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DECEMBER 9
TSJC STUDENT ART SHOW
THRU WEDNESDAY (M,TU,W 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Th,F 1-4 p.m.) Event at the Freudenthal Library, 600 Prospect. Info: 719-846-5011.

HOLIDAY LIGHT CONTEST
WEDNESDAY EXTENDED DEADLINE (5 p.m.) The City will host the annual Home Lighting Contest with prizes awarded for top five winners. Info: 719-846-9843, ext.123.

PINON 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.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
WEDNESDAY (11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.) Please join us for refreshments and an appearance from Santa (1 p.m.) at the Mt. Carmel Community Center, 911 Robinson St. Info: 719-845-4880.

Today's Quote

"Christmas is the gentlest, loveliest festival of the year, and yet, for all that, when it speaks, its voice has strong authority."

~ W.J. Cameron

HOUSING AUTHORITY
WEDNESDAY (4:30 p.m.) Trinidad Housing Board of Commissioners will meet in regular session at the Corazon Square Activity Room, 201 Raton St. Info: Rosemarie Shier, 719-846-7204.

TRINIDAD AMBULANCE
WEDNESDAY (4:30 p.m.) District Board of Directors regular meeting will be held at the Trinidad Ambulance District Office, 939 Robinson Ave. Information: 719-846-6886.

STONEWALL FPD
WEDNESDAY (5:30 p.m.) Board of Directors meeting will be in the Stonewall Fire House. Info: 719-846-2080.

TRINIDAD SCHOOLS
WEDS. (7 p.m.) The Trinidad Middle School Band will host a concert at the Trinidad Middle School Auditorium.

***FRI. (7 p.m.)** The Trinidad High School Drama Department will host the play "The High Schooler's Guide to the Galaxy" at the Trinidad Middle School Auditorium. Tickets are \$2 and help fund the school Drama Dept.

DECEMBER 10
AUTISM SUPPORT
THURSDAY (6 p.m.) Autism Awareness & Support Group for parents with challenged children in any area will meet at the Mt. Carmel Community Center, 911 Robinson Ave. Info: Linda Thompson, 719-846-2630.

SPFD AUXILIARY
THURSDAY (6 p.m.) Group will meet at the Aguilar Fire Station. Info: Marilyn Carlson, 719-680-0688.

HOEHNE SCHOOLS
THURSDAY (7 p.m.) Hoehne School Board will meet in regular session in the Superintendents Office. Info: Hannah Baca, 719-846-4457 ext.109.

PRCWD WATER DISTRICT
THURSDAY (7 p.m.) Purgatoire River Conservancy meeting, City Hall Council Chambers, 135 N. Animas. Information: Thelma Lujan, 719-846-7285.

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

ATTENTION KIDS!
FREE ART CLASSES at Gallery Main, 130 E. Main St. Sign up: 719-846-1441. **FRIDAY/Mason Jar Critters** and **DEC. 21/ Santa's Art Studio.**

HOLIDAY TROLLEY TOUR
FRI.-SUN. (5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.) & DEC. 17-19 (5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.) Annual Trolley Tour of Lights. Passenger pickup will be at Miner's Memorial Park on Main St. Info: Kim Marquez, 719-846-9843.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY
 All events will be at the Library, 202 N. Animas St. Info: Phyllis Kilgroe, 719-846-6841.

***FRI. (4 p.m.)** Friends of the Library annual membership meeting.

***SAT. (11-Noon)** Children's Story Hour (4 and up with caregivers) and hands on activity and a visit from Santa.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
FRIDAY (5-8 p.m.) Annual Holiday Open House with refreshments and live music by Jim Richmond will be held at the Purgatoire River Trading Co, 113. E. Main St. Info: 719-845-0202.

PRCWD WATER DISTRICT
FRIDAY (7:30 p.m.) RESCHEDULED
DEC. MEETING: The Purgatoire River Conservancy meets in City Hall Council Chambers, 135 N. Animas. Info: Thelma Lujan, 719-846-7285.

