and Gary Hill voting in favor of the measure and Commissioner Mack Loudon voting against it. The new budget eliminated a proposed \$250,000 in fund balance usage that was included in the draft budget, and reduced the amount of federal PILT (Payments in Lieu of Taxes) contributed to the County's General Fund from \$200,000 down to \$100,000, which involved \$50,000 cuts to both professional and contractual services, and eliminated donations to two County nonprofit organizations for next year. Some discretionary funding will be available to the County under the terms of the budget. The budget will not result in any employee furloughs, but will result in the elimination of several employee positions in County governmental services. Four full-time and one part-time position will be cut from the County's Road and Bridge Department, and one position each from the Sheriff's Office, the Clerk and Recorder's Office and the Treas-

urer's Office. The Department of Human Services (DHS) was also asked to make significant budget cuts for the next year, and County Administrator Leeann Fabec commented on the cooperation of the DHS staff in making those painful but necessary cuts.

"Commissioners, as you know, the DHS staff was asked to cut over \$300,000 from their budget as well—which they did," Fabec said. "I have the revised DHS budget here which actually increases their fund balance from 2015 to 2016, which I think is a very smart move on their part. Without totally eliminating any programs, they have cut a lot of things back. They are living within their means, which is a quarter of a mil from the property tax, along with other state and federal funding. Their budget is incorporated into the 2016 County budget."

Fabec said that in addition to cuts in staff and services the County had to implement for 2016, next year would be the fifth consecutive year in which County employees had not gotten raises. Employees are also picking up their own share of the five percent increase in health insurance premiums for next year, she said.

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With Raton's downtown Main Street lit up for Christmas, evening walks become a highlight of the season. Here, Kristina Jansen, James Neary, Jacob Peterman and Tess Neary (from left) enjoy the lights of Ripley Park.

CHEERFUL GIVING

Santa's Gift Tree delivers gifts to 223 local seniors

By First National Bank
Special to The Chronicle-News

On Thursday, December 17, 223 Christmas gifts were delivered to area senior citizens as part of the annual Santa's Gift Tree program.

The program is organized by local businesses and organizations including First National Bank in Trini-

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Photos courtesy First National Bank

Council of Governments employees Veronica Mays and Dawn Williamson, are among those helping to distribute gifts through the "Meals on Wheels" program.

WEATHER WATCH

CHRISTMAS EVE: Partly sunny, with a high near 46. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low

around 26. South southwest wind around 10 mph.

CHRISTMAS DAY: Partly sunny, with a high near 47. South southwest wind around 10 mph. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 22. West southwest wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 29. North wind 10 to 15 mph. **Night:**

Mostly cloudy, with a low around 15. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday: A chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 29. Blustery, with a north wind 15 to 20 mph. **Night:** A chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 18.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 41. West northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

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