GUADALUPE SOCIETY
SATURDAY (9 a.m.) Mass will be followed with a Christmas Brunch at St. Joseph's Hall on Goddard St. Info: Rose Mestas, 719-846-3647.

GINGERBREAD WORKSHOP
SATURDAY(9:30-11 a.m.) Contest Workshop 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Event! Fund-raiser event with carnival games, food and more will be held at Fishers Peak Elem. Info: Julie Mattorano, 719-251-6509.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 12/08/15. Chilili Ditch: Priority # 7 --- Appropriation date: 04/30/1862.

Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:
 Release .33 AF
 Inflow 41.52 AF -- 20.93 CFS
 Evaporation 3.19 AF
 Content 24,067 AF
 Elevation 6,189.07
 Precipitation 0

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



JAMBOREE

TSJC Tourney: Hoops highlight action-packed, winter weekend

By Adam Sperandio
The Chronicle-News

The Trinidad State Junior College High School Basketball Tournament is the oldest running high school basketball tournament in Colorado and celebrated it's 80th birthday over the weekend with non-stop action that started from the opening tipoff Thursday morning and didn't stop until around midnight Sunday morning.

Thursday's games were highlighted by the Hoehne Farmer boys holding Custer County to just 10 points. Once again it was a Primero freshman exploding onto the scene as Lady



Adam Sperandio/The Chronicle-News

The Hoehne Lady Farmers and Farmer Boys had a good showing over the weekend with both teams bringing home the third place trophies in their respective brackets at the 80th annual Trinidad State Junior College Basketball Tournament.

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Art by Frank LaLumia

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 2015 Collector's Mug is now available
 See Thursday's edition for more...

FOR KIDS

Santa, gingerbread houses focus of weekend fun



By Tim Keller
Correspondent
The Chronicle-News

Family holiday fun starts early Saturday at Fisher's Peak Elementary School when kids of all ages dig into \$5 gingerbread-house kits and start creating their own one-of-a-kind gingerbread houses. Part of Southern Colorado Family Center's all-day Gingerbread Workshop at the school, the morning Gingerbread Factory will finish at 11 a.m. so the public can start voting for favorite gingerbread houses.

Santa and his elves will arrive for family photographs as kids play in bounce houses or enjoy a wide variety of games ranging from "Frosty Toss" to "Snowman Darts" and "Naughty or Nice." Face painting and picture-frame making continue the event's creative theme, while children and adults

alike can enjoy hot dogs, chips, cotton candy and popcorn.

Throughout the day, Southern Colorado Family Center (SCFC) will raise money to pay for its non-profit 501 (c)(3) tax-status application. Created this year by Julie Mattorano, owner of outpatient treatment center Stepping Stones LLC, SCFC sponsored October's Skateboarding Jam at Trinidad Skatepark, where Mattorano explained the new group's mission "to create pro-social activities in our community, to build on family foundations and bring families together."

Saturday's holiday event at Fisher's Peak Elementary is designed to do just that. The food and many of the activities will be available for tickets that will cost \$1 each. Tickets will be used to vote for

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Like this young art student, kids love learning to create something new. Saturday morning (Dec. 12) kids will make gingerbread houses at the Gingerbread Factory, presented by Southern Colorado Family Center at Fisher's Peak Elementary School at 9:30 a.m. Then, from 11 to 4, the public will vote on favorite gingerbread houses as part of the all-day Gingerbread Workshop family holiday event that will also features face painting, bounce houses, games, foods and photos with Santa Claus and his elves.

MEMORIES

Reflections celebration — Taking time to remember

By Steve Block
The Chronicle-News

Friday evening's Reflections 2015 Celebration and Tree Lighting memorial service was hosted by Sangre de Cristo Hospice and Palliative Care, which works to help people cope with end-of-life issues and comfort those who remain to mourn their lost loved ones.

The annual Reflections Celebration was held in the Mt. Carmel Chapel at the Mt. Carmel Health, Wellness and Community Center on Robinson Avenue. Celebrants enjoyed the beautiful vocal music performed by the members of the Trinidad Community Choral before entering the chapel, where each celebrant received a small, battery-powered candle. The candles were later placed

in candleholders that adorned a metallic tree, when the names of the approximately 150 recently deceased loved ones were read aloud in a solemn ceremony.

Hospice Branch Administrator Kathy Howell thanked the celebrants for attending the Reflections 2015 Celebration, and then said: "It is an honor to have you here taking part in a ceremony that is held dear to our organization's heart. This evening is a time to refresh the memories of our loved ones who have departed this life. Please know that you are not alone in dealing with grief and sadness. We are here together to share in your journey and bring a celebration to the life of your beloved. We are blessed to have you join us in this ceremony."

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Guest Speaker Tarrah Schreiner shared memories of her late grandmother at the Reflections 2015 Celebration, held Friday in the Mt. Carmel Chapel. The celebration was highlighted by music from Bob Walton. Members from the Trinidad Community Music Association welcomed guests to the event with a holiday music performance as well.

WEATHER WATCH

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 61. West southwest wind 7 mph.
Night: Mostly clear with lows around 34.

West southwest wind to 8 mph, gusting to 15 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny with highs around 63. West southwest wind to 9 mph, gusting to 20 mph. **Night:** Partly cloudy with lows around 32. West southwest wind 9 to 16 mph, gusting to 38 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Highs around 48. West southwest wind 10 to 17 mph, gusting to 52

mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Night: A 30 percent chance of rain and snow before 7pm, then a chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 23. North northwest wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 38. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

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Barbara L. Lopez
 Barbara L. Lopez, age 74, passed away at Mt. San Rafael Hospital on December 2, 2015 after a lengthy illness. Funeral Services will be held Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church. Inurnment will be at a later date. People wishing to do so may make contributions to the Trinidad Inn Activities Fund, 409 Benedicta Ave., Trinidad, CO 81082. The family respectfully request their privacy during this difficult time. Arrangements made d the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.

Jorge Pancho-Garcia



Orlando Pancho-Garcia



On Friday, December, 4 2015, Heaven welcomed home two Angels, Orlando Pancho-Garcia, age 4 and his brother Jorge Pancho-Garcia age 9. The family requests that their customs and privacy be respected at this difficult time. They invite you to gather with them on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 11 a.m. at the Trinidad Catholic Cemetery for graveside services. Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.



Lawrence John Montoya



Lawrence John Montoya, 51, of Trinidad quietly passed away in his sleep on December 5, 2015. Lawrence was born in Trinidad, Colorado on April 10, 1964, in Mt. San Rafael Hospital. He graduated from Hoehne High School and continued on to receive two A.A.S. degrees from Trinidad State Junior College (TSJC), one in Electronics, and the second in Computer Maintenance. Upon graduation from TSJC Lawrence was hired by Unisys in San Diego as an Information Technology (IT) Field Engineer. After Unisys, Lawrence worked in the IT arena for various other companies such as NORAD, Compaq, Lockheed Martin, and TSJC. In 2011 he opened a small computer business in Trinidad named EL&M Computer Solutions where he was known for his computer maintenance and installation skills by many local businesses and individuals. Lawrence enjoyed the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman. One of his fondest memories was of a catfish he caught in the Trinidad Lake. It was 34.5" long and weighed 20 Lbs. Lawrence was married to Suzanne Torres on June 16, 2007 they were married for 13 years. Lawrence is survived by Suzy his wife and companion; Children Jessica Montoya (Cameron Termin-Fideler) and Blake Montoya from a previous marriage; Step Children Douglas and Kristina Essen; Grandchildren Wynter Rose, Lily Belle, and Barrett; Parents Samuel and Anita Montoya; Brothers Joseph Montoya (Angela) and Samuel Montoya; Sisters Eleanor Rael (Carmel) and Denise Montoya - Pimolwatana (Chai); and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. Visitation will be Thursday from 3p.m.-7p.m. at the Comi Chapel. Funeral Services will be Friday, December 11, 2015 at 9 a.m. at the Faith Christian Fellowship Church with Pastor Bill Frashuer officiating. Interment will follow at the Trinidad Masonic Cemetery. Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home

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Zoe Ann Mattorano



Zoe Ann Mattorano, passed away at home on December 4, 2015 after a lengthy illness. She was born in Amarillo, Texas, the daughter of Mary Kathryn (Hephner) and Ralph J. Brown. She was a 1969 graduate of Raton High School. On March 8, 1969, Zoe was united in marriage to Paul J. Mattorano at Holy Trinity Church in Trinidad, CO. Together with her husband, she helped in the family business, M&M Plumbing, as bookkeeper. Zoe liked to tend to her flowers and enjoyed spending time watching the birds and cats outside. She liked watching games shows, making ceramics and caring for her dogs. At Christmas time, it was a tradition to make delicious fudge with her mother, and bake Christmas cookies with her mother in law. Zoe and her mother always loved to go shopping. A loving Wife, Mother, Grandmother, and Sister, Zoe will be missed by all those who were fortunate to have her in their lives. She was preceded in death by parents, Mary Kathryn and Ralph J. Brown, infant son Shawn Paul Mattorano, sister Olivia Frakes, mother and father in law Ellen and Angelo Mattorano. Survivors are husband Paul of home address, son, P.J. (Deanna) Mattorano, Denver, daughter Jenna Mattorano, Pueblo, grandchildren, Dustyn Willie, and Tava Mattorano, who she and Paul raised, Adrianna Vialpando, Joshua Mattorano, Ryan Carsten, siblings Donna Powell, Texas, Edythe Johnson, Raton, Carole (Dick) Romero, Raton, Albert Brown, N.M., sisters and brothers in law, Pat (Vic) Sciacca, Co. Springs, Angelo (Jeannie)Mattorano, Aguilar, Marge Mattorano, Co. Springs, Tom Mattorano, Co. Springs, George (Susan) Mattorano, Penrose, Marie (Jay) Fink, Co. Springs, numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Visitation will be Wednesday, from 3p.m.-6p.m. at the Comi Chapel. Rosary will be Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 7p.m. at Holy Trinity Church. Funeral Mass will be Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 1p.m. at Holy Trinity Church. Cremation to follow and private inurnment. Persons wishing to do so may make contributions to Holy Trinity Academy, 600 Prospect, Campus Box 208, Trinidad, CO, 81082. Pallbearers are Dave Holman, Danny Ruscetti, Gerald Maniscalco, Rick Rhoades, Marty Ortiz and John Gonzales. Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.

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 In Memory of Mike Ruscetti.
 December 9



Fifteen years gone by and each day missed more and never forgotten. My love for you is more than words can say.

Loving and missing you always,
 Your Wife Marie



COLORADO

Shooting suspect asked for directions to clinic

SADIE GURMAN
Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — The man accused of killing three people at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado asked at least one person in a nearby shopping center for directions to the facility before opening fire, a law enforcement official said, offering the clearest suggestion yet that he was targeting the reproductive health organization. The official was not authorized to publicly discuss the investigation and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. Prosecutors this week plan to charge Robert Lewis Dear, 57, with murder and other crimes in the Nov. 27 attack that also left nine other people wounded. Colorado Springs police have refused to discuss a motive for the fusillade, but there's mounting evidence to suggest Dear was deeply concerned about abortion, having rambled to authorities about "no more baby parts" after his arrest. Dear asked at least one person in the nearby shopping center where the Planned Parenthood was earlier that morning, the official said. A second law enforcement official said Dear assembled propane tanks around a vehicle and brought at least 10 guns, including rifles and handguns, to the clinic, where he swapped gunfire with officers during an hours-long stand-off. It was unclear whether Dear purchased all of them, but despite brushes with the law, he had no felony convictions that would have prevented him from buying a firearm. Planned Parenthood cited witnesses as saying the gunman was motivated by his opposition to abortion. A Colorado Springs police spokeswoman on Monday referred questions about the investigation to El Paso County Sheriff's spokeswoman Teri Frank, who said she could not comment on the ongoing investigation. Dear had been living in remote locations without electricity or water and was known to hold survivalist ideas. One of his three ex-wives, Barbara Mescher Mischeau of Moncks Corner, South Carolina, said he had vandalized a South Carolina abortion clinic at least 20 years earlier, announcing to her that he had put glue in the locks of its doors, a common protest technique among activists trying to shut down abortion clinics.



Santa, gingerbread houses focus of weekend holiday fun

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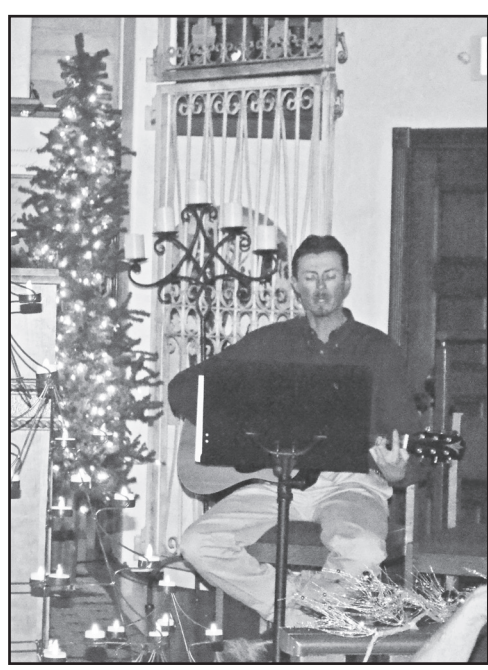
kids' gingerbread houses and to take pictures with Santa and his elves. But families can earn free tickets, too, by bringing canned goods to donate to the local soup kitchen. Two cans earn one ticket. Kids that get their creative juices fired up making gingerbread houses in the morning can spend part of the afternoon making picture frames for mounting their new photos with Santa, then use them for a Christmas presents. They can also keep making gingerbread houses all day, with kits available at \$5 each, although only the houses finished by 11 a.m. will be entered in the all-day voting, with one entry per child. Mattorano's vision for SCFC is to

someday create a community recreation center to supplement Trinidad's existing programs. She plans to raise funds through fun activities and events for families to enjoy together. The next step is to achieve non-profit status. Gingerbread houses and Santa Claus will help. SCFC presents its Gingerbread Workshop family fun from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at Fisher's Peak Elementary School, 900 Moores Canyon Rd., preceded by the children's Gingerbread Factory from 9:30 to 11 a.m. One-dollar tickets will support SCFC while paying for foods, events and family photos with Santa Claus and his elves. Additional information is available from Mattorano at (719) 251-6509.

Reflections celebration — taking time to remember loved ones

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Bob Walton of the popular Walton Brothers musical group played guitar and sang two beautifully rendered memorial songs, including "The Hiding Place," and a variation on "Amazing Grace." Hospice Chaplain Bill Glidden provided opening and closing blessings at the Celebration. Guest Speaker Tarrah Schreiner, who's also Chief Operating Officer of the Pueblo-based Sangre de Cristo Hospice, shared memories of her late and beloved grandmother Helen, who survived the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl of the 1930s, while living most of her life in the Kim area. Schreiner described the many things her grandmother did to make Christmas a special time in her



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 The Reflections Celebration tree is highlighted by the beautiful religious music played and sung by Bob Walton at Friday's Reflections 2015 Celebration, in the Mt. Carmel Chapel.

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family member's lives, her sense of loss when her grandmother passed on, and the feeling of joy she felt when she and other family members gradually took over the many roles her grandmother had always fulfilled during Christmas. "While grieving is a long, hard emotional journey, I'm here to tell you that the memories of your loved ones, like the reflections in a mirror, make up who you are. With a new loss, the memories can be painful, because we miss our loved ones, especially around the holidays," Schreiner said. "But I can share with you that as the years go by, those memories hold less pain and are dearer to our hearts." Sharing the memories of the dearly loved and lost, and cherishing those memories going into the future, were essential elements in the Reflections 2015 Celebration and Tree Lighting memorial service held at the Mt. Carmel Chapel.